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These are the Top 3 Likes / Dislikes from viewers about the 2016 Mazda3 on [Youtube.com/EverymanDriver](https://www.youtube.com/EverymanDriver)



For 2016, the Mazda3 returns with the formula that has propelled it to win numerous accolades throughout the auto industry. Mazda3 is a vehicle that exceeds expectations, from its impressive fuel economy to its sophisticated ride and handling to features that are rare or exclusive in its class. With more than 4.5 million produced since its introduction as a 2004 model, Mazda3 is Mazda's best-selling model in the world. Starting MSRP: \$17,845 (4-door) / \$18,545 (5-door)

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TOP LIKES FROM VIEWERS:

1. Looks 2. Drive 3. Seats

(1) Looks more expensive than it actually is (2) Hatchback availability & versatility (2) Engine power

1: SkyActive is good. Excellent real world fuel economy, great automatic transmission with a solid manual shift mode.

2: Handling is sporty and fun.

3: Price to features ratio is very competitive.

1. Style in and out. very aggressive without being in your face like the Veloster.

2. Driver's car for low (base) price.

3. Upscale feel of vehicle. looks and feels like 90% of what you expect in a Mercedes for \$10,000 less.

4. insane fuel economy with no turbo. (mostly in reference to the 2.0, but the 2.5 is good as well).

1. Manual in all trim levels I think 2. Looks classy in some of the trim levels with a darker color. 3. Never driven the 2.5lt version, but fairly powerful naturally aspirated motor.

1) Exhilarating drive while not breaking the bank

2) Sporty lines

3) Aggressive and Playful colour (Soul Red)

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Looks very simple yet sophisticated, Technology inside and outside of the vehicle, Engine

Driving dynamics, styling, quality interior materials. No issues so far.

-6 speed MT -Front end -Rims (I have the same ones on my 09 Mazda 3)

1. Handling/ride
2. Looks
3. Engine/transmission.

Styling. I think it's the best looking car on the road in its price segment (and even above) both inside and out.

Cargo volume. I needed something with more room for road trips and my 16 month old. This will be our 20 year drive till the wheels fall off car and I think this will last us through everything, including camping trips and sporting events.

Drive feel. After having driven almost everything in this segment it's the best driving car. I love the weight of the steering wheel, I love the handling. I drove this in upstate new york and had a blast.

1. Styling inside and out is beautiful
2. It's not fast but it's quick. It's can get up and go and handling is very nice
3. I get close to 33 mpg with mostly highway driving

+ Fuel economy, handling, looks & interior space for luggage

1. Sporty handling
2. Great legroom for tall drivers
3. Gas mileage

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1. Style
2. Colour
3. Headlights & tail lights

Design, fuel efficiency, handling

1. Engine (2.5L)
2. Transmission (Manual)
3. Looks

Pros: Cost of ownership, driving experience, interior material quality

Exterior, steering and fun to drive.

Pros: Hatchback, manual, many options

Bold design inside and out. Balance of comfort and sportiness. Ergonomic and easy to operate.

1. Nice exterior design.
2. Nice versatility.
3. Availability of MT.

1. The looks
2. Interior
3. The power

1. Ext design
2. Aux on wheel screen
3. Display menu design and safety

Great handling, great engine balancing performance and economy, versatility of 5 doors

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Exterior styling, the fact that Mazda offers a manual transmission, and the chuckable, fun to drive aspect.

1. MZD Connect screen
2. Decent performance
3. All the safety gear

- 1 Great handling
- 2 Decent cargo room
- 3 Peppy engine... fun to drive

Manual, Good fuel economy, affordable.

1. Styling
2. Features and options
3. The fact you can get a manual transmission on top of the line trims not just base trims.

1. Achieves well above MPG estimates. After 30k miles I averaged 36.3mpg w 2.5 and after 3k with the 2.0 I'm at 38.1.
2. Comfortable ride with premium interior feel.
3. Looks of the hatchback and versatility of having a hatch.

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TOP DISLIKES FROM VIEWERS:

Chick car, not reliable 6-8 years from now, leather seats.

1. No folding mirrors (rectified on 2017 model)
2. No sport button (rectified on 2017 model)
3. No memory for driver's seat (rectified on 2017 model)

1. Price can get up there (this or almost a loaded 6?)
2. Rear seat room is a bit tight.
3. Black interior is a bit too dark. I think the parchment interior is sharper.

No Android auto, long front end, low roof line in rear

Much road noise, space for rear seat passengers sometimes inadequate and less than some segment competitors, higher trims swap better placement of USB ports and a second power outlet for a CD player

- 1 Back seat leg room
- 2 Company fitted tires... low quality and slippery in rain n snow..
- 3 Low body weight... less stable ride on highway

1. Road Noise
2. Was getting less than advertised MPG when I drove it (no lead foot).
3. Rear seat legroom.

1. Back seats space
2. Too plastic interior feeling
3. No automatic trunk opening system

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Rear seat room, no android auto/carplay, hard to use commander knob when drinks are in the cup holders.

(1) Not noted for smooth ride or quietness (2) Weird location of display in upper dash -- looks like an afterthought (3) High insurance costs, perhaps due to Mazda's "zoom zoom" reputation.

1. Mexican made (not all tho)
2. Wasn't offered in any decent blue color for 2014-2016 model years.
3. M/T gearbox sucks...compared to my Miata.

No turbocharging, rear seat leg room, and flip up heads up display screen. It should be projected onto the windshield like other manufacturers are doing.

1. Engine (no turbo) 2.leg room 3.price

1: Skyactive is bad. Electronic throttle response is hit or miss, makes spirited driving a bit dicey.

2: The interior, all of it. It's loud at freeway speeds. Mismatched leather graining all over. Mismatched chrome and grey ring accents all over. The heads up display looks flimsy, and a bit gimmicky. The infotainment screen still looks like a complete and total afterthought that was tacked onto the dash, and the menu system, along jog dial to access it, is unintuitive and clunky. The seats lack bolstering in the right areas. In general, materials quality seems to have slipped in the newer iterations of the 3.

3: The rear hatch. The old 3 hatch was a wonder cargo storage capability. The new hatch comes in the rear glass at a weird angle preventing larger objects from being placed in the cargo area behind the seats. The cargo opening also pinches in more at the top, making larger square shaped objects have difficulty fitting into the cargo opening.

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1. Manual only paired with 2.5l in GT combined with GT being too pricey. I would get the i touring manual and deal with less power to save \$9,000 (21k vs 30k).
2. Lack of a Mazdaspeed to compete with ST, SI, and WRX
3. Manual not able to have i e-loop. I am kind of nitpicking here since it may be an engineering impossibility. Also lack of i e-loop on all lower end models: nothing under the S GT with auto gets it.
4. Lack of wheel options. I would love to see a black wheels on certain body colours.

1. No Mazdaspeed version 2. Screen in dash looks like it was an afterthought or aftermarket. 3. Hum...until I test drive one that is all I have.

Three things I don't like:

- 1) I wish it had All Wheel Drive
- 2) I wish it came in a diesel option
- 3) I wish the Heads-up Display were more advanced (higher resolution and more detail - such as temperature, current speed limit, current speed, and the blind spot monitoring)
- 4) I wish the reverse camera had a built in washer. I live on Vancouver Island in Canada and we get lots of rain.

Backseat is kinda cramped, wheels (should have painted it gloss black), battery and maintenance cost?

Road noise (hope to change the stock tires soon), HUD doesn't go down when turned off. I don't mind it but would be nice if you had the option, lack of interior storage.

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-Extremely long head lights
-7" display that sticks up out of the dash
-The radio controls being on the center console, and the heated seat buttons being on the dash. I think they have those mixed up.

1. The LCD screen (Which looks better on the 2017 Mazda 3 fortunately)
2. Some of the interior plastic, I think the interior itself looks good though.
3. No Android auto.

The 2.0l engine. It's great until I need to punch it to maneuver on the highway, or get into a lane real quick due to city traffic. Other than that it's fine.

The infotainment. Takes a bit too long to boot, and while day to day it's fine, I've already had to replace the CMU under warranty thankfully.. And where's Android auto? I'm worried once I'm past the warranty, the longevity of the infotainment system.

The sedan. Sorry 4 door owners.. While it's still the best looking sedan on the road in comparison, why would you buy it? The hatchback does everything the sedan does AND more.

1. I wish it had some redundancies with changing the radio because when the nav screen is up you can't see what radio station is on.
2. I only have the 2.0L so maybe a little more power but for me there's never enough hp.
3. There's less cargo room than the previous model (I think)

Display needs physical off button for night use. Rough idle (may just be mine) Needs CarPlay or Android Auto

heads up too bright at night, voice controls system, and cabin noise

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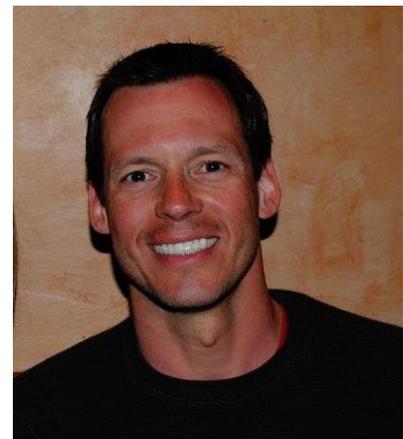
1. Small trunk
2. Low clearance for snowy days
3. More expensive winter tires

cargo volume, price for full extra editions, not-availability in my country

1. 7" screen (It looks weird because it's just sticking out like that)
2. Stock rims (I like the old stock rims better)
3. Flat black exterior panels

1. Low roof line /poor headroom in back
2. Infotainment screen looks tacked on like an afterthought.
And here the big one. The one reason I decided not to buy one.
3. The shape. The way the hood slopes down at the front and the weird cut off rounded rear end. Even to this day the shape is a real turn off. It looks awkward.

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