

WHAT CAR?

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Mazda6 2.0 TS
Price from £6500 Year '03/03



DOUBLE WINNER

THE MAZDA6 was the clear winner of our Used Car of the Year title, scooping more than half of the votes from our judges. Or, to put it another way, there were more votes cast for the Mazda6 than for all the other cars put together. Its combination of value for money, reliability, desirability and fine handling proved too much for the competition.

It's not the first time that the Mazda6 has taken our used-car crown. It was also the winner in 2005, and missed out last year only because of a shortage of cars on sale. 12 months is a long time in the used-car business, though, and there are now plenty of Mazda6s with dealers, independent garages, car supermarkets and even private sellers.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

What's more, family-car prices have been under pressure recently, with MPVs and 4x4s becoming the

fashionable way to transport four or more people. That's good news for the canny used buyer, and one of the reasons why a car as good as our champion this year can be yours for as little as £6500.

'Its combination of value, reliability and desirability was unbeatable'

You're certainly not short-changed, either. The Mazda6 can cope with five people and their luggage, and still feel comfortable, while extras like climate control, a CD player and alloy wheels only sweeten the deal.

There are other Mazda6 models – older and newer – that you might want to consider, but we think the 2.0-litre TS on an 03 plate represents the best value.



Chris Mobley
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EXPERT VIEW

'The Mazda6 is a superb choice, incorporating style, refinement and truly outstanding value for money'

BUYER'S GUIDE

POWER
139bhp
FUEL ECONOMY
35mpg (average)
0-60MPH/MAX
9.9sec/128mph
INSURANCE
Group 9
CO₂ G/KM
192
NCAP RATING
★★★★★
RELIABILITY RATING
★★★★★
SERVICE INTERVALS
12,000 miles

LOOKING GOOD

True, our winner isn't the face-lifted model that's currently on sale, but we think it still looks modern and fresh, and a million miles away from its more commonplace rivals such as the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. Last, but not least, its slow rate of depreciation also means that you'll lose less money when you come to sell it on.

BMW-BEATER

IT'S HARD TO fault a car that's as accomplished as this and which costs just £6500. The Mazda6 is good to drive and reliable and, as it's not as

common as the Ford Mondeo or Vauxhall Vectra, it also has an air of exclusivity. It's even impressive enough to fend off the competition from the BMW 3-Series and Honda Accord to win this category.

The Mazda6 was introduced in 2002 and, unlike many rivals, it still looks modern and fresh. The cabin is well laid out, with plenty of head- and legroom throughout and ample luggage space.

The Mazda6 is also very entertaining to drive, with sharp steering and plenty of grip through bends. It is extremely reliable, too, with electrical niggles the only blot on its copybook.

THE RIGHT CHOICE

The 2.0-litre petrol version is noticeably stonger than the 1.8, and our judges felt it was better value than the dearer diesel version. Base models are well equipped, but TS offers extras like a CD player and climate control, so it's worth finding. There are plenty of cars for sale, and

you'll find Mazda6s of this age at franchised dealers, at premium prices. Larger car supermarkets usually have a good selection of older cars at competitive prices. You'll find some less than 12 months old, too, but it's the '03 cars that offer the best value.

“Unlike many rivals, the Mazda6 still looks modern and fresh”

BUDGET DECISION

There aren't many Mazda6 specialists, so you might have to stick to franchised dealers for servicing, which will mean higher bills. However, the 2.0-litre engine should give an average of just under 35mpg, while the group 9 insurance shouldn't cost a fortune.

Top: 'The cabin is well laid out, with plenty of head and legroom throughout'

Bottom: 'Our winner isn't the face-lifted model but we think it still looks modern and fresh, and is a million miles away from its more commonplace rivals'



Certain qualities come with age

Beauty. Charisma. The X-Factor. Zoom-Zoom. Whatever you want to call it, an approved used Mazda has the whole ZZ+ package. You're getting all the power, perfection and performance of a high quality car, excellent reliability and strong residual values, as well as a fully loaded list of PlusPoints to back up your purchase.

- **Mazda multi-point inspection** Your Mazda dealer will have prepared your used Mazda in accordance with the stringent high standards of Mazda ZZ+. This inspection covers a service validation, engine, transmission, chassis, and electrical checks, a general condition check and a final valet.
- **12 month unlimited mileage warranty** Mazda cars are built to the highest standards and have an excellent reputation for reliability. An independent automotive warranty specialist, Warranty Direct, rated Mazda number one in a study of over 450,000 vehicles across 33 manufacturers. Any problems are unlikely but just in case, only with the exclusive Mazda ZZ+ package, are vehicles provided with a minimum of one years' unlimited mileage warranty that is backed by Mazda Motors UK Ltd.
- **12 month Pan-European Roadside Assistance** Mazda Pan-European Assistance ensures you and your vehicle is protected against unexpected problems at home or at the roadside. This cover also provides a contribution towards costs such as; recovery charges, replacement vehicle hire, overnight hotel expenses, onward travel and continental use.
- **Finance, mileage and vehicle history check** Every Mazda ZZ+ vehicle comes with a comprehensive vehicle check. You can be sure your Mazda has no adverse data listed against it and that you're aware of its full history.
- **30-day exchange promise** This promise entitles you to exchange your approved used Mazda from ZZ+ at the same dealership you bought it from, within 30 days of sale, for another Mazda of the same or higher value, with any additional cost being funded by you.
- **7-day Driveaway Insurance** ZZ+ includes seven days free insurance so you can zoom-zoom away from the showroom safe in the knowledge that you're covered.
- **Mazda Credit finance options** With three different plans to choose from, and our dealer's advanced showroom technology, Mazda Credit makes financing your approved used Mazda quick and simple to arrange. The Mazda Credit system can match your requirements to the most appropriate finance plan; provide you with quotations and process your application quickly.
- **National Approved Used Car Locator** You're not only limited to the cars you see at your local Mazda dealer. If you have something specific in mind, you can ask your dealer to hunt on our national database for all available ZZ+ used cars available anywhere in the UK.
- **Mazda Accident Management** The Mazda Accident Management service is designed to assist you during the recovery and repair process following a road traffic accident, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in Europe. The Accident Management team will liaise with you, your Mazda Approved Accident Repair Centre and your insurer to relieve the stress of the process and to ensure that the repair proceeds with the minimum of delay and inconvenience to you. We will also aim to supply you with a replacement courtesy vehicle free of charge.

With a ZZ+ used Mazda you'll get full peace of mind along with a spirit of fun and adventure only found in Mazda. So isn't it time you introduced a little Zoom-Zoom into your life? To get behind the wheel and take on roads visit www.mazda.co.uk/zzplus



New Mazda2



Mazda3



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All-new Mazda6



New MazdaCX-7



MazdaMX-5



MazdaRX-8



MazdaBT-50

