



HYUNDAI

# i20

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**998 cc**

ENGINE

**74 kW**

POWER

**195 mm**

CLEARANCE

**18.2 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 296,900 – 328,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/hyundai/i20/>

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The I20 is a practical vehicle offering reliable performance in its segment. Engineered for South African driving conditions with attention to durability and real-world usability. The modern powertrain delivers adequate performance for daily commuting, weekend adventures, and practical family transport. Interior design prioritizes comfort and functionality. Build quality is solid with proven reliability backing every vehicle sold in South Africa. New car pricing is accessible for target buyers. The vehicle attracts owners seeking dependable transport without premium complexity. The I20 represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. In South Africa's diverse driving conditions—from metropolitan congestion to regional highways to occasional rough tracks—this vehicle delivers competence across the spectrum. Market positioning places the I20 as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Reliability underpins ownership satisfaction—this vehicle won't surprise you with premature failures or component issues. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Service intervals are reasonable. Parts availability is reliable. Dealer networks exist where you need them. For five-year ownership, total cost of ownership—including fuel, maintenance, insurance, and depreciation—sits comfortably within segment...



<b>Body Style</b>	Hatchback
<b>Launched</b>	2008
<b>Generation</b>	Third generation i20 on the K2 platform; sold in SA with 1.0T three-cylinder turbo across all variants
<b>Fuel Types</b>	Petrol
<b>Colours</b>	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Red, Yellow
<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 296,900 – 328,900</b>	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0T Motion	Petrol	Manual	Motion	<b>ZAR 296,900</b>
1.0T Fluid	Petrol	Manual	Fluid	<b>ZAR 328,900</b>

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

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 311,462</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 313,653</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 309,769</b>
<b>Pretoria</b>	<b>ZAR 310,615</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

*"Stylish and punchy hatchback for the money"*

The I20 is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing premium experience. 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 I20 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**

Young professionals, style-conscious buyers, drivers who want a turbocharged hatch without paying hot hatch prices

## 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	Manual	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	Front-Wheel Drive	Front-Wheel Drive
Fuel Economy	17.9 km/l	18.2 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](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

## 05 Hyundai i20 — 1.0T Motion

ZAR 296,900

ENGINE <b>998</b> cc	POWER <b>74</b> kW · 99 bhp	TORQUE <b>172</b> Nm · 127 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>17.9</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Motion Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0 T-GDI Turbo	Engine Type	Petrol
Displacement	998 cc	Cylinders	3
Power	74 kW	Torque	172 Nm
Fuel System	Direct Injection	Turbocharger	Yes
Top Speed	185 km/h	0-100 km/h	11.0 sec
Power @ RPM	5500	Torque @ RPM	1500

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-speed Manual	Drive Type	Front-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Paddle Shifters	No
Transfer Case	None (FWD)	LSD Available	No
Differential Lock	No	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	7	Final Drive Ratio	Available
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Length	4040 mm	Width	1775 mm
Height	1505 mm	Wheelbase	2580 mm
Ground Clearance	195 mm	Kerb Weight	1125 kg
Seating Capacity	5	Boot Space	352 l
Rear Track Width	1565 mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	1610 kg
Front Track Width	1551 mm	Turning Radius	5.2 m

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	17.9 km/l	City Mileage	14.5 km/l
Highway Mileage	21.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	5.6 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	Yes	Distance To Empty	Yes
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	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	No
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 1.0T Motion full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

## 06 Hyundai i20 — 1.0T Fluid

ZAR 328,900

ENGINE <b>998</b> cc	POWER <b>74</b> kW · 99 bhp	TORQUE <b>172</b> Nm · 127 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>18.2</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Fluid Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0 T-GDI Turbo	Engine Type	Petrol
Displacement	998 cc	Cylinders	3
Power	74 kW	Torque	172 Nm
Fuel System	Direct Injection	Turbocharger	Yes
Top Speed	185 km/h	0-100 km/h	11.0 sec
Power @ RPM	5500	Torque @ RPM	1500

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	iMT 6-speed Intelligent Manual	Drive Type	Front-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Paddle Shifters	No
Transfer Case	None (FWD)	LSD Available	No
Differential Lock	No	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	7	Final Drive Ratio	Available
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Length	4040 mm	Width	1775 mm
Height	1505 mm	Wheelbase	2580 mm
Ground Clearance	195 mm	Kerb Weight	1135 kg
Seating Capacity	5	Boot Space	352 l
Rear Track Width	1565 mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	1610 kg
Front Track Width	1551 mm	Turning Radius	5.2 m

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	18.2 km/l	City Mileage	14.8 km/l
Highway Mileage	21.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	5.6 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	Yes	Distance To Empty	Yes
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	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	Auto Climate Control	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Sunroof
Electric Tailgate	No	Auto Dimming Mirror	No
Automatic Headlamps	Yes	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 1.0T 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

→ 1.0T Motion — ZAR 296,900

→ 1.0T Fluid — ZAR 328,900

### → **Live Prices & On-Road Costs — Hyundai i20** → Open

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→ Compare Hyundai i20 vs any rival model.

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