

# Mazda 3

Mazda 3 1.6 'Touring', LHD







2009 ☆☆☆☆☆



# **ADULT OCCUPANT**



### Drive Passe CHES Passe Winds Steeri Steeri Chest whee UPPE Stiff s Conce LOW Footw Rearv Upwa

### SIDE

Head protection airbag	Yes
Chest protection airbag	Yes

### WHIPLASH

ADEQUATE

MARGINAL

WEAK POOR

Seat description	Standard cloth, 4 way manual adjust
Head restraint type	Reactive
Geometric assessment	-0,4 pts
TESTS	
- High severity	2,3 pts
- Medium severity	2,4 pts
- Low severity	2,5 pts

## Total 31 pts | 86%

FRONTAL IMPACT	
HEAD	
Driver airbag contact	stable
Passenger airbag contact	stable
CHEST	
Passenger compartment	stable
Windscreen Pillar rearward	2mm
Steering wheel rearward	none
Steering wheel upward	none
Chest contact with steering wheel	none
UPPER LEGS, KNEES AND PE	LVIS
Stiff structures in dashboard	none
Concentrated loads on knees	none
LOWER LEGS AND FEET	
Footwell Collapse	none
Rearward pedal movement	clutch - 52mm
Upward pedal movement	clutch - 16mm
SIDE IMPACT	

# CHILD OCCUPANT

**18 MONTH OLD CHILD** 

# Total 41 pts | 84%

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Restraint Britax Romer Baby Safe		Head forward movement	protected
<b>Group</b> 0, 0+		Head acceleration	good
Facing rearward		Chest load	good
Installation ISOFIX anchorages and to	op tether		
		SIDE IMPACT	
PERFORMANCE	12 pts	Head containment	protected
INSTRUCTIONS	4 pts	Head acceleration	good
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INSTALLATION	2 pts		
3 YEAR OLD CHILD		FRONTAL IMPACT	
Restraint Britax Romer Duo Plus		Head forward movement	protected
Group 1		Head acceleration	good
Facing forward		Chest load	good
Installation ISOFIX anchorages and s frame	upport		
Itanie		SIDE IMPACT	
PERFORMANCE	10 mto	SIDE IMPACT	
PERFORMANCE	12 pts	Head containment	protected
INSTRUCTIONS	4 pts	Head acceleration	good
INSTALLATION	2 pts		
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VEHICLE BASED	5 pts	Airbag warning Label	Text and pictogram warning label
ASSESSMENT	0 010		premanently attached to both sides of

FRONTAL IMPACT

PEDESTRIAN	Total 18 pts   51%
	GOOD MARGINAL POOR
HEAD	10,2 pts
PELVIS	2 pts
LEG	6 pts

SAFETY	ASSIST	Total 5 pts	71%
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the passenger sun visor

SPEED LIMITATION ASSISTANCE	0 pts
- 0, not available	
ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC)	3 pts
- standard	
SEATBELT REMINDER	2 pts
- driver - passenger	1 pts 1 pts
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# DETAILS OF TESTED CAR

### SPECIFICATIONS

Mazda 3 1.6 'Touring', LHD
5 door hatchback
2009
1257kg
from JMZBL14Z201124005

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Front seatbelt pretensioners	
Front seatbelt load limiters	
Driver frontal airbag	single stage
Front passenger frontal airbag	single stage
Side body airbags	
Side head airbags	
Driver knee airbag	

## COMMENTS

#### Adult occupant

The passenger compartment remained stable in the frontal impact, the windscreen pillar moving rearward by only 2mm. The car scored maximum points for its protection of the driver dummy. Protection of the passenger was rated as adequate for the chest and good for other body regions. Mazda were able to demonstrate that the knees and femurs of occupants of different sizes, and of those sat in different seating positions, would be similarly well protected. In the side barrier impact, dummy readings were good in all body regions. However, the curtain airbag did not deploy fully at the rear, leaving a space where an occupant's head might contact the C pillar. This was penalised by Euro NCAP and is reflected in a lowered score for the driver's head protection. The same phenomenon occurred in the more severe side pole test and that test was similarly penalised. In the pole test, dummy readings in the chest indicated poor protection. The seat and head restraint provided marginal protection against whiplash injuries in a rear impact.

#### **Child occupant**

Based on dummy readings from the frontal and side barrier tests, the Mazda 3 scored maximum points for its protection of both the 18 month and the 3 year infant. Forward movement of the head of the 3 year old, sat in a forward facing restraint, was well controlled. In the side impact, both dummies were properly contained by the shells of their restraints. The passenger airbag can be disabled to allow a rearward facing child restraint to be used in that seating position. However, information provided to the dummy regarding the status of the airbag is not sufficiently clear. Cars with serial numbers greater than JMZBL14Z201124005 have a permanently visible label warning of the dangers of using a rearward facing restraint in that seat without first disabling the airbag. Earlier cars did not have such labels and would have scored two points less for child occupant protection, although the star rating would be unchanged.

#### Pedestrian

The bumper scored maximum points for its protection of pedestrians' legs. However, in those areas most likely to be struck by an adult's head, the bonnet provided poor protection and scored no points.

#### Safety assist

Electronic Stability Control is standard equipment on the Mazda 3, as is a seatbelt reminder system for the driver and front passenger seats.