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MAZDA

CX-3

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1998 cc	115 kW	155 mm	15.9 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 440,000 – 551,600

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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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. 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. 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. Every current edition uses a naturally aspirated 2.0-litre SKYACTIV-G petrol engine with 115 kW and 206 Nm through a six-speed automatic transmission and front-wheel drive. The CX-3 is a five-seat compact crossover with a 240-litre luggage volume on most editions. Carbon and Individual take different styling and comfort routes at the same current list price. 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…



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

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 440,000 – 551,600	4 Listed Variants

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 & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R440,000
- ✓ Engine: 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 115 kW @ 6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Automatic

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for CX-3 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for CX-3 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written CX-3 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate CX-3 budget.
- ✗ A short CX-3 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ CX-3 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"CX-3 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

Buyers comparing the CX-3 should request a written quotation for the exact derivative, ask whether paint or dealer accessories change the financed amount and check that warranty and service-plan start dates are recorded correctly. CX-3 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in engine of 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and accept the limitation represented by a 6-Speed Auto transmission. A fair review of CX-3 should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a South African price reference of R440,000, engine of 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and a power output of 115 kW @ 6000 rpm can be valuable for the right driver for CX-3. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for CX-3. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for CX-3

City Driving	Around town, CX-3 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The urban test for CX-3 should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. The vehicle's engine of 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol is only useful if access and visibility work in practice for CX-3. Check the mirrors and camera yourself, and remember that short journeys, idling and heavy air-conditioning use can move fuel consumption away from the laboratory figure for CX-3
Highway	On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the CX-3 out with the load it normally carries. A power output of 115 kW @ 6000 rpm gives context, but a number cannot show how a 6-Speed Automatic transmission feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the CX-3 needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Check how it tracks on uneven tar, how the transmission responds after a downshift and whether the boot or load area remains usable for CX-3. A 6-Speed Automatic transmission helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for CX-3

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Off-Road	If the CX-3 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for CX-3. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for CX-3. A power output of 115 kW @ 6000 rpm may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for CX-3. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for CX-3
Best For	A shopper researching CX-3 should separate need from showroom appeal. If engine of 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

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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	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed 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** (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

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 6-Speed Automatic

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1998 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	83.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Final Drive Ratio	4.105	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4275 mm	Width	1765 mm
Height	1536 mm	Wheelbase	2570 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l
Boot/Cargo Space	240 l	Kerb Weight	1270 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1643 kg	Payload Capacity	373 kg
Towing Capacity	850 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	48
City Mileage	12.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	18.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l		—

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Standard
AC Type	Manual	Climate Control	Manual

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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 6-Speed Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1998 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	83.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Final Drive Ratio	4.325	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4275 mm	Width	1765 mm
Height	1535 mm	Wheelbase	2570 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l
Boot/Cargo Space	240 l	Kerb Weight	1270 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1728 kg	Payload Capacity	458 kg
Towing Capacity	850 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	48
City Mileage	12.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	18.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l		—

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Smart
AC Type	Automatic	Climate Control	Automatic

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→ See 2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD ZAR 551,600

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	15.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Automatic

Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1998 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	83.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Final Drive Ratio	4.325	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4275 mm	Width	1765 mm
Height	1534 mm	Wheelbase	2570 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l
Boot/Cargo Space	240 l	Kerb Weight	1270 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1735 kg	Payload Capacity	465 kg
Towing Capacity	850 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	48
City Mileage	12.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	18.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l		—

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Smart
AC Type	Automatic	Climate Control	Automatic

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→ See 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

08 Mazda CX-3 — 2.0 Individual Auto FWD ZAR 551,600

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	206 Nm · 152 lb-ft	15.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Automatic

Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1998 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	83.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Final Drive Ratio	4.325	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4275 mm	Width	1765 mm
Height	1542 mm	Wheelbase	2570 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l
Boot/Cargo Space	230 l	Kerb Weight	1270 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1735 kg	Payload Capacity	465 kg
Towing Capacity	850 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	48
City Mileage	12.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	18.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l		—

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Not Available

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Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Sunroof	Standard
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Smart
AC Type	Automatic	Climate Control	Automatic

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→ See 2.0 Individual Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD — ZAR 440,000

→ 2.0 Dynamic Auto FWD — ZAR 479,300

→ 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD — ZAR 551,600

→ 2.0 Individual Auto FWD — ZAR 551,600

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