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KIA

Picanto Panel Van

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998 cc	49 kW	155 mm	16.4 km/l	2 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 249,995 – 269,995

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The KIA Picanto Panel Van addresses this gap directly — taking the proven Picanto passenger platform and converting it into a two-seat commercial derivative with a sealed cargo bay where the rear seat and glass would otherwise be. Under the bonnet sits the same 1.0-litre three-cylinder Kappa petrol engine used across the passenger Picanto range — the 998cc unit producing 49kW and 95Nm. The engine is matched to either a five-speed manual gearbox or a four-speed automatic, giving fleet operators the transmission choice based on driver pool preferences and the specific duty cycle the vehicle will serve. Over a delivery vehicle covering 3,000km per month — a realistic figure for an active urban delivery operation — the monthly fuel saving over a Ford Ranger or Toyota Hilux running in the same environment is substantial enough to materially affect small-business cash flow. The sealed bulkhead between the two-seat cab and the load bay creates a lockable cargo environment that open-back derivatives cannot provide. For street-level deliveries where loading and unloading happens from the kerb, this arrangement works well. VAT-registered businesses recover…



Body Style	2-door panel van
Launched	2018
Generation	Based on third-generation JA Picanto platform; commercial derivative
Fuel Types	Petrol (95 Octane)
Colours	Clear White, Aurora Black Pearl
OEM Website	https://www.kia.com/za/vehicles/picanto/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 249,995 – 269,995	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0 LS Panel Van Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	**ZAR 249,995**
1.0 LS Panel Van Auto	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	**ZAR 269,995**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.0 LS Panel Van Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 263,994**
Cape Town	**ZAR 266,044**
Durban	**ZAR 262,394**
Pretoria	**ZAR 263,194**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Van
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R249,995
- ✓ Engine: 1-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 49 kW @ 6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

> *"Picanto Panel Van deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner’s route."*

At current Gauteng 95 Octane pricing, this translates to a fuel cost per kilometre that most bakkie operators regard with envy. Picanto Panel Van is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 5-Speed Manual transmission and accept the limitation represented by a South African price reference of R269,995. A fair review of Picanto Panel Van should end with the owner’s route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a 5-Speed Manual transmission, a 5-Speed Manual transmission and a FWD — Front Wheel Drive drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver for Picanto Panel Van. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for Picanto Panel Van. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for Picanto Panel Van

City Driving	South Africa's light commercial vehicle market is dominated by bakkies, but the urban delivery sector has always needed something more compact, more fuel-efficient and easier to park in Johannesburg's congested inner-city streets. Around town, Picanto Panel Van should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a 4-Speed Automatic transmission becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a 4-Speed Automatic transmission is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	Real-world fuel consumption in South African urban conditions — the stop-start rhythm of Johannesburg's inner city, Durban's CBD delivery routes, Cape Town's Bo-Kaap and Salt River industrial access — comes in around 5.5 litres per 100km. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Picanto Panel Van out with the load it normally carries. A FWD — Front Wheel Drive drivetrain gives context, but a number cannot show how a front-wheel drive drivetrain feels on a gradient

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Off-Road	Comprehensive insurance for a commercial panel van is typically calculated on a different basis from a comparable passenger vehicle, with fleet operator pricing generally lower per unit than individual private vehicle rates when multiple vehicles are insured through a commercial fleet policy. If the Picanto Panel Van will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a 4-Speed Automatic transmission against the stated drivetrain
Best For	Small businesses — courier operators in the City of Joburg's CBD, florists making wedding delivery rounds in Cape Town's southern suburbs, spaza shop replenishment operations in Soweto, catering delivery services covering the Johannesburg north, electrical and plumbing contractors in KZN's peri-urban areas — need a vehicle that can carry goods efficiently in the city, qualify for VAT input claims as a commercial vehicle and cost less per kilometre than a full-size panel van or half-ton bakkie. A shopper researching Picanto Panel Van should separate need from showroom appeal

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.0 LS Panel Van Manual	1.0 LS Panel Van Auto
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 249,995**	**ZAR 269,995**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	4-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid
Engine	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	49 kW (66 bhp)	49 kW (66 bhp)
Max Torque	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.9 km/l	16.4 km/l
Seating	2	2
Boot Space	620 L	620 L
Ground Clearance	155 mm	155 mm
Kerb Weight	925 kg	950 kg

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

05 KIA Picanto Panel Van — 1.0 LS Panel Van Manual

ZAR 249,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	49 kW · 66 bhp	94 Nm · 69 lb-ft	17.9 km/l	Petrol 5-Speed Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G3LA
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	71 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Differential Type Front	Not Available	Gearbox Type	5-Speed Manual
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Transmission Speeds	5
Axle Layout	FWD	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Clutch Type	Single Dry Plate Diaphragm
Gearbox	5-Speed Manual	Transmission Type	Manual
Number of Gears	5	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3595 mm	Width	1595 mm
Height	1480 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	151 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Boot/Cargo Space	620 l
Kerb Weight	925 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1375 kg
Payload Capacity	450 kg	Towing Capacity	0 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Claimed Mileage	17.9 km/l
Real-world Mileage	16.5 km/l	Distance To Empty	Yes
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Highway Mileage	22.2 km/l
City Mileage	14.7 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Anti Theft Alarm	Yes
Driver Passenger Airbags	6	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	6
ESC With Traction Control	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Airbags	6	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes — Front Side Airbags
Curtain Airbags	Yes — Full Length Curtain Airbags	Knee Airbag	No

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Unlocking	No	Boot Space Seats Folded	620 l
Load Bed Length	1485 mm	Load Bed Width	1150 mm
Fuel Consumption Combined	5.6 L/100km — WLTP Combined Cycle	Spare Wheel	Full Size Spare Tyre
Tyre Repair Kit	No — Full Size Spare Provided	Adaptive Dampers	No
Hill Start Assist	Yes	Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes — Front
Speed Alert System	Yes	Surround View Monitor	No

+ 13 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.0 LS Panel Van Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 KIA Picanto Panel Van — 1.0 LS Panel Van Auto ZAR 269,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	49 kW · 66 bhp	94 Nm · 69 lb-ft	16.4 km/l	Petrol 4-Speed Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

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Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	71 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Differential Type Front	Not Available	Gearbox Type	4-Speed Automatic
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Transmission Speeds	4
Axle Layout	FWD	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Clutch Type	Torque Converter Automatic
Gearbox	4-Speed Automatic	Transmission Type	Automatic
Number of Gears	4	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3595 mm	Width	1595 mm
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Kerb Weight	950 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1400 kg
Payload Capacity	450 kg	Towing Capacity	0 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Claimed Mileage	16.4 km/l
Real-world Mileage	15.2 km/l	Distance To Empty	Yes
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Highway Mileage	20.4 km/l
City Mileage	13.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Anti Theft Alarm	Yes

Driver Passenger Airbags	6	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	6
ESC With Traction Control	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Airbags	6	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes — Front Side Airbags
Curtain Airbags	Yes — Full Length Curtain Airbags	Knee Airbag	No

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Unlocking	No	Boot Space Seats Folded	620 l
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Tyre Repair Kit	No — Full Size Spare Provided	Adaptive Dampers	No
Hill Start Assist	Yes	Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes — Front
Speed Alert System	Yes	Surround View Monitor	No

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07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.0 LS Panel Van Manual — ZAR 249,995

→ 1.0 LS Panel Van Auto — ZAR 269,995

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