

# 2013 Chevrolet Sonic LS – David Adams’ Rental Car Review Summary

## Car Group: Compact 4 Door Automatic Sedan - CDAR

Width (w/o Mirrors):	68.3 inches   1.74 m		
Length:	173.1 inches   4.40 m		
Height:	59.7 inches   1.52 m		
Weight:	2727 lbs   1237 kg		
Front/Rear/All-Wheel Drive:	Front		
Transmission:	6 Speed Automatic		
Engine:	ECOTEC 1.8L Unleaded 4 Cylinder		
Horsepower/Torque:	138/125		
Fuel Tank Capacity (Approx.):	12.2 Gallons / 46.2 Litres		
Fuel Economy – City/Highway:	25/35 Miles Per Gallon   11.3/8.1 Litres Per 100km		
Range City/Highway:	317.2/427.0 Miles   510.5/687.2 KM		
Front/Rear Head Room:	38.7/37.8 inches   98.3/96.0 cm	Front/Rear Shoulder Room:	53.4/53.0 inches   135.6/134.6 cm
Front/Rear Leg Room:	41.8/34.6 inches   106.2/87.9 cm	Front/Rear Hip Room:	51.4/51.6 inches   130.6/131.1 cm



### SUMMARY:

This lightweight modern econobox is everything you need from a car, if only just. It gives you four doors, plenty of room for you AND your family (more than we could say for the Impala reviewed previously) and it does all of this while delivering nearly 40MPG! It seems the Americans are actually trying nowadays and it shows that, with a little bit of effort, they can give us what we’re needing from our weekend rental.

It handles surprisingly well for a car that can only be described as an appliance for driving, and the engine delivers it’s 138hp in a surprising and not-at-all underwhelming way. They’ve managed to put the power right where you need it so that you never ever feel as if you’re the slow kid on the block. You might even pass a driver or two.

The cabin is where you see the corners cut. The dashboard is there and it’s not made out of Tic Tac plastic, the gauges read nice and pretty but the overall aesthetic is Spartan at best. It’s not so much what you get, with this car, but what you don’t.

What you DON’T get, is a lot of weight. Unfortunately that comes at the cost of having, manual seats, manual windows, manual mirrors and manual locks. You don’t even get cruise control! The only thing automatic is the gearbox. A gearbox that is biased towards economy but will actually shift when you tell it to.

Cargo space is a premium option with most economy cars, but this vehicle gets it from the factory. The boot is huge, surprisingly so, and you can fit you and three other rather tall people in the car. This means that the back seats are actually usable. In a car this small, that’s quite surprising.

At the end of the day, if you’re looking for a car to impress a client; you should pass on this one. But if you’re driving around town or between your hotel and business conference or are looking for a car to get you from the airport to your hotel, then this just may be the car for you! Safe travels.

Safety and Security		Amenities		Features		Comfort	
Spare Tire:	✓	AM/FM radio:	✓	Power Locks:	✓	Climate Control:	✓
Alarm:	✓	CD Player:	✗	Power Windows:	✗	Air Conditioning:	✓
Auto-off Headlights:	✓	Satellite Radio:	✓	Sun/Moon Roof:	✗	Rear A/C Controls:	✗
4 Wheel ABS:	✓	MP3 Player:	✓	Cruise Control:	✗	Power Front Seats:	✗
Brake Assist:	✓	Aux Input:	✓	Keyless Start:	✗	Heated Front Seats:	✗
Electronic Stability Control:	✓	Premium Sound:	✓	Remote Start:	✗	Lumbar Support:	✗
Daytime Running Lights:	✓	Built in GPS:	✗	Heated Mirrors:	✗	Pass Through Rear Seat:	✗
Child Safety Locks:	✓	Bluetooth Connectivity:	✓	Power Mirrors:	✗	Split Folding Rear Seat:	✓
Turn Signal Mirrors:	✗	Bluetooth Streaming:	✓	Steering Wheel Controls:	✓	Trunk Volume Cubic Feet:	14.9
Traction Control:	✓	Trip Computer:	✓	Front Cup Holders:	✓		
Tire Pressure Monitoring:	✓	Outside Air Temp:	✓	Rear Cup Holders:	✓		
Blind Spot Monitor:	✓	Compass:	✓	Remote Trunk Release:	✓		
Lane Departure Warning:	✗	Backup Camera:	✗				