## Cars.com Lists the Top Ten Best Base Models

CHICAGO, June 12, 2013 /<u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- Cars.com, the premier online resource for buying and selling new and used cars, today released a list of its editors' picks for top ten base models. The list includes cars that have a lot to offer drivers, even at the base model level.

"Just because you might not be able to afford all of the bells and whistles in a car doesn't mean you have to sing the base-model blues," said Patrick Olsen, <u>Cars.com</u>'s Editor-in-Chief. "Some automakers are packing even their base models full of features making them more valuable to shoppers looking for a good deal. Our list includes cars that we consider to be solid picks even in their base-model version."

The top ten base models according to <u>Cars.com</u> experts are (ranked by price):

- **2013 Chevrolet Spark LS (\$12,995):** One of the least expensive new cars comes surprisingly wellequipped with essentials like air conditioning and power windows—two features that aren't always standard on bargain models.
- 2013 Scion xB (\$17,555): The xB remains one of the best cargo-for-the-dollar deals. Standard features in this base model include USB integration, a six-speaker stereo and cruise control.
- 2013 Honda Civic LX Sedan (\$18,995): This once-sparse compact sedan now includes features like Bluetooth, USB, a rearview camera and Pandora compatibility standard in the base model.
- 2013 Subaru Impreza 2.0i Sedan (\$18,655): The Impreza's most impressive standard base-model feature is all wheel drive. It is the most affordable new car to feature it. Some other standard features include Bluetooth phone and audio and tilt-telescoping steering wheel with audio and hands-free controls.
- 2013 Mazda Mazda5 Sport (\$20,735): The Mazda5 Sport is the most affordable six-seat vehicle on the market. Beyond that, standard features in this base model include automatic headlights, cruise control, satellite radio and more.
- 2013 Hyundai Sonata GLS (\$21,240): This base model comes with plentiful standard features like cruise control, Bluetooth, USB, tilt-telescoping steering wheel with audio, cruise and Bluetooth controls, and also heated mirrors.
- 2013 Chevrolet Camaro 1 LS (\$24,245): The base Camaro is an attractive package with standard features like a six-speaker stereo, satellite radio, Bluetooth and exterior features like a spoiler, 18-inch heritage steel wheels.
- 2013 Ford Fusion Hybrid (\$27,995): The Fusion Hybrid is actually a well-equipped SE trim level with standard features like Ford's Sync system, USB, Bluetooth, cruise control, heated front seats, power driver and passenger seats, push-button start, keyless entry and auto up and down on all windows.
- 2013 Toyota Avalon (\$31,785): This competitively priced full-size sedan delivers luxury-like features like dual-zone climate control and a 6.1-inch touch-screen along with push button start and keyless entry.
- 2013 Volvo S60 T5 (\$32,795): At a price well below much of its competition, the S60 loads up on features like rain-sensing windshield wipers, 7-inch information screen, Bluetooth, USB, satellite radio, heated mirrors, headlight washers and spill-resistant cloth upholstery—a family favorite.

To learn more about the <u>Cars.com</u> editor's top ten base models, visit <u>blogs.cars.com</u>. To search millions of new and used car listing, visit <u>www.Cars.com</u>.

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