Historically low interest rates, residual values make for ideal vehicle leasing conditions

Cars.com shares best leasing deals for February 2014

CHICAGO, Feb. 11, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the leading online resource for buying and selling new and used cars, issued a selection of high-value lease specials offered by manufacturers in February 2014. As winter storms continue to grip most of the country, low interest rates and above-average residual values facilitate deals on several SUVs and top-selling cars. A growing purchase option for consumers, vehicle leases now account for 25% of all new vehicle sales.

Cars.com's calculations factor advertised monthly payment, lease term, allowed mileage and down payment to highlight vehicles that offer the best value to shoppers.

"We're in a perfect storm of favorable leasing conditions," said Jesse Toprak, Chief Analyst at Cars.com.

"Residual values continue to maintain at near-record levels and interest rates are at historic lows, both of which make lease payments more affordable for consumers. If you've never leased before, this is the time to consider it, as leasing offers the luxury of a brand new car, with a full warranty, without the commitment of ownership."

Top Lease Offers for February 2014:

						Miles	
		Lease		Down		per	
Year/Make/Model	Segment	Deal	Months	Payment	MSRP	Year	Expiration
2014 Jeep Cherokee Sport	Small SUV	\$259	36	\$2,999	\$23,990	12,000	03/03/14
2014 Hyundai Tucson	Small SUV	\$249	36	\$2,499	\$22,305	12,000	02/28/14
2014 Volkswagen Jetta	Small Car	\$149	36	\$2,349	\$17,715	12,000	03/03/14
2013 Honda Civic	Small Car	\$159	36	\$1,999	\$19,755	12,000	03/03/14
2014 Honda Accord Sedan CVT	Midsize Car	\$219	36	\$1,999	\$23,545	12,000	03/03/14
2014 Kia Optima	Midsize Car	\$189	36	\$1,850	\$22,300	12,000	03/03/14
2014 Buick Enclave	Midsize SUV	\$349	24	\$3,289	\$39,665	10,000	02/28/14
2014 Nissan Rogue SV AWD	Midsize SUV	\$239	36	\$2,599	\$26,700	12,000	02/28/14
2014 BMW 328i Sedan	Luxury Car	\$369	36	\$3,844	\$41,325	10,000	02/28/14
2014 Lexus ES 350	Luxury Car	\$349	27	\$2,999	\$40,682	10,000	02/28/14
2014 Acura RDX	Luxury SUV	\$399	36	\$1,999	\$35,415	10,000	03/03/14
2014 Mercedes-Benz ML350	Luxury SUV	\$599	36	\$4,893	\$47,790	10,000	02/28/14

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