

New design for Lincoln MKZ



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The 2013 Lincoln MKZ's all-new styling is exciting and unique compared to its bland predecessor. The sedan is sculptured with distinctive styling that includes a sweeping roofline, rear tail-lamp treatment that stretches across the rear deck and highlighted with a split-wing grille.

The 2013 Lincoln MKZ's handling was very good around town and the sedan hugged the road around most turns. It features Lincoln Drive Control, which gives you three choices: sport, normal and comfort.

The brakes were adequate, but the steering felt non-responsive and lacked feedback. The driving experience was pretty good, but the MKZ

was not as sporty as other cars in the segment.

There's minimal wind noise and generally good management of unwanted ambient noise when driving the MKZ.

Under the hood

The MKZ comes stock with the turbo-charged 2.0-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder engine, rated at 240 hp and 270 lb.-ft. of torque on 87 octane. Standard transmission is a six-speed automatic transmission. An

optional engine is the 3.7-liter six-cylinder with 300 hp and 277 lb.-ft.

The engine is powerful and performs well in all road situations.

The MKZ Hybrid 2.0-liter Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder, rated at 141 hp and also 47 hp electric traction motor utilizing a lithium ion battery for storage (total system power is 188 hp). CVT transmission is standard on the FWD model.

The MKZ has a Continuously Controlled Damping (CCD) suspension system with MacPherson struts.

