



HYUNDAI

# Kona

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**998 cc**

ENGINE

**88 kW**

POWER

**165 mm**

CLEARANCE

**15.5 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 459,900 – 565,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Kona 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 Kona 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 Kona 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>	SUV
<b>Launched</b>	2018
<b>Generation</b>	Second generation Kona on Hyundai's K2 GEN platform; the design is more conservative than the first gen but better resolved
<b>Fuel Types</b>	Petrol
<b>Colours</b>	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Orange, Grey
<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 459,900 – 565,900</b>	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0 AT Motion	Petrol	Automatic	Motion	<b>ZAR 459,900</b>
1.0T DCT Executive	Petrol	Automatic	Executive	<b>ZAR 565,900</b>

### Estimated On-Road Price — 2.0 AT Motion (Base Variant)

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 476,418</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 479,098</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 474,399</b>
<b>Pretoria</b>	<b>ZAR 475,408</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

*"Practical and composed compact crossover that suits SA everyday use well"*

The Kona 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 Kona 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**

Urban buyers wanting a compact crossover that's easy to live with, buyers stepping up from a hatchback without needing a large SUV, buyers who want an automatic without complexity

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	2.0 AT Motion	1.0T DCT Executive
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 459,900	ZAR 565,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Motion	Executive
Engine	1999 cc (2.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	110 kW (148 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)
Max Torque	180 Nm (133 lb-ft)	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Front-Wheel Drive	Front-Wheel Drive
Fuel Economy	13.5 km/l	15.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	466 L	466 L
Ground Clearance	170 mm	165 mm
Kerb Weight	1440 kg	1460 kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

## 05 Hyundai Kona — 2.0 AT Motion

ZAR 459,900

ENGINE <b>1999</b> cc	POWER <b>110</b> kW · 148 bhp	TORQUE <b>180</b> Nm · 133 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>13.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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Motion Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.0 MPI Naturally Aspirated	Engine Type	Petrol
Displacement	1999 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	110 kW	Torque	180 Nm
Fuel System	Multi-Point Fuel Injection	Turbocharger	No
Top Speed	180 km/h	0-100 km/h	11.3 sec
Power @ RPM	6200	Torque @ RPM	4500

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-speed Automatic	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	4355 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1590 mm	Wheelbase	2660 mm
Ground Clearance	170 mm	Kerb Weight	1440 kg
Seating Capacity	5	Boot Space	466 l
Rear Track Width	1556 mm mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	1850 kg kg
Front Track Width	1561 mm mm	Turning Radius	5.5 m m

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.5 km/l	City Mileage	11.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	16.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 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 2.0 AT Motion full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

## 06 Hyundai Kona — 1.0T DCT Executive

ZAR 565,900

ENGINE <b>998</b> cc	POWER <b>88</b> kW · 118 bhp	TORQUE <b>172</b> Nm · 127 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>15.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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Executive Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0 T-GDI Turbo	Engine Type	Petrol
Displacement	998 cc	Cylinders	3
Power	88 kW	Torque	172 Nm
Fuel System	Direct Injection	Turbocharger	Yes
Top Speed	185 km/h	0-100 km/h	10.5 sec
Power @ RPM	5500	Torque @ RPM	1500

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	7-speed DCT Dual Clutch	Drive Type	Front-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Paddle Shifters	Yes
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	4355 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1570 mm	Wheelbase	2660 mm
Ground Clearance	165 mm	Kerb Weight	1460 kg
Seating Capacity	5	Boot Space	466 l
Rear Track Width	1556 mm mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	1850 kg kg
Front Track Width	1561 mm mm	Turning Radius	5.5 m m

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	15.5 km/l	City Mileage	12.5 km/l
Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	Yes
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	Dual Zone Auto Climate	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Electric Panoramic Sunroof
Electric Tailgate	Yes	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 DCT Executive 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

→ 2.0 AT Motion — ZAR 459,900

→ 1.0T DCT Executive — ZAR 565,900

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

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