

IIHS Names Hyundai Genesis a Top Safety Pick



The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety announced this week that Hyundai's new flagship sedan, the 2009 Genesis, is a Top Safety Pick.

The Genesis also earned Good ratings in side- and rear-impact IIHS tests.

Standard safety features on the Genesis comprise eight airbags – including side curtain and seat-mounted side airbags for both rows – plus stability and traction control, antilock brakes and active head restraints. Still, it's the results that impress: More safety features generally make luxury cars perform better in crash tests, but several notables – the BMW 5 Series, Cadillac STS and outgoing Mercedes E-Class – have (in)famously returned middling scores. We like the Genesis for a lot of reasons, and now you can tack up safety as one of 'em.