

HYUNDAI

Elantra

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1497 cc	85 kW	130 mm	17.5 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 448,900 – 492,900

Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

It's a technically modern vehicle offering features that exceed competitors at similar prices. The current generation emphasizes design and technology, making it appealing for young professionals wanting premium features at accessible prices. The 1.6-litre naturally aspirated petrol delivers 88 kilowatts and 160 newton-metres—modest power but adequate for city driving and light highway work. Interior features are modern—large touchscreen, smartphone integration, and materials that feel more premium than the price suggests. The used market is developing as earlier generation Elantras emerge. Seventh generation launched globally in 2020 and brought to SA; significant leap in styling and interior quality over the previous generation. Seventh generation Elantra on Hyundai's K3 platform; bold parametric design language marks a clear break from the conservative sixth gen. IVT Motion (entry) and IVT Fluid (fully loaded top spec); only two variants but the Fluid is properly equipped. 10.25-inch touchscreen, digital instrument cluster, heated front seats on Fluid, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, large 465-litre boot. The Elantra is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a power output of…



Body Style	Sedan
Launched	1990
Generation	Seventh generation Elantra on Hyundai's K3 platform; bold parametric design language marks a clear break from the conservative sixth gen
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Grey, Red
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	**ZAR 448,900 – 492,900**	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 IVT Motion	Petrol	Automatic	Motion	**ZAR 448,900 (last listed)**
1.5 IVT Fluid	Petrol	Automatic	Fluid	**ZAR 492,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Sedan
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 85 kW @ 6300 rpm
- ✓ Gearbox: IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission
- ✓ Drive layout: FWD

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Elantra can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Elantra depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Elantra quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Elantra budget.
- ✗ A short Elantra test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Elantra capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"A used-buying option only when condition, history and remaining support justify the price."*

Market positioning places the Elantra as a practical sedan for buyers prioritizing daily comfort and efficiency. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Elantra is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm and accept the limitation represented by a listed ground clearance of 130. A fair review of Elantra should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol, a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm and a IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission transmission can be valuable for the right driver for Elantra. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for Elantra. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for Elantra

City Driving	Around town, Elantra should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of warranty of 5 becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a listed wheelbase of 2720 is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading. The urban test for Elantra should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. The vehicle's a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm is only useful if access and visibility work in practice for Elantra. Check the mirrors and camera yourself, and remember that short journeys, idling and heavy air-conditioning use can move fuel consumption away from the laboratory figure for Elantra
Highway	On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Elantra out with the load it normally carries. A IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission transmission gives context, but a number cannot show how a front-wheel drive drivetrain feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the Elantra needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Check how it tracks on uneven tar, how the transmission responds after a downshift and whether the boot or load area remains usable for Elantra. A front-wheel drive drivetrain helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for Elantra

Off-Road	If the Elantra will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a listed wheelbase of 2720 against the stated drivetrain. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for Elantra. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for Elantra. A IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission transmission may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for Elantra. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for Elantra
Best For	A shopper researching Elantra should separate need from showroom appeal. If a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Hyundai Elantra side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 IVT Motion	1.5 IVT Fluid
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 448,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 492,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Trim Level	Motion	Fluid
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)
Max Torque	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.5 km/l	17.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	473 L	473 L
Ground Clearance	130 mm	130 mm
Kerb Weight	1340 kg	1355 kg

→ **Compare these variants on hagalu.com** (retained specifications, lifecycle status and historical or launch pricing)

05 Hyundai Elantra — 1.5 IVT Motion

ZAR 448,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	17.5 km/l	Petrol

Motion Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed	Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Type	Automatic	Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4680 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1415 mm	Wheelbase	2720 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	130 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	47 l	Boot/Cargo Space	473 l
Kerb Weight	1340 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1860 kg
Payload Capacity	520 kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Distance To Empty	Yes
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Fuel Tank Capacity	47 l	Highway Mileage	21.0 km/l
City Mileage	14.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	17.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	47	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

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Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	TCS	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	EBD	Yes
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	Passenger Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Front Armrest	Yes	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Front Power Outlet	Yes	Fuel Lid Opener	Inside
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual	Headlamp Washer	No
Vanity Mirror	Yes	Trip Computer	Yes
Tilt Steering	Yes	Telescopic Steering	No

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.5 IVT Motion full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Hyundai Elantra — 1.5 IVT Fluid

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Fluid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.5 IVT Motion — ZAR 448,900 (last listed)

→ 1.5 IVT Fluid — ZAR 492,900 (last listed)

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