

# Choosing the Right Car for You

Take this quick test to help you find the kind of vehicle that's right for your lifestyle. After you have answered all the questions, ADD the numbers in the boxes and DIVIDE by 12. Match your answer with those in the Answer Table at the bottom.

- How many people in your family?
- 1-2
  - 3-4
  - 5
  - 6
  - More than 6

- How many people, on average, ride in your car?
- 1-2
  - 3-4
  - 5
  - 6
  - More than 6

- What do you want most from a new car?
- Speed
  - Economy
  - Mix of economy & comfort
  - Comfort
  - Ability to haul people or things

- How important is performance? (speed & handling ability)
- Extremely
  - Very
  - Somewhat
  - Not very
  - Unimportant

- How often do you notice changes in gas prices?
- Very often
  - Often
  - Occasionally
  - Infrequently
  - Never

- What is the biggest item you might carry in your car?
- Weekend or duffel bag
  - Groceries
  - Several medium-sized suitcases
  - Four or more suitcases
  - 8-ft. Christmas tree

- What will be the car's primary use?
- Looking good
  - Commuting/basic transportation
  - 2nd car for small family
  - family/business/luxury car
  - Car pools/large family

- What kind of car do you think you want?
- Sports car/mini compact
  - Economy car
  - Compact car
  - Full-size sedan
  - Station wagon/van

- How willing are you to sacrifice fuel economy for size?
- Not at all
  - Not very
  - Somewhat
  - Very
  - Completely

- How often will you drive long distances in this car?
- Never
  - Rarely
  - Occasionally
  - Regularly
  - Only with large groups

- How important is crash safety in comparison with fuel economy and style?
- Unimportant
  - Not very
  - Important
  - Very
  - Crucial

- What type of image should your car project, and how important is that image to your decision?
- Fast-paced, fashionable & sporty; image critically important
  - Economical, socially conscious; image not very important
  - Family-oriented, down to earth; image somewhat important
  - Wealthy, prestigious; image very important
  - Practical; image unimportant

Source: USAA

## Answer Table

(Total your answers & divide by 12)

- 1 = Sports Car or Mini-compact car
- 2 = Four-seat subcompact or economy car
- 3 = Five-seat company or family car
- 4 = Six-seat luxury sedan or luxury car
- 5 = Station wagon, mini van or full-sized van