

AutoTrader Editors Name Must-Shop SUVs for Towing As Gas Prices Fall, Site Traffic Shows Increased Demand for SUVs

ATLANTA, Oct. 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- As the leaves change and winter weather approaches, consumers across the country are gearing up to pull their boats out of the water, haul large items home for yard projects and transport tailgate essentials to and from stadium parking lots. For car shoppers looking for a vehicle that can tow serious weight, there are many options beyond the typical list of pick-up trucks.

"Pick-up trucks might get the most attention when it comes to towing heavy loads, but there are a number of SUVs that can handle the job just as well," says Brian Moody, AutoTrader.com site editor. "As gas prices continue to fall, traffic on our site shows that consideration for SUVs is on the rise. The Jeep Grand Cherokee is now the fifth most popular model on AutoTrader.com, up from the ninth spot in August. We've seen significant spikes in search for SUVs like these as consumers hunt for a vehicle that offers both utility and comfort."

AutoTrader.com editors say these SUVs present the perfect combination of towing ability and interior luxury:

- **Cadillac Escalade**
- **Chevrolet Tahoe/Suburban**
- **Dodge Durango**
- **Ford Expedition**
- **GMC Yukon**
- **Jeep Grand Cherokee**
- **Toyota Sequoia**

Moody reminds consumers that while towing, safety should be the driver's top priority.

"Before you hit the road, make sure your SUV is equipped to tow large loads, and that includes checking your brakes," says Moody. "Take a test run with your trailer or camper to get a sense of how the vehicle will handle with the extra weight. Don't forget to adjust your mirrors and determine your blind spots before you're in motion."

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