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New C3

CITROËN C3 NOW AUTOMATICALLY FASTER AND BETTER

Citroen has launched the revised C3 in Australia with the automatic C3 boasting a 1.6 litre engine to replace the previous 1.4 litre power unit, along with improvements outside, inside and under the skin for all versions of Citroen's stylish supermini.

"More than a million Citroen C3s have been sold since its launch, making it one of the most successful Citroens ever produced," says Miles Williams, General Manager for Citroen in Australia. "Here in Australia we have not only shared in that success, the Citroen C3 has changed the local perception of Citroen, bringing the brand's Australian image in line with its worldwide reputation for building classic small cars that are fresh, dynamic and unique."

"With the arrival of the face-lifted Citroen C3 we have taken the opportunity to focus on the strengths of the C3, with the range now consisting of a manual gearbox entry level version and luxuriously well equipped version with a more potent engine and the choice of a manual or automatic gearbox," says Mr Williams

"These three versions fulfil the requirements of an easily accessible version plus a C3 variant that is fully equipped in every sense, from equipment to performance," adds Mr Williams.

The shape of the C3 and its unique styling set it apart amongst every other car in its class. Its sweeping curves and arches make it a standout design and, thanks to its height, spacious and bright inside. The changes made to the C3 hone this classic design, with a more prominent grille and Citroen chevrons, along with a strong bumper design at the front, while the rear lights, equally striking their shape and position, use new clear-style colour plastic and, again, Citroen famous chevron badge is given greater prominence. The exterior is completed with a new style of alloy wheel for the 1.6 litre versions and new wheel trims for the 1.4 litre variant.

Inside the C3 retains the spacious, bright and welcoming interior that is provided by its wide windows and sweeping arched roof. The dashboard, acclaimed for its unique styling that

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provides a marked counterpoint to the plain interiors of many small cars, has been thoroughly facelifted with revised instruments, centre console and a refinement in the use of materials. The door trims have also been revised.

Facing the driver, the modern instrument cluster incorporates information from the cruise control and speed limiter, an enlarged LCD display area, and an easy-to-read rev counter. Detail changes include an LED lights up to show that maximum engine speed has been reached.

The fuel gauge is more precise, with eight bars instead of six. The console has been entirely redesigned to include a central multifunction screen, which has been carefully integrated, and a new layout for equipment such as the radio and air conditioning system. The vehicle has a new radio with steering wheel controls and entirely new functions, such as a 'List' display. The refined look of the fascia shows that the interior design has moved firmly up-market.

The metallic-grey interior colour scheme underlines these changes. The new styling includes a centre fascia embellisher with redesigned buttons, air vent embellishers and a gear lever surround. The glove box cover is lined and opens more smoothly.

Along with the new dashboard, the insides of the C3's front and rear doors have been completely redesigned. The new shapes give an impression of solidity and are pleasant to the touch. The door panels and armrests feature the same trim insert, which contributes to the refined and comfortable style of the passenger compartment.

To accompany this new refined interior, changes have been made to boost suspension refinement and response, including increased front suspension stiffness, increased anti-roll bar stiffness, stiffer wishbone stays and the thickness of the rear cross-member has been increased from 4 mm to 5 mm.

However, the most significant change for the drivetrain in Australian market is the use of the 1.6 litre 80 kW engine for the automatic variant, significant boost on the 55 kW provided by the previous 1.4 litre engine used in the automatic variant.

With the new engine, 0-100 kmh time is slashed from 17.7 seconds to just 11.5 seconds and the top speed is increased from 162 kmh to 192 kmh, where the law permits.

The Citroën C3 has always been a well equipped car, with a host luxury features as standard.

For the revised model the most significant change is the addition of ABS anti-lock brakes with EBD and EBA as standard on the entry level model.

The key equipment differences between the C3 SX and the 1.6 litre Exclusive are alloy wheels and velour upholstery in addition to the more potent engine.

The revised Citroën C3 opens with a recommended retail price of \$19,990 for the C3 SX 1.4 manual, while the 1.6 litre C3 Exclusive is \$21,990 for the manual version and \$23,990 for the new automatic version. The Panoramique glass roof is an option at \$1500 and the leather lined interior is available at \$2500.

Citroën C3 Technical Specification

		Citroën C3 1.4		Citroën C3 1.6	
		Manual		Manual	Automatic
Engine		TU3JP		TU5JP4	
		Watercooled four cylinder engine installed transversely driving the front wheels			
Bore/stroke		75 x 77		78.5/82	
Capacity (cc)		1360		1587	
Compression ratio		10.5:1		11:1	
Fuel injection		Sequential		Sequential	
Power (kW/rpm)		55/5400		80/5750	
Torque (Nm/rpm)		120/3300		147/4000	
Gearbox		Man		Manual	Automatic
Ratio/Speed in kmh per 1000 rpm	1 st	0.293/8.15		0.292/8.53	TBC
	2 nd	0.553/15.39		0.512/14.94	TBC
	3 rd	0.780/21.74		0.731/21.32	TBC
	4 th	1.026/28.57		1.057/27.64	TBC
	5 th	1.303/36.30		1.171/34.13	NA
	reverse	0.279/7.77		0.279/8.13	TBC
Brakes					
Front, type		Disk		Ventilated Disk	
Diameter/thickness (mm)		266/13		266/22	
Rear, type		Drum		Disc	
Diameter/thickness (mm)		203/38		247/9	
Chassis					
Front suspension		MacPherson struts with coils springs and hydraulic shock absorbers. Subframe with two lower steel wishbones, anti roll bar.			
Rear suspension		Flexible transverse beam, hydraulic shock absorbers, two cast iron arms, hollow anti roll bar. Passive rear steering effect			
Anti roll bar diameter front/rear (mm)		21/26			
Steering		Variable assistance electric power steering, rack and pinion.			
Turns lock to lock		3.25			
Wheels		6 x 14		6 x 15	
Tyres		175 / 65 R14		185 / 60 R15	
Weights (kg)				Man	Auto
Unladen		1005		1058	1132
Front-rear distribution		591/414		636/422	TBC
Gross vehicle weight		1470		1525	1597
Payload		465		467	465
Tow weight – braked		1160		1170	1180
Tow weight – unbraked		540		570	600
Performance				Man	Auto
Top speed (kmh)		168		192	192
0 – 1000 m (sec)		34.6		31.5	33.4
0 – 100 kmh (sec)		12.4		10.0	11.5

Fuel consumption (l/100km)			
Urban	8.2	8.6	9.8
Extra-Urban	4.9	5.2	5.4
Combined	6.1	6.5	7.0
Carbon Dioxide emissions (g/km)			
Combined	145	155	165
Dimensions (mm)			
Length		3850	
Width		1667	
Height		1520	
Overhang, front/rear		760/640	
Wheelbase		2460	
Track, front/rear		1439/1439	
Turning circle kerbs (m)		10.7	
Front elbow room		1401	
Rear elbow room		1402	
Head room front/rear		918/860	
Boot length, seats up/down		600/1160	
Min boot height		600	
Min/max boot width		1050/1210	
Boot volume (litres)		305	
Seats up, under parcel shelf		430	
Seats down, loaded to roof		1155	
Rear seats removed		1310	

Equipment and Trim

S = Standard; O = Optional; D = Dealer fit option; NA = Not available

Safety and security	Citroën C3 1.4 man SX	Citroën C3 1.6 manual/automatic
ABS brakes and electronic brake force distribution and EBA	S	S
Airbag, Driver and Passenger	S	S
Airbag, Side	S	S
Audible warnings for lights on and key in the ignition	S	S
Automatic fuel cut-off	S	S
Child rear door locks, remote	S	S
Boot lock, remote electric	S	S
Boot and Door lock, automatic activation over 10 kmh	S	S
Coded engine immobiliser with transponder	S	S
Fog lights, front	D	S
Fog lights, rear	S	S
Height adjustable headlights	S	S
Height adjustable seatbelts, front & rear	S	S
Pyrotechnic pretensioners and seat belt grabbers	S	S
Rear child locks, electric	S	S
Rear window wash/wipe	S	S
Side impact protection panels	S	S
External/Mechanical	Citroën C3 1.4 man SX	Citroën C3 1.6 manual/automatic
Alloy wheels	O	S
Central locking, remote	S	S
Door mirror, twin electric.	S	S
Heated rear window	S	S
Power steering, electric speed variable	S	S
Windscreen wipers, rain sensor	O	O
Windscreen wipers, two speed with delay	S	S
Internal	Citroën C3 1.4 man SX	Citroën C3 1.6 manual/automatic
AirCon, Type	Manual	Manual
Ashtray, front and rear	S	S
Audio system, CD with six speakers	S	S
Cigarette lighter	S	S
Dipping rear view mirror	S	S
Driver's foot rest	S	S
Driver's and front passenger seat, height adjustable	S	S
Electric windows, front with anti-pinch and one touch	S	S
Electric windows, rear	NA	NA
Exterior temperature gauge	S	S
Headrests, front, height adjustable	S	S
Interior lights, self dimming	S	S
Maintenance indicator	S	S
Oil level indicator	S	S
Pollen filter	S	S
Rear seat, Split fold with 3 lap and sash seat belts	S	S
Steering wheel, height and reach adjustable	S	S
Tail gate handle	S	S
Upholstery type	Cloth	Velour
Vanity mirror	S	S

Instruments	Citroën C3 1.4 man SX	Citroën C3 1.6 manual/automatic
Adjustable illumination for instruments	S	S
Adjustable night illumination for switches	S	S
Digital water temp.	S	S
Battery charge light	S	S
Centralised warning system and audible alarm	S	S
Doors open warning light	S	S
Engine self test warning light	S	S
Fuel gauge with minimum warning light	S	S
Headlight indicator	S	S
LCD clock and date display	S	S
Maintenance indicator	S	S
Oil warning light, level	S	S
Oil warning light, pressure	S	S
Rear/Rear fog light indicator	S	S
Rev counter	S	S
Twin readout trip meter	S	S
Water temperature light	S	S