





Renault Scenic

| RATING | SCORE | Front: 11 | Pole: 2 |
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|  ADULT OCCUPANT ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ | 29 | Side: 16 | |
|  PEDESTRIAN ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ | 10 | Pre 2002 rating | |

Adult occupant protection



Frontal impact driver



Frontal impact passenger



Side impact driver

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| ■ | GOOD |
| ■ | ADEQUATE |
| ■ | MARGINAL |
| ■ | WEAK |
| ■ | POOR |

Child restraints

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| 18 month old Child | Renault branded Kiddy, rearward facing |
| 3 year old Child | Renault branded Kiddy, rearward facing |

Safety equipment

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| 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"/> |

Pedestrian protection

No image car front available

Car details

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| Hand of drive | LHD |
| Tested model | Renault Scenic 1.4 |
| Body type | 5 door MPV |
| Year of publication | 2001 |
| Kerb weight | 1200 |
| VIN from which rating applies | All 2001 models if fitted with curtain airbags. |

Comments

The re-tested scenic was an upgraded model fitted with a head protection curtain and a separate thorax airbag. A head and thorax airbag was previously tested but it failed to protect the driver's head. The curtain improves head protection and also better safeguards rear passengers. Padding under the steering wheel where the driver's knees would strike was not as effective as that provided in the Mégane hatch that Euro NCAP has tested previously.

Front impact

The cabin provided a safe cell. Driver and passenger airbags were fitted as standard. The front belts had pre-tensioners and were load limited. They reduced chest injury risks for both occupants. Protection where the driver's knees might strike the facia was insufficient to reduce the risk of lower limb injuries, however. The centre rear seat was equipped with a three-point inertia reel belt which gave superior protection to that of a lap belt.

Side impact

The Scenic achieved a full score. There was concern that while the padding in the door suited the seating position used, it may not give the same protection to drivers much above or below average size.

Child occupant

Occupants were particularly well informed of the danger of using a rear-facing child seat on the front passenger's seat opposite an airbag. Well-designed warning labels were fixed to both sides of each sun visor, but the labels could be peeled off and lost too easily. The rear-facing restraints used were Renault-branded Kiddy child seats. The one used for the 3-year-old did not protect his head in the frontal or side impacts. The 18-month-old's seat used the car's ISOFIX installation points and provided protection. A high neck load was recorded, however, suggests injury risks in a real-world accident.

Pedestrian

Unfortunately the good passenger protection built into this car is not matched by what's on offer for pedestrians. The bonnet provides some cushioning but the bumper and leading edge of the bonnet were hard and unforgiving where a pedestrian might be struck.