

Fiat Punto Evo

Performance

There are two 16-valve 1.4 petrol engines and a 1.3 turbo diesel, which is available in two states of tune. All five power units – eight-valve 1.4 remains meet Euro V emissions regulations. The best balance of cost and drivability comes with the 104bhp Multi-air 1.4.

Ride & Handling

Effectively, there are two suspension set-ups for the Punto Evo – standard tune for Active, Dynamic and Elegize versions and a firmer setting with GP and Sporting models. The standard set-up works best on the UK's appalling roads. The Punto is nowhere near as engaging to drive as a Fiesta, but it's light, easy and tidy.

Refinement

Both of the newest petrol engines are smooth and hushed, with just a hint of rasp when revved, and Fiat's 1.3-litre turbo diesels also deliver excellent cruising refinement. Manual gearshifts aren't the slickest – the six-speed 'box is better than the five-speed – and there's wind noise at quite modest speed, plus some road noise on grainy surfaces.

There are 19 Fiat Punto Evo versions available



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