

Audi A6 e-tron: Top Safety Ratings in Europe and the United States

Ingolstadt/Washington, July 17, 2026 – The Audi A6 e-tron has earned the highest possible overall rating of five stars in the U.S. New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). With this top result, the Audi model ranks among the safest vehicles tested since the introduction of the significantly more stringent U.S. NCAP assessment methodology in 2012. The Audi A6 e-tron delivered particularly strong performance in the side-impact test, recording an injury risk of just 2.0 percent. In April 2026, the model also received the prestigious Top Safety Pick+ award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). In 2025, it had already achieved the highest rating of five stars in the Euro NCAP test. The Audi A6 e-tron therefore earns top ratings in the world's most important consumer vehicle safety programs.

Key facts

Five-star ratings for the Audi A6 e-tron in the 2026 U.S. NCAP test and the 2025 Euro NCAP test, as well as the IIHS Top Safety Pick+ award in April 2026.

Side-impact crash: 2.0% injury risk.

Frontal crash: 8.1% injury risk.

Rollover: 6.9% rollover risk.

Top safety ratings in Europe and North America.

Outstanding performance in major safety programs

The U.S. NCAP evaluates vehicles using standardized crash scenarios, focusing on frontal impact, side impact and rollover risk. The Audi A6 e-tron achieved excellent results across all three categories. Particularly noteworthy is its side-impact performance, with an injury risk of only 2.0 percent. Side-impact collisions are among the accident scenarios associated with the highest risk of injury worldwide. The coveted five-star rating is awarded only to vehicles whose risk of serious injury is significantly below the thresholds defined by the NHTSA.

Five stars on both sides of the Atlantic

With its five-star U.S. NCAP rating, the Audi A6 e-tron continues its success story in vehicle safety assessments. The model had already earned the highest rating of five stars in the Euro NCAP test in 2025. In April 2026, it also received the IIHS Top Safety Pick+ award. Together, these three distinctions underscore the vehicle's outstanding safety credentials.

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However, the results are not directly comparable. While the U.S. NCAP primarily focuses on traditional crash scenarios, Euro NCAP also evaluates aspects such as driver assistance systems and the protection of vulnerable road users, particularly children. The significance of these additional assessment criteria is reflected in the Audi Q6 e-tron's performance. With a score of 92 percent for child occupant protection, it achieved "Best in Class" status among all vehicles tested in 2023 and 2024. For its TOP SAFETY PICK+ award, the IIHS likewise assesses safety aspects beyond crash performance alone, including driver assistance technologies, pedestrian protection, and headlight performance.

Safety is part of Audi's DNA

The latest five-star rating for the Audi A6 e-tron adds to a long list of top results achieved by Audi models in international consumer safety tests. From compact vehicles to premium SUVs, Audi models regularly achieve top scores in the relevant NCAP programs.

- Audi A6 e-tron: Five Stars in Euro NCAP and U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi Q6 e-tron: Five Stars in Euro NCAP 2024 and U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi A3: Five Stars in Euro NCAP 2025
- Audi Q3: Five Stars in Euro NCAP 2025 and U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi Q4 e-tron: Five Stars in Euro NCAP 2025 and U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi A5: Five Stars in Euro NCAP 2024 and U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi Q5: Five Stars in U.S. NCAP 2025
- Audi Q8: Five Stars in U.S. NCAP 2025

Why this matters to customers

Safety ratings support purchasing decisions through transparent and independent testing. In the United States in particular, NHTSA results are widely used by consumer organizations, trade media and fleet customers. The IIHS, funded by the insurance industry, is one of the most influential vehicle safety organizations in the U.S. For many customers, a Top Safety Pick+ award is regarded as an important seal of quality when choosing a vehicle.

Outlook

The results of international consumer safety tests, together with findings from real-world and virtual crash testing, are directly incorporated into the ongoing development of Audi models. Audi continuously enhances safety and quality and regularly introduces new functions through software updates. Current PPE and PPC models, for example, benefit from an enhanced Adaptive Driving Assistant featuring lane-change assistance on highways, predictive speed adaptation and connected road-surface monitoring functions. Additional parking and maneuvering assistance features further improve everyday safety and convenience.

Conclusion

The Audi A6 e-tron has achieved the highest rating in both Euro NCAP and U.S. NCAP and has also earned the Top Safety Pick+ designation. With an outstanding side-impact result in the U.S. NCAP assessment, the model further demonstrates its high level of safety in the most important independent vehicle safety evaluations in Europe and North America. All three awards underline the vehicle's exceptional safety performance.

Frequently Asked Questions

What rating did the Audi A6 e-tron receive in safety testing?

The Audi A6 e-tron achieved the highest possible rating of five stars in the NCAP safety assessments conducted in Europe and the United States.

Why is the side-impact result particularly significant?

Side-impact collisions are among the accident types associated with the highest risk of injury. In this test category, the Audi A6 e-tron recorded an injury risk of just 2.0 percent.

Have other Audi models recently achieved five-star ratings?

Yes. From the compact segment to premium SUVs, Audi models consistently achieve top ratings in the relevant consumer safety assessments.

What role do consumer safety ratings play in vehicle purchasing decisions?

Based on independent testing, these ratings provide transparent information about a vehicle's safety performance. As a result, safety ratings are an important factor in customers' purchasing decisions.

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