Foster City, CA, June 22, 2011- Editor's note - These lists were updated on July 5, 2011. Insure.com’s Low Cost Car Insurance Awards recognize manufacturers that are making vehicles that are the least expensive to insure. Volkswagen, Chrysler, Nissan and Chevrolet took the No. 1 spots on this year’s lists of least expensive 2011 cars, vans, SUVs and trucks to insure.

Savvy car buyers should focus on more than simply a vehicle’s features and sticker price. A vehicle should also impress when it comes to shopping for car insurance quotes. Being affordable to insure makes a vehicle more attractive to consumers and can simplify the process of choosing a new vehicle for many automotive buyers.

“Congratulations to Volkswagen, Chrysler, Nissan and Chevrolet – they’re making the least expensive vehicles to insure in the categories of cars, minivans, SUVs and trucks, respectively,” said Amy Danise, senior managing editor of Insure.com. “These vehicles will help you hold down your insurance costs.”

The five least expensive vehicles to insure by average annual premium per category, according to the Insure.com’s 2011 Low Cost Insurance Awards, are:

Cars
1. Volkswagen CC Sport 4 Cylinder 4 Door Coupe: $1,186 per year
2. Nissan Cube SL 4 Cylinder 4 Door Wagon: $1,188 per year
3. Nissan Cube 4 Cylinder 4 Door Wagon: $1,206 per year
4. Nissan Cube S 4 Cylinder 4 Door Wagon: $1,208 per year
5. Ford Taurus SE 6 Cylinder 4 Door Sedan: $1,254

Minivans and Vans
1. Chrysler Town & Country LX 6 Cylinder 4 Door Wagon: $1,092 per year
2. Toyota Sienna 4 Cylinder 5 Door Wagon: $1,101 per year
3. Toyota Sienna LE 4 Cylinder 5 Door Wagon: $1,108 per year
4. Honda Odyssey LX 6 Cylinder 5 Door 2WD SOHC: $1,115 per year
5. Honda Odyssey EX 6 Cylinder 5 Door 2WD SOHC: $1,138 per year

SUVs
1. Nissan Murano SL 6 Cylinder 4 Door Utility: $1,128 per year
2. Ford Escape XLS 4WD 4 Cylinder 4 Door SUV: $1,150 per year.
3. Toyota Highlander 4 Cylinder 4 Door 2WD Utility: $1,154 per year
4. Honda CR-V LX 4 Cylinder 5 Door 2.4L: $1,155 per year
5. (tie) Hyundai Santa Fe GLS 4 Cylinder 4 Door 2WD Utility: $1,158 per year
5. (tie) Jeep Patriot Sport 4 Cylinder 4 Door 2WD Utility: $1,158 per year

Trucks
1. Chevrolet Silverado 1500 8 Cylinder 2WD 4 Door Extended Cab 158WB: $1,174 per year
2. Toyota Tacoma 2WD 4 Cylinder 2 Door Reg Cab: $1,184 per year
3. (tie) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 8 Cylinder 2WD 4 Door Extended Cab 144WB: $1,194 per year
3. (tie) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 8 Cylinder 2WD 4 Door Crew Cab 144WB Ethanol: $1,194 per year
5. Chevrolet Silverado 1500 8 Cylinder 2WD 2 Door Regular Cab 133WB: $1,197 per year

Methodology
Insure.com commissioned Quadrant Information Services to conduct a car insurance comparison study of average rates for a representative male driver. Information was collected from six of the largest insurance carriers: State Farm, Allstate, Progressive, GEICO, Farmers and Nationwide. Rates were collected from 10 zip codes in each state. The study of cheap car insurance does not include some exotic and high-end luxury vehicles.

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