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Mazda3 completes 100,000 km test with flying colours

Mazda continues to triumph on the Auto Bild* endurance test. After Mazda6 and Mazda5, now the Mazda3 has passed the magazine's 100,000 km endurance test with flying colours. Its score is further proof of the high product quality, reliability and durability of Mazda vehicles.

Mazda's compact best-seller had only one, insignificant defect point after the long-term, two-year test drive – a defective plastic clip in the luggage compartment cover. This means Mazda3 achieved the top score and is now the third Mazda model ranked among the top three cars on Auto Bild's tough endurance test – something no other carmaker has ever accomplished.

"Mazda is a prime address for anyone looking for a worry-free automobile," Auto Bild editors wrote in their conclusion. They went on to add, "That legendary Japanese reliability is still alive and kicking here." The latest endurance test results of the Mazda3 were published in the latest German-language edition of Auto Bild.

The test Mazda3 was a second-generation Mazda3 introduced in 2009. A facelift version, with updated technology and design, will roll into showrooms in New Zealand later this month.

The facelift Mazda3 will be the first model in New Zealand to offer the newly-developed, fuel saving SKYACTIV –G 2.0 direct-injection gasoline engine as part of its engine choices. Together with the all-new SKYACTIV-DRIVE, a six-speed automatic transmission that eliminates slippage and achieves a direct shift feel, similar to a manual transmission, fuel economy is impressively frugal at 6.2l/100km (combined).

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