

# What is the best first car?

Buying a first car can be an amazing thing for new adults as it gives them the freedom to go wherever they want. However picking a good first car can be a tough task, trying to avoid cars that break down all the way to cars that are hard to drive for people who are just starting out on the roads. This infographic aims to teach new drivers about cars and many of the things that they will need to know before picking their car and how much it is going to cost on the roads as well as some tips I have learned after getting my first car.

## 3 Great Cars for Learners

### Mazda CX-3



**Features:**  
Ancap safety rating: ★★★★★  
L/100Km: 6.1  
Cost to run per 100km: \$12.20  
2nd hand Price: \$13,000 - \$29,000  
price brand new: \$30,000 - \$36,000  
Body type: Small SUV  
Reliability score (out of 100): 80  
Due to its reasonable price, trustworthy reliability, and great SkyActiv engine, the Mazda CX-3 is a great vehicle for novice and probationary drivers. In spite of growing fuel costs and expensive used cars, the CX-3 provides affordable parts and features like Apple CarPlay and lane-keeping assistance. Because of how simple it is to drive and park, this small SUV is a great choice for new car buyers.

### Toyota Corolla



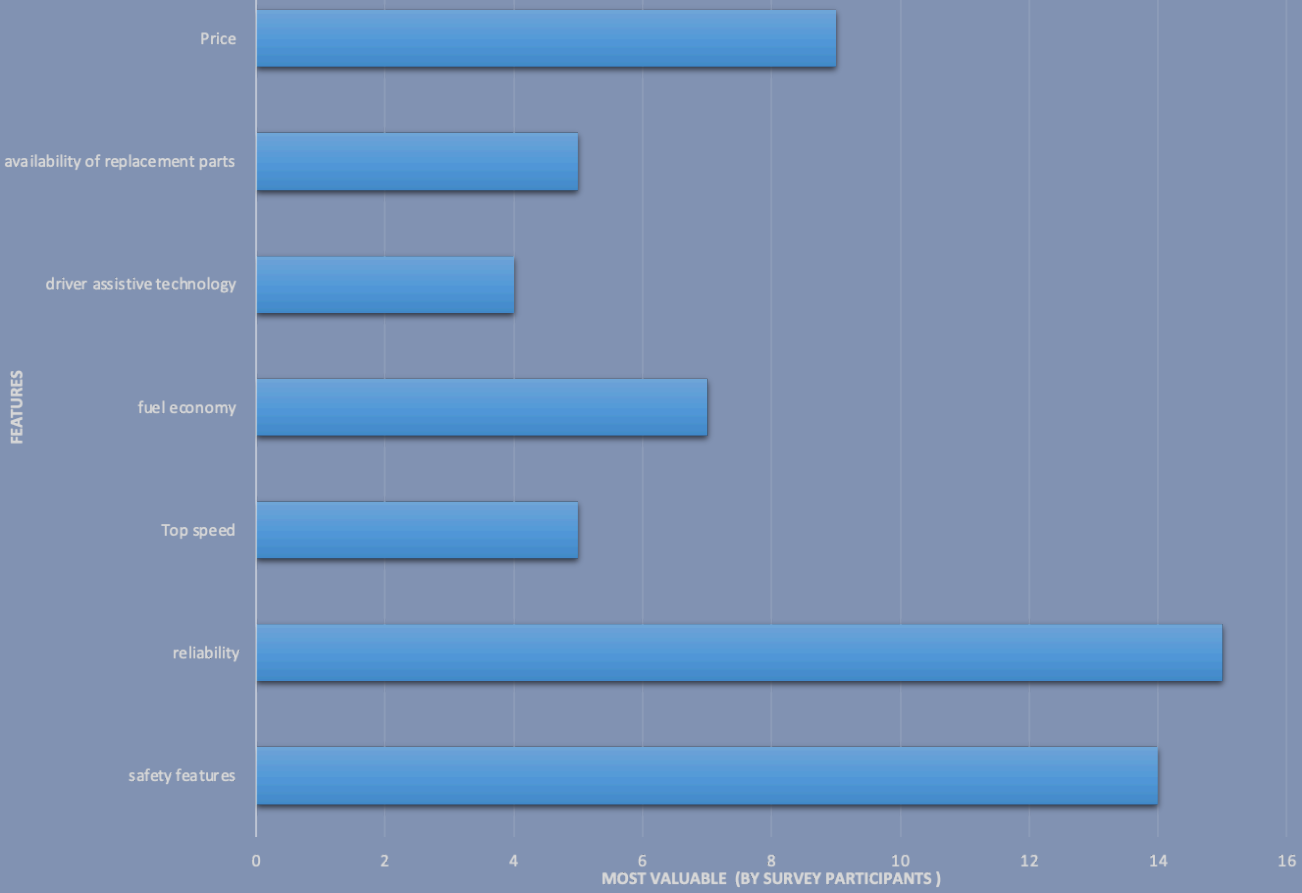
**Features:**  
Ancap safety rating: ★★★★★  
L/100Km: 6.4  
Cost to run per 100km: \$12.80  
2nd hand Price: \$9,000 - \$37,000  
price brand new: \$36,500 - \$44,000  
Body type: hatchback  
Reliability score (out of 100): 76 - 88  
The Toyota Corolla With its hybrid system is a reliable and affordable vehicle that offers amazing fuel efficiency. With built-in driver assistance features like Apple Car Play and lane assist, this vehicle is perfect for new drivers to develop confidence behind the wheel. Yet, the market for these cars is frequently quite pricey for a decent car because of the high demand and frequently limited supply, however it is still possible to find a good deal. Due to of the Corolla's compact size, beginners can park and turn corners safely and easily. It also offers plenty of space for movement and storage.

### Ford Mondeo



**Features:**  
Ancap safety rating: ★★★★★  
L/100Km: 6.8 (petrol) / 5.2 (diesel)  
Cost to run per 100km: \$12.20  
2nd hand Price: \$10,000 - \$31,000  
price brand new: Discontinued in 2019  
Body type: hatchback or wagon  
Reliability score (out of 100): 73  
With its wide range of features and configurations, the Ford Mondeo is an excellent choice for beginner drivers. Select from wagon or hatch models, and the engine options include a 2-litre gasoline or a turbo-diesel engine for increased mileage. The Mondeo is highly customizable and secure, with three separate trim levels that each offer a different set of comfort and features. It also has a 5-star safety rating. It's also adaptable enough for daily tasks, such as managing hobbies and cramming into small parking spots. Regardless of being canceled out in 2019 by Ford, some Mondeos are still available at reasonable prices on the used market.

### What are the Best Features to Look for in a First Car



The results from participants in a survey conducted for people who can drive with experience stated that the features that they value in a car the most are reliability over everything else, with safety features as a close second being the safety features then price which is another essential thing to look for if you are trying to buy your first car on your own with no assistance.

### Costs of Owning a Car for New Drivers

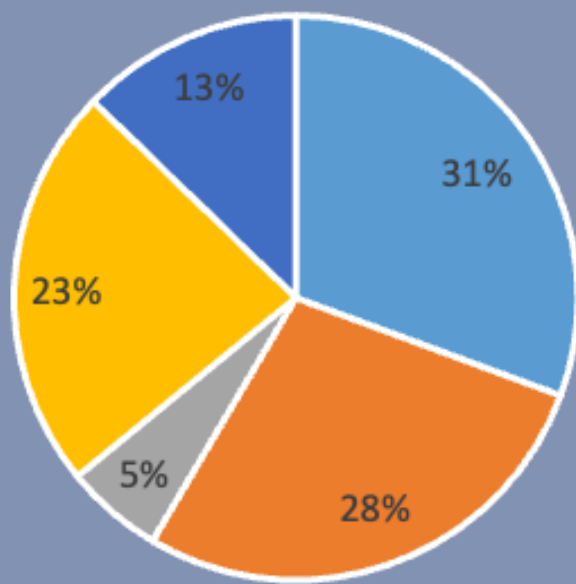
Total yearly Cost (estimate for a new p plater)	
Insurance (Red Ps)	\$ 1,200.00
Fuel	\$ 1,092.00
Tyres	\$ 220.00
Rego	\$ 906.60
Servicing	\$ 500.00

**Total: \$3,918.60**

(insurance can be expensive for new drivers - close to 6k for without parent assistance so it is recommended for new drivers to ask their parents to put the vehicles under their parents insurance if allowed

### Cost Breakdown of Owning a Car

Insurance (Red Ps) Fuel Tyres Rego Servicing



Owning a car can be expensive so it is important that new drivers are aware of the costs associated with them before making a choice on which car they want to buy. it is important to choose a car that is cost-efficient and reliable in good condition.

### 10 Tips for New Drivers

### Getting Ready for a New Car

1. Ask family and friends for recommendations for good mechanics, tyre shops and roadside assist services
2. Give a spare key to a trusted family member
3. Invest in a dash cam as it will help with any potential accidents
4. utilise fuel finder apps and rewards services to save money on fuel
5. When you first get your car take some time in a quiet space to learn the handling of the vehicle and its size and maneuverability when parking.
6. Keep a bit of money aside in case of an emergency.
7. keep an emergency kit ready (jack and tyre change kit, jumper cables)
8. Learn how to change a tyre as it is better to know how to do it without help if you are stranded in the middle of nowhere.
9. If you feel tired just take a break for a bit you have no idea how much it can help you drive safely
10. Take your time when you are just getting started there is no rush

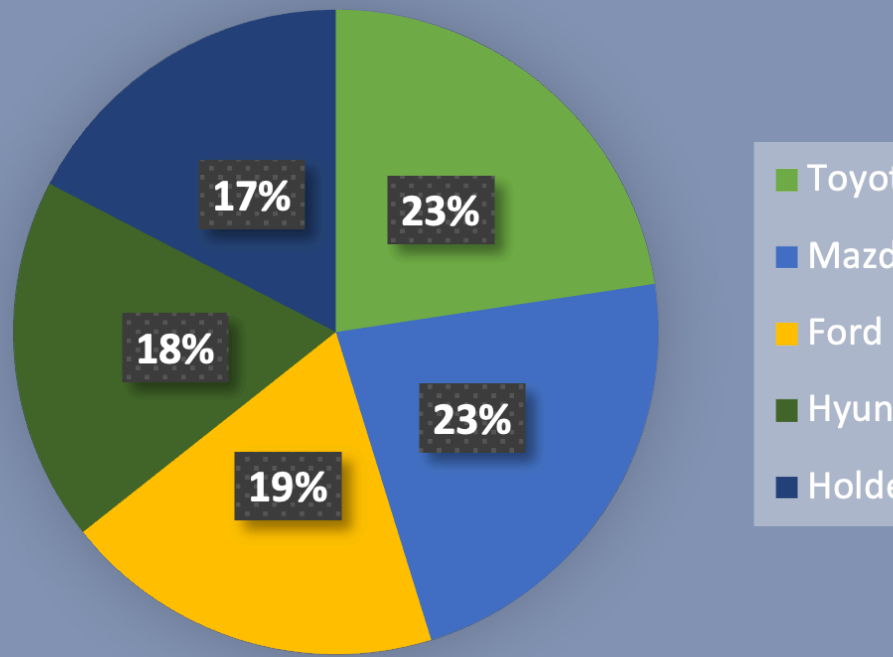
### Things to Stay Away From in a First Car



Luxury fast/powerful Large unreliable expensive

The results from survey participants around p plate age give insight into what aspects of a car are not the best for people who are new to the road or may not be in the financial situation to deal with them like for example luxury cars with expensive upkeep or powerful sports cars.

### Top 5 Most Common Car Brands in a Local Area



Looking at the cars on the road in a modest area can give a good insight into which car brands produce good cars that are reliable and reasonable to drive around a residential area.