



## NISSAN PRIMERA (USED ONLY) OCT 96 TO FEB 02

The old Primera isn't a particularly rewarding drive, and owners downrate it for noise and comfort. The only real plus points are plenty of room in the boot and good visibility for parking.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr hatchback, 5-dr estate  
Engines 1.6, 1.8 or 2.0 litre petrol, 1.8 or 2.0 litre LPG/petrol, 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices used up to around £6,700  
Dimensions 4.43m x 1.72m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 177 to 211 (ptl), 179 to 188 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	○
Driving position and comfort	●
Ride quality	○
Visibility/parking	saloon ☆ h'back ○ estate ☆
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	○
Space in rear	○
Loading/storage	saloon ☆ h'back ☆ estate ☆
Appearance and design	●
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	●

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 61%

### TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 Braking system

1997-1999 None

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	-	○	○
Faults	-	○	○
Niggles	-	○	○

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Average

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	4/10
Tested	2.0i SLX 4-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	3/5

## PEUGEOT 406 (USED ONLY) FEB 96 TO APR 04

The 406 isn't any fun to drive, though it rides smoothly and there's plenty of room for rear-seat passengers. But it has lots of troublespots and it lags on safety and security, too.

Body styles 2-dr coupé, 4-dr sal, 5-dr est  
Engines 1.8, 2.0, 2.2 or 3.0 litre petrol, 1.9, 2.0, 2.1 or 2.2 litre diesel  
Prices used up to around £15,500  
Dimensions 4.55m x 1.77m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 177 to 248 (petrol), 147 to 178 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	diesel ● petrol ●
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	diesel ☆ petrol ☆
Visibility/parking	☆
Instrument layout	●
Space in front	○
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	saloon ● estate ☆
Appearance and design	●
Noise	diesel ● petrol ○
Heating and ventilation	☆

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 47%

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Non-engine electrics

2000-2002 Fuel system, exhaust system, cooling system, cam belt, other main engine components, dashboard switches, audio equipment, other non-engine electrics, braking system, airbags, rainwater seals, exterior trim

1997-1999 Exhaust system, cooling system, cam belt, non-engine electrics, braking system

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	★	○	○
Faults	●	●	●
Niggles	○	●	○

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Low

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	4/10
Tested	GLX 2.0 HDi 4-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	3/5

## RENAULT LAGUNA FROM DEC 00

The Laguna is awful to drive – and that's if it will start in the first place: dodgy immobilisers and engine management systems are especially problematic on earlier cars. Good crash protection is one of few plus points.

Body styles 5-dr estate, 5-dr hatchback  
Engines 2.0 or 3.0 litre petrol, 1.9 or 2.2 litre diesel  
Prices new £15,577 (2.0 16v Expression) to £24,472 (2.2dCi 150 Initiale estate auto)  
Dimensions 4.58m x 2.06m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 173 to 247 (ptl), 144 to 204 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	●
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	hatchback ○ estate ☆
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	●
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	hatchback ○ estate ☆
Appearance and design	☆
Noise	diesel ● petrol ☆
Heating and ventilation	●

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 44%

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Non-engine electrics, heating/ventilation components

2000-2002 Fuel system (petrol), immobiliser, ignition system (petrol), engine management system/ECU, other engine electrics, electric windows, other non-engine electrics, clutch, suspension, exterior trim

### RELIABILITY

Petrol	03-05	00-02	97-99	Diesel	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	○	●	-	Breakdowns	○	●	-
Faults	○	●	-	Faults	●	●	-
Niggles	●	●	-	Niggles	○	●	-

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	High
Fuel	Low

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	8/10
Theft from car	3/10
Tested	1.6 Expression 5-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Good
Crash test	5/5

## RENAULT LAGUNA (USED ONLY) APR 94 TO DEC 00

The old Laguna is one to be avoided. It isn't quite as unreliable as its replacement, but the driving experience is still rather unpleasant.

Body styles 5-dr hatchback, 5-dr estate  
Engines 1.6, 1.8, 2.0 or 3.0 litre petrol, 1.9 or 2.2 litre diesel  
Prices used up to around £5,300  
Dimensions 4.51m x 1.76m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 173 to 247 (ptl), 150 to 152 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	●
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	○
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	●
Space in rear	○
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	●

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 32%

### TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 Exhaust system  
1997-1999 Exhaust system, cooling system, immobiliser, battery, air conditioning, other heating/ventilation components, rainwater seals

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	-	○	○
Faults	-	○	●
Niggles	-	○	●

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	-
Depreciation	-
Fuel	-

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	3/10
Tested	1.8 5-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	2.5/5

## ROVER 600 (USED ONLY) APR 93 TO OCT 00

The poor crash performance here highlights just how old this car's Honda-derived design is. But the Honda connection may be a clue to explaining the reasonable reliability from this old Rover.

Body styles 4-dr saloon  
Engines 1.8, 2.0 or 2.3 litre petrol, 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices used up to around £3,100  
Dimensions 4.65m x 1.73m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 220 to 243 (petrol), 170 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	●
Driving position and comfort	☆
Ride quality	○
Visibility/parking	☆
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	○
Space in rear	○
Loading/storage	●
Appearance and design	○
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	●

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 36%

### TROUBLESPOTS

1997-1999 Exhaust system, electric windows

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	-	-	○
Faults	-	-	○
Niggles	-	-	○

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	-
Depreciation	-
Fuel	-

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	4/10
Tested	620 Si 4-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	n/a
Crash test	1.5/5

## ROVER 75 (USED ONLY) FEB 99 TO APR 05

Apart from a few niggles with diesel versions, the 75 does quite well in most respects. Boot space in the saloon is far from generous, though.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr estate  
Engines 1.8, 2.0 or 2.5 litre petrol, 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices used around £4,000 to £19,700  
Dimensions 4.75m x 1.97m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 184 to 255 (petrol), 163 to 190 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	○
Driving position and comfort	☆
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	saloon ● estate ●
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	○
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	saloon ● estate ☆
Appearance and design	★
Noise	diesel ☆ petrol ★
Heating and ventilation	☆

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 68%

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Airbags  
2000-2002 Cooling system (petrol), immobiliser (diesel), battery (petrol), other engine electrics (diesel), main engine components (petrol), lights, clutch

### RELIABILITY

Petrol 03-05 00-02 97-99 Diesel 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	○	○	-	Breakdowns	○	○	-
Faults	○	○	-	Faults	○	○	-
Niggles	○	○	-	Niggles	●	○	-

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	High
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Average

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	7/10
Theft from car	4/10
Tested	1.8 Club 4-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	4/5

## SAAB 9-3 FROM MAY 02

The 9-3 is among the leaders in the large-car class for safety and security. On the downside, servicing and insurance costs are high, and reliability is atrocious.

Body styles 2-dr convertible, 4-dr saloon, 5-dr estate  
Engines 1.8 or 2.0 litre petrol, 1.9 litre diesel  
Prices new £16,792 (1.8i) to £30,792 (2.0 T Aero Convertible auto)  
Dimensions 4.63m x 1.95m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 188 to 243 (ptl), 154-194 (dsl)



## OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	☆
Driving position and comfort	☆
Ride quality	●
Visibility/parking	●
Instrument layout	☆
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	●
Appearance and design	☆
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	☆

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 68%

## TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Non-engine electrics, seat belts

## RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	●	-	-
Faults	●	-	-
Niggles	●	-	-

## EVALUATION

## RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	Low
Fuel	High

## SECURITY

Theft of car	8/10
Theft from car	7/10

Tested 2.0t Vector

## SAFETY

Overall	Very good
Crash test	5/5

## SAAB 9-3 (USED ONLY) MAR 98 TO MAY 02

Reliability is average, but the old 9-3 is a bit of a gas guzzler and offers an uninspiring drive. If space in the rear is important to you, you'll need to look elsewhere.

Body styles 2-dr convertible, 3-dr or 5-dr hatchback  
Engines 2.0 or 2.3 litre petrol, 2.2 litre diesel  
Prices used around £3,500 to £18,900  
Dimensions 4.63m x 1.95m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 201 to 243 (petrol), 164 (diesel)



## OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	●
Driving position and comfort	☆
Ride quality	●
Visibility/parking	●
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	●
Appearance and design	☆
Noise	○
Heating and ventilation	☆

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 56%

## TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 Engine management system/ECU, air conditioning  
1997-1999 None

## RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl 03-05 00-02 97-99

Breakdowns	-	○	○
Faults	-	○	○
Niggles	-	○	○

## EVALUATION

## RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	High

## SECURITY

Theft of car	n/a
Theft from car	n/a

## SAFETY

Overall	Good
Crash test	4/5

## SEAT TOLEDO (USED ONLY) MAR 99 TO JAN 05

Reports of the Toledo's driving experience are quite positive, but noise and ride quality let it down. And owners are less than pleased with the lack of space in the rear.

Body styles 4-dr saloon  
Engines 1.6, 1.8 or 2.3 litre petrol, 1.9 litre diesel  
Prices used around £3,400 to £11,900  
Dimensions 4.44m x 1.75m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 182 to 223 (petrol), 135 to 146 (diesel)



## OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	☆
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	●
Visibility/parking	○
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	☆
Appearance and design	●
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	☆

**RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND** 55%

## TROUBLESPOTS

There were too few survey replies for us to name the troublespots.

## RELIABILITY

Overall, Seats are poor for reliability.

## EVALUATION

## RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Average

## SECURITY

Theft of car	n/a
Theft from car	n/a

## SAFETY

Overall	n/a
Crash test	n/a

## SKODA OCTAVIA (USED ONLY) JUN 98 TO MAY 04

The old Octavia has a few design weaknesses, but owners like driving it. Its replacement is too new to appear in our owners' survey, but it will have to improve in some areas to rival the best large cars.

Body styles 5-dr estate, 5-dr hatchback  
Engines 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 or 2.0 litre petrol, 1.9 litre diesel  
Prices used around £2,700 to £13,100  
Dimensions 4.51m x 1.92m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 163 to 221 (ptl), 140 to 176 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	diesel ★ petrol ☆
Driving position and comfort	●
Ride quality	●
Visibility/parking	hatchback ○ estate ☆
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	○
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>82%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 None  
2000-2002 None  
1997-1999 Lights, non-engine electrics

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	★	○	○
Faults	○	●	○
Niggles	○	○	○

### EVALUATION

RUNNING COSTS	
Overall	Average
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Average
SECURITY	
Theft of car	8/10
Theft from car	2/10
Tested	1.8 SLX 5-dr
SAFETY	
Overall	Fair
Crash test	4/5

## SUBARU FORESTER FROM APR 00

Owners like driving this car - its practicality, driveability and sound reliability make up for the lack of style.

Body styles 5-dr 4WD estate  
Engines 2.0 or 2.5 litre petrol  
Prices new £16,497 (2.0 X) to £24,752 (2.5 XT)  
Dimensions 4.46m x 1.74m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 200 to 261



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	☆
Driving position and comfort	●
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	★
Instrument layout	●
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	●
Heating and ventilation	☆
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>86%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 None

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	○	-	-
Faults	★	-	-
Niggles	★	-	-

### EVALUATION

RUNNING COSTS	
Overall	Average
Depreciation	Low
Fuel	Very high
SECURITY	
Theft of car	n/a
Theft from car	n/a
SAFETY	
Overall	n/a
Crash test	n/a

## SUBARU FORESTER (USED ONLY) SEP 97 TO APR 00

Plain-Jane looks don't spoil this car for its owners. But watch out for hefty maintenance and fuel bills.

Body styles 5-dr 4WD estate  
Engines 2.0 litre petrol  
Prices used around £5,000 to £18,100  
Dimensions 4.45m x 1.74m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 229 to 254



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	○
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	★
Instrument layout	●
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	○
Heating and ventilation	○
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>76%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

There were too few survey replies for us to name the troublespot.

### RELIABILITY

Overall, Subarus are good for reliability.

### EVALUATION

RUNNING COSTS	
Overall	Average
Depreciation	Very low
Fuel	Very high
SECURITY	
Theft of car	n/a
Theft from car	n/a
SAFETY	
Overall	n/a
Crash test	n/a



## SUBARU LEGACY/OUTBACK (USED ONLY) APR 94 TO OCT 03

Owners give this car a resounding thumbs up. Driving and parking are easy, and there's bags of room inside. (But it's yet another ugly Subaru.)

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr estate  
Engines 2.0, 2.2, 2.5 or 3.0 litre petrol  
Prices used up to around £15,000  
Dimensions 4.60m x 1.70m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 218 to 248



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	★
Driving position and comfort	●
Ride quality	☆
Visibility/parking	★
Instrument layout	●
Space in front	☆
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	☆
Heating and ventilation	○
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>80%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 None  
1997-1999 None

### RELIABILITY

Petrol	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	-	○	★
Faults	-	○	○
Niggles	-	★	-

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Very high

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	n/a
Theft from car	n/a

#### SAFETY

Overall	n/a
Crash test	4/5

## TOYOTA AVENSIS FROM JAN 03

The Avensis is roomy, safe and secure, and owners tell us the petrol version is good to drive. Reliability isn't up to Toyota's usual high standards but there are no obvious faults here.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr hatchback, 5-dr estate  
Engines 1.8, 2.0 or 2.4 litre petrol, 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices new £13,797 (1.8 VVT-i) to £22,937 (2.4 T Spirit Semi Auto)  
Dimensions 4.63m x 1.76m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 171 to 227 (petrol), 155 to 173 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	diesel ● petrol ☆
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	○
Visibility/parking	●
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	○
Space in rear	★
Loading/storage	★
Appearance and design	○
Noise	○
Heating and ventilation	○
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>70%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Lights

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	○	-	-
Faults	○	-	-
Niggles	○	-	-

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Low

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	8/10
Theft from car	4/10

Tested 1.8 T3-S

#### SAFETY

Overall	Good
Crash test	5/5

## TOYOTA AVENSIS (USED ONLY) NOV 97 TO FEB 03

The Avensis has plenty of rear legroom and storage space and, like most Toyotas, it's a reliable car. Owners report problems with parking – particularly the hatchback – but overall it's a good second-hand buy.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr estate, 5-dr hatchback  
Engines 1.6, 1.8 or 2.0 litre petrol, 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices used around £2,800 to £9,400  
Dimensions 4.52m x 1.71m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 168 to 216 (petrol), 155 to 161 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	○
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	○
Visibility/parking	saloon ● h'back ● estate ○
Instrument layout	☆
Space in front	●
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	saloon ○ h'back ★ estate ★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	☆
Heating and ventilation	☆
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>70%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 Manual gearbox, steering  
1997-1999 Cam belt, manual gearbox, exterior trim

### RELIABILITY

Ptl/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	-	★	★
Faults	-	★	○
Niggles	-	○	○

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Low

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	7/10
Theft from car	5/10

Tested 2.0 GLS

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	3/5

## VAUXHALL VECTRA FROM MAR 02

The Vectra is roomy enough and has sound ratings for safety and security, but it struggles to impress elsewhere. In fact, it's fairly unpopular with owners.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr hatch or estate  
Engines 1.8 to 3.2 L pti, 1.8 LLPG, 1.9 to 3.0 L dsl  
Prices new £14,567 (1.8i Energy) to £26,967 (3.0 CDTi Elite estate auto)  
Dimensions 4.60m x 2.04m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 175 to 257 (pti), 151 to 208 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	●
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	○
Visibility/parking	●
Instrument layout	○
Space in front	○
Space in rear	☆
Loading/storage	☆
Appearance and design	●
Noise	diesel ● petrol ☆
Heating and ventilation	☆
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>48%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2003-2005 Engine management system/ECU  
2000-2002 None

### RELIABILITY

Pti/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	○	○	-
Faults	○	○	-
Niggles	○	○	-

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	V high
Fuel	Average

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	6/10
Tested	1.8 LS

#### SAFETY

Overall	Good
Crash test	4/5

## VAUXHALL VECTRA (USED ONLY) OCT 95 TO AUG 02

There are so many troublespots and poor ratings here that the old Vectra's really not worth buying.

Body styles 4-dr saloon, 5-dr hatchback or estate  
Engines 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 2.2, 2.5 or 2.6 litre petrol, 1.8 or 2.0 litre LPG, 1.7, 2.0 or 2.2 litre diesel  
Prices used up to around £7,200  
Dimensions 4.47m x 1.84m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 173 to 252 (pti), 154 to 173 (dsl)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

Driving experience	diesel ● petrol ●
Driving position and comfort	○
Ride quality	●
Visibility/parking	saloon ○ h'back ● estate ☆
Instrument layout	●
Space in front	○
Space in rear	●
Loading/storage	saloon ● h'back ☆ estate ★
Appearance and design	●
Noise	diesel ● petrol ●
Heating and ventilation	●
<b>RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND</b>	<b>31%</b>

### TROUBLESPOTS

2000-2002 Immobiliser, engine management system/ECU, cam belt, lights, air conditioning, steering, paintwork chipped/lost shine  
1997-1999 Fuel system, exhaust system, immobiliser, battery, engine management system/ECU, other engine electrics, cam belt, dashboard switches, central locking, other non-engine electrics, rainwater seals

### RELIABILITY

Pti/Dsl	03-05	00-02	97-99
Breakdowns	-	○	●
Faults	-	●	●
Niggles	-	●	●

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Average
Depreciation	Average
Fuel	Average

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	6/10
Theft from car	4/10
Tested	1.8i LS 5-dr

#### SAFETY

Overall	Fair
Crash test	3/5

## VOLVO S40/V40 FROM JAN 04

There aren't enough owners in our survey for full details, but the S40/V40 is a double award winner – as the safest and most secure large car we've tested. Running costs are low, but Volvo's brand reliability is poor.

Body styles 4-dr saloon (S40), 5-dr estate (V40)  
Engines 1.6 to 2.5 litre petrol, 1.6 to 2.0 litre diesel  
Prices new £15,115 (1.6S saloon) to £26,215 (2.5 T5 SE Sport Saloon Geartronic)  
Dimensions 4.47m x 1.77m  
CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km) 171 to 224 (petrol), 129 to 152 (diesel)



### OWNERS' VERDICTS

There were too few questionnaire replies for the S40/V40 to feature in our survey.

### TROUBLESPOTS

There were too few survey replies for us to name the troublespots.

### RELIABILITY

Overall, Volvos are poor for reliability.

### EVALUATION

#### RUNNING COSTS

Overall	Low
Depreciation	Low
Fuel	Average

#### SECURITY

Theft of car	8/10
Theft from car	7/10
Tested	S40 2.0 SE

#### SAFETY

Overall	Very good
Crash test	5/5