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# 2021 Mazda MX-30

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## Overview

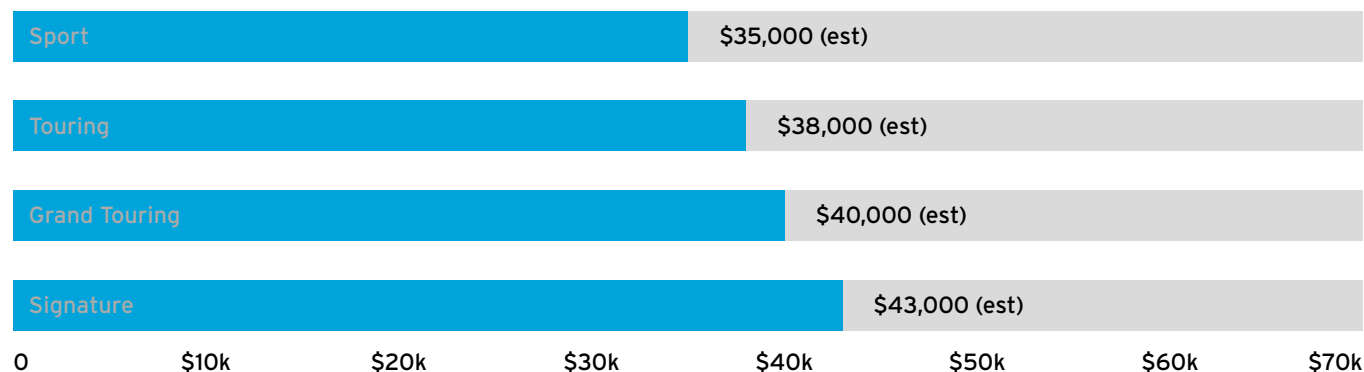
Mazda will be bringing its first all-electric vehicle to market soon in the form of the [MX-30 SUV](#), which will offer a plug-in-hybrid variant, too. The subcompact-sized crossover has a sharp exterior design with a coupe-like roofline and rear-hinged back doors similar to those found on the [BMW i3 electric car](#). Many details are still hazy, but [Mazda](#) says the SUV will come with a 35.5-kWh lithium-ion battery pack and a front-mounted electric motor. Pre-orders have already started for European buyers and we expect the MX-30 to go on sale in the United States sometime in early 2021.

## What's New for 2021?

Not only is the MX-30 an all-new model for Mazda, it marks the first time the Japanese automaker has experimented with an all-electric powertrain. It's similarly sized to the current [CX-3](#) and the upcoming [CX-30](#)

crossovers, but borrows the MX nomenclature of the [MX-5 Miata](#), giving us hope that it will be a performance-oriented option in the electric-SUV marketplace.

## Pricing and Which One to Buy



We aren't sure how many trims will be offered on the MX-30 when it eventually hits the market, but if it follows the normal Mazda method, we expect four trims ranging in price from the base Sport model to the loaded and luxurious Signature. Until we know more about the pricing and available equipment, we'll hold off on recommending one trim over the other.

## Engine, Transmission, and Performance

Mazda says the MX-30 will have one electric motor and it will be mounted in the front under the SUV's hood. That may mean the MX-30 only will be offered with front-wheel drive. However, we've also learned [that there will be a plug-in-hybrid version](#) that'll pair an electric motor with a rotary gasoline engine, so perhaps all-wheel drive is still on the table. Mazda hasn't released info on the MX-30's official power ratings, either, but in our experience with electric cars, even the lower-powered ones like the [Nissan Leaf](#) still provide peppy acceleration.

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## Range, Charging, and Battery Life

The MX-30 will be capable of charging on standard AC power as well as more modern and faster DC chargers. Driving range is still a mystery, but in order to be competitive with the likes of the [Chevrolet Bolt EV](#) and the [Hyundai Kona Electric](#), the MX-30 will need to offer around 250 miles of range.

## Fuel Economy and Real-World MPG

The EPA hasn't released fuel-economy estimates for the MX-30, but similar electric vehicles such as the Kona Electric and Bolt EV carry ratings of 120 and 119 MPGe, respectively. We expect the MX-30 to earn a similar rating.

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## Interior, Comfort, and Cargo

The MX-30's cabin uses natural and sustainable materials such as cork and breathable fabric upholstery made from recycled plastic bottles. Front-seat space looks like it will easily fit two adult Americans, but the rear seat appears to be far more cramped, both in head- and legroom. A floating center console is right on trend and frees up space for storage behind a digitized screen that adjusts the car's climate-control system. We're not sure how much cargo space will be available behind the MX-30's rear seats, but if the similarly sized CX-3 is anything to go by, Costco runs may require folding flat the rear seats.

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## Infotainment and Connectivity

In addition to the digital panel for the MX-30's climate controls and vehicle settings, a secondary display sprouts from the dashboard to cover infotainment features such as the audio system, navigation, and backup camera. We expect it will use Mazda's latest infotainment system, which launched on the [3 sedan and hatchback](#), as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.

## Safety and Driver-Assistance Features



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety have not performed crash tests on the MX-30, but we expect Mazda will make its suite of [driver-assistance features](#) standard. Called I-Activsense, the bundle of features provides collision-mitigation and lane-keeping features to help reduce the risk of an accident. Key safety features include:

- Available automated emergency braking with pedestrian detection
- Available lane-departure warning with lane-keeping assist
- Available blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert

## Warranty and Maintenance Coverage

Assuming the MX-30 doesn't receive special warranty coverage, it should come with the same set of policies as its stable mates, such as the CX-3, the [CX-5](#), and the [CX-9](#).

- Limited warranty covers three years or 36,000 miles
- Powertrain warranty covers five years or 60,000 miles
- No complimentary scheduled maintenance

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