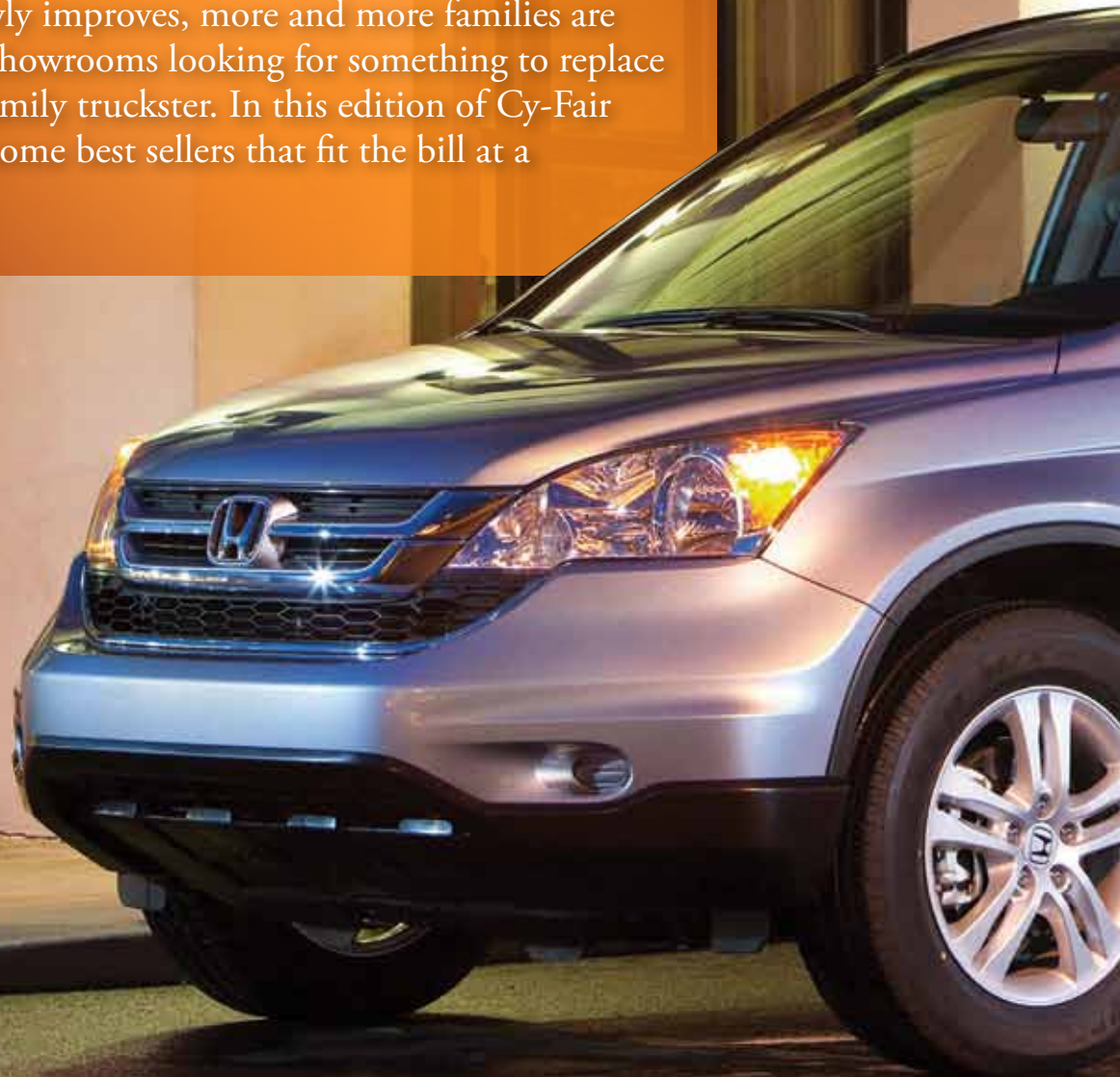


# *Family* FAVORITES

## Cy-Fair's Family-Sized SUV's

*By Don Armstrong*

As the economy slowly improves, more and more families are heading to new-car showrooms looking for something to replace the repair-plagued family truckster. In this edition of Cy-Fair Magazine, we drive some best sellers that fit the bill at a reasonable cost.







VW Jetta Sportwagen



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## Zooming Forward

Sporting a revamped look since its debut in 2007, the 2010 Mazda CX-7 is better in every way. Exterior styling cues put the CX-7 smack dab in the middle of the new, but familiar look of the Mazda family with features like pronounced front fender flares, a wind-cheating swoopy hood, and a smiley face lower air intake. The steeply raked windshield leads to a laid back roofline that climaxes with redesigned tail lamps and new bumper styling. Inside, the mid-size five-passenger CX-7 has a new, larger, double-roof instrument panel that houses refreshed gauges under one brow and the center stack with information display under the other.

The Mazda CX-7 is available in four trim levels, including the i SV, i Sport, s Touring, and s Grand Touring. All come standard with front wheel drive, while both Touring models offer optional all-wheel drive. Powering the CX-7 is a 2.5-liter, inline four-cylinder engine that produces 161 horses and returns 20 miles per gallon city and 28 miles per gallon highway. An optional 2.3-liter turbo model kicks out 244 horsepower through a six-speed transmission. The well equipped i SV starts at \$21,550.

## Equinox Envy

The redesigned Equinox is a much-needed boost for the Chevy lineup. Although the previous model wasn't bad, the 2010 model is so much better. Exterior design leads the class instead of following, and in the industry's hottest segment this is paramount, as competitors' changes come quickly. Chevy's signature two-tier grille was borrowed from the popular Malibu and gives the Equinox a friendly look. The Equinox's interior is all-new, too, with an available two-tone treatment that is a must-have.

It has a certain wow factor that will make you the envy of the neighborhood. The dash is a dual cockpit affair that harkens back to classic Corvette styling. Seating for five is comfortable and roomy and the sliding second row allows dad to squeeze in his clubs for a little spring break golfing while the rest of the family visits with Aunt Mary.

Chevy expects to sell most Equinoxes with the standard 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine that delivers 182 horsepower to the front wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission. This combination returns a respectable 22 miles per gallon city and 32 miles per gallon highway. All-wheel drive is optional, as is a V-6 power plant. The Equinox starts at \$22,440.

### Spacious SportWagen

Before turning up your nose at the thought of owning a wagon, read on. Offering more cargo room than many small SUV's, along with German precision and mileage that beats many hybrids, the Jetta SportWagen TDI should be given serious consideration. While the current Jetta sedan is five years old, the SportWagen is only in its second year of production. Although much of the sedan's parts list is shared with the wagon, one thing is not - cargo space. The SportWagen gobbles up to 18 more cubic feet than its SUV cousin, Tiguan, while offering the same 60-40 split fold-down second row.

All Jettas, including the wagon, get a refreshed interior for 2010 with more and better technology, including standard Bluetooth and an optional 30 gigabyte hard drive navigation system. The SportWagen really shines when equipped with the optional turbo

diesel. The 2-liter, four-cylinder engine returns a remarkable 29 miles per gallon city and 40 miles per gallon highway. Pricing on the 2010 Jetta SportWagen TDI begins at \$24,310. A \$1,300 Federal Income Tax Credit is available because of its Advanced Lean Burn Technology.

### More Family-Friendly Rides

#### Honda CR-V

The 2010 CR-V gets a fresh update since its complete makeover four years ago. This little CUV continues to be popular among Cy-Fair's on-the-go set because of its affordability, reliability, and family friendly features. Starts at \$21,545.

#### Subaru Forester

Fully redesigned last year, the Forester has ventured more toward an SUV style than the wagon it used to look like. A boxer engine, full-time all-wheel drive, and a car-like interior continue to expand the loyalty list. Begins at \$20,295.

#### Toyota RAV4

The RAV4's exterior remains virtually unchanged from its complete re-do two years ago. Its list of trim levels and options are remarkable and you can get in one of the most popular small SUV's on the market for as little as \$21,500. CFM

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