

Kelley Blue Book Names 10 Coolest New Cars Under \$20,000 for 2018

IRVINE, Calif., May 23, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- While the average new car on the road today costs more than \$35,000, there are still plenty of vehicle options available at a more affordable price, without sacrificing on comfort and style. The expert editors at Kelley Blue Book name the [10 Coolest New Cars Under \\$20,000](#) for 2018, proving you can find a dynamic and less expensive vehicle that still turns heads. The Mazda3 takes the No. 1 spot on this year's list and has been named a Kelley Blue Book Coolest Car every year of the vehicle's 15-year existence.



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"Even at a lower price point, the 10 Coolest New Cars Under\$20,000 are loaded with tech and safety features and offered in sharp and versatile packages," said Michael Harley, executive editor for Kelley Blue Book. "Both good-looking and exciting to drive, these top picks are worth closer consideration by today's budget-minded shopper."

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| Rank | Year | Make | Model | Sample Editorial Comments |
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| 1 | 2018 | Mazda | Mazda3 | Available in both sedan and hatchback form, the Mazda3 offers practicality that appeals to compact car buyers, with sportiness that makes even daily chores more fun. |
| 2 | 2018 | Honda | Civic | Kelley Blue Book's Small Car Best Buy of 2018, the Civic is a well-rounded car offered as a sedan or coupe that's comfortable, roomy, practical, efficient, packed with cool tech, and a blast to drive. |
| 3 | 2018 | Hyundai | Kona | The Kona was given a healthy dose of modern style, and the clean, crisp cabin is filled with a bevy of connectivity and advanced safety features. |
| 4 | 2018 | Volkswagen | Golf | Euro-tuned handling and a sporty attitude are only part of what makes the Golf such an appealing car. |
| 5 | 2018 | Kia | Soul | Few vehicles match the Kia Soul's alluring combination of bold style, SUV-like versatility, and practicality, with a roster of standard and available features that add to the Soul's value. |
| 6 | 2018 | Jeep | Renegade | Of all the vehicles on this list, the Renegade is the one that can get you the furthest beyond where the pavement ends. |

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| 7 | 2018 | Subaru | Impreza | Already earning extra credit for its standard all-wheel drive, a recent redesign gives the Impreza sedan and hatchback sharper looks, more refinement and a larger palette of tech and convenience features, all while retaining the strong value proposition and reliability for which Subaru is known. |
| 8 | 2018 | Honda | Fit | This diminutive hatchback has a feature called the Magic Seat that gives the interior space and versatility that rivals that of a small SUV. The combination of practicality and pep at an affordable price makes the Fit a hard car to resist. |
| 9 | 2018 | Hyundai | Elantra | The all-new Elantra GT hatchback expands the Elantra lineup, adding a dose of likable style and five-door versatility to the mix. |
| 10 | 2018 | Chevrolet | Sonic | The Sonic's starting price of \$16,170 makes it the most affordable car on this list. But what keeps Chevrolet's subcompact sedan and hatch on our list of coolest cars is its compelling combination of tech, comfort and a fun attitude, all wrapped in redesigned sheet metal. |

Two longstanding criteria – that the vehicle is both fun to drive and fun to own – are critical among the deciding factors of what Kelley Blue Book editors freely admit is a very subjective "cool factor," which is also the over-arching No. 1 criterion for a vehicle to place on this list. Each vehicle is available for purchase starting at \$20,000 or less*, using Kelley Blue Book's exclusive Fair Purchase Price as the yardstick. Kelley Blue Book® Fair Purchase Price and Fair Market Range are part of KBB.com's Price Advisor tool, showing what consumers can reasonably expect to pay this week in their area for a new vehicle when purchasing from a dealer. Factors such as current market conditions, vehicle availability, local demand, and seasonal buying trends all help determine a vehicle's Fair Market Range and Fair Purchase Price.

To see KBB.com's full coverage of the 10 Coolest New Cars Under \$20,000 for 2018, including full editorial comments about each model, pricing details, vehicle photography, inventory and more, visit <https://www.kbb.com/car-news/all-the-latest-coolest-new-cars-under-20000/2100005410/>.

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