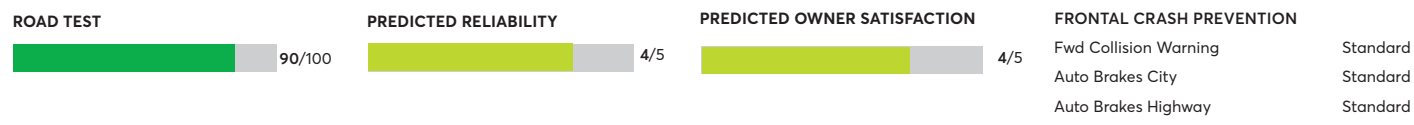


OVERALL SCORE **RECOMMENDED**

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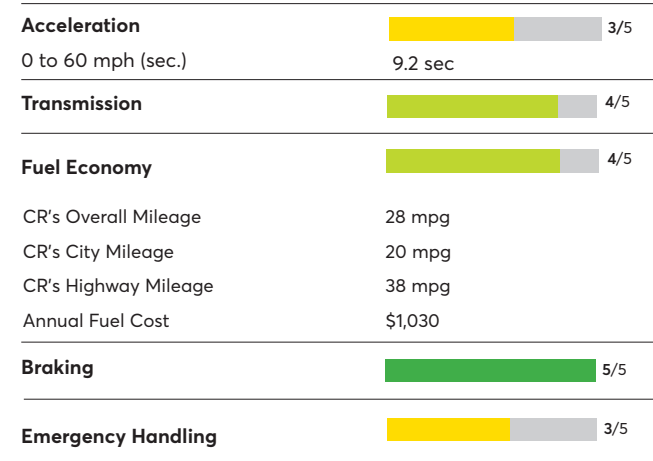
2019 Subaru Forester

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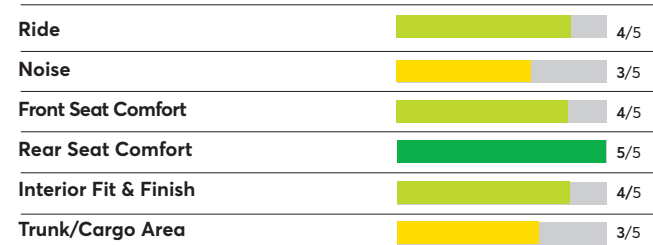


Road Test Results

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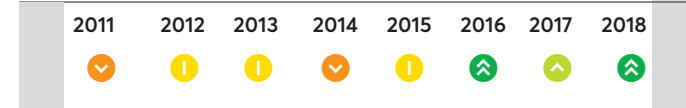


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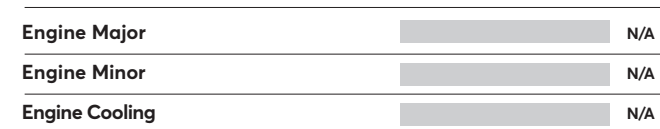
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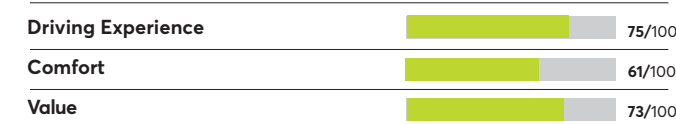
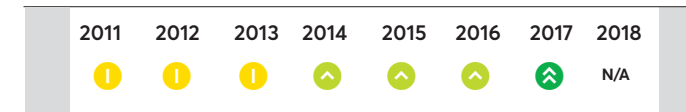
Reliability Trouble Spots

This car is new and detailed reliability trouble spots will be available at a later date.



Owner Satisfaction

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Road Test

The updated Subaru Forester is a smart, well-executed small SUV that boasts a roomy interior, great fuel economy, and plenty of standard safety equipment.

Beneath the familiar exterior design, Subaru has made a lot of improvements without altering the SUV's sensible, no-nonsense character. The ride is comfortable and supple, the steering is responsive, and there's little body lean around corners.

The standard 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine is a little more powerful but that doesn't make the Forester any quicker. Sprinting from 0-60 mph takes 9.2 sec—which puts it on the slow side compared to other small SUVs. In the real world, however, the Forester has enough power to pass and merge successfully. The continuously variable transmission (CVT) has been refined to be less obtrusive, but drivers still hear a pronounced engine buzz under acceleration.

Fuel economy is impressive at 28 mpg overall, tying the Honda CR-V EX for the best mileage of any small SUV that isn't a diesel or a hybrid.

Ride and handling have also improved. The Forester is adept at absorbing road imperfections, making it one of the better riding in the category. And yet, it benefits from responsive handling with less body roll and quicker steering than the previous version when rounding corners. The spacious interior has controls that are easy to use, plenty of headroom, and some of the best visibility of any new vehicle. The driving position helps provide a commanding view of the road ahead. Most versions come with a power seat that is comfortable and supportive, thanks in part to its adjustable lumbar support.

As is often true for Subaru, the controls are simple to reach and use.

Highs

- ✓ Fuel economy
- ✓ Great visibility
- ✓ Roomy interior
- ✓ Easy Controls

Lows

- ✗ Engine noise

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Ratings Use the Overall Score Start your car shopping by reviewing models that have the highest Overall Scores, then use our detailed ratings to narrow your list.

Rec.	Make & Model	Overall Score	Survey Results		Safety	Road-Test Results												
			Predicted reliability	Owner satisfaction		Front-crash prevention	Road-test score	Overall mpg	Acceleration 0-60 mph, sec.	Dry braking 60-0 mph, ft.	Avoidance maneuver speed, mph	Routine handling	Ride	Noise	Seat comfort front/rear	Controls	Luggage, suitcases/duffels/cargo volume, cu.ft.	
	COMPACT SUVs																	
✓	Subaru Forester Premium	88	↑	↑	Std./↑	90	28	9.2	130	53.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	36.5		
✓	Mazda CX-5 Touring	81	↑	↑	Std./↑	80	24	8.6	133	54.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	30.5		
✓	Honda CR-V EX (1.5T)	76	↓	↑	Opt.	82	28	8.2	137	52.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	36.0		
✓	Nissan Rogue SV	73	↓	↓	Std./↑	74	24	9.5	134	54.0	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	31.5		
✓	Volkswagen Tiguan SE	72	↓	↓	Opt.	84	25	10.3	131	52.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	33.0		
✓	Kia Sportage LX (2.4L)	69	↓	↓	Opt.	78	23	9.6	128	52.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	29.5		
	Ford Escape SE (1.5T)	67	↓	↓	Opt.	75	23	10.1	132	50.0	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	34.0		
	Chevrolet Equinox LT (1.5T)	66	↓	↓	Opt.	78	25	9.6	132	53.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	32.0		

*Indicates miles-per-gallon equivalent (MPGe).

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results and the availability of front-crash prevention features, such as forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking. NA means no such safety system is

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