

Kbb.com Kicks Off College, NFL® Football Season Naming Top 10 New Tailgating Cars

IRVINE, Calif., Aug. 30, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- With college and NFL® football underway, fans are flocking to stadiums around the country to not only cheer for their favorite team, but to party hearty in the parking lot, pre-game. With this national pastime upon us, the expert editors at Kelley Blue Book www.kbb.com have named the [2011 Top 10 Tailgating Cars](#). While almost any car will do for such a party, Kelley Blue Book, the leading provider of [new car](#) and [used car](#) information, has selected a few that go the extra yard to ensure a rockin' good time.

"Forget the beach parties and don't worry about the holidays just yet -- it's time for cold drinks and hot dogs before a stadium-sized event," said Jack Nerad, executive editorial director and executive market analyst for Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com. "And to throw a proper tailgating party, you need a proper tailgating car. We've ranked the top 10 new party-mobiles to assist anyone in planning their next parking-lot party."

The kbb.com editors chose new cars with game-party-friendly features such as: adjustable rear seats, multiple video monitors prime for game-watching, in-vehicle coolers, rear-passenger-compartment audio controls, power liftgates, multiple power outlets and an array of impressive sound systems. In addition, many of the cars on this year's list offer fold-down tailgates.

Sneak Peek: Kbb.com's 2011 Top 10 Tailgating Cars

10. [2011 Ford Explorer](#)

Why? [Ford Explorer](#) seats seven in cavernous comfort, but the 50/50 split-folding third row, 60/40 second row, and fully adjustable front passenger seat can accommodate any combination of sandwich and human cargo for your next tailgate extravaganza...

9. [2012 Lexus RX 350](#)

Why? If your tailgating parties are more likely to involve wine and cheese than beer and bratwursts, the smooth-riding 2012 Lexus RX 350 is a fitting conveyance...

8. [2012 Mini Countryman](#)

Why? Small enough to squeeze into the smallest college stadium parking spaces, its wide-opening tailgate and folding rear seats make it a fun choice for a two-person tailgate with all the fixins...

7. [2011 Kia Soul](#)

Why? Aside from having plenty of space for your lawn chairs and team-color body paint collection, the [Kia Soul](#) rocks a sound system with speaker lights that can pulse to the beat of Queen's "We Will Rock You..."

6. [2011 Honda Ridgeline](#)

Why? With clever storage solutions and an even cleverer tailgate, the 2011 Honda Ridgeline is the Swiss Army knife of tailgating cars...

For the remaining Top 10 Tailgating Cars choices, and the full editorial

commentary and reasoning behind each of the editors' picks, visit the [Top 10 Tailgating Cars](http://www.kbb.com/car-news/all-the-latest/top-10-tailgating-cars-for-2011/) story in kbb.com's Latest News section at <http://www.kbb.com/car-news/all-the-latest/top-10-tailgating-cars-for-2011/>.

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