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## Three Years Running: Saab 9-3 Sport Sedan Earns IIHS 2007 Top Honors

**DETROIT** — The Saab 9-3 Sport Sedan has earned the 2007 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's **Top Safety Pick Award** in the midsize car category. This is the third consecutive year that Saab has driven away from this American competition with top honors. For 2006 the 9-3 earned the **Top Safety Pick – Gold Award** and received a **Double Best Pick** crash test rating for 2005. The 2007 Saab 9-3 Sport Sedan was awarded the designation amid toughening criteria.

The Institute rates vehicles good, acceptable, marginal, or poor based on performance in high-speed front and side crash tests plus evaluations of seat/head restraints for protection against neck injuries. Winning vehicles must earn good ratings in all of the three of the previously described tests and, new for 2007, vehicles must also offer electronic stability control. Adrian Lund, IIHS president admits that with the added criteria it is tougher to win, however it was added with the overall goal to encourage more vehicle safety improvements.

"This is the Saab 9-3's second year to receive the IIHS Top Safety Pick award," said Adrian Lund, president of the IIHS. "Considering the criteria are tougher this year than last, the 9-3's accomplishment is impressive."

IIHS is a nonprofit research and communications organization funded by auto insurers. The Institute's research focuses on countermeasures aimed at all three factors in motor vehicle crashes (human, vehicular, and environmental) and on interventions that can occur before, during, and after crashes to reduce losses.

Saab is a division of General Motors Corp. Saab Automobile USA is the importer and/or distributor of Saab 9-3, 9-5 and 9-7X automobiles for Saab Automobile AB, Sweden. For the 2007 model year, Saab markets seven engines/transmissions that perform at an EPA-rated 30 mpg on the highway. Saab also offers vehicle warranty coverage for five-years or up to 100,000 miles. Visit [www.saabusa.com](http://www.saabusa.com) for more information.

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## Saab 9-3 Range Accolades

- **9-3 Sedan: IIHS “Top Safety Pick”, 2007**
- **9-3 Sedan: IIHS “Top Safety Pick – Gold Award”, 2006**
- 9-3 SportCombi: Activelifestyle.com “Active Lifestyle Award”, 2006
- 9-3 Range: “Wards top-10 best engine”, Wards, 2006
- 9-3 SportCombi: SmartMoney "Best mispriced wagon" awards, SmartMoney magazine, 2006
- 9-3 SportCombi: "Top sport wagon", buyacar.suite101.com, 2006
- 9-3 SportCombi: Intellichoice Award - Lowest Maintenance Costs in Class, 2006
- **9-3 Sedan: IIHS “Double Best Pick” crash test rating, 2005**
- 9-3 SportCombi: “Good” rating (the maximum rating) for Saab Active Head Restraints (SAHR), from Britain’s Thatcham Insurance Research Center crash tests, 2005
- 9-3 Convertible: “Good” rating (the maximum rating) for Saab Active Head Restraints (SAHR), from Britain’s Thatcham Insurance Research Center crash tests, 2005
- 9-3 Sedan: “Good” rating (the maximum rating) for Saab Active Head Restraints (SAHR), from Britain’s Thatcham Insurance Research Center crash tests, 2004
- 9-3 Convertible: Five stars, top rating from European new Car Assessment Program (EuroNCAP) crash tests, 2004
- 9-3 Sedan: “Green”, top rating for Saab Active Head Restraints (SAHR), from Swedish Insurance Company Folksam’s crash tests, 2003
- 9-3 Sedan: Five stars, top rating from European new Car Assessment Program (EuroNCAP) crash tests, 2002