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With car models, it's like everything else in life: There are good and bad types.

However, the car market is large and the consumer needs guidance.



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The consumer magazine Consumer Reports recently published a list of the worst cars in 2014. How and why one or the other model came on the flop list, we do not know exactly.

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SUVs are just behind the small car. SUV models are no longer the gas-guzzlers that they once were. Some vehicles are now at the level of compact cars.

The advantages include the space, safety and higher seating position. Many models can be used both in the city and in the countryside and also make a good impression on the highway. An all-rounder when you consider that SUVs are often used as a family car.

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Here are the SUVs and crossovers from the flop list. They are ranked in terms of size and category, not by best to worst.



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1. Jeep Compass

According to Consumer Reports, the smaller Jeep Compass doesn't fit the brand's renowned off-road reputation.

2. Jeep Patriot

Jeep Patriot doesn't offer much cargo space and has sluggish acceleration and disappointing fuel economy on models equipped with the CVT.

3. Jeep Cherokee with 2.4-liter engine

The 2.4-liter inline four apparently poses problems and the 184 horsepower engine is on the anemic side for a midsize crossover..



4. Mitsubishi Outlander

In addition to a cramped cargo space, Consumer Reports seem to think that the Outlander is underpowered and already looks dated despite only being on the market for a few months.

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5. Ford Edge

Consumer Reports doesn't agree with this year's model, and we think at least part of it is due to Ford's troubled MyFord Touch infotainment system.



6. Nissan Armada

Armada is less fuel efficient than its competitors and really hasn't seen any changes for the last decade or so. It has limited power train options, is less powerful, and doesn't possess as much cargo space compared to its rivals.



7. Dodge Journey

It's unclear as to why the Dodge Journey is on this list. It's not a bad car; it's just not as good as its rivals. Its fuel economy is nothing to brag about and it doesn't offer anything impressive that its rivals don't have.



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8. Volvo XC90

Consumer Reports says the XC90 is 10 years old, and it's beginning to show its age. With virtually no changes aside from some minor cosmetic work, Volvo is still selling units. Fortunately, Volvo has its replacement waiting in the wings for a release later this year. In the meantime, a [luxury SUV rental](#) over a purchase may be a smarter choice.



9. Lincoln MKX

It's hard to figure out what Consumer Reports found so repelling about the MKX. Maybe it's the hefty premium for a car that, beneath the leather and trim, isn't necessarily worth the \$10,000 premium over the Edge.



10. Range Rover Evoque

Land Rovers have a reputation for being plagued with reliability issues and are often in need of a repair shop, which is likely why Consumer Reports has thrown it on its flop list. At this point it's probably better to [rent a Range Rover](#) while waiting for the new and improved version of this popular vehicle.



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