

Cars.com Names the 2014 Nissan Altima the Most Affordable Midsize Sedan

CHICAGO, May 21, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the premier online resource for buying and selling new and used cars, has named the 2014 Nissan Altima the most affordable midsize sedan. Contenders had to be equipped with features like automatic transmission, cruise control, a USB connection, Bluetooth, power windows, a power driver's seat and a backup camera. Taking into account these features and the five-year estimated fuel cost, Cars.com compiled a list of 10 midsize sedans, ranked from most to least affordable, with the 2015 Nissan Altima taking the top spot.

"The Altima is a strong choice for budget conscious midsize sedan shoppers. Beyond being a good deal, the Altima gets great gas mileage of 38 mpg and received very good crash test results" said Joe Wiesenfelder, Cars.com's Executive Editor. "That said, there are many other great midsize sedans for shoppers to consider as well. This list helps shoppers understand which options will give them the most bang for their buck throughout the entire ownership of their car."

The top 10 most affordable midsize sedans according to Cars.com editors are:

Model & Trim Level	Tested Price	5-Year Fuel Cost	Total Cost
2014 Nissan Altima S	\$23,820	\$9,000	\$32,820
2014 Hyundai Sonata GLS	\$23,160	\$9,750	\$32,910
2014 Toyota Camry LE	\$23,780	\$9,750	\$33,530
2014 Kia Optima LX	\$23,700	\$10,250	\$33,950
2013 Kia Optima Hybrid LX	\$27,400	\$7,250	\$34,650
2014 Honda Accord Sport	\$25,305	\$9,500	\$34,805
2014 Ford Fusion Hybrid SE FWD	\$29,100	\$5,750	\$34,850
2015 Chrysler 200 Limited	\$25,145	\$9,750	\$34,895
2015 Mazda Mazda6 Touring	\$25,690	\$9,250	\$34,940
2014 Chevrolet Malibu 1Lt	\$25,700	\$9,500	\$35,200

"The midsize sedan remains one of the most popular types of cars on sale today," said Wiesenfelder. "They serve as a great option for so many different types of car shoppers because of their often roomy interiors and impressive standard features all at an affordable price. Because they remain so popular, the midsize segment has become incredibly competitive, and automakers continue to introduce new and newly redesigned models on a very regular basis, giving shoppers many options to choose from."

For more information on the most affordable midsize sedan list, visit blogs.cars.com. To read expert and car shoppers reviews of all midsize sedans, visit www.cars.com/research.

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