

The All New Mazda 6

THE new Mazda6 looks much better in the metal than any picture I have seen; muscular styling sets the newcomer apart from its rivals.

The new-generation flagship is available in Saloon and Tourer guise. With a choice of petrol and diesel power and quality throughout this is one car that you should not overlook.

The newcomer rewards the driver and it brings together the most advanced iteration yet of Mazda's Sustainable Zoom-Zoom driving and electrifying KODO – Soul of Motion styling.

The combination of efficient SKYACTIV technology and the striking KODO design will ensure the Mazda6 is capable to tackle the competitive CD segment of the market.

This is the third generation model and is the first mass-production Mazda model to be equipped with i-ELOOP, the Japanese company's unique brake energy regeneration system.

This is fitted as standard to the majority of Mazda6 models sold in our market and it can boost economy by up to 10 percent, depending on driving conditions.



The diesel version I had on test and my average fuel figure was 47.2mpg; I consider this good as the Mazda6 is a big car.

i-ELOOP joins the 'i-stop' idle-stop system and SKYACTIV power trains, chassis and body first introduced on the Mazda CX-5 and positions the newcomer as the benchmark for fuel economy and CO₂.

Looking at the figures given to me by Mazda; combined fuel economy as high as 67.3mpg and emissions as low as 108g/km without any sacrifice in performance and based on CO₂, the Mazda6 is the new class leader.

Mazda's range of high-efficiency SKYACTIV engines includes two petrol engines and two diesels paired to six-speed automatic or manual transmissions.

SKYACTIV-G petrol engines include the two litre 145ps and the two litre 165ps both producing 210Nm at 4,000rpm.

SKYACTIV-D diesel engines include the 2.2 litre 150ps producing 380Nm at 1,800rpm to 2,600rpm (as tested) and the 2.2 litre 175ps producing 420Nm at 2,000rpm.



The stylish exterior treatment continues to the interior with a highly ergonomic cockpit designed to make driving as enjoyably and engaging as possible.

Full marks to the design team, everything is exactly where it should be: even the repositioned A-pillars, moved rearwards by a full 100mm relative to the previous model widen the driver's field of view.

Comfort levels for all are high; those who travel in this new Mazda will appreciate



the relaxing atmosphere in the cabin, with segment-leading passenger space on the Saloon models, accompanied by the latest infotainment technology, including an 11-speaker BOSE surround sound audio system, available on Sport models.

Soul Red Metallic is an all-new body colour, which uses a unique process to deliver unprecedented levels of depth, shading and vividness that accentuate all-new Mazda6's stunning form and character lines. Blue Reflex Mica, Meteor Grey Mica and Jet Black Mica also debut.

Summing up a very attractive package from Mazda, highlights are stylish looks and excellent economy.

Without doubt this is one to challenge some of the well established German brands.

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