



CAR SAFETY

Skaifey finds out what goes into the safest cars on the market with Herbie, the inflatable Crash Test Car. When most people go to buy a car they look at the exterior shape, styling, colour, the features even the engine size.

Make sure you shop around- you don't forget to look for the car with the best safety features within your budget. Skaifey tested three cars which all have a big difference in price, but are all five star safety rated by Ancap.

To begin with the high end of technology, **The Volvo XC60** is the Ancap gold logie winner...with almost a perfect safety score. Ancap is the Australian new car assessment program and safety ratings are based on crash tests.

Volvo's latest ground breaking innovation is called City Safety. City safety is a laser system that -projects a laser beam about 8 metres in front of the car. City Safety collision avoidance technology is a Volvo world-first standard feature for safer urban driving. At speeds up to 30 km/h, this laser-based technology can sense if a vehicle in front within 6-8 meters is at a standstill or is moving slower.

If City Safety senses an impending collision, the brakes are pre-charged to act faster on your response. And if you don't brake, City Safety automatically applies the brakes and switches off the throttle to help you avoid or mitigate a collision. City Safety is activated when you start the car, but can be switched off if you, for instance, are driving in deep snow.

The **Volvo XC60** is priced at around sixty thousand - To find out more about the safest car on the market have a look for yourself www.volvocars.com.au The toll free customer service line is 1300 787 802.

Other Great Picks Skaifey tested for their excellent Safety Standards:

The Commodore Omega is your mid-range vehicle, priced at around thirty five thousand. Have a look over the car for yourself at <http://www.holden.com.au>

The Toyota Corolla. Now you can pick up the base model of the Toyota Corolla for just over 21 thousand. More info? Visit www.toyota.com.au

Want to see how your own car stacks up? Then visit www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au

Crash Testing for Safety <http://www.ancap.com.au>