



PLEASE READ BEFORE DRIVING

Mazda MX5

STARTING PROCEDURE

1. The Mazda is fuel injected with an automatic choke
2. Ensure the car is in Neutral
3. Do not press the accelerator when starting the car
4. To start the car, turn the key fully and keep it turned until the engine fires
5. Once fired, blip the throttle to clear the injectors

GEARBOX

1. Five speed manual in H pattern with 5th forward and right
2. Reverse gear is back and right towards the driver

BRAKES

1. The MX5 has discs on the front and back with ABS
2. The car will stop appropriately for the time when it was built. But this will not be as quickly or abruptly as in a modern car
3. Please test the brakes before heading out onto the main road

ROOF

1. The roof is manually operated
2. To **lower** the roof:
 - a. Release the catches on either side of the windscreen and push back the clasp to clear the screen
 - b. Push the roof back so that it rests in the well behind the seats
 - c. Ensure the Perspex window panel is not kinked or twisted
3. To **raise** the roof:
 - a. Open the doors (to clear the windows)
 - b. Lift the roof up and over the seats and rest it on the windscreen
 - c. Push the catches on either side of the screen home to secure the roof
 - d. Close the doors

FUEL

The car runs on minimum 95 RON Unleaded petrol. It will run better on 98 RON Super Unleaded fuel. The car does around 35 mpg. To avoid running out of fuel and damage to the car, please do not let the car run below ¼ tank of fuel.

DRIVING

1. The MX5 has a low bonnet and you sit low – please take care at junctions
2. The MX5 will feel very small, low and compact: please take extra care and give other road users plenty of space
3. The MX5 has firm suspension and holds the road very well
4. Please note the comments above about brakes
5. The car develops around 120 bhp and has rear wheel drive – it has ABS and traction control but you are responsible for what the car does
6. The weight, rear drive wheels and power require familiarisation before spirited driving

CONTROLS

1. Lights: stalk on left of steering column – rotate to engage different settings
2. Indicators: on left hand column stalk
3. Wipers and screen wash on right hand column stalk
4. Heating controls in centre of car
5. Electric window switches on centre console
6. Boot release: under passenger armrest in centre of car
7. Bonnet release: under passenger armrest in centre of car