

Cars.com Names the 2013 Nissan Sentra the Most Affordable Compact Sedan

CHICAGO, May 16, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the premier online resource for buying and selling new and used cars, has named the 2013 Nissan Sentra the most affordable compact sedan. Taking into account compact sedans equipped with features like automatic transmission, cruise control, USB input, remote entry, tilting/telescoping steering and steering wheel audio controls, and then adding five years of fuel costs, the experts at Cars.com compiled a list of 11 compact sedans, ranked from most to least affordable.

"The redesigned 2013 Nissan Sentra topped the list with its affordable price tag, generous feature offerings, and low fuel costs," said Patrick Olsen, Cars.com's Editor-in-Chief. "With an estimated \$8,000 in fuel costs for five years, the Sentra topped out at just \$27,180, which is about \$2,000 less than the average compact sedan over the same period of time."

The Cars.com experts found the following results in their compact sedan affordability research:

Model & Trim Level	Options	Tested Price	Fuel Cost	Total
2013 Nissan Sentra SV	Driver's Package	\$19,180	\$8,000	\$27,180
2013 Hyundai Elantra GLS	Preferred Package	\$19,410	\$8,500	\$27,910
2013 Toyota Corolla LE	No additional package	\$18,975	\$9,250	\$28,255
2013 Honda Civic LX	No additional package	\$19,755	\$8,500	\$28,225
2014 Kia Forte LX	Popular Package	\$19,100	\$9,250	\$28,350
2013 Ford Focus SE	No additional package	\$20,090	\$8,750	\$28,840
2013 Mazda3 iSport	No additional package	\$20,020	\$9,000	\$29,020
2013 Subaru Impreza 2.0i Premium	No additional package	\$21,065	\$9,000	\$30,065
2013 Chevy Cruze 1LT	No additional package	\$20,456	\$10,000	\$30,465
2013 Dodge Dart SXT 2.0	Bluetooth, Popular Equipment Group	\$20,830	\$10,000	\$30,830
2013 Volkswagen Jetta SE	Convenience Package	\$22,225	\$10,500	\$32,725

"When shopping for a compact sedan, the number \$20,000 stands out as the price shoppers in this class should remember," said Olsen. "There are five compact sedans on our list that are both well-equipped and well-reviewed for less than that price. So if you've got your heart set on a car that costs more than \$20,000, make sure there is a valid reason to pick it over the more affordable options."

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