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Overall score emphasizes safety-related tests, including braking, handling, and resistance to hydroplaning. Displayed scores are rounded; models are listed in order of precise overall score. Dry braking was from 60 mph, and wet braking was from 40 mph with the antilock brake system engaged. Handling includes how well the tires gripped in an avoidance maneuver involving a swerve into the left lane and back into the right lane; wet and dry cornering grip on our skid pad; and subjective steering feel. Hydroplaning reflects how

quickly we could drive through standing water before the tires began to skim on the surface. Snow traction reflects the distance our test car needed to accelerate from 5 to 20 mph on moderately packed snow. We tested ice braking on a skating rink from 10 mph with the ABS disengaged. Rolling resistance, measured on a dynamometer at an outside laboratory, is a factor in fuel economy. Ride comfort and noise reflect our on-road judgments. Tread life is an indicator of wear potential from CR's 16,000-mile mixed driving test. Price we paid is retail for the (P)265/70R17 size tested. Overall scores and Ratings are relative to tire category.

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