

# Used car reliability report.

Buying a used car means looking beyond the purchase price at the cost of overall ownership

The July 2026 Warrantywise Reliability Report highlights the latest reliability and ownership trends, helping you to make more informed decisions

## What are the most reliable used cars?

### 10 highest-scoring vehicles:

| Rank | Vehicle       | Reliability score (out of 100) |
|------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | Toyota Yaris  | 89.2                           |
| 2    | Kia Picanto   | 86.8                           |
| 3    | Toyota Aygo   | 83.8                           |
| 4    | Toyota Rav-4  | 79.9                           |
| 5    | Peugeot 108   | 78.9                           |
| 6    | Toyota Hilux  | 78.4                           |
| 7    | Citroen C1    | 78                             |
| 8    | Suzuki Vitara | 78                             |
| 9    | Kia Ceed      | 77.5                           |
| 10   | Suzuki Swift  | 77.5                           |

### 10 lowest-scoring vehicles:

| Rank | Vehicle                    | Reliability score (out of 100) |
|------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | Land Rover Discovery       | 17.2                           |
| 2    | BMW 7 Series               | 18.7                           |
| 3    | Mercedes Benz S-Class      | 19.2                           |
| 4    | Audi A7                    | 19.2                           |
| 5    | Range Rover Velar          | 19.7                           |
| 6    | Range Rover Sport          | 21.1                           |
| 7    | BMW X5                     | 23.6                           |
| 8    | Land Rover Discovery Sport | 24.1                           |
| 9    | BMW X7                     | 26.5                           |
| 10   | Land Rover Discovery       | 28.0                           |

## Key insights:

- Four Toyota models feature in top 10 highest-scoring vehicles
- Some premium cars and large SUVs score lower for reliability, while several smaller, practical models perform strongly
- Vehicle complexity, repair costs, and maintenance history can influence the ownership experience.



## What should I budget for?

Repair costs are on the rise.

Average hourly labour rate rose from £104.11 in 2023 to £112.30 in 2025 – an increase of 7.87%.

Repair costs vary significantly depending on the vehicle you choose. Average repair cost for Range Rover Sport £2,002.76 and average repair cost for Suzuki Swift £723.39



## What should I know about EVs?

High-voltage drive battery issues do not appear in the top five EV repair requests.

EV ownership is about more than battery health. Charging components, electrical systems and suspension can all influence the ownership experience.

| Position | Failure area      | Failure part                  | Average repair request (cost) | Most expensive repair request (cost) |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1        | Electrical system | Sensors                       | £809.59                       | £3,720                               |
| 2        | Electrical system | Central locking mechanism     | £899.44                       | £4,056.82                            |
| 3        | EV                | Onboard charger               | £2,158.75                     | £10,454.98                           |
| 4        | Suspension        | Wishbones                     | £1,229.64                     | £4,118.65                            |
| 5        | Electrical system | Auxiliary battery (12v / 48v) | £532.94                       | £986.15                              |

## What's changing in modern cars?

Electrical and sensor issues are on the rise.

Modern cars rely on more electronics than ever before. As vehicles become increasingly connected and technology-led, software, sensors and diagnostics continue to play an important role in repairs.

# Before you buy.

1

Look at overall reliability, not just brand reputation

2

Check mileage, service and MOT history

3

Consider parts, specialist labour and potential repair costs

4

Look beyond the drive battery when comparing EVs

The data highlights why motorists should consider model-level reliability, mileage, maintenance history and potential repair costs alongside purchase price.



*Read the full article for complete rankings, repair costs and further ownership insights*