






Ford Focus

RATING	SCORE	Front: 16	Side: 16	Seatbelt reminder: 2	Pole: 2
 ADULT OCCUPANT ★★★★★	35				
 CHILD OCCUPANT ★★★★★☆	40				
 PEDESTRIAN ★★☆☆☆	15				

Adult occupant protection



Frontal impact driver



Frontal impact passenger



Side impact driver

■	GOOD
■	ADEQUATE
■	MARGINAL
■	WEAK
■	POOR

Child restraints

18 month old Child	Britax Roemer Baby-safe ISOFIX Plus, rearward facing
3 year old Child	Britax Roemer Duo Plus, forward facing

Pedestrian protection

No image car front available

Safety equipment

Front seatbelt pretensioners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Front seatbelt load limiters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver frontal airbag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Front passenger frontal airbag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Side body airbags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Side head airbags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver knee airbag	<input type="checkbox"/>

Car details

Hand of drive	LHD
Tested model	Ford Focus Trend 1.6
Body type	5 door hatchback
Year of publication	2004
Kerb weight	1248
VIN from which rating applies	GCD54S24192

Comments

The Focus's body proved to be extremely strong and its passenger cell was stable, protecting the occupants. The car just missed achieving a maximum score in the frontal impact test. The restraint systems include dual frontal airbags, front belt pre-tensioners and load limiters, side airbags and a head airbag curtain. Side-impact protection was impressive while that for children was also good. The protection given to pedestrians was reasonably good.

Front impact

The body structure suffered minimal deformation; the drivers' door could be opened almost normally after the impact. The single-stage tethered airbags and belt pre-tensioners in combination with load limiters and the stable structure worked well, keeping impact loads on the front occupants' chests low. A good deal of work has been done to improve the drivers knee impact area. The door aperture and the footwell suffered minimal distortion in the crash.

Side impact

A very impressive protection system includes seat mounted thorax airbags and a head curtain airbag, which also protects those seated in the rear.

Child occupant

The restraint used by the three-year-old was a forward-facing Britax Romer Duo Plus, fitted using the ISOFIX anchorages and a top tether. The restraint used by the 18-month-old was a rear-facing Britax Romer BabySafe ISOFIX Plus fitted using the two-point ISOFIX anchorages and a support frame. Both children were well protected in the frontal and side impact tests. There was a non-permanent pictogram on the end of the fascia but no other written warning of the dangers of placing a child in a rear facing restraint opposite an airbag. Ford offers an airbag on/off switch as a dealer-fit optional item.

Pedestrian

Tests on the bonnet showed that it offered good protection where a child's head might most likely strike it. It also protected adult heads, though less well. However, the protection offered at the bonnet's leading edge and by the Focus's bumper was found to be flawed. Overall, the car's two-star result was encouraging.

