

HYUNDAI

i30

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

998 cc	88 kW	135 mm	17.2 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 432,900 – 688,900

Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Third generation launched globally in 2017; N Performance model arrived in SA as a standalone performance derivative; third gen has received ongoing tech updates. Third generation i30 on Hyundai's i-GMP-derived platform; the N Performance uses a more heavily engineered chassis with limited-slip differential and performance suspension. 1.0T Motion (entry), 1.0T Fluid (mid), 2.0 N Performance (standalone performance top spec); N Performance is a different car in character from the standard range. N Performance: bespoke sports seats, 10.25-inch touchscreen, performance displays, flat-bottom steering wheel, red accents; Standard: practical infotainment, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Standard variants: practical buyers wanting a European-feeling hatchback; N Performance: driving enthusiasts who want maximum fun-per-rand from a hot hatch. A proper look at the i30 begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, a power output of 88 kW @ 5500 rpm sits beside a 6-Speed Manual transmission, while a 6-speed Manual transmission sets a practical boundary. The i30 has a clearer South African buying case when its hatchback shape is connected to the work it must do. The useful starting points…



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2007
Generation	Third generation i30 on Hyundai's i-GMP-derived platform; the N Performance uses a more heavily engineered chassis with limited-slip differential and performance suspension
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Red, Yellow (N Performance)
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	**ZAR 432,900 – 688,900**	3 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0T Motion	Petrol	Manual	Motion	**ZAR 432,900 (last listed)**
1.0T Fluid	Petrol	7-Speed DCT	Fluid	**ZAR 468,900 (last listed)**
2.0 N Performance	Petrol	Manual	N-Performance	**ZAR 688,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Hatchback
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 88 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Manual
- ✓ Gearbox: 6-speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for i30 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for i30 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written i30 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate i30 budget.
- ✗ A short i30 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ i30 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 I30 as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. The buying case for i30 is specific. A power output of 88 kW @ 5500 rpm gives it a reason to be considered, while a 6-Speed Manual transmission and a 6-speed Manual transmission set the boundaries. I30 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a hatchback body and accept the limitation represented by a power output of 88 kW @ 5500 rpm. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for i30. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for i30

City Driving	Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Drive the i30 through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. A front-wheel drive drivetrain matters when the cabin or load is full, and a listed ground clearance of 135 can change the cost of repeated short trips
Highway	Run i30 at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a 6-speed Manual transmission, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed ground clearance of 135 is more informative than maximum speed. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the i30 out with the load it normally carries. Observe the joining response, overtaking reserve, braking, crosswind behaviour, seat support and cabin noise for i30. Petrol power gives context, but a number cannot show how engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol feels on a gradient for i30. Plan fuel or charging stops around actual use; the stated consumption reference is a comparison reference, not a promise for every trip for i30
Off-Road	For i30, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the i30 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. A slow run over corrugations, a sharp entrance and a loaded crest will show whether the suspension, tyres and underside suit the duty for i30. Check a 6-speed Manual transmission against the stated drivetrain for i30. Maintained gravel can be a reasonable use case for many road vehicles; deep sand, mud and water demand confirmed equipment and a recovery plan for i30

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Best For	The I30 represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. I30 makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with a 6-Speed Manual transmission

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Hyundai i30 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	2.0 N Performance
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 432,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 468,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 688,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	7-Speed DCT	6-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Motion	Fluid	N-Performance
Engine	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	88 kW (118 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)	202 kW (271 bhp)
Max Torque	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)	392 Nm (289 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.2 km/l	16.9 km/l	11.2 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	395 L	395 L	381 L
Ground Clearance	135 mm	135 mm	130 mm
Kerb Weight	1270 kg	1285 kg	1435 kg

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

05 Hyundai i30 — 1.0T Motion

ZAR 432,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	88 kW · 118 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	17.2 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Motion Trim · Petrol · Manual

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4340 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1455 mm	Wheelbase	2650 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	135 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	395 l
Kerb Weight	1270 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Highway Mileage	20.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Claimed Mileage	17.2 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	Passenger Airbag	Yes
Safety Rating	Not Rated (SA)	Front Parking Sensors	Not Officially Disclosed
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning	Manual AC	Wireless Charger	No
Unlocking	Yes	Sound System	6
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Rim Size	16-inch Alloy
Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm	Vanity Mirror	Yes
Trip Computer	Yes	Tilt Steering	Yes
Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm

+ 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 i30 — 1.0T Fluid

ZAR 468,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	88 kW · 118 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol 7-Speed DCT

Fluid Trim · Petrol · 7-Speed DCT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4340 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1455 mm	Wheelbase	2650 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	135 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	395 l
Kerb Weight	1285 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	City Mileage	13.5 km/l
Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	Passenger Airbag	Yes
Safety Rating	Not Rated (SA)	Front Parking Sensors	Not Officially Disclosed
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning	Dual Zone Auto Climate	Wireless Charger	Yes
Unlocking	Yes	Sound System	8 Bose Premium
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Rim Size	17-inch Alloy
Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm	Vanity Mirror	Yes
Trip Computer	Yes	Tilt Steering	Yes
Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm

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

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07 Hyundai i30 — 2.0 N Performance

ZAR 688,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	202 kW · 271 bhp	392 Nm · 289 lb-ft	11.2 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

N-Performance Trim · Petrol · Manual

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1998 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4340 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1450 mm	Wheelbase	2650 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	130 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	381 l
Kerb Weight	1435 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Highway Mileage	14.0 km/l	City Mileage	8.8 km/l
Claimed Mileage	11.2 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

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Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	Passenger Airbag	Yes
Safety Rating	Not Rated (SA)	Front Parking Sensors	Not Officially Disclosed
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning	Dual Zone Auto Climate	Wireless Charger	Yes
Unlocking	Yes	Sound System	8 Bose Premium
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Rim Size	19-inch N Forged Alloy
Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm	Vanity Mirror	Yes
Trip Computer	Yes	Tilt Steering	Yes
Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm

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→ See 2.0 N Performance full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.0T Motion — ZAR 432,900 (last listed)

→ 1.0T Fluid — ZAR 468,900 (last listed)

→ 2.0 N Performance — ZAR 688,900 (last listed)

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