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## **This Independence Day, Autobytel Salutes American Cars**

### ***Autobytel Lists Consumer Favorites, All Made in the USA***

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Families across the nation will be gathered together to celebrate our great country on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Autobytel® editors also celebrate America by highlighting the best of American automotive manufacturing.

According to Michelle Naranjo, editor-in-chief, [Autobytel.com](http://Autobytel.com), "2012 is seeing a resurgence in American manufacturing: both for American brands and the collection of Japanese, German and Korean automakers who have built manufacturing plants on American soil and employ American citizens." She continued, "the label 'Made in America' is something to be proud of. Whether it's a foreign car made in America, or a traditional American manufacturer, American workers can equal or better their counterparts in the rest of the world."

While the American automotive industry saw some pretty bleak times a few years ago, the recent comeback in sales is just an indicator of improvements that came in leaps and bounds in design, manufacturing, technology and fuel-economy sectors of automotive manufacturing.

This year, to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Autobytel editors share the Autobytel and AutoPacific lists of the cars that are made in America and have the best ratings from actual owners in their respective categories. More than 75,000 [new car](#) buyers who were within their first three months of ownership were surveyed. Autobytel editors have taken those consumer ratings and compiled lists of some of the most satisfying cars that are made in America, by American brands and by foreign car companies.

The top seven [great American cars](#) among the top-rated models revealed by Autobytel editors include: Top-Rated Luxury SUV: Cadillac Escalade; Top-Rated Sports Car: Chevrolet Corvette; Top-Rated Economy Car: Chevrolet Sonic; Top-Rated Crossover Utility Vehicle: Chevrolet Traverse; Top-Rated Light Duty Pickup Truck: Ford F-150; Top-Rated Large Sports Utility Vehicle: GMC Yukon; Top-Rated Mid-Sized Sports Utility Vehicle: Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Autobytel editors also feature the seven most satisfying [foreign cars made in America](#). These include: Top-Rated Mid-Size Crossover SUV: Honda CR-V; Top-Rated Minivan: Honda Odyssey; Top-Rated Premium Mid-Size Crossover SUV: Honda Pilot; Top-Rated Hybrid Car: Hyundai Sonata Hybrid; Top-Rated Premium Luxury Crossover SUV: Mercedes-Benz-M Class; Top-Rated Mid-Size Car: Subaru Legacy.

For more information on the favorite American cars, visit at [www.Autobytel.com](http://www.Autobytel.com). Also visit the site for more insights from the editors. Watch exclusive videos on [Autobytel's YouTube page](#) or join the conversation on the [Autobytel Facebook Fan Page](#).

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Autobytel Inc., an online leader offering consumer purchase requests and marketing resources to car dealers and manufacturers and providing consumers with the information they need to purchase new and used cars, pioneered the automotive Internet when it launched its flagship website in 1995. Autobytel continues to offer innovative products and services to help consumers buy, and auto dealers and manufacturers sell, more used and new cars. Autobytel has helped tens of millions of automotive consumers [research vehicles](#); connected thousands of dealers nationwide with motivated car buyers; and helped every major automaker market its brand online. Through its flagship website, network of automotive sites and respected online affiliates, Autobytel continues its dedication to innovating the industry's highest quality Internet programs to provide consumers with a comprehensive and positive automotive research and purchasing experience, and auto dealers, dealer groups and auto manufacturers with some of the industry's most productive and cost-effective customer referral and marketing programs.

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