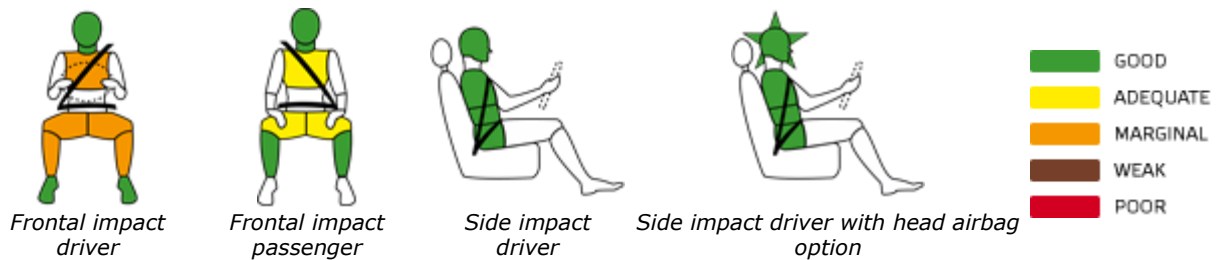




Audi A2

RATING	SCORE
ADULT OCCUPANT ★★☆☆☆	26 Front: 10 Side: 16
PEDESTRIAN ★☆☆☆☆	5

Adult occupant protection



Child restraints

18 month old Child	Britax Roemer Duo, forward facing
3 year old Child	Britax Roemer Duo, 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 type="checkbox"/>
Driver knee airbag	<input type="checkbox"/>
ISOfix front	<input type="checkbox"/>
ISOfix rear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Car details

Hand of drive	LHD
Tested model	Audi A2 1.4
Body type	5 door hatchback
Year of publication	2002
Kerb weight	910
VIN from which rating applies	WAZZZ8ZXNO40001

Comments

The A2 proved itself to be a capable all-rounder. Its body withstood the frontal crash well, the passenger compartment suffering only minor deformation. The protection it gave in the side impact was also good. Audi asked Euro NCAP to put an A2 fitted with head-protecting curtain airbags through its pole test. It passed but, because these airbags are available as cost-extra options on most models, this result is not shown as part of the findings published here. Protection given by the child restraints was good in places but weak in others, and the cushioning the A2 offered pedestrians in a collision proved disappointing.

Front impact

A front passenger airbag is standard on the A2. Loads on the driver's chest were high but they were acceptable for the passenger. Footwell intrusion was minimal as was the displacement of the screen pillar. While efforts to protect the driver's knees were evident they did not fully satisfy Euro NCAP requirements which, it is acknowledged, is difficult in a such a small car. There was a risk of injury to the driver's knees from contact with unforgiving structures located behind

he fascia.

Side impact

The A2 kept its adult occupants safe during this test and returned a maximum score for a car not undergoing the additional, 'pole' test. Audi offers optional head-protecting airbags (curtain) and the company paid for a test to be carried out. The car passed. But, because these were an optional extra, this result is not included here.

Child occupant

The same forward-facing restraints were used for the 3-year-old and 18-month-old. The children's heads were protected in the frontal test but the older child's was not in the side impact. Chest loads on the older child were high in the frontal test and neck loads on his younger sibling were unacceptable. There was a pictogram on the centre pillar and peel-off label on the windscreen. Neither warned against using a rear-facing restraint On the front passenger's seat.

Pedestrian

The large windscreen helped the A2 to give some benefit, but overall this proved a poor performance.