



Citroen C4

RATING	SCORE	Front: 15 Side: 16	Seatbelt reminder: 2 Pole: 2
 ADULT OCCUPANT ★★★★★	35		
 CHILD OCCUPANT ★★★★★	42		
 PEDESTRIAN ★★★☆☆	22		

Adult occupant protection



Frontal impact driver



Frontal impact passenger



Side impact driver

■	GOOD
■	ADEQUATE
■	MARGINAL
■	WEAK
■	POOR

Child restraints

18 month old Child

Britax Roemer Baby-safe, rearward facing

3 year old Child

Britax Roemer Duo Plus, forward facing

Pedestrian protection

No image car front available

Safety equipment

Front seatbelt pretensioners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Front seatbelt load limiters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver frontal airbag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Front passenger frontal airbag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Side body airbags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Side head airbags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver knee airbag	<input type="checkbox"/>

Car details

Hand of drive	LHD
Tested model	Citroën C4 1.6 SX
Body type	small family car
Year of publication	2004
Kerb weight	1250
VIN from which rating applies	Applies to all applies C4s

Comments

The C4 is a strong performing car, deserving its five-star rating for occupant protection. The stable passenger cell protected all occupants well. The restraint systems include dual stage airbags, belt pre-tensioners and load limiters, seat mounted side airbags and a head protecting curtain airbag. An intelligent seat belt reminder operates for the driver and rear passengers. Child protection was good and that for pedestrians was also very effective.

Front impact

The body suffered minimal deformation and the driver's door could be opened and closed normally afterwards. The dual-stage airbags and belt pre-tensioners in combination with load limiters and the stable structure worked well, keeping loads on the driver's chest and legs low. Much work has been carried out in the drivers knee impact area to reduce injuries but contact with a metal plate at the steering column still posed a risk. The footwell suffered little intrusion and control of the pedals in the crash was good.

Side impact

A very impressive protection system includes seat-mounted thorax airbags and a head curtain airbag, which also protects those seated in the rear.

Child occupant

The recommended restraints used a forward-facing Britax Romer Duo Plus for the three-year-old and a rear-facing Britax Romer BabySafe Plus for the 18-monthold. The Duo Plus was installed using ISOFIX anchorages, while the Baby Safe used the adult belts. Both children were well protected in the frontal and side impact. There is a manual on/off switch fitted to the passenger frontal airbag. This was indicated by a non-permanent pictogram and text label on the end of the passenger's fascia. Permanent labels to both sides of the passenger's sun visor warned of the dangers of placing a child in a rear-facing restraint opposite an active airbag.

Pedestrian

The bumper offered full compliance, while the leading edge of the bonnet offered good protection, as did the areas where a child's head might strike. The adult head impact area offered limited protection. Overall a very good effort and, with the Seat Altea, the best to date.