

HYUNDAI

Kona

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1999 cc	110 kW	170 mm	13.5 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 459,900 – 565,900

Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Second generation launched globally in 2023 and brought to SA; softened styling compared to the sharper first gen, improved interior quality and tech. Second generation Kona on Hyundai's K2 GEN platform; the design is more conservative than the first gen but better resolved. 2.0 AT Motion (entry naturally aspirated auto), 1.0T DCT Executive (top turbo auto); limited two-variant lineup. The Kona is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a 6-speed Automatic transmission, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed ground clearance of 170. A proper look at the Kona begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, a power output of 110 kW @ 6200 rpm sits beside a 6-Speed Automatic transmission, while a 6-speed Automatic transmission sets a practical boundary. For this South African suv, the owner should weigh warranty of 5 against the route, load and cost of the vehicle. For a buyer searching the Kona price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. An SUV body…



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2018
Generation	Second generation Kona on Hyundai's K2 GEN platform; the design is more conservative than the first gen but better resolved
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Orange, Grey
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	ZAR 459,900 – 565,900	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0 AT Motion	Petrol	6-Speed Automatic	Motion	**ZAR 459,900 (last listed)**
1.0T DCT Executive	Petrol	7-Speed DCT	Executive	**ZAR 565,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 110 kW @ 6200 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Automatic
- ✓ Gearbox: 6-speed Automatic

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Kona can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Kona depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Kona quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Kona budget.
- ✗ A short Kona test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Kona 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 Kona as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Kona is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 6-speed Automatic transmission and accept the limitation represented by warranty of 5. The buying case for Kona is specific. A power output of 110 kW @ 6200 rpm gives it a reason to be considered, while a 6-Speed Automatic transmission and a 6-speed Automatic transmission set the boundaries

City Driving	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. Around town, Kona should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a power output of 88 kW @ 5500 rpm is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Kona out with the load it normally carries. A front-wheel drive drivetrain gives context, but a number cannot show how a listed ground clearance of 170 feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the Kona needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Check how it tracks on uneven tar, how the transmission responds after a downshift and whether the boot or load area remains usable for Kona. A listed ground clearance of 170 helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for Kona
Off-Road	If the Kona will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a power output of 88 kW @ 5500 rpm against the stated drivetrain. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for Kona. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for Kona. A front-wheel drive drivetrain may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for Kona. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for Kona

Best For	The Kona represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. A shopper researching Kona should separate need from showroom appeal. If a 6-speed Automatic transmission solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

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 (last listed)**	**ZAR 565,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Automatic	7-Speed DCT
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	FWD	FWD
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** (retained specifications, lifecycle status and historical or launch pricing)

05 Hyundai Kona — 2.0 AT Motion

ZAR 459,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1999 cc	110 kW · 148 bhp	180 Nm · 133 lb-ft	13.5 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Automatic

Motion Trim · Petrol · 6-Speed Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1999 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed	Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Type	Automatic	Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	6-speed Automatic	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4355 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1590 mm	Wheelbase	2660 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	170 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	466 l
Kerb Weight	1440 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Distance To Empty	Yes
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Highway Mileage	16.5 km/l
City Mileage	11.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	13.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Yes

Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	TCS	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	EBD	Yes
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	Passenger Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Front Armrest	Yes	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Front Power Outlet	Yes	Fuel Lid Opener	Inside
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual	Headlamp Washer	No
Vanity Mirror	Yes	Trip Computer	Yes
Tilt Steering	Yes	Telescopic Steering	No

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

→ See 2.0 AT Motion full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Hyundai Kona — 1.0T DCT Executive ZAR 565,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	88 kW · 118 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	15.5 km/l	Petrol 7-Speed DCT

Executive Trim · Petrol · 7-Speed DCT

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

Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed	Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Type	Automatic	Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	7-speed DCT Dual Clutch	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4355 mm	Width	1825 mm
Height	1570 mm	Wheelbase	2660 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	165 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	466 l
Kerb Weight	1460 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Distance To Empty	Yes
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l
City Mileage	12.5 km/l	Claimed Mileage	15.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Yes

Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	TCS	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	EBD	Yes
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
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Vanity Mirror	Yes	Trip Computer	Yes
Tilt Steering	Yes	Telescopic Steering	No

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

Compare with rivals →

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 2.0 AT Motion — ZAR 459,900 (last listed)

→ 1.0T DCT Executive — ZAR 565,900 (last listed)

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