

Six Audi models earn top rating from US safety organization IIHS

- Audi A5, Q5 SUV*, Q5 Sportback*, A6 Sportback e-tron*, Q6 SUV e-tron*, and Q6 Sportback e-tron* earn the TOP SAFETY PICK+ award
- Audi achieves more TOP SAFETY PICK+ awards than any other premium brand in 2026

Ingolstadt, April 8, 2026 – The renowned US Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) has awarded six Audi models its highest safety rating. The Audi A5, Q5 SUV*, Q5 Sportback*, A6 Sportback e-tron*, Q6 SUV e-tron*, and Q6 Sportback e-tron* have earned the IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK+ award, putting Audi ahead of all other premium brands.

IIHS evaluates vehicles in several crash test categories – including front and side impact, pedestrian safety, and the effectiveness of front crash prevention systems. Earning the TOP SAFETY PICK+ accolade requires top performance in all disciplines.

The award criteria became even more stringent in 2026. In 2025, vehicles needed only an acceptable rating in the particularly challenging moderate overlap front test to earn the TOP SAFETY PICK award, but now both TOP SAFETY PICK and TOP SAFETY PICK+ require a good rating. Since 2022, this test has also emphasized the safety of rear passengers.

For TOP SAFETY PICK+, the highest award, vehicles must also achieve a good rating in the pedestrian front crash prevention test and at least an acceptable rating in the updated vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention evaluation. In addition to a passenger car target, this evaluation also examines performance with a motorcycle target and a semitrailer.

Safety as standard

For the first time, front crash prevention systems must be standard under IIHS' new criteria for 2026 – optional systems are not enough. As before, good ratings in the small overlap front and side tests are required for both awards, and all trims must come with acceptable- or good-rated headlights.

The equipment, data and prices specified in this document refer to the model range offered in Germany. Subject to change without notice; errors and omissions excepted.

**The collective fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of all models named and available on the German market can be found in the list provided at the end of this text.*

The top-rated models:

- [Audi A5](#)
- [Audi Q5 SUV*](#)
- [Audi Q5 Sportback*](#)
- [Audi A6 Sportback e-tron*](#)
- [Audi Q6 SUV e-tron*](#)
- [Audi Q6 Sportback e-tron](#)

About IIHS

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is an independent organization based in the US and financed by the insurance industry. It is one of the world's most respected institutions for vehicle safety tests. TOP SAFETY PICK+ is IIHS' highest safety rating. Further information on testing methods and criteria can be found at www.iihs.org.

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About Audi

Audi drives transformation and shapes the mobility of tomorrow – with intelligent, electric products.

The premium automotive brand is available in more than 100 markets. Its global production network spans 22 sites in 13 countries. **Vorsprung durch Technik** unites more than 88,000 employees. With courage, passion, responsibility, and trust, they are reinterpreting more than 100 years of automaking tradition for the future. In 2026, Audi is entering Formula 1 with a factory team in a bold expression of its motorsports DNA.

The Audi Group also includes the supercar manufacturer Lamborghini, the luxury brand Bentley Motors, and the motorcycle maker Ducati.

Learn more about the Audi Group [here](#).

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Fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of the models named above:

Audi Q5 SUV

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.9–5.8 (29.8–40.6 US mpg);
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 180–148 (289.7–238.2 g/mi); CO₂ class: G-E

Audi Q5 Sportback

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.9–5.8 (29.8–40.6 US mpg);
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 179–148 (288.1–238.2 g/mi); CO₂ class: G-E

Audi A6 Sportback e-tron

Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): 16.6–13.4;
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km (g/mi): 0; CO₂ class: A

Audi Q6 SUV e-tron

Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): 19.3–15.6;
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km (g/mi): 0; CO₂ class: A

Audi Q6 Sportback e-tron

Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): 18.5–15.1;
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km (g/mi): 0; CO₂ class: A