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### Ratings *Auto Batteries*



Kirkland Signature 12866



EverStart Maxx-65N (North)



EverStart Maxx-24S (South)



EverStart Maxx-35N (North)



Kirkland Signature 12869

#### ☒ CR Best Buys

These models offer the best combination of performance and price.

In performance order, within type.

☒ CR Best Buy

Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Poor

Recommendation	Brand & model	Price	Overall score	Test results			Features				
				Life	Reserve capacity	CCA	Warranty	Handle	Maintenance free	Claimed CCA	
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GROUP 65											
	DieHard Platinum 50065 ⓘ ⓘ	\$180	90	🔴	🔴	🔴	45/100	•	•	93	
	Duralast Gold 65-DLG ⓘ	97	80	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/96	•		87	
✓	Kirkland Signature 12866 ⓘ	75	78	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	90	
	NAPA Performance Select 8465 ⓘ	90	77	🔴	🔴	🔴	24/84	•	•	75	
	AutoCraft Titanium 65-2 ⓘ	90	77	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/84	•		85	
✓	EverStart Maxx-65N (North) ⓘ	75	76	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•	•	85	
✓	EverStart Maxx-65S (South) ⓘ	75	73	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•		70	
	Interstate Mega-Tron Plus MTP-65	114	72	🟡	🔴	🔴	30/85			85	
	DieHard Gold 33165 (South) ⓘ	110	67	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	70	
	Duralast 65-DL ⓘ	88	66	🔴	🔴	🟡	24/84	•		75	
	DieHard Gold 33065 (North) ⓘ	110	62	🔴	🟡	🟡	36/100	•	•	87	
	Interstate Mega-Tron II MT-65	100	60	🔴	🔴	⬛	24/75			67	
	DieHard 30065 (North) ⓘ	90	54	🟡	🔴	⬛	18/72	•	•	67	
	DieHard 30365 (South) ⓘ	90	50	🔴	⬛	⬛	18/72	•	•	54	
GROUP 34/78 & 78											
	DieHard Platinum 50090 ⓘ ⓘ	180	91	🔴	🔴	🔴	48/100	•	•	88	
	Optima RedTop SC34U ⓘ	150	76	🔴	🟡	🔴	36/72	•	•	80	
	Deka Intimidator 9A78DT ⓘ	188	75	🔴	🔴	🔴	12/36	•	•	75	
	DieHard SUV, Truck and Van 39990 (South) ⓘ	120	72	🔴	🔴	🟡	36/100	•	•	72	
✓	NAPA Select 84 34/78 ⓘ	82	67	🔴	🟡	🔴	24/84	•	•	80	
✓	AutoCraft Titanium 34/78-4 ⓘ	83	66	🔴	🔴	🟡	36/84	•		80	
	DieHard SUV, Truck and Van 39890 (North) ⓘ	120	66	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	87	
	Orbital Exide Select ORB78DT-84 ⓘ	172	66	🟡	🟡	🔴	36/84	•	•	77	
	Interstate Mega-Tron Plus MTP-78DT	113	63	🔴	🟡	🟡	30/85	•		80	
	Duralast Gold 34DT-DLG ⓘ	95	63	🔴	🔴	🟡	36/96	•		80	
	EverStart Maxx-78N (North) ⓘ	75	60	🟡	🔴	🟡	36/108	•	•	77	
	EverStart Maxx-78S (South) ⓘ	75	59	🔴	🟡	⬛	36/108	•		65	
	Interstate Mega-Tron II MT-78DT	99	52	🟡	🟡	🟡	24/75	•		72	
GROUP 24 /24F											
	Interstate Mega-Tron Plus MTP-24	101	83	🔴	🔴	🔴	30/85	•	•	80	
✓	EverStart Maxx-24N (North) ⓘ	75	82	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•	•	70	
✓	EverStart Maxx-24S (South) ⓘ	75	78	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•		70	
	DieHard Gold 33123 (South) ⓘ	110	76	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	70	
	Duralast Gold 24-DLG ⓘ	89	75	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/96	•		75	
	AutoCraft Titanium 24-6 ⓘ	85	72	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/84	•		70	
	DieHard Gold 33023 (North) ⓘ	110	59	🟡	🟡	🔴	36/100	•	•	70	
	Interstate Mega-Tron II MT-24	88	43	🟡	⬛	🟡	24/75			60	
GROUP 35											
	Duralast Gold 35-DLG ⓘ	93	79	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/96	•	•	64	
✓	EverStart Maxx-35N (North) ⓘ	75	79	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•		64	
	DieHard Gold 33035 (North) ⓘ	110	78	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	64	
✓	EverStart Maxx-35S (South) ⓘ	75	73	🔴	🔴	🔴	36/108	•		55	
	Interstate Mega-Tron Plus MTP-35	90	68	🟡	🔴	🔴	30/85			64	
	DieHard Gold 33135 (South) ⓘ	110	64	🟡	🔴	🔴	36/100	•	•	55	
GROUP 75											

<sup>1</sup> At Sears and Kmart only. <sup>2</sup> At AutoZone only. <sup>3</sup> At Costco only. <sup>4</sup> At NAPA only. <sup>5</sup> At Advance Auto Parts only. <sup>6</sup> At Wal-Mart only. <sup>7</sup> Absorbed glass-mat (AGM) technology.

Under **brand & model**, we note models sold in the North or South; others are sold nationally. **Overall score** combines life-test performance, reserve capacity, and cold-cranking-amp (CCA) performance in our tests; scores are relative to others in their group sizes. **Life test** measures how a battery endures repeated charge-and-discharge cycles at hot-climate engine-compartment temperatures. The more cycles endured while maintaining a higher voltage, the higher the score. **Reserve capacity** estimates how long batteries can run a car if the charging system fails. **CCA performance** reflects voltage at our load of half the average claimed CCA for each group size after cranking for 15 seconds at 0° F. We charged batteries at the 14.5 volts that vehicles typically supply, rather than the higher voltage that manufacturers use. Batteries charged at the lower voltage met BCI voltage standards for a fully charged battery. **Claimed CCA** is the manufacturer's claimed performance that appears on the battery. **Warranty** reflects the free-replacement period and the total prorated periods in months. **Price** is approximate retail.

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