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MotorWeek Picks Best Family Sedan Under \$25,000 ***Eight Midsize Sedans Compared; One Drives Away the Winner***

(Owings Mills, MD) - With a struggling economy, and budget conscious families looking for affordable alternatives to minivans and utilities, [MotorWeek](#), television's longest running automotive series, tested eight popular mid-size sedans to find out which was the best buy for under \$25,000. The Family Sedan Shootout is featured on *MotorWeek* episode 2936 which begins airing on [PBS](#) stations Saturday, May 8 ([check local listings](#)).

The contenders: perennial bestsellers Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, along with import brand rivals Nissan Altima, Mazda6 and Hyundai Sonata, as well as domestic leaders Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu, and the newest kid on the block, the Suzuki Kizashi. All of the cars were 2010 models, except for the newly released 2011 Hyundai Sonata. All came equipped with four cylinder power and automatic transmissions.

MotorWeek, along with a team of experts from USA TODAY, the widest print circulated newspaper in the country, and Cars.com, a leading online automotive shopping destination, put the cars through two days of rigorous testing and fuel efficiency challenges on the freeways, streets and back roads of Southern California. A real life family of four from the Los Angeles area also put the cars through their paces.

The clear winner was the newly redesigned 2011 Hyundai Sonata. "The new benchmark in its class, the Hyundai Sonata is now the one to beat," said *MotorWeek* host John Davis. "It has a stunning exterior, well-crafted interior and is exceptionally fuel-efficient. The Sonata is yet another Hyundai designed to change the status quo."

For the full comparison, and to find out which contenders made up the final four, tune in to *MotorWeek* episode 2936, or check out the review online at www.motorweek.org.

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