

TEST RESULTS



Ford Kuga

RATING	SCORE	Front: 12.7 Side: 16	Seatbelt reminder: 2 Pole: 2
ADULT OCCUPANT ★★★★★	33		
CHILD OCCUPANT ★★★★★☆	38		
PEDESTRIAN ★★★☆☆	20		

Adult occupant protection



Frontal impact driver



Frontal impact passenger



Side impact driver

■	GOOD
■	ADEQUATE
■	MARGINAL
■	WEAK
■	POOR

Child restraints

18 month old Child Roemer Baby-safe ISOFIX, rearward facing

3 year old Child Roemer Duo, forward facing

Pedestrian protection



Pedestrian protection

■	GOOD
■	ADEQUATE
■	MARGINAL

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

Tested model	Ford Kuga 2.0 diesel 'Trend', LHD
Body type	5 door SUV
Year of publication	2008
Kerb weight	1613kg
VIN from which rating applies	Applies to all applies Kugas

Comments

Front impact

The passenger compartment remained stable in the impact. However, there was insufficient pressure in the driver's airbag to prevent the head from bottoming it out and contacting the steering wheel. The knees and femurs of the front seat passengers were well protected. Ford showed that a similar level of protection would be provided for occupants of different sizes or those sat in different positions.

Side impact

The Kuga scored maximum points for its performance in the side impact and pole tests.

Child occupant

Based on dummy responses in the dynamic tests, the Kuga scored maximum points for its protection of the 1½ year dummy. A switch can be fitted by Ford dealers which allows the passenger airbag to be disabled. However, information provided to the driver regarding the status of the airbag is not sufficiently clear. There was no clear warning of the dangers associated with using a rearward facing child restraint in the front passenger seat without first disabling the airbag. The presence of ISOFIX anchorages in the rear outboard seats was not clearly marked.

Pedestrian

The bumper scored maximum points for its protection of pedestrians' legs. However, the front edge of the bonnet was rated as predominantly poor, as was the protection offered to the head of a struck adult by the bonnet surface.