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**All-new Mazda CX-3 named Best Compact SUV**

**at the 2016 Fleet News Awards**

* Mazda’s all-new CX-3 named Best Compact SUV at the 2016 Fleet News Awards.
* Adds to the CX-3’s 2015 Scottish Car of the Year Best Crossover title.
* Priced from £17,595 to £24,695 on-the-road (OTR).

The all-new Mazda CX-3 has taken the Best Compact SUV title at the annual Fleet News Awards. Judged by a panel of experts that includes leading motoring journalists, industry buyers and residual specialists, Mazda’s first small SUV took top honours against tough competition in this ever-growing sector.

Having arrived in UK showrooms last summer, the all-new Mazda CX-3 has brought new levels of sophistication, style and driving pleasure to the popular small SUV market. By combining Mazda’s SKYACTIV technology and KODO: Soul of Motion design philosophy, with Mazda’s i-ACTIVSENSE safety systems in a smaller crossover body, the CX-3 has complimented the award-winning Mazda CX-5 in Mazda’s popular SUV line up.

Commenting on the all-new Mazda CX-3’s success, Fleet News Editor–in-chief Stephen Briers said “The Mazda CX-3 is a solid all-rounder. It’s stylish and fun to drive, and combines those attributes with strong residuals and competitive running costs. As a cost effective car, the judges felt it is the most appealing in this category.”

Like its big brother the CX-5, the CX-3 can be specified with Mazda’s new-generation all-wheel drive (AWD) system. Both the 105ps SKYACTIV-D diesel and 150ps SKYACTIV-G petrol engines can be matched to four-wheel drive, while the 120ps front-wheel drive SKYACTIV-G petrol stars as the biggest seller in the line-up. With 27 per cent of CX-3 sales to date taken by the fleet market, the all-new CX-3 is a great addition to Mazda’s fleet portfolio.

Accepting the award, Mazda Motors UK’s Head of Fleet, Steve Tomlinson said “the CX-3 is a fantastic addition to our fleet line up and I’m confident this award will help raise the profile of our new small SUV amongst our core end user customers. We have one of the newest product ranges in the industry and being able to offer a CX-3 or CX-5 has broadened our appeal in the growing SUV Segment.”

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