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### SUBCOMPACT CARS
- **Honda Fit**
- **Toyota Yaris**
- ** Subaru Impreza**
- **Toyota Prius**
- **Toyota Prius Prime**
- **Volkswagen Golf**
- **Volkswagen Jetta**

### COMPACT CARS
- **Chevrolet Cruze**
- **Honda Civic**
- **Honda Insight**
- **Hyundai Elantra**
- **Hyundai Elantra GT**
- **Kia Forte**
- **Kia Soul**
- **Subaru C-HR**
- **Subaru Forester**
- **Volkswagen Golf**
- **Volkswagen Jetta**

### MIDSIZE CARS
- **Honda Accord**
- **Hyundai Sonata**
- **Kia Optima**
- **Mazda6**
- **Nissan Altima**
- **Subaru Legacy**
- **Toyota Camry**
- **Volkswagen Passat**

### SPORTY CARS
- **Honda Civic Si**
- **Hyundai Veloster**
- **Mazda MX-5 Miata**
- **Subaru BRZ**
- **Toyota 86**

### SUBCOMPACT SUVS
- **Honda HR-V**
- **Hyundai Kona**
- **Nissan Rogue Sport**
- **Subaru Crosstrek**

### COMPACT SUVS
- **Honda CR-V**
- **Kia Sportage**
- **Mazda CX-5**
- **Nissan Rogue**
- **Subaru Forester**

### WAGONS (ALL-WHEEL DRIVE)
- **Subaru Outback (4-cyl.)**