



National Motor Vehicle
Theft Reduction Council
driving down vehicle theft

theft matters

LOWER YOUR CAR THEFT AND SAFETY RISK

Make model series year range ⓘ	VSRG Used car safety rating		NMVTRC CARS theft risk rating
	Driver protection rating	Safe pick ⓘ	
Holden Statesman WL MY04_06	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★★
Mercedes-Benz E230 W210 MY96_98	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★★
Mercedes-Benz E240 W210 MY98_02	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★★
Toyota Aurion GSV40R MY06_12	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★★
BMW 530i E39 MY00_03	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★☆
Ford Falcon FG MY08+	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★☆
Nissan Maxima J31 MY03_08 ⓘ	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★★☆
Mitsubishi 380 DB MY05_08	★★★★★		★★★★☆
BMW 523i E39 MY96_01	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★☆☆
BMW 525i E39 MY01_03	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★☆☆
BMW 528i E39 MY96_01	★★★★★	Safe pick	★★★☆☆

Thinking of buying a used car? There is a lot to consider when buying a car i.e. price, fuel efficiency, seating, aesthetics, storage functionality, and towing capacity. Two very important features that should always be considered are the safety rating of a car (in terms of both avoiding and when involved in a crash) and its risk of being stolen.

Currently, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) publishes the *CARS Theft Risk Rating*, which provides a five star rating system that shows the theft risk of vehicles in Australia - the more stars the lower the risk.

Recently, Monash University's Accident Research Centre together with the Vehicle Safety Research Group published their *2014/15 Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSR)*. Also using a five star rating system, it shows how well each vehicle protects its driver from death or serious injury in a crash.

The NMVTRC has compiled these two ratings to show the used cars which have received five stars for the UCSR and their corresponding CARS Theft risk rating. This has been conducted for each of the passenger and light commercial vehicle segments.

Using these ratings it is now possible to choose a used vehicle that will provide higher safety protection to its driver and other road users and also a low risk of vehicle theft. Consumers are encouraged to consider choosing vehicles which score highest on both ratings.

In addition, the USCR also provide a "Safe Pick" recommendation for vehicles which provide excellent protection from injury for their own drivers as well as for other road users in the crash and are fitted with Electronic Stability Control (ESC). Vehicles given a "Safe Pick" label are highly recommended.

To view the full report go to:
<http://www.ncars.on.net/theftandsafety.html>

Sources: **Used CAR Safety Ratings:** <http://www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au/Rating-Process/What-is-UCSR>
CARS Theft Risk Rating: <http://www.ncars.on.net/riskrating.html>

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