

OVERALL SCORE

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✓ **CR Recommended**

2023 Subaru Ascent

CR MPG Overall 22 / City 14 / Hwy 32 mpg
#6 of 15 Midsized sport-utility vehicles 3-row

✓ **HIGHS**

- Ride
- Quietness
- Interior room
- Visibility
- Braking
- Controls

✗ **LOWS**

- Agility

ROAD TEST

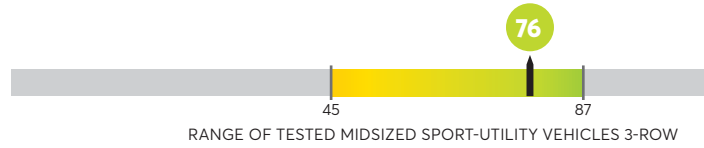
90/100

PREDICTED RELIABILITY

3/5

PREDICTED OWNER SATISFACTION

3/5



Road Test Results

Performance

Acceleration		4/5
0 to 60 mph (sec.)	8 sec	
Transmission		5/5
Braking		5/5
Emergency Handling		3/5

Comfort/Convenience

Ride		5/5
Noise		4/5

Front Seat Comfort		4/5
Rear Seat Comfort		5/5
Interior Fit & Finish		4/5
Trunk/Cargo Area		3/5

Fuel Economy & Emissions

Fuel Economy		3/5
CR's Overall Mileage	22 mpg	
CR's City Mileage	14 mpg	
CR's Highway Mileage	32 mpg	
Annual Fuel Cost	\$1,920	
Greenhouse Gas		5/10
Smog Rating		3/10

Survey Results



Reliability History

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
X	X	X	X	⬇️	⬇️	⬆️	⬆️

Owner Satisfaction

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NA	X	X	X	⬇️	⬇️	⬇️	⬆️
Driving Experience							77/100
Comfort							84/100
Value							59/100

CR Road Test Results

Subaru's three-row SUV has impressive all-around performance. The Ascent's smooth ride, functional interior, and slick power delivery helped lift it to success.

The Ascent has a turbocharged four-cylinder engine in a segment where V6s dominate, which might seem to be a disadvantage on paper. But in real-world driving, the SUV feels zippier and more satisfying than its numbers suggest it should be. Plus, its 22 mpg overall is comparable to its rivals.

The plush ride is impressive, even bettering some luxury cars. However, we noticed significant body lean through turns, but the SUV feels safe and remains under control even under duress.

Getting into the Ascent's cabin is easy, thanks to its large doors and low step-in height. The seat comfort is good as long as one opts for one of the two top trims (Limited and Touring), which have leather and a two-way lumbar adjustment.

The controls are simple to use and the infotainment touch screen responds quickly to commands. All trim levels come with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay compatibility.

A WiFi hotspot can support up to eight devices to entertain connected families.

The Ascent's soft surfaces and contrasting interior accents add an upscale flair, befitting its price. Most Ascents come with second-row captain's chairs, which provide plenty of legroom and can be slid fore-aft. Our Limited model came with USB ports and a 120-volt outlet for rear passengers.

The foldaway third-row space is relatively livable. Passengers will find that the grab handles mounted on top of the second-row captain's chairs make getting out of the third row easier.

Standard equipment includes Subaru's EyeSight Driver Assist Technology, a suite that includes forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking, lane keeping assistant, and adaptive cruise control with a lane centering feature. Blind spot warning, rear cross traffic alert, and rear automatic braking are available.

The Ascent is an extremely functional and comfortable vehicle that will appeal to many suburban families.

Best Version to Get

The Premium trim would be the right place to start since it brings blind spot warning and includes a few nice details over the base version. The Premium also lets shoppers opt for goodies such as power rear gate, keyless access and push-button start, reverse automatic braking, and panoramic roof.

Notable changes:

Updates for 2021 include standard LED headlights, and a second- and third-row seat belt reminder alert system.

A special Onyx Edition model joins the line for 2022, highlighted

by unique interior and exterior trim bits, and 20-inch black finish alloy wheels. This new model is exclusively sold with a seven-passenger configuration with second-row captain seats.

Changes for 2023 include mild interior and exterior styling updates. On the safety front, 2023 models offer Automatic Emergency Steering, which scans for potential collisions with a vehicle, pedestrian or cyclist ahead and automatically steers to avoid or lessen the severity of impact.

To read the full road test go to <https://www.consumerreports.org/cars/subaru/ascent/2023/road-test-report/?pagestop>