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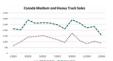
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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Winner - BMW i3

Once inside the i3, the eye is drawn to an odd assemblage of materials that makes one wonder if this particular model left the factory without all its parts.

But the package works, and the materials, alone, deserve an award for sustainability.



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Chrysler 300 Interior Bowls Over Competition

Making big sedans relevant again, the refreshed Chrysler 300 carries over many of the styling cues, inside and out, that have made it a perennial

contender, while integrating a number of meaningful improvements....More



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Winner: Chrysler 300C

The Chrysler 300 is much more than cool electronics. From the white-faced analog clock to the heated rear seats, the cabin is roomy, welcoming and

luxurious. With the 300 and platform mate Dodge Charger, Fiat Chrysler kinda owns the big-car segment.



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Ford F-150 King Ranch Interior Combines Luxury, Utility 1

The overall execution of the interior is unlike some high-end pickups, many of which seem to have luxury trappings added on rather than flawlessly

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GMC Canyon Delivers Repeat Win for GM's Truck Brand

GM has committed millions of marketing dollars to GMC this year, hoping to build awareness of the brand. After two 10 Best Interiors awards in two years,

GMC certainly has our attention....More



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Ward's 10 Best Interiors Winner: GMC Canyon

The GMC Canyon delivers winning attributes such as a combination of sophisticated and rugged styling, excellent build quality, strong brand cues $\frac{1}{2}$

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Honda Fit: Black Is Beautiful

When a car like the affordable Fit rolls in with an onyx cabin that manages to rise above the dark and dreary wintertime surroundings, rest assured it is truly

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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Winner - Honda Fit

It helps when the Fit's black surfaces are soft-touch matte-finish trim on the instrument panel, doors and armrests, not to mention the high-quality leather

on the steering wheel and heated front firmly bolstered seats. This monochromatic approach makes the metallic bits on the IP, doors, vents, steering wheel and shifter bezel really pop.



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Mazda Does It Again, Only Better

It's the little things that separate the bigger sedan from its Mazda3 sibling and give the Mazda6 a more finely tuned appearance. The list includes a more

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Seeing Red Isn't All Bad 1

In a car like the all-new Mercedes C-Class, the Diamond White Metallic sheet metal is the predictable, safe bet, but the soft, quilted crimson leather that

appears once the door opens serves as an invitation as irresistible as the siren's song....More



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Winner: Mercedes C-Class

We find the new C-Class, stickering at about half the price of the S-Class flagship, to be a consummate bargain (well-equipped for \$65,000). Plus, it

carries over many of the advanced technologies that distinguish the S-Class, particularly the innovative interface and mood-specific ambient lighting.

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No Risky Business for Nissan Murano

On paper, the Murano's distinctive Jasper Pearlescent trim clearly looks like a

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Misfits and Missteps - 2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominees

WardsAuto highlights some of the frayed edges, poorly fitting trim and other issues that result in deducted points as judges select the 2015 Ward's 10 Best

Interiors. From Chevy, Dodge, Hyundai and Kia to Acura, Land Rover, Lincoln and Mercedes, it seems no automaker is perfect.



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OEMs Take Map Pockets in Many Directions

The map pocket has become a vital storage bin in today's vehicles, clearly used for much more than folded paper roadmaps. A smattering of photos from

the 2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors field shows the varying approaches as automakers attempt to maximize the utility of this space.



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Gone are the days when truck interiors came in three trim levels: bare, barer and barest....More



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Toyota Interiors: They're Getting There

Models tested this year show Toyota a step behind rivals when it comes to lovely interiors, with the Lexus RC 350 coupe narrowly missing the 2015



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In Search of Interior Features Going Outside the Box

I came across some features that got me wondering, "Why don't they all have that?" (as opposed to, "Why does the Lincoln Navigator have two volume

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Lincoln Black Label a Step in the Right Direction

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Editors evaluated 42 vehicles as part of the 2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors competition. Here are some of the nominees. Winners will be announced

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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Infiniti QX80

Infiniti's flagship SUV, the QX80, seats seven and is loaded with premium features, such as Truffle Brown semi-aniline leather and copious amounts of

open-pore matte finish ash wood trim. Base price of this AWD model with 5.6L V-8 is \$66,350, but our loaded test model stickers for \$89,845.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Toyota Camry

Bright red contrast stitching and microsuede inserts on seats and door panels inject the latest-generation Toyota Camry with a healthy dose of attitude and

sportiness – words not often associated with America's best-selling family sedan. The XSE V-6 test model, with a base price of \$31,370, stickers for \$35,768.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Ford Edge Sport

For despects its redesigned Edge CUV to lure back current owners, particularly empty-nesters, as well as young couples. The Edge Sport test

vehicle carries a base price of \$40,095, and options take sticker up to \$45,980.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Alfa Romeo 4C

Climbing behind the wheel isn't exactly simple, but the interior of the Alfa Romeo 4C 2-seat coupe is largely worthwhile. The styling is emboldened by

rich, red leather and contrast stitching, as well as the structural carbon fiber used for the tub. Test vehicle sticker price is \$64,445, including about \$10,000 in options.

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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: BMW i8

The BMW i8 plug-in hybrid is not cheap, starting at \$136,650, but the cabin sees the automaker taking chances like never before with sleek seat designs, bold blue seatbelts and ambient lighting that seems fitting for a space shuttle. Test vehicle includes \$2,000 Giga package plus optional blue seatbelts.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Lincoln Black Label MKZ

Lincoln is trying to boost its sagging brand image by launching Black Label versions of new vehicles as they arrive. For \$6,000, customers can pick from

four main design themes named Indulgence, Oasis, Modern Heritage and Center Stage, all emphasizing premium materials and build quality. The Lincoln Black Label MKZ, priced at \$58,165, was judged as part of this year's Ward's 10 Best Interiors competition.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Volkswagen Touareg

The Volkswagen Touareg has been a laggard in Ward's burgeoning Middle Luxury CUV segment, selling only 6,961 units in 2014. Yes, VW is a

mainstream brand, but the Touareg has skewed near-luxury based on price and premium content. The refreshed Touareg sticks with that formula and is much improved. Our AWD V-6 diesel test vehicle stickers for \$60,080.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Subaru WRX

Subaru's redesigned AWD turbocharged WRX sedan, always popular among rally-car enthusiasts, arrives for interior evaluation with stylish carbon-fiber

trim, gray and red stitching, a flat-bottom steering wheel and an updated central display that includes a boost gauge. Test vehicle sticker price, including \$795 destination charges, is \$29,639.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Acura TLX

Acura's new TLX sedan represents a cross between two vehicles no longer available: the smaller TSX and more stately TL. The interior carries on

Honda/Acura's excellent reputation for fit-and-finish, as well as a deep-rooted reluctance to take stylistic chances. Our TLX 2.4L Tech carries a sticker price of \$35,920, including \$895 in destination charges.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Chevrolet Trax

Assembled in South Korea, Chevrolet Trax enters the compact CUV segment loaded with features popular among young buyers. Test vehicle equipped with

front-wheel drive and 1.4L turbo-4 is priced at \$23,815, including \$875 destination charges.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Ram Promaster City Wagon

No question, Ram's Promaster City Wagon, hailing from Europe as part of the Fiat linkup, is a compact cargo van in a growing segment. But this vehicle offers second-row seating for three occupants, making it a viable alternative for small-business owners who occasionally need to cart around the kids. Base price of \$24,130 makes it compelling.



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2015 Ward's 10 Best Interiors Nominee: Mercedes S550 Coupe

The Mercedes S550 sedan earned a 2014 Ward's 10 Best Interiors trophy, and

this year the coupe is vying for contention, delivering the same jaw-dropping features as the 4-door while amping up style with bold red leather inside.



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