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CX-3

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1998 cc

ENGINE

115 kW

POWER

155 mm

CLEARANCE

15.9 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 440,000 – 551,600

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/mazda/cx-3/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Mazda CX-3 fills a specific place in the South African market: an urban crossover for drivers who want a stronger 2.0-litre naturally aspirated engine and a raised visual stance without moving to a family-size SUV. It is a compact crossover with petrol power. The current South African range is 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD, 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Individual Auto FWD. That range structure matters because a useful buying decision starts with the locally offered product, not a foreign configurator or an estimated price. The shared powertrain makes the edition walk an equipment decision rather than an engine decision. Active protects the entry price, Dynamic adds everyday convenience, Carbon uses darker sport-themed finishes, and Individual concentrates on premium cabin and assistance features. The result is a vehicle that should be shortlisted according to the work it must do every week, the roads it will use and the ownership costs that continue after delivery. The mechanical proposition is equally important. Every current edition uses a naturally aspirated 2.0-litre SKYACTIV-G petrol engine with 115 kW...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2015
Generation	Current first-generation DK-series Mazda CX-3
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Aero Grey, Snowflake White Pearl, Jet Black, Machine Grey, Polymetal Grey, Platinum Quartz and Soul Red Crystal are listed, with Carbon availability limited to selected finishes.
OEM Website	https://www.mazda.co.za/cars/cx-3

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 440,000 – 551,600	4 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 440,000
2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 479,300
2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 551,600
2.0 Individual Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 551,600

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 456,280
Cape Town	ZAR 458,900
Durban	ZAR 454,300
Pretoria	ZAR 455,290

* On-road prices are estimates including registration, road tax and insurance.

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS ✓ Strong 2.0-litre engine for the class ✓ Six-speed automatic across the range ✓ Compact parking footprint ✓ Four clear equipment editions ✓ Carbon and Individual offer distinct character ✓ Current five-year MazdaCare package	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Small luggage capacity ✗ Rear space needs checking ✗ No manual derivative ✗ No all-wheel-drive local edition ✗ Top editions raise tyre and insurance cost ✗ City/highway economy splits are unpublished
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Expert Verdict

"A focused compact crossover that should be chosen by exact local derivative, real weekly use and complete ownership cost."

The Mazda CX-3 deserves consideration for its clearly defined role as an urban crossover for drivers who want a stronger 2.0-litre naturally aspirated engine and a raised visual stance without moving to a family-size SUV. Its strongest qualities are strong 2.0-litre engine for the class, six-speed automatic across the range, compact parking footprint, while the main cautions are small luggage capacity, rear space needs checking, no manual derivative. The correct derivative is the one that covers the buyer's regular safety, space and drivetrain needs at a sustainable total cost. Current buyers should compare written on-road quotations and exact build specifications. Pre-launch buyers should keep a place on the shortlist but delay any firm value judgement until South African variants, prices and warranty terms are published.

City Driving	Short dimensions and an automatic gearbox suit congested routes, but the small luggage area and rear accommodation should be checked with the people and equipment normally carried. Camera and sensor coverage differ by edition and can materially change daily ease. For city ownership, compare the turning circle, parking aids, low-speed drivetrain response and real garage dimensions. Air-conditioning, phone integration and seat comfort should be tested during a realistic commute. Short-trip fuel use can differ materially from a combined claim, while an electrified CX-3 only delivers its best operating-cost case when charging is convenient and consistently used.
Highway	The 115 kW engine gives the CX-3 useful naturally aspirated performance for merging and passing. The buyer should balance that advantage against its compact cabin, 48-litre tank and the tyre cost attached to the chosen wheel size. On faster roads in the CX-3, the useful questions are stability in wind, passing response at altitude, braking with a full passenger load and how often its drivetrain changes gear or calls on a range extender. Service-plan distance, roadside assistance, spare-wheel type and tyre availability deserve attention before frequent inter-provincial travel in this compact crossover. A calm 120 km/h test is more revealing than a short burst of acceleration.
Off-Road	The CX-3 is front-wheel drive and intended for road-biased use. It can handle maintained gravel with sensible speeds, but Mazda does not position the local editions as low-range or technical off-road vehicles. Ground clearance alone does not establish the CX-3's off-road ability. Tyre sidewall, approach and departure angles, cooling, traction hardware and underbody protection define its safe envelope. Owners who regularly visit farms, sites or lodges should use the exact local figures and choose a CX-3 derivative whose driven wheels and tyres suit those routes. For ordinary damaged tar, controlled speed remains more valuable than a styling package.

Best For

The natural buyer is someone seeking an urban crossover for drivers who want a stronger 2.0-litre naturally aspirated engine and a raised visual stance without moving to a family-size SUV. They should know their annual distance, normal passenger load, charging access where relevant, insurance budget and whether the car will spend most of its life in traffic, on national roads or on gravel. The CX-3 makes most sense when its confirmed drivetrain and equipment solve those repeated needs without forcing the household to finance capability it will rarely use.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Mazda CX-3 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD	2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD	2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD	2.0 Individual Auto FWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 440,000	ZAR 479,300	ZAR 551,600	ZAR 551,600
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top	Flagship
Engine	1998 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)
Max Torque	206 Nm (152 lb-ft)	206 Nm (152 lb-ft)	206 Nm (152 lb-ft)	206 Nm (152 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	15.9 km/l	15.9 km/l	15.9 km/l	15.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	240 L	240 L	240 L	230 L
Ground Clearance	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm
Kerb Weight	1270 kg	1270 kg	1270 kg	1270 kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 440,000

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	15.9 km/l	Petrol Automatic

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine Displacement Litres	2.0 l	Engine Type Config	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Engine	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G	Engine Type	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	115 kW	Power @ RPM	6000
Torque	206 Nm	Torque @ RPM	2800
Turbocharger	Naturally Aspirated	Top Speed	197 km/h

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	6 km/h	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Drive Type	FWD
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	Drivetrain	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Max Payload	373 kg	Number of Doors	5
Boot Space Seats Folded	1150 l	Rear Shoulder Room	1281 mm
Front Shoulder Room	1360 mm	Rear Legroom	888 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Width Mm	1765 mm
Turning Circle M	11.4	Turning Circle	11.4
Boot Space	240 l	Front Legroom	1058 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Type	Petrol	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Fuel Efficiency	15.9 l/100km	AC Charging Power	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Standard
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Standard

Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front & Rear
Side Airbags	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
EBD	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charging	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Service Plan	3 Years/Unlimited km
Push Button Start	Standard	Keyless Entry	Standard
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Climate Control	Manual
Seatbelt Reminder	Front & Rear	AC Type	Manual
Stability Control	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD

ZAR 479,300

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	15.9 km/l	Petrol Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine Displacement Litres	2.0 l	Engine Type Config	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Engine	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G	Engine Type	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	115 kW	Power @ RPM	6000
Torque	206 Nm	Torque @ RPM	2800
Turbocharger	Naturally Aspirated	Top Speed	197 km/h

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	6 km/h	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Drive Type	FWD
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	Drivetrain	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Max Payload	458 kg	Number of Doors	5
Boot Space Seats Folded	1150 l	Rear Shoulder Room	1281 mm
Front Shoulder Room	1360 mm	Rear Legroom	888 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Width Mm	1765 mm
Turning Circle M	11.4	Turning Circle	11.4
Boot Space	240 l	Front Legroom	1058 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Type	Petrol	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Fuel Efficiency	15.9 l/100km	AC Charging Power	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Standard
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Standard

Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front & Rear
Side Airbags	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
EBD	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charging	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Service Plan	3 Years/Unlimited km
Push Button Start	Standard	Keyless Entry	Smart
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Climate Control	Automatic
Seatbelt Reminder	Front & Rear	AC Type	Automatic
Stability Control	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available

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07 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 551,600

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine Displacement Litres	2.0 l	Engine Type Config	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Engine	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G	Engine Type	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	115 kW	Power @ RPM	6000
Torque	206 Nm	Torque @ RPM	2800
Turbocharger	Naturally Aspirated	Top Speed	197 km/h

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	6 km/h	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Drive Type	FWD
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	Drivetrain	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Max Payload	465 kg	Number of Doors	5
Boot Space Seats Folded	1150 l	Rear Shoulder Room	1281 mm
Front Shoulder Room	1360 mm	Rear Legroom	888 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Width Mm	1765 mm
Turning Circle M	11.4	Turning Circle	11.4
Boot Space	240 l	Front Legroom	1058 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Type	Petrol	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Fuel Efficiency	15.9 l/100km	AC Charging Power	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Standard
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Standard

Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front & Rear
Side Airbags	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
EBD	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charging	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Service Plan	3 Years/Unlimited km
Push Button Start	Standard	Keyless Entry	Smart
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Climate Control	Automatic
Seatbelt Reminder	Front & Rear	AC Type	Automatic
Stability Control	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

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08 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Individual Auto FWD

ZAR 551,600

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine Displacement Litres	2.0 l	Engine Type Config	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Engine	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G	Engine Type	2.0 Litre in-line 4 cylinder SKYACTIV-G
Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	115 kW	Power @ RPM	6000
Torque	206 Nm	Torque @ RPM	2800
Turbocharger	Naturally Aspirated	Top Speed	197 km/h

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	6 km/h	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Drive Type	FWD
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
Transmission	6-Speed Auto	Drivetrain	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Max Payload	465 kg	Number of Doors	5
Boot Space Seats Folded	1140 l	Rear Shoulder Room	1281 mm
Front Shoulder Room	1360 mm	Rear Legroom	888 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Width Mm	1765 mm
Turning Circle M	11.4	Turning Circle	11.4
Boot Space	230 l	Front Legroom	1058 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Type	Petrol	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Fuel Efficiency	15.9 l/100km	AC Charging Power	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Standard
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Standard

Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front & Rear
Side Airbags	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
EBD	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charging	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Service Plan	3 Years/Unlimited km
Push Button Start	Standard	Keyless Entry	Smart
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Climate Control	Automatic
Seatbelt Reminder	Front & Rear	AC Type	Automatic
Stability Control	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available

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