



Verano earns IIHS 2012 top safety pick

The all-new Buick Verano, with its 10 standard air bags, is an U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Top Safety Pick for 2012, and completes a sweep of Buick cars and crossovers earning the designation.

General Motors is among industry leaders with a total of 14 IIHS 2012 Top Safety Picks, including 13 models that previously qualified for the 2011 award and were carried over to 2012 because their structure is substantially the same as the institute tested for 2011.

In addition to the Buick LaCrosse, Regal and Enclave, carryover winners included the 2012 Chevrolet Cruze, Sonic, Volt, Equinox, Malibu and Traverse; the Cadillac CTS (sedan) and SRX, and GMC Terrain and Acadia.

The IIHS tests vehicles to determine how well they protect occupants in front and side crash tests, in rollovers via a roof strength test, and simulated rear impacts to evaluate seat and head restraints for protection against neck injuries.

The Verano achieved a 'good' score in all four types of tests performed and has standard electronic stability control, which the IIHS requires for Top Safety Pick designation.

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The 2012 Buick Verano has been named a Top Safety Pick by the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Chrysler Group introduces 200 Super S by Mopar

Chrysler's Mopar brand has set its sights on the 2012 Chrysler 200.

The Chrysler 200 Super S by Mopar is a rolling showcase for the latest Mopar exterior parts that will be available for the 200 sedan in 2012.

The Chrysler 200 Super S by Mopar will debut at the 2012 North American International Auto Show.

For Stage One, Mopar's long list of modifications starts at the front of the car with a large chin spoiler, satin chrome fog light trim, satin chrome grille surround and mesh in the upper and lower grilles.

The upper grille is gloss black with a recessed Chrysler wing badge.

Body sides feature new side sills,



Chrysler Mopar brand 200 Super S will debut at next week's auto show in Detroit.

satin chrome belt molding, black chrome "200" badges and gray or hyper black 18-inch "S" alloy wheels.

From the rear view, the new look is capped off by a new trunk lid spoiler,

satin chrome light bar and a matte black lower diffuser with attached exhaust openings.

Stage Two adds performance with a coil-over suspension, which also lowers the center of gravity for the vehicle. In addition, Stage Two includes a cold-air intake and cat-back exhaust.

This Mopar package on the Chrysler 200 Super S will be available on Chrysler 200S later in 2012.

Mopar's Chrysler 200 Super S will be one of many Mopar-modified vehicles that will debut during the 2012 auto show season.

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