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## **Nissan Murano named "Best 2-Row SUV for the Money" by U.S. News & World Report**

- 2017 Murano takes top honors in its class for outstanding value and critical acclaim
- Murano once again sets the standard in the midsize crossover segment – Apple CarPlay™ and revised option packages added for the new model year
- *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Cars for the Money" awards combine quality and value to determine the winners

**CHICAGO (Feb. 9, 2017)** – For the third year in a row, the Nissan Murano has been named a *U.S. News & World Report* "[Best Car for the Money](#)." Murano was honored as "2017 Best 2-Row SUV for the Money." The award was presented this week in conjunction with the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

"Nissan is honored to have Murano, the most awarded vehicle in its segment, recognized by U.S. News & World Report for a third straight year – a great feat in its own right," said Dan Mohnke, vice president, Nissan Chief Marketing Manager & Marketing Operations. "Given Murano's rock solid track record – Murano set an annual sales record with a 38 percent year-over-year increase in 2016 – along with refinements to the newest model year, we fully expect momentum to continue throughout 2017 and beyond."

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings compare cars on the basis of safety, reliability and a consensus of industry experts' opinions, along with value – which is measured by a combination of a vehicle's five-year total cost of ownership and the average price paid for the vehicle at the time the awards are published. The Best Cars for the Money awards are based on these rankings.

"The Nissan Murano hits the sweet spot all car shoppers want: it's a great SUV that's also a great value," stated Jamie Page Deaton, Managing Editor of *U.S. News Best Cars*. "The Murano's excellent fuel economy helps keep ownership costs down, while it's high-tech, comfortable and upscale cabin make driving the Murano a pleasure."

As the halo vehicle for Nissan's wide range of bold crossovers and SUVs, Murano expresses Nissan's advanced design direction – including its V-motion front end, LED signature boomerang lights and the unique "floating" roof. The stunning exterior design carries into the interior, which offers an engaging social lounge feel – including features such as advanced Zero Gravity front and outboard rear seating, and the airy atmosphere created by the large windows and oversized Power Panoramic Moonroof.

Responsive driving is provided by a standard 260-horsepower 3.5-liter DOHC V6 connected to an advanced Xtronic transmission. Murano is available in front-wheel drive or Intuitive All-Wheel Drive.

Available audio, navigation and connectivity features include NissanConnect<sup>SM</sup> with Navigation, 8-inch color display with multi-touch control, Around View<sup>®</sup> Monitor with Moving Object Detection<sup>1</sup> and 11-speaker Bose<sup>®</sup> premium audio system. Other advanced technologies range from available Blind Spot Warning<sup>2</sup> and Predictive Forward Collision Warning<sup>3</sup> to Forward Emergency Braking<sup>4</sup> and Rear Cross Traffic Alert<sup>5</sup>. Murano also offers

available Driver Attention Alert (DAA)<sup>6</sup>, which learns each individual driver's steering patterns and helps alert the driver when drowsy driving is detected (standard on SL and Platinum, optional on SV).

For more information on Murano and the complete Nissan vehicle lineup, please visit [www.NissanNews.com](http://www.NissanNews.com).

For a complete list of *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Cars for the Money," please visit [www.usnews.com/cars-money](http://www.usnews.com/cars-money).

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<sup>1</sup> AVM with MOD cannot completely eliminate blind spots and may not detect every object. MOD operates at vehicles speeds below 5 mph. Always check surroundings before moving vehicle. Not a substitute for proper backing procedures. Always turn to check what is behind you before backing up.

<sup>2</sup> Not a substitute for proper lane change procedures. The system will not prevent contact with other vehicles or accidents. It may not detect every vehicle or object around you.

<sup>3</sup> PFCW is intended to warn you before a collision occurs; it cannot prevent a collision. Speed & other limitations apply. See owner's manual for details.

<sup>4</sup> Forward Emergency Braking is not a replacement for responsible driving. May not provide warning or braking in certain conditions. Limitations apply. See Owner's Manual for details.

<sup>5</sup> Not a substitute for proper backing procedures. May not detect all moving vehicles. Speed and other limitations apply. See Owner's Manual for details.

<sup>6</sup> It is the driver's responsibility to remain alert at all times. DAA is only a warning to inform the driver of a potential lack of driver attention or drowsiness. It does not detect and provide an alert in every situation. See Owner's Manual for details.