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**CarMD® Releases 2014 Vehicle Health Index™ Manufacturer & Vehicle Rankings,
 Honda Has Combined Least Check Engine Repairs, Lowest Costs
 Minivan and Hybrid Appear on Top 100 Vehicle List for First Time**

IRVINE, Calif. (Dec. 3, 2014) – CarMD.com Corporation, a leading provider of car repair data and software as a service solutions, today released its **2014 CarMD® Vehicle Health Index™ Manufacturer & Vehicle Reliability Rankings** delineating the manufacturers and vehicles with the lowest combined “check engine” repair incidents and costs. The Index ranks the top 10 manufacturers, top 100 vehicles, top vehicles by category and the most common repairs by make. This year’s Index is based on more than 40,400 specific repairs performed on model year 2004 to 2014 vehicles in the United States from Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014. Current and archived indices are available at <http://corp.carmd.com>.

“This CarMD Index, now in its fourth year, is the only report to offer an annual ranking of manufacturers and vehicles with the lowest combined check engine repair incidents and costs, which is very different from survey-based reliability lists.” says Doug Sobieski, chief marketing officer, CarMD. “While this index is based on in-use vehicle repairs needed over the past year, it has also proven to be a useful tool in helping car and truck shoppers make informed decisions about the vehicles they are considering. This data further empowers our software as a service partners to provide information to help their clients minimize the cost of vehicle ownership.”

Top Ranked Manufacturers

For the first time since CarMD began ranking manufacturers, Honda ranks no. 1, edging out Hyundai (no. 2). Rounding out the top five vehicle manufacturers of 2014 are no. 3 Toyota, no. 4 GM and no. 5 Ford. New to this year’s list of the 10 most reliable manufacturers are Mazda (no. 9) and BMW (no. 10), beating out Mitsubishi and Volkswagen, which dropped off the list.

Rank	Manufacturer	Average Repair Cost (Parts & Labor)	Overall 2014 CarMD Index Score (2013 Index Rating in Parenthesis)	Year-Over-Year Ranking Comparison
1.	HONDA	\$388.34	1.32 (0.97)	Up from no. 5
2.	HYUNDAI	\$306.34	1.33 (0.80)	Down from no. 1
3.	TOYOTA	\$486.93	1.48 (0.86)	Down from no. 2
4.	GM	\$329.82	1.80 (0.91)	Down from no. 3
5.	FORD	\$397.48	1.84 (1.04)	Up from no. 6
6.	CHRYSLER	\$303.38	2.11 (0.96)	Down from no. 4
7.	KIA	\$365.89	2.52 (1.56)	Up from no. 8
8.	NISSAN	\$470.39	2.53 (1.09)	Down from no. 7
9.	MAZDA	\$302.92	2.64 (not ranked in 2013)	New to list
10.	BMW	\$355.08	3.00 (not ranked in 2013)	New to list

(The lower the Index score, the higher the reliability ranking. Top 10 vehicle manufacturers based on model year 2004-2014 vehicles needing repairs between Oct. 1, 2013 and Sept.30, 2014, and determined by the manufacturers whose vehicles had the fewest percentage of CarMD repair incidents combined with the lowest cost per repair, per number of registered vehicles on the road. Sources: CarMD.com Corp., with vehicle population data provided by R.L. Polk.)

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Honda's improved ranking is fueled by its combined low repair frequency and cost scores. Honda has 16 vehicles in the top 100, including the no.2-ranked 2012 Honda Civic. Half of the top 10 manufacturers (Honda, Ford, Kia, Mazda and BMW) improved their ranking. The other five (Hyundai, Toyota, GM, Chrysler and Nissan) dropped in ranking. All of the manufacturers Index Ratings scores increased, indicative of more frequent and costly check engine-related visits to the repair shop.

Mazda has the lowest average repair cost among the top 10-ranked manufacturers (\$302.92). Toyota has the highest overall repair cost (\$486.93). Toyota's average repair cost is impacted by a high frequency of costly catalytic converter (most common Toyota repair) and hybrid battery (top 25 most common) repairs.

Top Ranked Vehicles

For the fourth consecutive year, the top-ranked vehicle is a Toyota, with the 2012 Camry ranked as the most reliable vehicle for the second year in a row. Five sedans, two compacts, one SUV, one minivan and one hybrid make up 2014's top 10 list, marking the first time a minivan or hybrid ranks in the top 10. Toyota has five vehicles on the list, including the top-ranked Camry, rounded out by the 2011 Toyota Camry (no.4), 2010 Prius (no. 9) and 2010 Corolla (no. 10). Honda has two vehicles listed on this year's top 10, including the 2012 Honda Civic (no. 2) and 2011 Honda Odyssey (no. 6). Hyundai's 2012 Sonata (no.3) and 2013 Sonata (no. 5) are among these top ranked. Rounding out the list are the 2012 Kia Soul (no. 7) and 2012 Optima (no.8), marking the first time Kia has cracked the top 10 list. This top 100 list represents the top 10 percent of more than 1,000 different 2004 to 2014 model vehicles on the road.

The Index also ranks the top three vehicles by category: Compact, Minivan, Sedan, Full-Sized SUV, Wagon/Crossover, Truck and Luxury. For the second time since the CarMD Index has been published, Ford swept the truck category with the 2011 and 2010 F-150 and 2012 F-250 ranking no. 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Lexus has swept the luxury category with the 2010 Lexus ES (no. 1), 2008 Lexus RX (no. 2) and 2008 Lexus ES (no. 3).

Common Repairs by Brand/Make

Different vehicle makes tend to have a unique set of problems and common failures. The CarMD Vehicle Health Index reveals common problems and repairs by brand, providing a resource for vehicle owners as they maintain and repair their vehicles. "Replace catalytic converter(s)" accounted for 19.10 percent of Subaru repairs over the past year. "Replace ignition coil(s)" represented 18.02 percent of Lincoln repairs. And "replace oxygen sensor(s)" accounted for 17.66 percent of Mitsubishi repairs and 14.64 percent of Hyundai repairs in 2013. In April, CarMD revealed that the no. 1 most common repair is "replace O2 sensor," accounting for 7.55 percent of all check engine-related repairs last year. O2 sensors measure the amount of unburned oxygen in the exhaust and tell a car's computer when either there is too much or not enough fuel mixed with oxygen for ideal operation. If a faulty O2 sensor is not repaired, the car's gas mileage can drop by as much as 40 percent.

The data for the 2014 CarMD® Vehicle Health Index™ Manufacturer & Vehicle Reliability Rankings was procured from CarMD's database of verified repairs. The 2014 Index analyzed repairs that apply to roughly 88 million model year 2004 to 2014 vehicles, taking place in the U.S. from Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014. It is procured from actual in-use data and is not necessarily indicative of the future reliability of an individual vehicle, as new recalls, maintenance and upkeep can all affect a vehicle's check engine light health.

About CarMD

Based in Irvine, Calif., CarMD is a leading edge Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions provider. Our applications leverage and empower the capabilities of the on-board diagnostics (OBD2) port. This enables our partners and their vehicle owners to implement solutions featuring industry-changing innovations and ideas. CarMD's network of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)-certified technicians has built the largest, most up-to-date database of diagnostic trouble codes, expert repairs and related costs, from which CarMD draws its Vehicle Health Index™ and supports its SaaS services. For more information about this Index, including methodology and archived data visit <http://corp.carmd.com>. For information on CarMD's products and third-party software service solutions, visit www.carmd.com.

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