

New SEAT Leon and Toledo achieve five star ratings in Euro New Car Assessment Programme

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The new SEAT Leon and SEAT Toledo have both achieved five-star ratings in the latest round of results published by the Euro New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP), the independent automotive crash-test organisation.

Both the new Leon (<http://www.seat.ie/content/ie/brand/en/models/leon/discover.html>) and Toledo achieved 94% for adult occupant protection. Maximum points were achieved for both models in the demanding side barrier test, with both cars offering good protection for all body regions.

For child occupant protection, the Leon scored 92% in total - the highest score in this category in this round of test results - including maximum points based on the readings recorded from the child dummies during the dynamic tests. NCAP noted that the passenger airbag can be disabled to allow rearward-facing restraint to be used in the front seat and that the status of that airbag is clearly visible to the driver.

In terms of pedestrian protection, the Leon's bumper scored maximum points for the protection it offered to pedestrians' legs and the bonnet was described by NCAP as offering good protection in most areas likely to be struck by a pedestrian's head.

In dynamic testing, the new Toledo (<http://www.seat.ie/content/ie/brand/en/models/toledo/discover.html>) scored maximum points for protection using the readings recorded using the dummy representing a three-year old infant. Like the Leon, the Toledo also scored maximum points for the protection offered by the bumper to pedestrians' legs.

Under the Safety Assist category, NCAP noted that Electronic Stability Control is standard equipment across both the Leon and Toledo ranges.

Additionally, the SEAT Lane Assist and Multi Collision Brake innovations have been recognised by Euro NCAP Advanced, which rewards technologies which demonstrate a scientifically proven safety benefit for consumers and society.

SEAT Lane Assist is an innovation that, above 65km/h, helps the driver to stay within the intended lane. A camera, mounted within the windscreen close the rear-view mirror detects lane markings and ahead of the vehicle and via the power steering system applies a steering correction when it detects the car's trajectory is threatening to leave the lane.

SEAT's Multi Collision Brake is a system that applies the brakes to prevent or mitigate a subsequent impact when a car has been involved in a collision. If the airbag is fired in response to a primary collision, the electronic stability control system will brake the vehicle, as well as triggering the hazard warning lights and brake lights.

Dr Matthias Rabe, SEAT's Vice President of Research and Development, said: "At SEAT we are committed to

providing the highest of levels of active and passive safety on our range of cars to meet the highest expectations of our customers. Therefore, we are very satisfied that the strong performance of the new Leon and Toledo in the demanding Euro NCAP assessment reflects that commitment. In particular, we are delighted with the recognition under the Euro NCAP Advanced category of the availability of the SEAT Multi Collision Brake and SEAT Lane Assist systems on the new Leon."

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