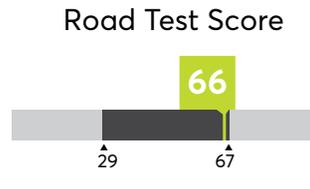


2017 Chevrolet Sonic

Recommended

CR Overall 28 MPG
Ranked # 3 of 16
Subcompact cars



THE FOLLOWING TEST RESULTS ARE BASED ON THE: LT SMALL CAR FWD, 1.8-LITER 4-CYL., 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC

Safety

Frontal Crash Prevention		
Forward Collision Warning (FCW)		Optional
Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) City		N.A.
Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) Hwy		N.A.
NHTSA Overall Crash Tests		Excellent
CR Accident Avoidance		Very Good
Braking		Excellent
60 mph Dry		128 ft.
60 mph Wet		139 ft.
Emergency handling		Very Good
Avoidance maneuver, max. speed		54 mph

Performance

Acceleration		Good
0-60 mph		9.3 sec.
Routine Handling		Very Good
Transmission		Very Good
Fuel economy		Very Good
Overall mileage		28 mpg
City mileage		19 mpg
Highway mileage		38 mpg

Comfort/Convenience

Ride		Good
Noise		Good
Front seat comfort		Good
Rear seat comfort		Fair
Interior fit and finish		Good
Controls and display		Very Good
Trunk/Cargo area		Good
Cargo volume		-- cu. ft.

Road Test

Among subcompacts, the Sonic feels almost grown-up. It's reasonably quiet and has a relatively comfortable ride compared to its peers in this spartan class. Handling is responsive and secure, and braking performance is excellent, but the car is far from being fun to drive.

Pros

- Relatively quiet cabin and comfortable ride for class
- Sedan has a roomy trunk and hatchback offers good versatility
- Sonics built after February 2015 score Good in IIHS small overlap crash test, unusual in this segment

Cons

- Handling a bit darty
- Unimpressive fuel economy
- Not so inexpensive to buy

Best version/options to get:

We'd opt for the LT automatic sedan for its extra cargo space and visibility and the MyLink system. We'd also get the quicker and more efficient turbocharged engine for \$700 and the advanced safety package with forward collision warning and lane departure warning for \$395; it also includes a backup camera. That brings the grand total to \$19,565.

Notable changes: Forward collision and lane-departure warning systems are available beginning with 2014 models, which are unusually advanced safety systems for this class. A standard built-in Wi-Fi hotspot is available for 2015 — with three months of complementary data.