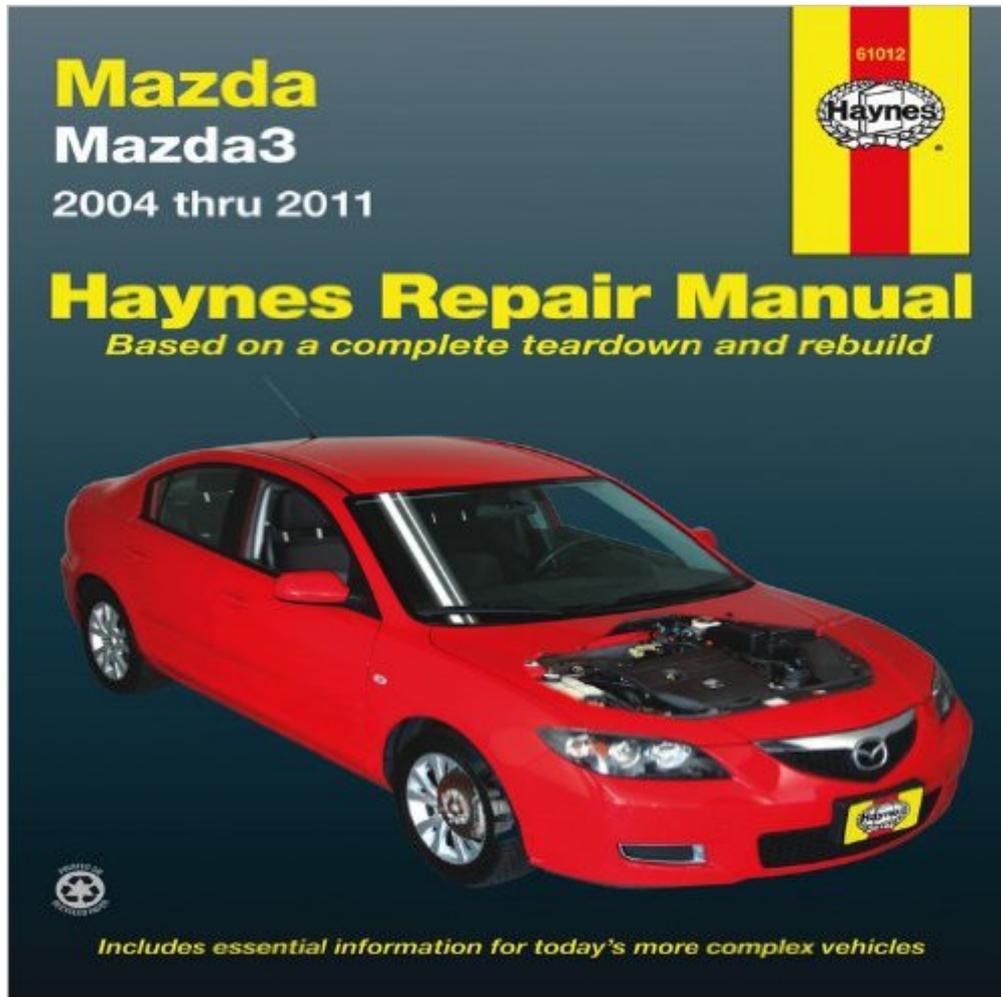


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I'm a professional mechanic and I know the value of having a good shop manual when you're getting "down and dirty" with a car or motorcycle. Normally, whenever I buy a new car, truck or motorcycle for myself, I buy the OEM service manual to have BEFORE I need it. But when I bought my 2011 Mazda3, I found that the OEM manual costs hundreds of dollars! That is just nuts. So I caved and bought the Haynes manual instead. It wastes too much space with generic mechanical information which applies to every vehicle on the road, as opposed being specific to the Mazda3. That info may be helpful to a total "newby", but it's a waste of paper and ink to an experienced wrench and it occupies too much of this book, leaving too little real, in depth, model specific information to rate more than a few stars. But it is better than nothing and a LOT cheaper than the OEM service manual.

I'm a big fan of Haynes Repair Manuals, but I was a little concerned when I looked at picking this one up for my 2010 Mazda 3. You see, in 2010, Mazda redesigned the 3 virtually from the ground up - it was a FULL model redesign. Often, when this happens, Haynes releases a completely new manual for the new model (e.g. 2010+) instead of just slapping the entire run of the car together. I took a chance and ordered the guide. Haynes impressed me once again - this book deftly describes the differences between the 2010+ model of the 3 and the 2004-2009 model; it truly covers both series of the Mazda 3. It's worth noting that another user mentioned the book doesn't cover the Mazdaspeed version of the 3. Since I own a i Touring, this didn't affect me at all, but if you own a Mazdaspeed, take heed of the note.

Good, basic instructional guide. However, as is typical for this type of third party manual, a lot of relevant details are omitted. That was expected, but the poor coverage of 2010-2011 models, which are quite different from the earlier models that are more thoroughly covered, was disappointing. I think 201-2011+ models should have had their own version rather than simply tacked on with an earlier generation.

A Haynes manual is the bare minimum reference material for anyone who owns a car and a wrench. This is the **ONLY** consumer-level manual I'll recommend; Chilton is just pure garbage. I think I have an old Chilton manual around from my first Honda when I was a kid; I use it to get an extra half-inch of clearance under my floor jack - set it on the ground, put the jack on it, and up she goes! :) The Haynes manual, on the other hand, is very detailed, second only to the Factory Service Manual that is used by the dealerships and technicians at Mazda. Armed with this manual and the FSM, I'm prepared to tackle nearly any job on my 3. I've already had the dashboard out, the seats, inner panels, carpet, etc., because I was installing a new sound system.

I buy one of these manuals for every car that I own. Even though you can find a tutorial video for anything on youtube, this is a good reference to supplement any repair your doing yourself. I would say my repair skills are slightly above average and the haynes manuals have saved me countless times.

I have a Haynes manual for every vehicle I own. These manuals go in depth from top to bottom front to back. They contain wiring diagrams, troubleshooting guides, photos, step by step instructions,

etc. If you make repairs yourself or want to diagnose a problem, this manual is for you. The manuals are written based on a complete teardown of the vehicle.

This manual is excellent for step by step instruction or torque, electrical, etc. specs. For someone with a little automotive knowledge, it's almost too simplified and has you doing unnecessary steps. But overall a very good manual to have for your vehicle.

I have used this manual many times for my 2007 Mazda 3 hatchback. The book walks you step by step through very common issues as well as complex ones. Luckily I haven't had to use it too many times, but it is a great way to quickly refer to issues.

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