

## The almost-flawless Peugeot RCZ - by Adri Bezuidenhout

From a car evaluator's point of view the Peugeot RCZ has one major flaw and that is the fact that it doesn't have any flaws. Not any major ones, that's for sure.

The RCZ looks great in photographs. It looks ten times better in the flesh. I haven't had so many thumbs-ups from pedestrians and other road users for a very long time while I was driving it.



From a driver's point of view, it is obvious that this car was designed around him or her, not just for him or her. It's made to measure and it fits you like a cocoon. Instruments and controls are well-positioned and easy to read, while the adjustability of the steering wheel is such that anyone will find a comfortable driving position.



The willing 1,8-litre, four-cylinder engine is a gem, reaching an audible growl when the rev counter climbs close to the red line. Zero to 100 km/h is reached in just 7,5 seconds, while it will run out of breath and willingness at 237 km/h.

Handling is precise and predictable, leaving a smile almost as wide as the car on the driver's face after an unnecessary quick trip to nowhere in particular.

What impressed me most about the RCZ is how it handled not-so-good

surfaces, an area that usually magnifies ugly wrinkles in an otherwise flawless demeanour. There wasn't an indication of a rattle or suspension objection when the going got tough.

I did say the RCZ is almost flawless. Well, the one thing that irritated me was that the pedals are grouped too close to one another, which necessitates slipping on the narrowest shoes in your cupboard before squeezing in behind the wheel of Peugeot's latest brag item. For the rest, this is a car to strive for.

