



HYUNDAI

# Elantra

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**1497 cc**

ENGINE

**85 kW**

POWER

**130 mm**

CLEARANCE

**17.5 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 448,900 – 492,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/hyundai/elantra/>

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Hyundai Elantra is Hyundai's compact sedan, competing with Toyota Corolla and VW Polo. 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. Real-world fuel economy sits around 5.4-6.2 litres per 100km. The automatic transmission is smooth and responsive. Interior features are modern—large touchscreen, smartphone integration, and materials that feel more premium than the price suggests. The driving position is excellent. Steering is responsive. Suspension is tuned for comfort and engagement balance. Interior space is generous—rear legroom for adults, substantial boot for luggage. The infotainment system is intuitive and responsive. New car pricing sits around R260,000-R320,000, making it significantly cheaper than Polo while offering more features. The used market is developing as earlier generation Elantras emerge. The Elantra represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. In South Africa's...



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

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	<b>ZAR 448,900 – 492,900</b>	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 IVT Motion	Petrol	Automatic	Motion	<b>ZAR 448,900</b>
1.5 IVT Fluid	Petrol	Automatic	Fluid	<b>ZAR 492,900</b>

### Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 IVT Motion (Base Variant)

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 465,286</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 467,933</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 463,289</b>
<b>Pretoria</b>	<b>ZAR 464,287</b>

\* On-road prices are estimates including registration, road tax and insurance.

### 03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

<p><b>● STRENGTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reliability is demonstrated through proven engineering and market operation.</li> <li>✓ Service costs remain reasonable through dealer and independent networks.</li> <li>✓ Fuel economy sits within realistic ranges for segment class.</li> <li>✓ Interior space accommodates family use across most configurations.</li> <li>✓ Resale values develop as market recognizes vehicle positioning.</li> <li>✓ Safety features include modern systems addressing real-world hazard scenarios.</li> </ul>	<p><b>● CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Depreciation follows segment patterns, with steeper loss during initial ownership years.</li> <li>✗ Interior materials prioritize function over premium perception.</li> <li>✗ Styling appears understated compared to visually aggressive competitors.</li> <li>✗ Technology features may lag premium competitors in sophistication.</li> <li>✗ Off-road capability remains basic for adventure-focused buyers.</li> </ul>
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### Expert Verdict

*"A refined sedan that offers more than its price suggests"*

The Elantra is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing daily driving comfort. It delivers genuine capability without requiring premium pricing or exotic maintenance. Resale values develop as market recognition grows. The used market becomes increasingly active as ownership examples accumulate. For buyers seeking dependable, honest transport, the Elantra represents genuine value.

<b>City Driving</b>	Urban driving reveals competent engineering. Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Parking assistance systems help genuinely in tight spaces. Air conditioning operates properly in South African summer heat. The driving position commands authority without excessive height. Interior layout remains intuitive through extended city driving. Audio systems integrate smartphone connectivity. Climate control maintains comfort in traffic-heavy commutes. Steering is responsive enough for urban maneuvers. Fuel consumption in city traffic remains predictable and manageable. The vehicle functions reliably through daily metropolitan use, delivering comfort during extended urban residence.
<b>Highway</b>	Highway driving confirms engineering integrity. At 120 km/h cruising, engine operation is relaxed and refined. Road noise remains controlled through wind and tire sound management. Fuel economy stabilizes within predictable consumption ranges. The transmission settles into efficient cruising operation. Comfort extends across multi-hour driving periods. Seating provides proper support without requiring frequent adjustment. Climate control maintains consistent cabin temperature. The ride quality balances bump compliance with directional stability. Highway safety systems function predictably without intrusive interventions. Extended highway driving confirms the vehicle's suitability for regional travel between major centers.
<b>Off-Road</b>	Off-road access ranges from basic to moderate depending on configuration. Ground clearance handles typical farm gates and low obstacles. Gravel roads present no challenge for standard variants. Basic farm tracks are traversable for most configurations. Rough terrain requires appropriate driving technique rather than extreme capability. The vehicle functions adequately for recreational off-road scenarios without specialization for rock crawling.

**Best For**

Buyers who prefer sedans over SUVs, highway commuters, buyers maximising boot space, value-focused professional buyers

## 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	ZAR 492,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic
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	Front-Wheel Drive	Front-Wheel Drive
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](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

## 05 Hyundai Elantra — 1.5 IVT Motion

ZAR 448,900

ENGINE <b>1497</b> cc	POWER <b>85</b> kW · 114 bhp	TORQUE <b>143</b> Nm · 105 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>17.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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Motion Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5 MPI CVVD	Engine Type	Petrol
Displacement	1497 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	85 kW	Torque	143 Nm
Fuel System	Multi-Point Fuel Injection	Turbocharger	No
Top Speed	180 km/h	0-100 km/h	11.2 sec
Power @ RPM	6300	Torque @ RPM	4500

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	IVT Intelligent Variable Transmission	Drive Type	Front-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Paddle Shifters	No
Transfer Case	None (FWD)	LSD Available	No
Differential Lock	No	Transmission Type	Automatic
Number of Gears	8	Final Drive Ratio	Available
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Length	4680 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1415 mm	Wheelbase	2720 mm
Ground Clearance	130 mm	Kerb Weight	1340 kg
Seating Capacity	5	Boot Space	473 l
Rear Track Width	1546 mm mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	1860 kg
Front Track Width	1542 mm mm	Turning Radius	5.5 m m

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	17.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	21.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	47 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	No
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Average Fuel Consumption	Yes
Distance To Empty	Yes	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	6	ABS	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	Traction Control	Yes

Hill Start Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Brake Assist	Yes
Child Safety Lock	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Yes

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Electric Tailgate	No	Auto Dimming Mirror	No
Sunroof	No	Automatic Headlamps	No
Wireless Charging	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	No
Rear Window Defroster	Yes	Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 1.5 IVT Motion full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

## 06 Hyundai Elantra — 1.5 IVT Fluid

ZAR 492,900

ENGINE <b>1497</b> cc	POWER <b>85</b> kW · 114 bhp	TORQUE <b>143</b> Nm · 105 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>17.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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Fluid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

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Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

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Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	No
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable I	Average Fuel Consumption	Yes
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Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	6	ABS	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	Traction Control	Yes

Hill Start Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Brake Assist	Yes
Child Safety Lock	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Yes

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Dual Zone Auto Climate	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Electric Sunroof
Electric Tailgate	No	Auto Dimming Mirror	No
Automatic Headlamps	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	No
Rear Window Defroster	Yes	Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes

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→ [See 1.5 IVT Fluid full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

## 07 Explore More on Hagalu

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.5 IVT Motion — ZAR 448,900

→ 1.5 IVT Fluid — ZAR 492,900

### Live Prices & On-Road Costs — Hyundai Elantra

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