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**Tuesday 23 December 2008: Results released today by the NRMA Motoring & Services reveal Ford has added another 5-star safety rated car to its stable - the [2009 Ford Fiesta](#).**

NRMA Vehicle Safety Expert Jack Haley said the new Fiesta - which received the 5-star rating under complementary EuroNCAP crash tests - has joined the Mazda2 as a 5-star vehicle available for less than \$20,000 under the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP).

"The Fiesta received a 5-star rating for those vehicles fitted with the optional safety pack which is standard on the Fiesta Zetec and 4-stars [without the safety pack](#)," Mr Haley said.

Mr Haley also announced 4-star ratings for the [Mercedes Viano](#) and [Mercedes Vito](#) under the EuroNCAP regime, which uses the same crash testing protocols as ANCAP and other similar crash assessment programs around the world.

"It's great seeing a 5-star safety rating for the Fiesta and we look forward to seeing other small vehicles shooting for the same safety rating," Mr Haley said.

"The Mercedes Vito van added to a growing list of 4-star commercial vehicles and there is no longer any excuse for tradespeople to be driving around in 3-star vehicles or worse. We hope to see the first 5-star rated commercial vehicle in 2009."

The new Fiesta, available on the Australian market from 1 January, scored well in the frontal offset and side impact crash tests, with the passenger compartment and structure holding its shape well. The safety pack includes Electronic Stability Control, which is a prerequisite for a 5-star rating under ANCAP's protocols.

The ANCAP 5-star Fiesta models join other ANCAP 5-star cars in the Ford fleet - the FG Falcon, Mondeo and Focus.

The [Honda Accord Euro](#), which also received a 5-star rating, is currently available on the Australian market and performed well with passengers protected and the compartment stable under the crash tests.

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