



## Ford Mondeo

RATING	SCORE	Front: 10	Side: 16	Pole: 2
 <b>ADULT OCCUPANT</b> ★★☆☆☆	<b>28</b>			
 <b>PEDESTRIAN</b> ★☆☆☆☆	<b>13</b>	Pre 2002 rating		

### Adult occupant protection



- GOOD
- ADEQUATE
- MARGINAL
- WEAK
- POOR

### Child restraints

<b>18 month old Child</b>	Britax Rock-a-tot, rearward facing
<b>3 year old Child</b>	Britax Elite, forward facing

### Pedestrian protection

No image car front available

### Safety equipment

<b>Front seatbelt pretensioners</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Front seatbelt load limiters</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Driver frontal airbag</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Front passenger frontal airbag</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Side body airbags</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Side head airbags</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Driver knee airbag</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Car details

<b>Hand of drive</b>	RHD
<b>Tested model</b>	Ford Mondeo 1.8 LX
<b>Body type</b>	5 door hatchback
<b>Year of publication</b>	2002
<b>Kerb weight</b>	1375
<b>VIN from which rating applies</b>	WF04XXGBB41D74713

### Comments

Ford's Mondeo was tested a year ago and the results were published last November. Then, Ford promised improvements and this latest test tracks changes made after the results were originally published. The Mondeo performed well but was criticised by testers because its body became unstable during the frontal impact and because high loads were transmitted to the driver's and passenger's chests, increasing injury risks. Otherwise, it gave balanced occupant protection in the front and side impacts, particularly for children in the rear.

#### Front impact

The restraint system now keeps the driver's head and chest away from the steering wheel but instead he suffers fairly high chest loads. Hard points under the steering wheel posed a risk to his knees and upper legs, although modifications improved the protection available. The centre rear seat is equipped with a three-point belt that protects far better than a lap-only belt.

#### Side impact

The Mondeo comes equipped with thoracic and head curtain airbags. These worked well in protecting the driver and the head curtain would also provide protection to rear passengers.

#### Child occupant

The 18 month-old was put in a rear-facing restraint and the 3-year-old in a forward facing one. Both worked well in protecting the children during the frontal and side impacts. However the pictogram on the end of the passenger's facia

warning of the danger of a rear facing child restraint in the front passenger's seat could be misunderstood. It was backed, however, by a written warning label, in English, French, and Spanish, which was fixed to the passenger's sun visor. This label was visible with the sun-visor in the stowed position and mentioned the possibility of death or serious injury if a child was placed up front in a rear-facing restraint.

### **Pedestrian**

The pedestrian protection was assessed using the old procedure and the Mondeo has not been re-tested using the new one. For that reason, scores and other details of the car's performance are not given opposite.