

# CAR CORNER

## Buying A Safer Car: What You Need To Know

(NAPSA)—According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), African Americans have a disproportionate number of deaths and injuries in certain types of crashes compared to that of the general population.

To help African Americans and all Americans improve car safety, NHTSA offers information to help consumers shop for the safest cars.

One of the key programs promoted by the agency is the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) which crash tests and rates new vehicles based on a five star program. Ratings are developed for front and side impact crashes and rollover resistance.

These ratings are available through the Web site, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) and through brochures such as *Buying a Safer Car*.

According to NHTSA, many manufacturers are designing vehicles with crash protection and safety features beyond the minimum standards set by the Federal Government.

Key questions to ask when looking for a safer car are:

- How well does this vehicle protect people during a crash?
- What features does this vehicle have that help avoid a crash?
- What other types of safety features does this vehicle have?

Driving a vehicle with advanced



**Reducing the number of traffic crashes may start with buying a safer car.**

safety features and a high rating for crash protection may not only save the life of someone you know and reduce injuries in the event of a crash, it may also save you money.

In some states, certain safety features on a vehicle, such as air bags and anti-lock brakes, reduce the cost of insurance. Safety features also boost a vehicle's resale value because many more consumers now recognize the importance of vehicle safety.

Whether you are concerned about safety or saving money, knowing about the latest in safety technology and crash test ratings enables you to compare all new vehicle features so that you get the most value for your dollar.

For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or call 1-888-327-4236.