



KIA

Picanto Panel Van

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

998 cc

ENGINE

49 kW

POWER

155 mm

CLEARANCE

16.4 L/100

FUEL ECON

2 seats

SEATING

ZAR 249,995 – 269,995

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/kia/picanto-panel-van/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

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. 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. The logic is economically sound in ways that become clearer the more carefully you examine them. 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. The Picanto Panel Van addresses all three requirements with the financial discipline that small-business operators applying for commercial...



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

Starting From	ZAR 249,995 – 269,995	2 Variants Available
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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 & Expert Verdict

<p>● STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ VAT-claimable as commercial vehicle — effective 15% cost reduction for VAT-registered... ✓ ~5.5L/100km real-world urban fuel consumption keeps running costs minimal ✓ Compact footprint enables easy navigation and parking in dense urban commercial areas ✓ Sealed cargo bay with lockable access provides security advantage over open bakkies ✓ KIA dealer network coverage across all provinces ensures parts and service availability ✓ Lower insurance premiums typical for panel van class vs passenger car equivalent 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ 1.0L engine is not suitable for freeway delivery runs exceeding 80km ✗ Payload capacity is modest — not suitable for heavy or large-volume loads ✗ Four-speed automatic is less fuel-efficient in stop-start cycle than a CVT ✗ Minimal trim — no CarPlay, basic audio only ✗ Limited colour options reduce fleet identity branding possibilities ✗ Only two seats — cannot carry a helper or co-worker on deliveries
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Expert Verdict

"A sensible urban delivery tool that combines Picanto reliability, commercial tax advantages and class-leading warranty support in South Africa's most affordable panel van package."

The Picanto Panel Van makes commercial sense for urban operators who need light delivery capability without bakkie running costs. VAT claimability, low fuel consumption and KIA's dealer network make it a financially sound fleet choice. Not for heavy loads or long-distance work — but for city deliveries it does exactly what is asked of it.

City Driving	Excellent — compact footprint ideal for urban delivery in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban commercial districts
Highway	Limited — 1.0L engine is strained on long freeway runs, best suited to 50km urban radius
Off-Road	Not suited
Best For	Small business owner; urban courier operator; VAT-registered delivery operator needing light commercial vehicle with minimal running costs

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	Manual	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](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 KIA Picanto Panel Van — 1.0 LS Panel Van Manual

ZAR 249,995

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

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L G3LA 3-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Naturally Aspirated
Engine Type Config	1.0L 3-Cylinder DOHC	Engine Code	G3LA
Cylinder Layout	Inline 3 (I3)	Engine Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Displacement	998 cc	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Valves per Cylinder	4
Cylinder Bore	71.0 mm	Piston Stroke	84.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Transmission Type	Manual
Transmission	5-Speed Manual Gearbox	Number of Gears	5
Clutch Type	Single Dry Plate Diaphragm	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Final Drive Ratio	4.125:1	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	Drivetrain	FWD — Front Wheel Drive
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	2.8	LSD Available	Not Available

DIMENSIONS

Length	3595 mm	Width	1595 mm
Height	1480 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	925 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1375 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	3

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	17.9 km/l
City Mileage	14.7 km/l	Highway Mileage	22.2 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	5.6 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	5.6 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	5.6 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	16.5 km/l
Distance To Empty	Yes	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	0 l

SAFETY

Airbags	6	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes — Front Side Airbags

Curtain Airbags	Yes — Full Length Curtain Airbags	Knee Airbag	No
ABS	Yes	EBD	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	TCS	Yes
Traction Control	Yes	Hill Start Assist	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Ground Clearance Unladen	155
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
Seatbelt Reminder	Yes	Speed Alert System	Yes
Stability Control	Yes	Driver Display	Semi-Digital Instrument Cluster with MID

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

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Transmission	4-Speed Automatic	Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission	4-Speed Automatic Torque Converter	Number of Gears	4
Clutch Type	Torque Converter Automatic	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Final Drive Ratio	4.286:1	Drive Type	FWD
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→ 1.0 LS Panel Van Auto — ZAR 269,995

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