Test Results

Renault Clio

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**Adult occupant protection**

- Frontal impact driver
- Frontal impact passenger
- Side impact driver

**Child restraints**

- 18 month old Child: Britax Roemer Baby-safe Plus, rearward facing
- 3 year old Child: Britax Roemer Duo Plus, forward facing

**Safety equipment**

- Front seatbelt pretensioners
- Front seatbelt load limiters
- Driver frontal airbag
- Front passenger frontal airbag
- Side body airbags
- Side head airbags
- Driver knee airbag
- ISOfix front
- ISOfix rear

**Pedestrian protection**

No image car front available

**Car details**

- Hand of drive: LHD
- Tested model: Renault Clio 1.5 dCi comfort
- Body type: SUPERMINI
- Year of publication: 2005
- Kerb weight: 1165
- VIN from which rating applies: CRF001500

**Comments**

The new Clio performed soundly in most aspects of testing. The car’s body proved to be extremely strong and protected its adult occupants. Protection for children seated in the car was also good. However, the protection it gave pedestrians was poor, scoring just 9 points out of a possible 36 in this part of the tests.

**Front impact**

The body suffered minimal deformation. The dual stage frontal airbags, belt pre-tensioners and load limiters worked well to keep the impacts recorded on the front occupants’ chests and legs low. Despite a padded steering column shroud, contact with the steering column and glove box lid would pose a risk of knee injury to the driver and passenger. Foam padding protected the driver’s feet while the footwell suffered little deformation or intrusion.

**Side impact**

An impressive side impact protection system includes seat mounted thorax airbags and a head curtain airbag, which also protects those seated in the rear. Some loads transferred unrealistically up the driver’s spine, slightly reducing the forces recorded at his chest so that a top score was not achieved.
Child occupant
A four-language, permanent text and pictogram label warning against placing a child in a rear-facing restraint on opposite an active airbag is fitted on both sides of the passenger’s sun visor. The vehicle had a manual switch for the passenger airbag on the end of the passenger’s fascia. Its status cannot be changed when the ignition is on and, if this is attempted, a warning light glows. The restraint used by the 3 year old child was a forward-facing Renault branded Britax Romer Duo Plus, which was fitted using the ISOFIX anchorages and top tether. The restraint used by the 18 month old child was a rear-facing Renault branded Britax Romer BabySafe Plus fitted using the ISOFIX anchorages and a support leg. Both children were protected in the side impact but, in the frontal impact neck loads on the younger child and chest loads on the 3 year old were a little high.

Pedestrian
The bonnet gave some cushioning where an adult’s and child’s head would most likely strike, but the wings, the bonnet leading edge and bumper offered no protection.