



Opel/Vauxhall Vectra

RATING	SCORE	Front: 12	Pole: 2
 ADULT OCCUPANT ★★★★★	30	Side: 16	
 PEDESTRIAN ★☆☆☆☆	5		

Adult occupant protection



Frontal impact driver



Frontal impact passenger



Side impact driver

■	GOOD
■	ADEQUATE
■	MARGINAL
■	WEAK
■	POOR

Child restraints

18 month old Child	Kiddy 2000, rearward facing
3 year old Child	Kiddy 2000, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver knee airbag	<input type="checkbox"/>

Car details

Hand of drive	LHD
Tested model	Opel Vectra 1.8 SE
Body type	4 door saloon
Year of publication	2002
Kerb weight	1365
VIN from which rating applies	WOLO2CF69L1058000

Comments

The latest Vectra has a strong body that protects its passengers. It withstood the frontal impact well enough to allow all of its doors to open normally afterwards. The chest loads on the driver were relatively high, though. Both children used ISOFIX restraints and the younger one's worked well. However, the restraints had no labels to confirm that they met type approval regulations, although Opel told Euro NCAP that they did. Like most of the other cars tested here, the Vectra was poor at protecting pedestrians from harm.

Front impact

The Vectra withstood the impact well, suffering minimal distortion to its footwell and door aperture, while its brake and accelerator pedals moved only a short distance downwards and backwards. The car has pedals designed to break away in order to protect the driver's feet, but the footwell was not damaged badly enough to trigger this safety system. Both the driver's and passenger's knees were at risk from striking hard points behind the fascia. The centre rear belt was a three point type that has been shown to give far superior protection to that of a lap-only belt.

Side impact

The car achieved a maximum score for its safety performance in this test. Opel provides a head-protecting side airbag (curtain) that protects the rear seat passenger as well as the driver. The car passed, confirming that the head-protecting airbag performs well.

Child occupant

An airbag warning pictogram was posted on the passenger's end of the fascia but this did not warn of the danger associated with using a rearward-facing restraint on the front passenger seat. ISOFIX mountings are installed in all new

Vectras and these were used to attach the child restraints. Opel-branded Kiddy seats were recommended for both children. The younger child's restraint performed well in the frontal and side tests but the older child's seat proved to be poor in both tests.

Pedestrian

Just four places of 18 tested on the car's front offered protection. This is poor for a new car and Euro NCAP believes that Opel needs to do more for vulnerable road users.