

Toyota Avensis estate

It could just as well have been an Insignia, Mondeo or Passat estate, but the hire firm provided an Avensis for a holiday with three adults, one cat, a large dog and luggage. It was quiet, comfortable and went well, but hardly safe. Even a tall driver cannot see where it ends, front or rear, and its bulbous flanks are a worry in narrow stone walled lanes. The A and B pillars both obstruct views at junctions. It might have five safety stars, but I'm safer in my supposedly unsafe Defender, which gives unrestricted vision with all four corners in sight.

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