



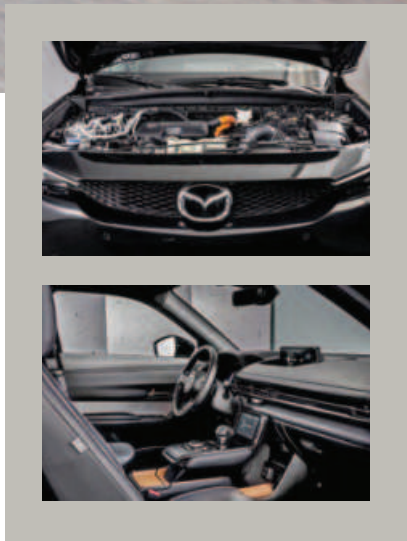
# Return of the Rotary 2023 MAZDA MX-30

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After a lot of teasing over the last few months with the possible return of the Rotary engine, Mazda finally unveiled the car at the Brussels car show earlier this year which sadly, did not come out as a sports car as the successor to the RX8, but the petrol mill came in the new MX-30 EV SUV packed as a range extender. Let's take a look at what the brand new 2023 Mazda MX-30 is all about.

The MX-30 in general is an electric midsize SUV based on Mazda's existing CX-30 model. The car was announced in late 2019 at the Tokyo Motor Show as their first iteration in the electric car segment. With 100 miles (near about 160 km) of range from its battery, the Mazda MX-30 fell short of most of its competition which was giving at least double the range and costing less than the Mazda. The MX-30 is an interesting car for the company, from its use of sustainable materials in the interior such as cork, which Mazda claims homage to their early days as a cork manufacturing company before cars were a thing for them. The cluster inside the car is also recycled from some of their existing models, modified to fit the electric nature of the car. Another thing unique to the interior of the MX-30 is the presence of a full-sized 150 W power outlet at the bottom of the centre console,

where you can power a laptop and many more things which can be necessary. Although for Mazda, up until this year, the EV just needed to be out and exist rather than bump sales figures. As the car was only available in California, it was to meet CARB and other federal compliances for green and sustainable carbon footprints for electric vehicles. For 2023, Mazda decided to put out hybrid versions of the car, addressing the poor range that the SUV bears, and decided to put in an 830 cc rotary engine and call it the Mazda MX-30 R-EV Skyactiv, which does not look much different from its full electric sibling. The only notable differences between them being the wheel choices and the distinctive badging with the three-pointed Wankel logo indicating the presence of the engine. The rotary engine in the car, although, has no connection to the wheels, but the



engine sits in front of the car only to produce electricity for the Lithium-ion batteries with a maximum energy capacity of 17.8 kWh - almost half the capacity of what the full EV version bares. The R-EV has also a 50-litre petrol tank for the engine, as well as plug-in capabilities to charge the batteries. It takes about 50 minutes to charge from an AC outlet and can also be fast charged up to 36 W from a DC outlet where it takes about 25 minutes to reach 80%. Aside from the diminished range anxiety, the MX-30 R-EV also has an electric motor. There is greater power but less torque with 170 PS (168 hp or 125 kW) and 260 Nm compared to the MX-30 EV's 145 PS (143 hp or 107 kW) and 271 Nm. The MX-30 is one of the more important SUVs Mazda has put out. Not only it is their first car in the electric vehicle segment, but rather Mazda re-introduced technology which was long lost and overdue with the rotary. It would have been nicer if the engine had an actual connection with turning the wheels, but all we can do is hope, that after the R-EV, we also get a new iteration of the RX series sports car.



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## Applying for new jobs? Here's how to take the stress off

Applying for jobs can be a stressful and overwhelming process. It's normal to feel anxious about the outcome, but there are ways to take the stress off and make the process more manageable. Here are some tips for reducing stress when applying for jobs:

**Be organised**  
Create a spreadsheet or document to keep track of the jobs you've applied to, the deadlines, and any follow-up information. This will help you stay on top of your applications and ensure that you don't miss any important deadlines.

**Tailor your resume and cover letter**  
Make sure that your resume and cover letter are tailored to the specific job you're applying for. This will show that you've done your research and are genuinely interested in the position.

**Network**  
Networking is a great way to learn about job opportunities and get your foot in the door. Reach out to friends, family, and professional contacts to see if they know of any open positions or can introduce you to someone in your desired field.

**Practise your interview skills**  
Practice makes perfect when it comes to interviews. Prepare answers to common interview questions and practice with a friend or family member. This will help you feel more confident and relaxed during the actual interview.

**Take care of yourself**  
Applying for new jobs can be draining, so it's important to take care of yourself both

physically and mentally. Make sure you're getting enough sleep, eating well, and engaging in activities that you enjoy.

**Be realistic**  
Applying for jobs can be a time-consuming process, and it's important to be realistic about the number of jobs you can apply to at one time. Don't apply to too many jobs at once, as this can be overwhelming and lead to burnout.

**Don't take rejection personally**  
It's important to remember that rejection is not a reflection of your worth as a person. It's simply part of the process and you should not let it discourage you.

**Be patient**  
The job search process can take time, so be patient. It's important to keep in mind that the right job will come along eventually, so don't give up.

**Set a schedule**  
Having a schedule for job searching can help you stay on track and keep your stress levels in check. Set aside specific times each day or week to focus on job searching, and stick to that schedule as much as possible. This will help you stay organised and focused, and ensure that you're making the most of your time.

**Take a break**  
If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed or stressed out, it may be a good idea to take a break from job searching for a little while. Take some time to relax, engage in activities that you enjoy, and remind yourself that you're doing the best you can.

**Look for opportunities in different fields**  
If you're having trouble finding a job in your desired field, consider looking for opportunities in related fields. This can help you gain valuable experience and skills, and increase your chances of landing a job in your desired field in the future.

**Seek support**  
Job searching can be a lonely process, so it's important to seek out support from friends, family, and professionals. Talk to people who have gone through the job searching process themselves and ask for their advice and support.

**Keep a positive attitude**  
A positive attitude can make all the difference when it comes to job searching. Remind yourself that you have valuable skills and experience, and that you will find a job eventually. Keeping a positive attitude will help you stay motivated and focused, and increase your chances of success.

**Don't put too much pressure on yourself**  
Remember that finding a job is not the only measure of your worth or success. It's important to focus on the process and not the outcome, and to not put too much pressure on yourself to find a job right away.

**Be open to different types of jobs**  
Don't limit yourself to only applying for certain types of jobs or specific roles. Be open to different types of opportunities, even if they're not exactly what you had

in mind. You never know what kind of opportunity might come your way.

**Use online resources**  
There are many online resources available to help with job searching. Use job search engines, online job boards, and professional networking sites to find job opportunities. These resources can be a great way to find jobs that might not be advertised elsewhere.

**Learn new skills**  
Learning new skills can help you stand out to potential employers and increase your chances of getting hired. Consider taking a class or workshop to learn a new skill that is relevant to the job you're applying for.

**Stay up-to-date with industry news**  
Keep up-to-date with the latest industry news and trends. This will help you stay informed and knowledgeable about the field you're interested in, and give you something to talk about during an interview.

**Celebrate your successes**  
Remember to celebrate your successes, no matter how small they may be. Whether it's getting a call back for an interview or landing a new job, it's important to acknowledge and celebrate your accomplishments.

Applying for jobs can be a stressful and overwhelming process, but by following these tips, you can take the stress off and increase your chances of success. With the right mindset and approach, you can land the job of your dreams.