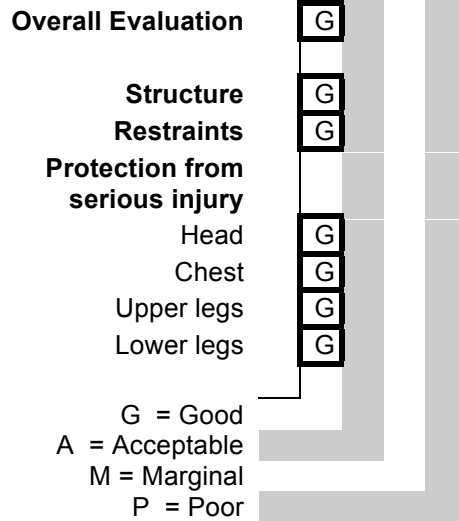


Small Car Crash Tests

1997 Audi A3 3-Door, Dual Airbags

OFFSET CRASH TEST PERFORMANCE



Kerb weight: 1090 kg Vehicle built: Oct 1997
Test by Euro-NCAP



Offset crash test at 64km/h

OVERALL EVALUATION : GOOD

The passenger compartment of the Audi A3 held its shape well in the offset crash test. Protection from serious injury was good for both the driver and passenger.

Safety features

Dual (driver and passenger) airbags are standard.

The front seat belt buckles are mounted on the seats and the upper anchorages are adjustable. These features improve the fit of the seat belt.

Side airbags are standard equipment in Europe but are not yet available in Australia. A side impact test of the European model produced good results.

STRUCTURE : GOOD

Offset crash test

The passenger compartment held its shape well in the offset crash test. The brake pedal was pushed back 15cm. The steering wheel moved 3cm rearwards. The width of the driver's doorway shortened by just 5cm. All doors remained closed during the crash. After the crash the doors could be easily opened.

RESTRAINTS : GOOD

Offset crash test

The driver's head was cushioned by the airbag. The driver's head started to roll off the side of the airbag but not to an extent that was of concern. During rebound the driver's head almost hit the centre pillar. The passenger's head was also cushioned by an airbag. Protection from serious head injury was good for both the driver and passenger.

INJURY MEASUREMENTS

Refer to the information sheet "How the evaluations are performed" for more details

	OFFSET CRASH TEST AT 64km/h	
	Driver	Passn
Head (HIC)	233	187
Chest (mm)	29	34
Chest (g)	49	52
Upper legs (kN)	low	low
Lower leg index	0.25	0.25
Injury Risk %	12%	14%

Injury risk is the probability of receiving a life-threatening injury. It is based on dummy head & chest measurements.

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