



Personal Vehicle Report

2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser

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Consumer Rating:	★★★★☆
Est. Market Price:	\$16,576 – \$22,184
Invoice Price Range:	\$15,952 – \$24,814
List Price Range:	\$16,980 – \$26,675

Key Features:

- 2.4 liter Engine
- Horsepower up to 220
- Basic Manufacturer Warranty of 3 years 36,000 miles.

Vehicle Information:

The 2003 PT Cruiser is a 4-door, 5-passenger sport-utility, available in 5 trims, ranging from the Base to the GT. The 2003 PT Cruiser's closest competitors include the Buick Rendezvous, the Kia Sorento, and the Toyota RAV4. Upon introduction, the Base is equipped with a standard 2.4-liter, I4, 150-horsepower engine that achieves 21-mpg in the city and 29-mpg on the highway. The GT is equipped with a standard 2.4-liter, I4, 215-horsepower, turbo engine that achieves 21-mpg in the city and 29-mpg on the highway. A 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive is standard on both trims, and a 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is optional. The 2003 PT Cruiser is a carryover from 2002.

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Customer Rankings

This is how our customers ranked this vehicle.

Maximum score is 100.

Average score based on **22** reviews submitted for this vehicle.

Average scores:

For the Chrysler PT Cruiser: **90**

For all vehicles: **88**

Comfort:  (88)

Performance:  (86)

Quality:  (92)

Look:  (95)

Similar Vehicles

The following chart contains other manufacturer's vehicles that are similar to the PT Cruiser.

Trim	List Price	Engine	MPG City	MPG hwy	ABS Brakes	Airbags
<u>Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLS Manual</u>	\$22,610	4.0L 6Cyl. 210hp Gas	17	21	Std	Std
<u>Honda CR-V LX 4-spd AT</u>	\$18,900	2.4L 4Cyl. 160hp Gas	23	28		Std
<u>Jeep Liberty Limited</u>	\$22,600	3.7L 6Cyl. 210hp Gas	17	21		Std
<u>Jeep Liberty Renegade</u>	\$22,760	3.7L 6Cyl. 210hp Gas	16	22		Std
<u>Jeep Liberty Sport 2WD</u>	\$16,885	2.4L 4Cyl. 150hp Gas	NA	NA		Std
<u>Mazda Tribute ES V6 FWD</u>	\$22,715	3.0L 6Cyl. 200hp Gas	19	24	Std	Std
<u>Mitsubishi Montero Sport ES 2WD</u>	\$22,777	3.0L 6Cyl. 165hp Gas	18	22		Std
<u>Nissan Pathfinder SE 4X2</u>	\$26,649	3.5L 6Cyl. 240hp Gas	16	19	Std	Std
<u>Nissan Xterra XE 4X2 S/C</u>	\$22,699	3.3L 6Cyl. 210hp Supercharged	15	19	Std	Std
<u>Suzuki XL-7 Plus 2WD</u>	\$21,099	2.7L 6Cyl. 183hp Gas	18	20		Std



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Available Trims

Manufacturers often sell the same vehicle with varying levels of equipment. These are called "trim levels." The trim levels for the PT Cruiser are shown below.

Trim	List Price	Engine	MPG City	MPG hwy	ABS Brakes	Airbags
PT Cruiser	\$16,980	2.4L 4Cyl. 150hp Gas	21	29		Std
PT Cruiser Dream Cruiser	\$26,675	2.4L 4Cyl. 215hp Turbo Gas	21	29	Std	Std
PT Cruiser GT	\$22,690	2.4L 4Cyl. 215hp Turbo Gas	21	29	Std	Std
PT Cruiser Limited Edition	\$21,165	2.4L 4Cyl. 150hp Gas	21	29		Std
PT Cruiser Touring Edition	\$18,925	2.4L 4Cyl. 150hp Gas	21	29		Std

Major standard features available for the PT Cruiser:



PT Cruiser

Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Air Conditioning, Bench Seating, Power Windows, Bucket Seating, CD Player,



PT Cruiser Dream Cruiser

Cruise Control, Tachometer, Moonroof, Air Conditioning, Power Locks, Rear Defroster, Leather Seats, Power Windows, CD Player, Power Seats, Bucket Seating, Bench Seating,



PT Cruiser GT

Cruise Control, Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Air Conditioning, Bench Seating, Power Windows, Power Locks, Power Seats, Leather Seats, Bucket Seating, CD Player, Moonroof,



PT Cruiser Limited Edition

Cruise Control, Tachometer, Moonroof, Air Conditioning, Rear Defroster, Power Windows, Bench Seating, Leather Seats, Power Locks, Bucket Seating, CD Player,



PT Cruiser Touring Edition

Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Power Windows, Bench Seating, Power Locks, Power Seats, Bucket Seating, CD Player, Moonroof,



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Reliability and Satisfaction Ratings

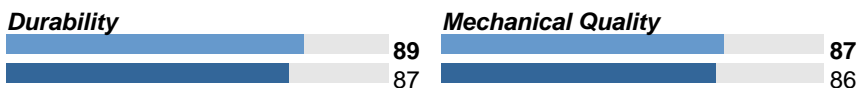
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Chrysler PT Cruiser ■ **All Vehicles** ■

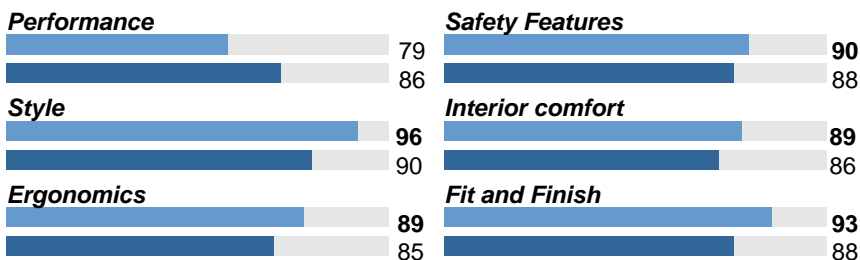
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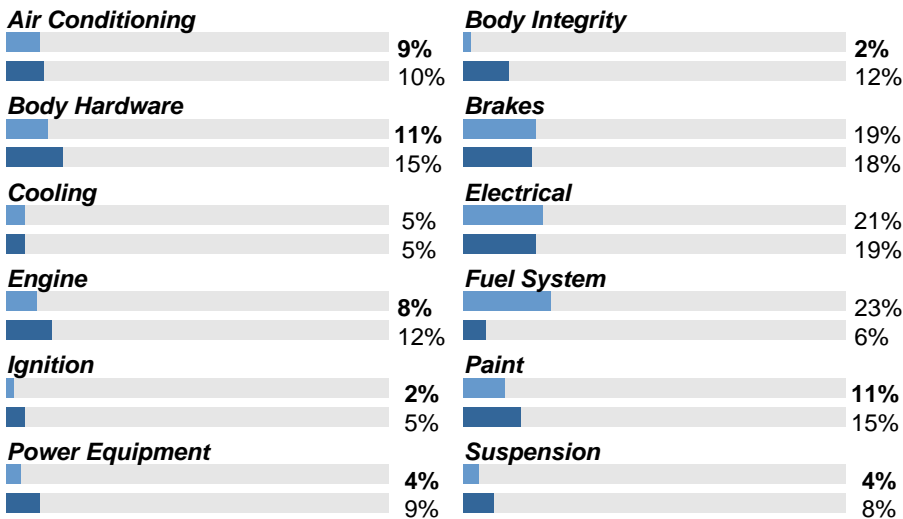
Vehicle Reliability



Other Vehicle Qualities



Percentage Of People Reporting Problems With:



Transmission



Other





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Customer Comments

The following comments come directly from visitors to our websites.

Things they liked...

"2.4L Turbo & 5 speed transmission"

"Everything is in easy reach for driver"

"The whole vehicle ... The admiring looks from other people "

"Comfort"

"The Color"

...and things they didn't

"Nothing"

"Placement of the cup holders "

"The factory CD changer is in the Cargo area "

"Could be a tad peppier!"

"Nothing"

General comments

"Great handling with power to spare when needed!"

Annandale , Virginia – December, 2003

"Handles well, rides comfortably, ample room for tall people, Able to transport some large items with split/fold seats, gas mileage affordable. Couldn't be happier with car.. if I only had 2 children. Bit of a tight squeeze for 3 growing kids with a carseat and stroller. Also, Why only 1 cupholder for rear seats, yet 3 for front passengers? "

Debra T. (Lincoln University , Pennsylvania – August, 2003)

"I recently purchased a 2003 PT Cruiser Limited and I LOVE it!! You can not go wrong with the limited the suspension is cushy, interior quality is very high for a car in this price class. The sound system is great – the only

down fall to the stereo system is the CD changer is in the cargo area but other wise things are 'AOK'. The gas mileage is great for city driving. From an Insurance perspective you cant loose, I was concerned becuase I am male and under 30, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that State Farm Insurance gives a 20% Discount for the limited Edition becuase of the standard ABS and the side airbags. I have nothing to say bad about my Cruiser. "

C. U. (Aurora , Colorado – August, 2003)

"We got this car when there was still a long wait for delivery. It was worth every penny we paid! I am very tall, and usually uncomfortable in anything but pickup trucks, but I take long trips (8 hours or more) in this, and am very comfortable. It looks so small, but the interior is so large (just like a Tardis)."

Ypsilanti , Michigan – June, 2003

"Amazing the power in the Turbo model"

La Quinta , California – June, 2003

"I was really looking at purchasing a vw beetle and test drove one not once but twice and still wasn't comfortable in it! the pt cruiser was actually my backup car once i test drove the pt cruiser i knew i had to have one! this car is the best purchase that i have made! it is totally awesome! it looks great and no it doesn't feel like your driving a mini van, like some may think! it does have plenty of space and it's not to big, not to small, it's just right!"

Tampa , Florida – May, 2003

"This PT Turbo rocks!! I love the power and handling in this car. The GT model has all the power needed for a 'fun' drive, the overall design leaves it prtcal as a family car. The only complaint I have came from my 8 year old daughter, 'The leather seats are cold', a nice blanket on the rear seat (fronts are heated) does the trick in the winter for that. Can't find anything wrong with this little 'Hot Rod'."

Ian I. (Schenectady , New York – May, 2003)

"I did test drive the turbo first but felt the standard engine provided enough power. Love the unique retro styling and the flexible interior. My limited edition is very comfortable and loaded with extras. Lots of room for a car this size. We also got a great price for the PT -- \$3,600. below list (including rebates). Only drawback after 500 miles is the mileage. Just 21 in city driving but hoping that will improve cause I'm still breaking her in. There are PT Cruiser clubs all over the country. Online you can see pictures of the many aftermarket changes for this vechile, which is one of the reason I bought it. I love the idea of making changes to my PT over the coming years (even though I have to admit its darn near perfect right now). This is a little SUV that handles well and is truly fun to drive. "

Christopher W. (Stamford , Connecticut – March, 2003)

" I recently rented and tested this. It had the 16-valve DOHC 2.4L 4 cylinder. I noticed seating and leg room were improved since these first came out. However, the seats could be made softer. It had plenty of power. And we had to use premium unleaded to get accurate gas mileage and power. But overall, it handled very well. And I like the old-fashioned body style. I highly recommend buying it."

Ernest , Pennsylvania – March, 2003

" The car is a kick to drive. We didn't get the turbo so it's no hot rod. Still, it has plenty of power... more than our '91 Camry. This is not a car for large families. There is alot of cargo space, but only if you remove the back seat(s). There is only three of us so there is tons of space. A family with two kids is about the limit. What can I say about the looks... it's the best looking car on the road! The sound system is top quality and there's leg room for everyone. There's so many things you can do with this design. One can give it a hot-rod look or go with it's retro design to bring out more of a 1930's look. I know of no other new car you can do this with. They're beautiful and reliable. Get one!"

Richard R. (Chico , California – February, 2003)

"Im amazed..... lots of room, great power, and a real looker."

Joan M. (Los Angeles , California – January, 2003)

"I beleive anyone who wants to have fun, and enjoyment at the same time, will buy the new PT/GT if they test drive one. I wanted one when they first appeared, drove one, then deecided they were underpowered. Then I drove the new Turbo GT, It's now in my driveway, and we love it. Can't find anything I don't like about it, except for the radio[they don't have the cassett player any longer] maybe another option now? I make-up places to go, even when I don't need to go there just to drive it. Let all the kids drive it, now they all want one. Get in drive, and hang on. Just can't say enough about it!"

John d. C. (Pacific , Missouri – September, 2002)

"Our family has had the car now for about 4,5 months and driven about 6500 km:s with it and we are just as happy with it as we were on the day we bought it. The pro:s are as follows: * cute looking car, styling a real masterpiece * functionality inside very good * good handling capabilities * practical seats that can be folded acc. to one's needs * seating position relatively high, good view of road * very comfortable to drive, sit in for long trips. Whenever I pick my wife up from work she always seems to get in a good mood when she lays her eyes on the car (so she still finds the car a styling success – so do I)! "

Rush Hill , Missouri – December, 2003

"One of the best vehicles I've ever owned as far as quality goes. Fit and finish are supurb. Could use more power (the new 'mid' turbo is now available for the 2004 model year), but haven't had a problem with the standard engine. The versitility and thoughtful features make this car a delight to drive."

Livonia , Michigan – November, 2003

"I've always admired the PT's, but this was my first time to drive one. Test drove in town. Handled nicely but a little rough. Looks super cool inside and out, but once I was in the car for a few minutes the interior seemed a bit... what's the word I'm looking for... meager? sparse? In any rate, the trendiness wore off quickly. Acceleration is ok for such a heavy car (it really really is!). Absolutely loved the space available and the access to it. Configuration of the seats is quite impressive. Kudos on the design work! Price was not bad either, but opted for something a bit more practical."

Moscow , Idaho – March, 2003

"It seems that everyone complains about the acceleration of the cruiser.it really isn` t slow. my only two complaints are these–poor gas mileage and difficulty seeing out the rear window! the rear head rests really take away a lot of one`s vision."

Egbertsville , New York – December, 2002

"GOOD LOOKING GIVES A GOOD RIDE GAS MILEAGE I I THOUGHT COULD BE BETTER "

Richard G. (Malden , Massachusetts – December, 2002)

"Bought the GT Turbo Version fully loaded. A little disappointed on poor engine torque. Find it difficult taking hills or and poor acceleration on expressway on/ramps. Pleased with the color, but totally disappointed with body styling. I can,t stand to look at it.I use this vehicle for short shopping trips because of good cargo areas. I also own an 2002 GMC Envoy SLT that I use most of the time."

Ben B. (Concord , Ohio – February, 2003)

"It drives very nicely. I have no problems."

Jodell C. (Fairmount , Indiana – December, 2002)

