



Best AWD SUVs in the Snow

These all-wheel-drive SUVs are tops in performance in snowy conditions, based on CR member surveys

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We asked CR members about their experience driving in the snow, and they, not surprisingly, told us SUVs with AWD were among the best performers, according to results from the 2019 Consumer Reports Annual Auto Survey.

From their responses we compiled a list of the top 10 SUVs with all-wheel-drive for driving in snow. AWD means all four tires work together, which can greatly improve driving performance. The feature is increasingly common on everyday vehicles.

Our results are based on CR member experiences with 19,000 vehicles between model years 2016 and 2019. All survey respondents had driven their vehicles without changing to winter/snow tires and

had faced at least six snowy days during the 2018-2019 winter.

It's important to bear in mind that all-wheel and four-wheel drive systems aren't foolproof—they do nothing to improve braking on slick surfaces. Good all-season or, better yet, winter/snow tires can give you an edge. It is important to respect the laws of physics and not feel invincible because you are driving an AWD vehicle.

If you're shopping for a new car and live in an area where roadways are regularly covered with ice or snow, consider these models. The rankings are based on the percentage of vehicles that were rated Very Good in snow performance, with the first model listed being the highest-rated for winter traction by survey respondents.

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2019 Subaru Ascent

OWNER REPORTED MPG: 22 mpg

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Audi Q5

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2020 Subaru Outback

CR MPG: Overall 24 mpg / City 16 / Hwy 32 mpg
#1 of 4: All-wheel drive Wagons

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 BMW X5

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Volvo XC60

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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RECOMMENDED

2019 Audi Q7

CR MPG: Overall 20 mpg / City 13 / Hwy 28 mpg
#2 of 22: Luxury midsize sport-utility vehicles

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Subaru Forester

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Jeep Cherokee

OWNER REPORTED MPG: 23 mpg
 RELIABILITY
 OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Subaru Crosstrek

OWNER REPORTED MPG: 30 mpg
 RELIABILITY
 OWNER SATISFACTION

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2019 Cadillac XT5

- RELIABILITY
- OWNER SATISFACTION