



VW ID.3 scores 5 Stars in latest Euro NCAP safety tests

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VW ID.3 scores 5 Stars and protects its occupants, other road users and the environment

The news that Volkswagen's ID.3 scored a maximum five-star rating during the latest Euro NCAP testing bodes well for the future of mass market vehicle safety, according to Thatcham Research.

The much-anticipated ID.3 is the first, fully-electric car that Volkswagen has built from the ground up and is the first in the brand's ID family, with other models expected in the coming years.

The ID.3 achieved a maximum five-star rating during Euro NCAP's revamped 2020 testing protocols, which are the toughest ever and the most exacting in the world. It displayed good results in all areas of assessment.

Matthew Avery, Thatcham Research's Director of Insurance Research, said: "This is a very significant car because it's all-electric and represents VW's motoring future."

The ID.3 features robust structural integrity and the latest in restraint technology – including highly-innovative side protection airbags to protect non-struck-side occupants.

High-performance collision avoidance systems like AEB and Lane Departure technology, coupled with state-of-the-art vulnerable road user protection systems, mean the zero emissions ID.3 is good for all city road users.

Avery added: "Electric cars will become the norm in future years and achieving a five-star rating shows VW hasn't compromised safety for the environment. The ID.3 has had to come through some very tough tests that are new for 2020, but it's results show it represents a major step forward.

"That's bodes well for the other vehicles that will join the ID family and share the same platform. The ID.3 represents the future and is a benchmark that other vehicles will be judged against."

Thatcham Research is the independent voice of automotive safety, security & repair, advising motorists, insurers and vehicle manufacturers to help reduce accident frequency, severity and costs and to realise the vision of 'Safer cars, fewer crashes', while driving standards in vehicle security.

As well as its world leading crash and track research, Thatcham Research develops repair methods amongst a number of other products and services within the collision repair industry for insurers, motor manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

In addition, Thatcham Research has administered the Association of British Insurer's (ABI) Group Rating system for the past 50 years. Group Rating is an advisory system intended to provide insurers with the relative risk of private

cars and light commercial vehicles.

A founder member of the international Research Council for Automobile Repairs (RCAR), Thatcham Research has also been a member of the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) since 2004.

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