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## Mazda CX-5 and CX-9 Once Again Awarded Two Spots on *Car and Driver's* 10Best Trucks and SUVs List

*- Both Vehicles Are Celebrated in The Best Compact SUV and Best Mid-Size SUV Categories for Their Driving Dynamics, Design and Value -*

IRVINE, Calif. (January 16, 2019) – The 2019 Mazda CX-5 compact crossover SUV and 2019 Mazda CX-9 three-row crossover SUV have been named two of *Car and Driver* magazine's 10Best Trucks and SUVs for 2019. This is the second straight Best Compact SUV honor for the Mazda CX-5, and third consecutive Best Mid-Size SUV crowning for the Mazda CX-9.

Both SUVs distinguished themselves amongst the competition, while also exceeding expectations with their value. The Mazda CX-5 and CX-9 demonstrated the qualities of a 10Best winner by delivering visceral driving experiences, excellent fuel efficiency, sophisticated design and refined craftsmanship.

*Car and Driver* noted that, "The Mazda CX-5 provides luxury-grade interior refinement at solidly nonluxury prices; ride and handling that feel sized up from a Miata, rather than dumbed down for mass-market appeal; and an exterior that bucks the boxy conventions of its segment in favor of something significantly more elegant. But most of all, there's the sense that the CX-5 was designed for people like us—people who love to drive."

The Mazda CX-9 was also praised by *Car and Driver* for standing out in its class by providing exceptional driving dynamics with a refined interior and design.

"Nothing in this class can match the CX-9's dynamic competence. It's not even close, friends. If you need a three-row SUV, you will not find a better-driving, more satisfying one than the Mazda CX-9. Period. Take a



gander at the flowing curves and taut lines of the CX-9. Inspect its tasteful adornment. Inside, you will find one of the most handsome arrangements of materials in the segment. A mass-market family vehicle needn't look and feel like a plastic storage bin. And you need not pilot a rudderless barge down the shipping lanes of middle age."

The Mazda CX-5 raises the bar in 2019 by adding two new, more luxurious top-tier trim levels with Grand Touring Reserve and Signature. The 2019 Mazda CX-5 refines the powertrain lineup with the addition of the turbocharged four-cylinder SKYACTIV-G 2.5T engine and an enhanced focus on the chassis featuring the latest technologies with G-Vectoring Control Plus. It also hosts advanced features that help improve on the vehicle's comfort, convenience and safety. The 360° View Monitor and the 7-inch, full-color touchscreen display with available Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ compatibilities are among the new features available on the 2019 model.

The 2019 Mazda CX-9 also introduces new features and refinements to benefit drivers and passengers in all three rows. The Mazda CX-9 has a retuned suspension that provides a smoother, more natural ride experience. Greater sound suppression was achieved by way of a thicker headliner and thicker floor mats, which aid in ease of conversation and enjoyment. The flagship three-row SUV is now available with a 360° View Monitor, ventilated front seated, new, power-folding mirrors and Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ compatibilities.

*Car and Driver's* 10Best accolade is one of the most sought-after awards in the automotive industry. For eligibility, vehicles must be a returning winner, all-new or significantly revised with a base price of \$90,000 or less. Vehicles are judged on their class, value and driving experience.

Most recently, the 2019 MX-5 Miata was named as one of [Car and Driver's 10Best Cars](#). For the 18th year in a row, the MX-5 Miata has taken top honors on this renowned list for punching above its weight class and exemplifying the ideal roadster with value, excellent driving dynamics and a timeless design.



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