

August's Top 20 Most Researched Vehicles & What They Are Selling For

Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com Reports New Car Blue Book Values For Shopper's Most Wanted

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Every month more than five million unique visitors go online to Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com , many of them researching new vehicles. During the month of August 2003, more than 28 million vehicle pricing reports were generated and in-market shoppers top research pick was the Honda Accord, which has held the No. 1 slot all year.

1	Honda	Accord	11	Honda	Odyssey
2	Honda	Civic	12	Toyota	4Runner
3	Toyota	Camry	13	BMW	3 Series
4	Chevrolet/GMC Pickups (Silverado & Sierra)		14	Infiniti	G35
5	Ford	Pickups (F Series)	15	Honda	CR-V
6	Nissan	Altima	16	Volkswagen	Jetta
7	Dodge	Ram Pickups	17	Ford	Explorer
8	Toyota	Tacoma	18	Volkswagen	Passat
9	Toyota	Highlander	19	Nissan	Murano
10	Honda	Pilot	20	Chevrolet/GMC Trailblazer/Envoy	

The most common selling Accord in the Honda fleet is the Accord LX, which is their middle trim package between the DX and EX. According to the Kelley Blue Book's New Car Blue Book Value, a 2003 4-door LX automatic is selling between \$18,683.00 -- 19,253.00 right now even though the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) is \$20,710.00.

Toyota's Camry currently tops the Accord in overall sales-to-date this year and ranks No. 3 on August's Top 50 Most Researched list. A 2003 top of the line Camry XLE V6 automatic has an MSRP of \$25,890, but can be picked up for anywhere between \$23,089.00 -- 23,793.00, which is much closer to invoice than retail based on the New Car Blue Book Value.

America's top selling vehicles are the Ford F-Series pickups, with the F-150 leading the pack. Ford F-Series vehicles have held a top 5 position on kbb.com's most researched vehicles list for more than three years, spending a good amount of time at No. 1. Today, the Ford F-150 XLT Super Cab Shortbed is selling for \$21,892.00 -- 22,558.00, which is also close to the vehicle's invoice price of \$22,005. The fact that the F-150 will get a facelift for the 2004 model year is contributing to lowered sale prices. When consumers qualify for the \$400 -- \$3,000 cash back incentive, the deals get even better.

The Infiniti G35 is holding steady in the No. 14 spot for the third month in a row. Kelley Blue Book called the coupe version of the G35 'truly stunning' and others named it car of the year. Though there is no doubt it is the coupe, Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor at Kelley Blue Book, says this car is hard to find. "The market conditions feature of our New Car Blue Book Value will tell you why a car is selling at a specific price. The G35 coupe is very popular and dealers don't have a sufficient supply. Because of low supply and high demand consumers are paying close to MSRP or above for the coupe version of the G35." The New Car Blue Book value shows that a select few are picking up this car below MSRP (\$32,745.00), but most transactions are taking place between

\$32,254.00 -- 33,236.00.

New car shoppers can obtain a tailored New Car Blue Book price for exact vehicle packages, options and incentives through kbb.com's 'Build a Car' feature.

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