

# Welcome

WE'VE MADE SOME big changes to the Tow Car Awards this year. Hopefully you will agree that they help to make the 2013 Awards the best yet. For a start, among the 46 models tested in this year's line-up you'll notice more small cars and petrol models. That's in response to feedback from readers of Practical Caravan and members of the Camping

and Caravanning Club. If you tow a folding caravan or trailer tent and want a small, economical car to pull it with, we can now point you in the right direction.

Economy testing is also part of this year's test programme. We've assessed a cross section of this year's tow cars to measure the impact of

towing on fuel economy accurately (you'll find the results just over the page). There are changes in the way we present our findings, too. All this information is now online along with the previous six years of Tow Car Awards coverage, results and data. Visit myccc.co.uk/towcarawards for more information.

Some things haven't changed, though. The tests are still a joint-venture between Practical Caravan, the Camping and Caravanning Club and What Car?, with technical support from the Swift Group. And whether you read the results in the magazine or online, our tests are still Britain's toughest.

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- 55 **Honda Civic** 1.6i-DTECES
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- 55 **Dacia Duster** 1.5 dCi Ambiance 4x4
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  - 1.6 CRDi 128PS Premium Auto
- 57 **Volvo V40** D2 SE Nav
- 57 **Toyota Auris** 1.6 Excel CVT

- 57 **Chevrolet Cruze Station Wagon** 1.7 VCDi 130 LT
- 57 Vauxhall Mokka 1.4T Tech Line 4x4

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2.0 TDI 4Motion Bluemotion Technology R-Line

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- 60 Mitsubishi Outlander 2.2 DI-D GX5 auto
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- 60 Mitsubishi ASX 1.8 DiD 4WD 4 Low Emission
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