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Updated Compact SUV Delivers Impressive Value, Capability

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While acceleration from the 2.5-liter engine won’t set any records with its 182 horsepower, the Crosstrek’s real strengths lie elsewhere.

Its well-tuned chassis and standard all-wheel drive system provide exceptional balance and confidence on wet roads, demonstrating Subaru’s expertise in creating all-weather vehicles.

The tire choice perfectly complements this capability, offering strong grip in adverse conditions without compromising everyday comfort.

The 10-percent stiffer structure for 2024 pays dividends in handling and refinement. The Crosstrek feels more composed than ever through corners while maintaining the compliant ride that makes it such a pleasant daily driver.

This improvements in driving dynamics don’t come at the expense of the model’s trademark versatility and practicality.

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from thoughtful updates, including the availability of a new 11.6-inch touchscreen infotainment system.

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Crosstrek’s genuine off-road capability and all-weather prowess, make it an intelligent choice for buyers seeking a practical, efficient adventure vehicle.

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refined and capable vehicle that should continue to attract practical-minded buyers.

For those seeking a sensible compact SUV that offers genuine capability without unnecessary frills, the Crosstrek makes a compelling case.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT WAS TESTED?

2024 Subaru Crosstrek Sport (\$29,195). Options: Option Package 22 (\$1,920), all-weather floor liners (\$141). Price as tested (including \$1,345 destination charge): \$32,501

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 105.1 in.
Length: 176.4 in.
Width: 70.9 in.
Height: 63 in.
Engine: 2.5-liter four cylinder (182 hp, 178 ft. lbs.)
Transmission:
Continuously variable
Fuel economy: 26 city, 33 highway

RATINGS

Style: 7
Performance: 6
Price: 8
Handling: 8
Ride: 7
Comfort: 7
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Overall: 7

WHY BUY IT?

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