2013 Honda Accord Wins Cars.com/USA Today Midsize Sedan Showdown

CHICAGO, Dec. 27, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the premier online resource for buying and selling new and used cars, today announced the 2013 Honda Accord as the winner of its editors' Midsize Sedan Showdown which pitted six of the most popular midsize sedans under \$26,000 against each other in a series of tests. Other sedans tested include the 2013 Ford Fusion, 2013 Hyundai Sonata, 2013 Kia Optima, 2013 Nissan Altima and the 2012 Toyota Camry.

"Nearly one in six new cars sold today is a midsize family sedan," said Patrick Olsen, Cars.com's Editor-in-Chief.
"Midsize sedans are some of the most popular cars you'll see on the road. We test many different types of cars, but the midsize Showdown is one of the most important ones we do, because it provides practical shopping advice and expert insight for those looking to buy."

Experts from Cars.com, USA Today, "MotorWeek" as well as a family who represents the average midsize sedan shopper tested these six cars for fuel efficiency, practicality, driving ability, comfort and features.

Tests included:

- 185 miles of driving on varying roads to determine actual fuel mileage for each sedan.
- One day of round-robin driving, where each expert tested each of the sedans back-to-back on the exact same course.
- A day of family testing, where our test family went car-to-car judging seating, cargo, features and ridequality.

"The Accord is one of the oldest and most trusted midsize sedans on the market," said Olsen. "With each redesign, the Accord continues to get better. The 2013 won our Showdown because of its high-end standard features, value for the money and great driving characteristics."

For full details, results and expert impressions, visit blogs.cars.com.

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