

AIMING HIGH

Big is not always beautiful, although it seems one Czech carmaker knows a thing or two about making well-proportioned motors that'll keep you smiling

TOP 5

1 Volkswagen Passat CC

PRODUCTION DATE 2008-

0-3 yrs ★★★

Passat CC owners have looked past this model's average reliability score and merited the four-door saloon-coupé for its looks, ride quality and handling. They are also impressed with the dash layout and driving position, as well as the capacious cabin and sizeable boot, according to our survey findings.

Sample size: 35

CUSTOMER
96.4%
SCORE



2 Skoda Superb Estate

PRODUCTION DATE 2010-

0-3 yrs ★★★★★

There's little owners don't like about the Superb Estate. Few breakdowns have been reported – the majority of faults are electrical.

Sample size: 32

CUSTOMER
95.2%
SCORE



3 Skoda Superb

PRODUCTION DATE 2002-2008

4-8 yrs ★★

Reliability data suggests the old Superb's build quality isn't all it should be, but owners still rate it just as highly as the newer model.

Sample size: 87

CUSTOMER
94.2%
SCORE



= Skoda Superb

PRODUCTION DATE 2008-

0-3 yrs ★★★★★

Early signs suggest the new Superb is less troublesome to live with than its predecessor. Interior and boot space are big plus points.

Sample size: 73

CUSTOMER
94.2%
SCORE



5 Skoda Octavia

PRODUCTION DATE 1998-2004

4-8 yrs ★★

Like the previous-generation Superb, the old Octavia isn't without its problems. However, owners love it, especially its large boot.

Sample size: 135

CUSTOMER
92.1%
SCORE



Volkswagen Group brands appear to be pulling at owners' heart strings here.

Seven of the top 10 highest-rated large cars are Skodas and the overall winner is the VW Passat CC. In stark contrast, other premium German models, such as the BMW 3 Series Touring, sit near the bottom of the league, beaten by the Ford Mondeo, Citroën C5 and Mercedes C-class. It seems you're set for disappointment if your expectations are too high.

	Reliability	CUSTOMER SCORE
6	Skoda Octavia (2004-) 0-3yrs ★★★ 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 483	91.2%
7	Honda Accord (2008-) 0-3yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 87	89.4%
8	Skoda Octavia Estate (1998-2005) 4-8yrs ★★ Sample size: 114	89.3%
9	Honda Accord Tourer Estate (2008-) 0-3yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 69	88.8%
10	Skoda Octavia Estate (2005-) 0-3yrs ★★★ 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 353	88.6%
11	Lexus IS (1999-2005) 4-8yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 145	88.3%
12	Toyota Prius (2004-2009) 0-3yrs ★★★★★ 4-8yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 470	87.7%
13	Mazda6 (2008-) 0-3yrs ★★★ Sample size: 261	86.2%
=	Mazda6 Estate (2008-) 0-3yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 87	86.2%
15	Honda Accord Tourer Estate (2003-2008) 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 190	86.1%
16	Honda Accord (2003-2008) 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 271	85.7%
17	Subaru Legacy (2003-2009) 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 79	85.0%
18	Renault Laguna (2007-) 0-3yrs ★★★ Sample size: 44	84.2%
19	Honda Insight (2009-) 0-3yrs ★★★★★ Sample size: 84	84.0%
=	Mazda6 (2002-2007) 4-8yrs ★★★ Sample size: 379	84.0%