

"Thank you Destination Kia..."

...for this amazing donation of face shields to Albany Med. We are so fortunate to live in such a generous and thoughtful community filled with people who care. You can be sure we will put this kind donation to immediate use. This will impact many."

- Rob Saba, Albany Medical Center



Last Thursday Destination Kia made a donation of 468 face shields produced by American workers at Kia Motors Manufacturing in West Point, Georgia to Albany Medical Center. On June 23rd they also donated 468 more face shields to St. Peter's Hospital.

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2020 Mazda CX-30 Premium AWD

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surrounding buttons, or voice commands. The interface works well enough, though like most such arrays, it takes longer to perform simple tasks (like changing channels on the sound system) than conventional controls would. Secondary switchgear on the steering wheel provide a preferred shortcut for some of these functions.

CX-30 in Select trim looks to be the value pick, with desirable additions like blind spot monitoring, rear cross traffic alert, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, a leather wrapped wheel, leatherette upholstery, dual zone climate control and rear seat HVAC vents. Preferred level additions include a fine sounding, 12-speaker Bose audio system (even if Mazda has banished CD players from all their sound systems), Sirius/ XM radio, heated front seats and a power driver's seat. Premium level cars are decked out with niceties like leather trimmed seats, a power moon roof and a head-up display.

For comparison purposes, here are how some CX-30 stacks up with a number of segment competitors, based on three, key metrics - cargo capacity and front/rear seat leg room. The CX-30's leg room measurements are 41.7"/36.3", and cargo capacity ranges from 20.2-45.2 cu.-ft. Sibling CX-3 checks in with 41.7"/35"/17.8-42.7 cu.-ft., while CX-5 measures 41"/39.6"/30.9-59.6 cu.-ft. Among other classmates: Honda HR-V (41.2"/39.3"/23.2-57.6 cu.-ft.), Toyota C-HR (43.5"/31.7"/19.1-37 cu.-ft.), Kia Seltos (41.4"/38"/26.6-62.8 cu.-ft.) and Subaru Crosstrek (43.1"/36.5"/20.8-55.3 cu.-ft..

The number/size of the people that you ride with regularly and the amount of gear you're carrying will dictate the degree to which any of these numbers matter. Practically speaking, with a six footer in the front row of a CX-30, a like-size passenger behind is a very tight squeeze. The rear seatbacks fold to a slightly slanted floor, and while the liftover height isn't high, whatever you're loading must first be hoisted over a moderately high lip in back, before you get down to the load floor.

Mazda i-Activsense is standard equipment. The bundle includes driver attention alert, adaptive cruise control, automated emergency braking, blind spot monitoring with rear cross traffic alert, lane departure warning, lane keeping assist and high beam control. While some people find some of these features intrusive in daily driving, all can be switched on/off to suit the driver and the situation.

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