



Simply the Best

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Every year, the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) picks the best new vehicles in a dozen different 'Canadian Car of the Year' categories. The awards program provides consumers with sound, comparative information on vehicles that are new to the market.

Testing for 2008 involved the evaluation, by more than 70 journalists, of 177 new 2008 vehicles back-to-back over four days, at an event simply known as 'TestFest'.

AJAC's 2008 'Best New' category winners are: Small Car – Saturn Astra; Family Car – Honda Accord EX Sedan (see photo); Luxury Car – Mercedes-Benz C Class;

Prestige Car over \$75,000 – Audi R8; Sports/ Performance Car under \$50,000 – Mini Cooper S; Sports/Performance Car over \$50,000 – Audi S5; Convertible – BMW 335i Cabriolet; Minivan – Hyundai Entourage; Pickup Truck – Chevrolet Silverado; SUV/CUV under \$35,000 – Nissan Rogue; SUV/CUV \$35,000-\$60,000 – Saturn Vue; SUV/CUV over \$60,000 – Buick Enclave.

The overall car and utility vehicle of the year are the Audi R8 and the Chevrolet Silverado. For lots more information, visit www.ajac.ca or call the AJAC office at 1-705-924-3444. 🍁