Vehicle safety features: A guide to sourcing information

Australasian New Car Assessment Program
The Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) is Australasia's leading independent vehicle safety advocate and provides valuable information on assessing vehicle safety features on new cars. Information regarding the safety features and understanding how these features improve safety can be found at https://www.ancap.com.au/understanding-safety-features.

How safe is your car?
The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) in Victoria have created a website titled “How safe is your car”. This site provides relevant information on new and used car safety features and can be found at http://www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au/Safety-Features/.

Used car safety ratings
The Monash University Accident Research Centre conducts research in order to determine Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSR’s) to help you to identify safer second hand cars. The latest UCSR are based on statistics collected from car crashes in Australia and New Zealand between 1990 and 2013, in which someone was killed or seriously injured. Over seven million police-reported crashes were analysed in the latest UCSR. The ratings reflect the relative safety of vehicles in preventing severe injury to people involved in crashes. Driver protection ratings indicate the relative safety of vehicles in preventing severe injury to their own drivers in the event of a crash, whilst protection for other road user ratings indicate how well the vehicle protects other road users with which they collide. Further information can be found at the TAC-maintained website http://www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au/Rating-Process/What-is-UCSR/

Australia’s Best Cars
Australia’s Best Cars (ABC) is a fair and unbiased awards program in which safety is considered a critical part of the program. All of the crash data comes from ANCAP. ABC will not award any car that doesn’t have a 5 star rating or is unrated. The car may win its class but won’t win an award. If the highest scoring vehicle in the category does not meet the requirements then the award for that category will be withheld. It won’t be transferred to the next highest scoring 5-star car. For more information visit http://australiasbestcars.com.au/how-we-judge.
Further information can be obtained from the following:

**Government bodies and automobile associations**


**Car Manufacturers**


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1 Note this is not an exhaustive list of car manufacturers.