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NEW-generation MAZDA3 MPS DELIVERS HIGH PERFORMANCE & HANDLING

The Mazda3 MPS, the headline model of the new-generation Mazda3 range, delivers unrivalled performance and handling in one of the world's most powerful front-wheel drive compacts.

The MPS takes motorists to new levels of driving excitement with an updated MZR 2.3-litre Direct Injection Spark Ignition (DISI) turbo petrol engine, increased body shell rigidity and evolved suspension.

"The Mazda3 MPS features everything that is loved about the Mazda3 – strong performance and handling with plenty of style but with even more Zoom-Zoom," said Andrew Clearwater, Mazda New Zealand Managing Director.

The MPS' revised engine boasts high levels of performance in a front-engine, front-wheel drive sports compact with increased maximum power and generous torque. The combination of direct-injection with a turbocharger sees the MPS achieve performance that is on par with a larger displacement engine, with acceleration of 0-100km/h in just 6.1 seconds. Easy to control torque combined with an optimised gear ratio ensures smooth shift operation for sporty driving.

Numerous local reinforcements have been added to the MPS to increase body rigidity and improve the new model's overall performance. High-tensile steel sheeting is used throughout the vehicle for a stiffer body based on the Mazda Advanced Impact Distribution and Absorption (MAIDAS) system. The new model has added localised reinforcements inside the front cowl member gussets to strengthen the joints between the rear suspension towers and rear floorboard.

Improved performance goes hand in hand with improved safety. Drivers can be sure of improved suspension and handling with the addition of larger stabilisers to reduce vibrations and provide greater strength in the event of the car rolling. Power assisted steering which adjusts control according to vehicle speed and steering angle means more precise, controlled handling and assured driver confidence.

The MPS also features specially tuned brakes for powerful and stable braking. Electronic brake assist replaces the previous mechanical system, and four-wheel ABS and DSC are also standard equipment, giving solid handling stability under all surface conditions. Bi-Xenon headlamps with Adaptive Front-lighting System (AFS) enhances night time visibility.

In addition to class-leading braking systems, all models are equipped with Front, Side and Curtain airbags with active headrests and Dynamic Stability Control (DSC)/Traction Control (TCS) as standard safety equipment across the model range to ensure a confident driving experience. The Mazda3 MPS is now available at a recommended retail price of \$48,545 which includes mazda**care** genuine servicing for the first three years or 100,000kms (whichever comes first).

For more information visit www.mazda.co.nz/models/mazda3-mps.aspx.

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