

HYUNDAI

i20

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

998 cc	74 kW	195 mm	14.5 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 296,900 – 328,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Third generation launched globally in 2020 and arrived in SA shortly after; significant improvement over the second gen in styling, tech, and driving dynamics. Third generation i20 on the K2 platform; sold in SA with 1.0T three-cylinder turbo across all variants. The i20 is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol, a power output of 74 kW @ 5500 rpm and a 6-Speed Manual transmission. A proper look at the i20 begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, Petrol power sits beside a South African price reference of R296,900, while engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol sets a practical boundary. For a buyer searching the i20 price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. A 6-Speed Manual transmission describes the opportunity; a 6-speed Manual transmission and a Front-Wheel Drive drivetrain describe the conditions around it. The i20 has a clearer South African buying case when its hatchback shape is connected to the work it must…



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2008
Generation	Third generation i20 on the K2 platform; sold in SA with 1.0T three-cylinder turbo across all variants
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Red, Yellow
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 296,900 – 328,900	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0T Motion	Petrol	Manual	Motion	**ZAR 296,900**
1.0T Fluid	Petrol	Manual	Fluid	**ZAR 328,900**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.0T Motion (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 311,462**
Cape Town	**ZAR 313,653**
Durban	**ZAR 309,769**
Pretoria	**ZAR 310,615**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Hatchback
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R296,900
- ✓ Engine: 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 74 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for i20 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for i20 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written i20 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate i20 budget.
- ✗ A short i20 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ i20 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"i20 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

Ownership and cabin detail is not just a brochure exercise: infotainment screen references around 8-inch Touchscreen and 10.25-inch Touchscreen; airbag coverage around 6; warranty cover listed as 5; service or maintenance cover listed as 3 Years / 45000 km, and trim-by-trim equipment still matters when comparing monthly cost. I20 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol and accept the limitation represented by a 6-speed Manual transmission. A fair review of i20 should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a South African price reference of R296,900, engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol and a power output of 74 kW @ 5500 rpm can be valuable for the right driver for i20. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for i20. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for i20

City Driving	Around town, i20 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The urban test for i20 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 engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol is only useful if access and visibility work in practice for i20. 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 i20
Highway	In South African use, the i20 has to deal with short urban trips, hot-weather highway running, rougher suburban surfaces and the cost discipline that comes with finance, insurance and tyres. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the i20 out with the load it normally carries. A power output of 74 kW @ 5500 rpm gives context, but a number cannot show how a 6-Speed Manual transmission feels on a gradient

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Off-Road	If the i20 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for i20. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for i20. A power output of 74 kW @ 5500 rpm may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for i20. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for i20
Best For	The Hyundai i20 is a current South African Hatchback positioned for commuters, students and smaller households who value running costs and easy parking. A shopper researching i20 should separate need from showroom appeal. If engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Hyundai i20 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.0T Motion	1.0T Fluid
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 296,900**	**ZAR 328,900**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Motion	Fluid
Engine	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	74 kW (99 bhp)	74 kW (99 bhp)
Max Torque	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	14.5 km/l	14.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	352 L	352 L
Ground Clearance	195 mm	195 mm
Kerb Weight	1125 kg	1135 kg

→ **Compare these variants on hagalu.com** (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

05 Hyundai i20 — 1.0T Motion ZAR 296,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	74 kW · 99 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	14.5 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Motion Trim · Petrol · Manual

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	G3LE
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	12	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	Front-Wheel Drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	6-speed Manual	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Gearbox Type	6-speed Manual	Differential Type Front	Not Available

DIMENSIONS

Length	4040 mm	Width	1775 mm
Height	1505 mm	Wheelbase	2580 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	195 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Boot/Cargo Space	352 l
Kerb Weight	1125 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1610 kg
Payload Capacity	485 kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	14.5 km/l	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Highway Mileage	17.1 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	40
Distance To Empty	Yes	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	City Mileage	11.7 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Auto Start Stop	No
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes	BA	Yes
EBD	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes

Driver Front Passenger Airbags	6	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Anti Theft Alarm	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Rear Diff Lock	Not Available	Rear Electric Motor	Not Available
Rear LED Combination Taillights	Yes	Electric Folding Mirrors	Power Adjustable
Engine Check Warning	Yes	12V Accessory Socket	12V
Engine Start Button Illumination	No	Engine Start Stop	No
Engine Start Stop Button	No	Engine Warranty	4
Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes	Centre Console	Yes

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

→ See 1.0T Motion full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Hyundai i20 — 1.0T Fluid

ZAR 328,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	74 kW · 99 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	14.5 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Fluid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	G3LE
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	12	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	Front-Wheel Drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	iMT 6-speed Intelligent Manual	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Gearbox Type	iMT 6-speed Intelligent Manual	Differential Type Front	Not Available

DIMENSIONS

Length	4040 mm	Width	1775 mm
Height	1505 mm	Wheelbase	2580 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	195 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Boot/Cargo Space	352 l
Kerb Weight	1135 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1610 kg
Payload Capacity	475 kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	14.5 km/l	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Highway Mileage	17.1 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	40
Distance To Empty	Yes	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	City Mileage	11.7 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Auto Start Stop	No
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes	BA	Yes

EBD	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Driver Front Passenger Airbags	6	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Anti Theft Alarm	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes

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Rear Diff Lock	Not Available	Rear Electric Motor	Not Available
Rear LED Combination Taillights	Yes	Electric Folding Mirrors	Power Adjustable
Engine Check Warning	Yes	12V Accessory Socket	12V
Engine Start Button Illumination	Yes	Engine Start Stop	No
Engine Start Stop Button	No	Engine Warranty	4
Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes	Centre Console	Yes

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07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.0T Motion — ZAR 296,900

→ 1.0T Fluid — ZAR 328,900

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