

Car Magazine's top 12 best buys



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On Tuesday, 13 February 2018, *Car Magazine*, in association with Tracker, held its Top 12 Best Buys Awards event. Here are all the winners...

Best budget car (under R160,000): Suzuki Celerio 1,0 GA

“ CAR's Top 12 Best Buys has kicked off! The winner of the Budget Car category (under R160 000) is the Suzuki Celerio 1,0 GA, for the second year in a row! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/55VEtlpGli](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Best small hatchback: Volkswagen Polo

“ The new Volkswagen Polo takes the crown as the best Small Hatchback for the sixth time! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/KzfBIVPqP](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Best midsize hatchback: Refreshed Volkswagen Golf

“ The refreshed Volkswagen Golf makes it two in a row, holding on to the Midsize Hatchback crown! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/wzVWwNgiKT](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Best midsize sedan: Toyota Corolla Quest

“ The Toyota Corolla Quest claims its fourth consecutive win in the Midsize Sedan category. [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/u8AHpRIu1l](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Top premium midsize car: BMW 3 Series

“ For the sixth time in a row, the BMW 3 Series is our top Premium Midsize Car, besting fresher rivals thanks to the sheer spread of its abilities. [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/71VD1wSE0y](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Top luxury car: Mercedes-Benz S-Class

“ Thirteen wins in 19 years of this esteemed competition! The Mercedes-Benz S-Class is again our top Luxury Car buy... [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/FmjGi4iWuO](#)— CAR magazine (@CARMagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Performance car of the year: Porsche 911 GT3 PDK

“ And the Performance Car of the Year award goes to... the Porsche 911 GT3 PDK! [#CARtop12](#)
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Best small SUV/crossover: Honda BR-V

“ The Honda BR-V makes it two in a row in the Small SUV/Crossover segment... [#CARtop12](#)
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Best midsize SUV/crossover: Volkswagen Tiguan

“ Volkswagen's Tiguan grabs the Midsize SUV/Crossover crown for the second consecutive year! [#CARtop12](#)
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Top premium midsize SUV/crossover (new 2018 category): Audi Q5

“ A new category for 2018, the Premium Midsize SUV/Crossover title goes to the Audi Q5! [#CARtop12](#)
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Best large SUV/crossover: Range Rover Sport

“ The Range Rover Sport claims the Large SUV/Crossover crown for the fifth time in a row. [#CARtop12](#)
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Best double-cab bakkie Ford Ranger

“ That's seven in a row! The best Double-Cab Bakkie is again the Ford Ranger! [#CARtop12](#)
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Special awards

Green Award: Volvo Cars South Africa

“ This year's Green Award goes to Volvo Cars South Africa. [#CARtop12](#) [pic.twitter.com/lqtPOEXKYS](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Most underrated product of the year: The Fiat Fullback double-cab bakkie

Best production car design of the year: Aston Martin Vantage

“ The Aston Martin Vantage wins the Best Production Car Design of the Year award... [#CARtop12](#)
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Best concept car design of the year: Honda Urban and Sports EV Concepts

“ We have a pair of winners in the Best Concept Car Design of the Year category: the Honda Urban and Sports EV Concepts! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/tmq0LQtX5a](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Engine of the year: Porsche's 3,0-litre, flat-six twin-turbo-petrol engine

“ Porsche's 3,0-litre, flat-six twin-turbo-petrol claims our Engine of the Year award! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/MN0NaCXDkW](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Motorsport award: Audi factory driver Kelvin van der Linde

“ Audi factory driver @kelvinvanderlinde takes home our Motorsport Award for 2018! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/8P8496nMv1](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Company to watch in 2018: Haval South Africa

Coveted company of the year: Volkswagen South Africa

“ And the coveted Company of the Year title? That honour goes to Volkswagen South Africa! Look out for our March 2018 issue for the full article and rationale behind each decision... [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/DyC2OSV4Dy](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

Safety award: #SaferCarsForAfrica campaign

“ Our Safety Award this year goes to the [#SaferCarsForAfrica](#) campaign. Special mention here for AA South Africa and Global NCAP! [#CARtop12 pic.twitter.com/X6dBqOJhu1](#)— CAR magazine (@CARmagSA) [February 13, 2018](#) ”

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