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# VAN ABOUT TOWN. The Mazda **MPV.**



# MPV breaks away FROM THE stereotype.

Turns out there is life after the sports car. We discover a minivan we actually love to drive.

**I**'d just finished an article that chronicled the life of a working mother, so when the editor looked for a primary minivan reviewer, he looked at me. Talk about typecasting! I consider myself an SUV person, but when the editor told me that the MPV ES brought lots of new thinking—and style—to the minivan, I was hooked. So I accepted. Then took the press kit. And the keys.

And you know what? The Mazda MPV made a minivan believer out of me. Usually after a test, I'm happy to get back to my own car. This time, I didn't want to give the MPV up.

For our road tests, we actually live with the vehicle. So the first afternoon's "test drive" was a trip, complete with kids and dog, for a picnic and some in-line skating at the park. It began with a short freeway hop, and with everyone aboard, the MPV's 160-hp V6 took us briskly up the on-ramp. The automatic transmission has electronic controls that give

impressively smooth shifts, and automatic overdrive for quiet freeway cruising.

Driving the MPV inspires confidence. One of the reasons is the power rack-and-pinion steering with variable assist. The steering is light for easy slow-speed maneuvering, then firms up at speed for better road feel. And the handling has a sporty feel too. Independent front MacPherson struts provide a comfortable ride while allowing a tight turning radius that made it easy to park in tight spaces. Mazda designed the rear torsion-beam suspension especially for the MPV, both for handling and to maximize seating and storage volume.



**Above:** The MPV is loaded with thoughtful features you hadn't realized you needed. Roll-down windows in the sliding doors, for instance. You won't find that on any other minivan we know of.



**Below:** The Tumble-Under™ third-row seat has many talents, and one of them is that it can flip back to form a "tailgate" seat. Just right for putting on our skates. Or more traditional tailgating activities.





**"Sophistication. Style. Attitude. It's all in a night's work for the Mazda MPV."**

We knew the MPV made a strong visual statement, especially with the striking GFX option package. Still, we were surprised by how much interest it drew, particularly from other minivan drivers.

# MPV adds style

## TO THE MINIVAN EQUATION.

**T**hroughout the course of the test, we had a chance to drive different MPV models, and we were impressed by how much they had in common: virtually every essential feature is standard. Exceptionally intelligent design marks the interior as a whole. Even though it's sensibly sized, its clever use of space makes it seem truly cavernous inside.

The insightful design was most obvious in the flexibility of the seating configurations. Switching between seating and storage space was remarkably easy. The Tumble-Under™ third-row seat allowed the MPV to accommodate cargo on the outbound leg of a trip, and people on the way home—all we had to do was pull a strap, then fold or unfold the seat. And when the seat was up, we took advantage of the cargo well behind it for our boots, coolers and smaller gear. The well is recessed, so that what we put there stayed there.

Equally intelligent was the unique Side by Slide™ second-row seat, which gave us easy entry and exit. Pull a release lever and the seat travels sideways, so we could instantly choose between bucket seats and a bench, without having to plan ahead. This design makes it easy to give kids their own space.

For even more storage space, you can stow the rear seat and then remove the individual second-row seats to open up the full storage volume. It's perfect for moving furniture.

The versatility really came in handy during our test-drive week. The MPV eagerly swallowed all of our camping gear, water skis and assorted paraphernalia. It also excelled at all of our more routine day-to-day chores, such as carrying groceries or office supplies.

We should make special mention here of the Super Sound system on the ES. (It's also available on the LX.) With 180 watts of power

**“**The ultimate test of a minivan lies in the interior design. MPV gets an A-plus.**”**



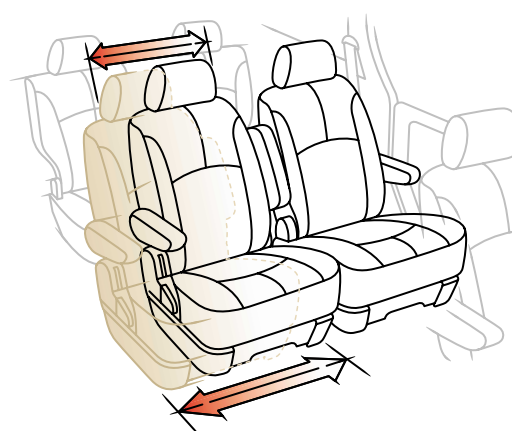
and nine speakers, it lived up to its name and consistently kept a whole carload of people happy. The in-dash 6-CD changer was a big hit too, and very easy to use.



Above: The flexible seating arrangements made it easy to configure the MPV for long cargo.

Left: Recessed well behind the upright third-row seat is ideal for groceries and other items.

MPV CARGO VOLUME	Cubic Feet
Behind 3rd-row seat	17.2
3rd-row seat folded	54.6
3rd-row seat folded, 2nd-row seats removed	127.0

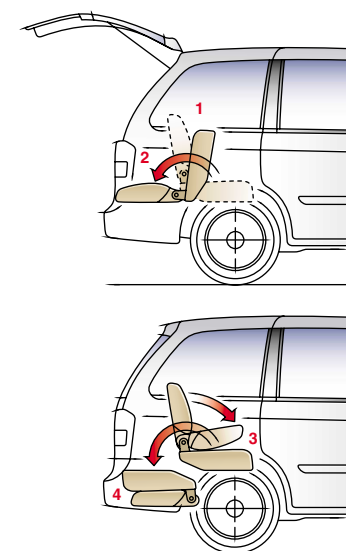


Not only does the Side by Slide™ seat make it easy to switch between a bench and captain's chairs, you can make the switch while seated (when parked).

All this practicality lives in a very stylish setting. The MPV has a sweeping, graceful carlike dash, very contemporary. The layout and feel of the controls is just right, from the driver's seat cushion height and tilt adjustments to the air-conditioning controls and power-window and door-lock switches.

And we're not the only ones who have noted the excellence of the MPV design. *Auto Interiors Magazine* has given the 2000 MPV its Interior of the Year award.\*

So somebody has brought real style to the minivan world. We say, it's about time.



(1) 3rd-row Tumble-Under™ seat holds three people.

(2) The seat can be rotated back to a "tailgate" position.

(3) To create a flat cargo area, fold seatback forward, (4) then easily flip the whole assembly back. (Vehicle should be parked.)

\*June 2000, Light Truck category.



## THE INSIDE STORY

**With leather-trimmed\* upholstery and seating for seven, the MPV ES promises comfort and luxury—and delivers both.**

Even though we're very familiar with expensive, upmarket cars, we were impressed with the MPV's overall level of comfort. And, of course, room. The ES in particular had a full range of amenities: reclining front bucket seats, fold-down armrests for the front- and second-row seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel and tasteful wood-tone trim gave this minivan more than a touch of class.

\*Seating surfaces upholstered in leather except for leather-look vinyl on seat side panels, rear sides of seatbacks and other minor areas.



**A tray under the front passenger seat proved a handy place to store our maps. (It's standard on the LX and ES, available on the DX.)**



**Beverage holders and a handy storage compartment made the third-row seat seem like first class for the occupants.**

We expect minivans to be roomy; after all, carrying people and things is what they're for. Still, the MPV comes in for special praise here. Especially considering that it fits nicely in regular garages and normal parking spaces.

One day we even shuttled the staff to lunch. That the Tumble-Under™ rear seat held three extra people (for a total of seven) impressed everyone—even more so after lunch.

Our various trips during the test period gave us plenty of opportunity to evaluate the interior design. Everyone got their own personal space, with plenty of storage for personal items. We used the generously sized door pockets for our electronic organizer, cell phone, even a doggie bag once. The storage tray under the front passenger seat held our maps, the overhead storage console our

sunglasses. Front- and second-row occupants got their own fold-down armrests, while a covered rear compartment helped keep things neat and secure for rear passengers.

And always, everybody appreciated the 10 handy beverage holders, including two designed especially to hold big 1-liter bottles. We also liked having the optional power moonroof. Open, it added an even greater sense of freedom and space to the MPV interior.



**Separate controls for the available rear air conditioner (standard on the ES model) and heater.**

# FOR MPV, design priorities

GO BEYOND DRIVING PLEASURE.

SAFETY & SECURITY

A close look at this minivan reveals thorough attention to safety, reliability and security.



Dual air bags are standard, and front seat-mounted side-impact air bags are standard on the ES model and available on LX.\*

The responsive 2.5-liter V6 produces 160 hp. Its dual overhead cams are driven by steel chains which, unlike many cam belts, require no scheduled—and often expensive—replacement.

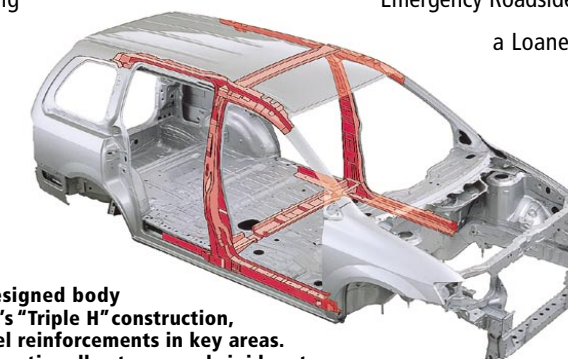


When you hear people talking tech about cars, minivans are probably not the subject. But that's more out of habit. The Mazda MPV could change that. Because, true to a rich heritage of innovation, Mazda includes plenty of advanced technology in the MPV.

Much of that technology deals with occupant safety. Mazda obviously took a very thoughtful approach here, with just about every facet of the MPV's design contributing. Front-wheel drive helps with traction, particularly on wet or slippery roads. Anti-lock brakes (ABS) are standard on the LX and ES models. High tech? The MPV's ABS features Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD for short) to automatically optimize the braking force between front

and rear. Whether the minivan is fully loaded or empty, EBD always helps give you the shortest stops. The MPV brakes are power-assisted disc in front and drum in the rear.

Other notable safety features include heated side mirrors (LX, ES; available on DX) that stay clear even in rainy or cold weather, and three-point safety belts for all six outboard seating positions (the rear center passenger gets a lap belt). For your security, an available antitheft alarm is paired with an electronic "immobilizer" feature, which uses an embedded microchip in the ignition key, coded so that only your key can start the engine. And for peace of mind, Mazda includes 24-hour Emergency Roadside Assistance and a Loaner Car Program.†



MPV's computer-designed body incorporates Mazda's "Triple H" construction, using H-shaped steel reinforcements in key areas. The structure is exceptionally strong and rigid, yet employs "crumple zones" designed to help absorb impact forces and help maintain the integrity of the passenger cabin.

\*Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat. †See page 13 for details on this program.

# 3 MPV models to give you choices.



MPV DX with Power Package



MPV ES



MPV LX with Security Package, fog lights and roof rack

All feature V6 power and are well equipped; only the luxury amenities vary.

The top-of-the-line MPV ES model includes such luxury features as leather-trimmed upholstery,\* separate air-conditioning controls for front and rear passengers, and an AM/FM/CD Super Sound system. For those who put more emphasis on pure practicality in a minivan, Mazda has two other trim levels. The DX has a full complement of features that includes reclining front bucket seats, attractive and

sturdy cloth upholstery, the extremely flexible seating configurations, roll-down sliding-door windows and the 10 beverage holders. The LX adds ABS (with EBD), power windows and door locks with remote illuminated entry, privacy-tint glass, cruise control and front-seat storage drawer. A number of ES features are available in option packages for the LX and DX; see the Features & Options page for details.

\*Seating surfaces upholstered in leather except for leather-look vinyl on seat side panels, rear sides of seatbacks and other minor areas.

YOUR BACK SEAT.  
ZOOM  
THEIR FRONT ROW.



### Home entertainment to go.

Now you'll never run out of ways to keep the kids entertained on trips, long or short. It's the MPV's available Rear-seat Entertainment System that lets rear-seat passengers enjoy VHS tapes or even play video games. Front-row seats for them. Peace of mind for you. Just one feature in a minivan *Consumers Digest* rates as a "Best Buy."<sup>†</sup>



<sup>†</sup>Consumers Digest, January 2000.





**Plentiful add-ons** let owners customize their MPVs.

**Clockwise from upper left: Rear spoiler makes your MPV even sportier; Rear-seat Entertainment System not only plays video tapes, it includes an interface for game systems or other media; cargo net keeps items in place.**

**P**art of the fun of owning a new car is finding ways to personalize it. So Mazda has designed a long list of Genuine Mazda Accessories just for the MPV. Each one is engineered to complement the form and function of this stylish minivan. Some of the accessories are shown above, and others available include:

- Floor mats
- Rear ashtray
- Cargo mat
- Front mask
- Headphones (wireless and wired, also youth/child)
- Wheel locks
- Touch-up paint
- Fog lights
- Roof rack
- Mud guards, front & rear<sup>†</sup>
- Ski attachment
- Bike attachment
- Engine block heater
- Rear bumper step plate
- Hood deflector (smoke or clear)

Mazda notes that all Genuine Mazda Accessories, if installed by the Mazda Dealer prior to or at initial vehicle retail delivery, carry the same new-vehicle warranty as the MPV. <sup>†</sup>Not available for GFX package.

## COLOR COMBINATIONS

EXTERIOR COLOR	INTERIOR COLOR
Black Mica	Beige
Classic Red	Beige
Light Teal Metallic	Gray
Sapphire Blue Metallic	Gray
Sunlight Silver Metallic	Gray
Emerald Mica	Beige
Pure White	Beige
Sand Mica	Beige
Rainforest Green Mica	Beige



## Mazda Limited Warranty

Mazda warrants that the Mazda vehicle will be free of defects with normal use and prescribed maintenance for 36 months or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first, or Mazda will repair any problem without charge. Ordinary maintenance items or adjustments, parts subject to normal wear and replacement and certain other items are excluded. This transferable "limited warranty" is included on all new 2001 Mazda vehicles sold and serviced in the United States.

Complement the limited warranty on your new vehicle with the Mazda Extended Protection Plan, the only service agreement backed by Mazda. See your Mazda Dealer for complete details.

## Emergency Roadside Assistance and Loaner Car

As part of our commitment to your total satisfaction, MPV owners are automatically enrolled in our Emergency Roadside Assistance Service Program for the duration of the 36-month/50,000-mile limited warranty. Dead battery? Locked out? When the unexpected happens, this 24-hour service will provide just about any assistance necessary to get your car back on the road and minimize any inconvenience. In many cases, owners of 2001 Mazda vehicles being repaired under warranty will be eligible for the free Mazda Loaner Car Program. For complete details, see your Mazda Dealer.

### Product Changes and Options Availability:

Following publication of this brochure, certain changes in standard equipment, options, prices and the like, or product delays may have occurred which would not be included in these pages. Your Mazda Dealer is your best source for up-to-date information. Mazda reserves the right to change product specifications at any time without incurring obligations. Options shown or described in this brochure are available at extra cost and may be offered only in combination with other options or subject to additional ordering requirements or limitations.

## FEATURES & OPTIONS

### Mechanical Features

	DX	LX	ES
2.5L DOHC 24-valve V6 engine	S	S	S
4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with overdrive; front-wheel drive	S	S	S
Independent strut-type front suspension with coil springs and stabilizer bar; torsion-beam rear suspension with coil springs and stabilizer bar	S	S	S
Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering and front disc/rear drum brakes	S	S	S
Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)	—	S	S

### Exterior Features

15-inch steel wheels, full wheel covers, P205/65R15 all-season radial tires	S	S	—
16-inch alloy wheels with wheel locks, P215/60R16 all-season radial tires	—	P	S
Body-color door handles and body-side moldings	—	S	S
Dual sliding rear doors with exclusive roll-down windows	S	S	S
Dual heated power remote mirrors	P	S	S
2-speed variable-intermittent windshield wipers; intermittent rear wiper with washer	S	S	S
Privacy-tint glass on rear doors, rear quarter windows and liftgate	—	S	S

### Interior Features

Dual 2nd-generation front air bags	S	S	S
Front seat-mounted side-impact air bags with coverage for head and chest areas	—	P	S
3-point safety belts for outboard seating positions; lap belt for rear center passenger	S	S	S
2nd- and 3rd-row child safety-seat tether anchors	S	S	S
Reclining front bucket seats; adjustable driver's seat height and cushion angle (except DX)	S	S	S
Fold-down armrests for front seats; four fold-down armrests for 2nd-row seats (one on DX)	S	S	S
Removable Side by Slide™ 2nd-row seat	S	S	S
Tumble-Under™ 3-passenger rear seat with tailgate seat function	S	S	S
Cloth upholstery	S	S	—
Leather-trimmed upholstery;* leather-wrapped steering-wheel rim; wood-tone interior trim	—	—	S
Power windows with 1-touch-down driver's window; lighted switch for driver's door	P	S	S
Flip-open rear quarter windows	S	S	S
Power door locks with 2-stage unlocking (driver's door only/all doors plus liftgate)	P	S	S
Tilt steering column	S	S	S
Cruise control with steering-wheel-mounted controls	P	S	S
Remote keyless entry system with illuminated entry	—	S	S
Antitheft alarm with engine immobilizer	—	P	S
Pullout storage drawer under front passenger seat	P	S	S
Locking glove compartment with light; center-console storage bin (holds 12 CDs); coin-storage box	S	S	S
Overhead console with two storage compartments (n/a with moonroof)	S	S	S
Ten beverage holders, including two bottle holders in sliding doors	S	S	S
Driver's and passenger's lighted vanity mirrors with covers (non-lighted on DX)	S	S	S
Front map lights; courtesy lights on ceiling, liftgate and front doors (except DX); ignition-keyhole light	S	S	S
CFC-free front air conditioning with dust and pollen filter; rear-seat heater ducts	S	S	S
CFC-free rear air conditioning with front and rear controls	O	O	S
AM/FM/CD stereo with four speakers and digital clock	S	—	—
AM/FM/cassette/CD stereo with 4 speakers and digital clock	—	S	—
Super Sound system with nine speakers (including subwoofer)	—	P	S

### Options and Option Packages

	DX	LX	ES
Carpeted floor mats (all seating positions)	O/P	O/P	S
CFC-free rear air conditioning with front and rear controls	O	O	S
6-disc in-dash CD changer (LX requires Touring Package; CD changer deletes cassette player on LX and ES)	—	O	O
Roof rack	O	O	O
Front fog lights	O	O	O
Power sliding-glass moonroof with sunshade (LX requires Touring Package)	—	O	O
<b>Power Package:</b> Power windows, locks and heated mirrors; cruise control; 15-inch alloy wheels with locks; body-side moldings; under-seat storage tray; carpeted floor mats	O	—	—
<b>Security Package:</b> 15-inch alloy wheels with locks; front side-impact air bags; anti-theft alarm, engine immobilizer; carpeted floor mats	—	O	—
<b>Touring Package:</b> Security Package items, plus 16-inch alloy wheels w/locks; P215/60R16 tires; wood-tone interior trim; Super Sound system with nine speakers	—	O	—
<b>GFX Package</b> (LX requires Security or Touring Package): 16-inch alloy wheels with locks (LX with Security Package); front fog lights; front spoiler; side sill extensions; rear under-spoiler. Available with the following colors only: Classic Red, Black Mica, Pure White and Sunlight Silver Metallic	—	O	O
<b>4-Seasons Package:</b> Rear heater with front and rear controls; heavy-duty battery and rear defogger; 5.8-quart washer-fluid tank; increased engine and transmission cooling capacity	—	O	O

S : Standard P : Package Option — : Not Available O : Optional  
\*Seating surfaces upholstered in leather except for leather-look vinyl on seat side panels, rear sides of seatbacks and other minor areas.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Engine	2.5L DOHC 24-valve V6; aluminum alloy block and cylinder heads		
Horsepower, SAE Net	160 @ 6250 rpm		
Torque, SAE Net lb-ft	165 @ 4250 rpm		
Ignition; fuel system	Distributorless electronic; multiport electronic fuel injection		
Fuel capacity	18.5 gallons; regular unleaded gasoline recommended		
EPA fuel economy	Estimated 18 mpg city, 23 mpg highway		
Body	Steel unibody with "Triple H" construction		
Steering	Rack-and-pinion with engine-speed-sensing variable power assist		
Turning circle	37.4 feet, curb-to-curb		
Brakes	10.8-inch ventilated front discs; 10.0-inch rear drums		
Base curb weight, lb	3662 (3682 with rear a/c)		

### Exterior Dimensions (inches)

Wheelbase	111.8		
Overall length	187.0		
Height	68.7		
Width	72.1		
Track	60.8		

### Interior Dimensions (inches)

	Front	Middle	Rear
Headroom	41.0	39.3	38.0
with moonroof	39.0	37.4	38.0
Legroom	40.8	37.0	35.6
Shoulder room	59.8	60.8	58.1

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