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The 2007 Kia Amanti has been awarded a "Good" rating—the highest available—by Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in the United States.

Kia's luxury car has eight airbags **Amanti receives highest crash test rating**

Kia's Amanti has received a "Good" rating from the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in a side impact crash test for large luxury cars.

A "Good" is the highest possible rating given by IIHS and the results show a range of performance in how well large cars are designed to protect people in serious side impact crashes, according to the institute.

According to IIHS, a vehicle's side impact crash evaluation is based on performance in a crash test in which the side of the vehicle is struck by a barrier rep-

resenting the front end of a pickup or SUV.

Injury measures obtained from the test are used to determine the likelihood that a driver and/or rear passenger in a real-world crash would sustain serious injury to various body regions.

A standard safety feature leader, the Amanti has more standard airbags (eight) than any other vehicle in its segment, including dual front advanced airbags, front and rear seat-mounted side airbags and full-length side curtain airbags.

On the active safety equipment front, Amanti features a standard four-wheel disc antilock braking system (ABS) with electronic brake distribution (EBD), which apportions braking force front and rear according to the vehicle's load distribution. Electronic stability control, traction control and brake assist also are available, and help control the vehicle in the event of a severe stop, applying the brakes to individual wheels while reducing engine power to help bring the vehicle safely back on its intended course.



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