



KIA

Picanto

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide


1248 cc ENGINE	61 kW POWER	155 mm CLEARANCE	15.9 L/100 FUEL ECON	5 seats SEATING
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ZAR 236,995 – 325,995
Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/kia/picanto/>
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The KIA Picanto sits at the sharp end of South Africa's most competitive segment: the sub-compact hatchback market, where every rand is scrutinised, every litre of fuel matters and the battle between the Suzuki S-Presso, Renault Kiger and Toyota Starlet is fought with the intensity of a Soweto derby. Into this arena, KIA pitches a car that looks like it cost considerably more than it does, drives with a refinement that surprises first-timers and backs itself with a seven-year warranty that none of its direct rivals can match. The current Picanto generation landed in South Africa wearing a design language called Opposites United — sharp creases, a wide DRG grille face and available two-tone roof treatments that look genuinely contemporary next to segment peers. Park one next to a Suzuki S-Presso on Johannesburg's William Nicol Drive and the Picanto simply reads as the more expensive product, even when it is not. That perception matters in a country where a car is often a statement of arrival as much as a means of transportation. Two engine options cover the South African...



Body Style	5-door hatchback
Launched	2004
Generation	Third generation (JA) since 2017; 2021 facelift model current in SA
Fuel Types	Petrol (95 Octane)
Colours	Clear White, Aurora Black Pearl, Chili Red, Horizon Blue, Perennial Grey, Sporty Blue (two-tone options available on EX+)
OEM Website	https://www.kia.com/za/vehicles/picanto/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 236,995 – 325,995	8 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0 LS Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 236,995
1.0 LS Auto	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 256,995
1.0 LX Manual	Petrol	Manual	Mid	ZAR 260,995
1.0 LX Auto	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 278,995
1.2 EX Manual	Petrol	Manual	Top	ZAR 284,995
1.2 EX Auto	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 302,995
1.2 EX+ Manual	Petrol	Manual	Flagship	ZAR 307,995
1.2 EX+ Auto	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 325,995

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

Johannesburg	ZAR 250,838
Cape Town	ZAR 252,849
Durban	ZAR 249,264
Pretoria	ZAR 250,051

* 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"> ✓ 7-year/150,000km warranty — longest in segment — removes major financial risk for... ✓ Six airbags standard across all grades, including base LS ✓ Apple CarPlay and Android Auto standard from LX grade ✓ 1.2-litre engine provides genuine overtaking ability on SA national roads ✓ Ride quality tuned well for South African urban road surfaces ✓ Two-tone roof options give premium aesthetic at affordable price 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ 1.0-litre engine is noticeably strained on Highveld highways above 110km/h ✗ Four-speed automatic is outdated compared to modern CVT and DCT units ✗ Rear legroom is tight for occupants over 180cm on longer trips ✗ Boot at 255L is among the smaller offerings in the segment ✗ Road noise at motorway speed is above average, particularly on base 1.0 ✗ No turbocharged option limits performance ceiling vs some newer rivals
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Expert Verdict

"The best-value entry-level hatchback in South Africa right now, defined by its class-leading warranty and surprisingly generous standard equipment."

KIA's Picanto wins the sub-compact segment on total ownership value. Seven-year warranty, six airbags standard, Apple CarPlay from LX grade and a ride quality tuned for real South African roads make it the rational choice over rivals. The 1.2-litre engine is the one to have; the 1.0-litre is adequate for urban-only use. Not perfect, but no sub-R330k car is — and the Picanto uses its budget more wisely than any direct competitor.

City Driving	Excellent — compact dimensions, tight turning radius and light controls make it ideal for Johannesburg CBD, Cape Town city bowl and Durban beachfront traffic
Highway	Adequate with 1.2-litre; 1.0-litre is strained above 110km/h on Highveld elevation; best for sub-140km trips
Off-Road	Not suited — low ground clearance and city-car suspension not designed for gravel or unmaintained roads
Best For	First-time new-car buyer; urban commuter; young professional; small-business owner needing reliable daily transport under R330k

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 8 variants of the KIA Picanto side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.0 LS Manual	1.0 LS Auto	1.0 LX Manual	1.0 LX Auto
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 236,995	ZAR 256,995	ZAR 260,995	ZAR 278,995
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Base	Mid	Mid
Engine	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)	998 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	49 kW (66 bhp)	49 kW (66 bhp)	49 kW (66 bhp)	49 kW (66 bhp)
Max Torque	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)	94 Nm (69 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.9 km/l	16.4 km/l	17.9 km/l	16.4 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	255 L	255 L	255 L	255 L
Ground Clearance	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm
Kerb Weight	925 kg	950 kg	925 kg	950 kg

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SPEC	1.2 EX Manual	1.2 EX Auto	1.2 EX+ Manual	1.2 EX+ Auto
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 284,995	ZAR 302,995	ZAR 307,995	ZAR 325,995
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Top	Top	Flagship	Flagship
Engine	1248 cc (1.2L)	1248 cc (1.2L)	1248 cc (1.2L)	1248 cc (1.2L)
Max Power	61 kW (82 bhp)	61 kW (82 bhp)	61 kW (82 bhp)	61 kW (82 bhp)
Max Torque	121 Nm (89 lb-ft)	121 Nm (89 lb-ft)	121 Nm (89 lb-ft)	121 Nm (89 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.2 km/l	15.9 km/l	17.2 km/l	15.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	255 L	255 L	255 L	255 L
Ground Clearance	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm	155 mm
Kerb Weight	960 kg	975 kg	960 kg	975 kg

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

05 KIA Picanto — 1.0 LS Manual

ZAR 236,995

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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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	1485 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	5

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.

→ [See 1.0 LS Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 KIA Picanto — 1.0 LS Auto

ZAR 256,995

ENGINE 998 cc	POWER 49 kW · 66 bhp	TORQUE 94 Nm · 69 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.4 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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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	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
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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	950 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1400 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	16.4 km/l
City Mileage	13.5 km/l	Highway Mileage	20.4 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	6.1 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.1 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	6.1 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	15.2 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	6.1 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

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07 KIA Picanto — 1.0 LX Manual

ZAR 260,995

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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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	1485 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	5

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

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08 KIA Picanto — 1.0 LX Auto

ZAR 278,995

ENGINE 998 cc	POWER 49 kW · 66 bhp	TORQUE 94 Nm · 69 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.4 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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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	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
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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	950 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1400 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	16.4 km/l
City Mileage	13.5 km/l	Highway Mileage	20.4 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	6.1 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.1 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	6.1 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	15.2 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	6.1 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

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→ [See 1.0 LX Auto full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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09 KIA Picanto — 1.2 EX Manual

ZAR 284,995

ENGINE 1248 cc	POWER 61 kW · 82 bhp	TORQUE 121 Nm · 89 lb-ft	ECONOMY 17.2 km/l	FUEL Petrol Manual
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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.2L G4LA 4-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Naturally Aspirated
Engine Type Config	1.2L 4-Cylinder DOHC	Engine Code	G4LA
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Engine Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Displacement	1248 cc	Engine Displacement	1248 cc
Cylinders	4	Valves per Cylinder	4
Cylinder Bore	71.0 mm	Piston Stroke	79.0 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	3.900:1	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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	960 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1410 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	17.2 km/l
City Mileage	14.1 km/l	Highway Mileage	21.7 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	5.8 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	5.8 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	5.8 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	16.0 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	5.8 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

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10 KIA Picanto — 1.2 EX Auto

ZAR 302,995

ENGINE 1248 cc	POWER 61 kW · 82 bhp	TORQUE 121 Nm · 89 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.2L G4LA 4-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Naturally Aspirated
Engine Type Config	1.2L 4-Cylinder DOHC	Engine Code	G4LA
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Engine Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Displacement	1248 cc	Engine Displacement	1248 cc
Cylinders	4	Valves per Cylinder	4
Cylinder Bore	71.0 mm	Piston Stroke	79.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

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	4.058:1	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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	975 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1425 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
City Mileage	13.0 km/l	Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	6.3 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	14.7 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	6.3 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

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→ [See 1.2 EX Auto full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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11 KIA Picanto — 1.2 EX+ Manual

ZAR 307,995

ENGINE 1248 cc	POWER 61 kW · 82 bhp	TORQUE 121 Nm · 89 lb-ft	ECONOMY 17.2 km/l	FUEL Petrol Manual
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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.2L G4LA 4-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Naturally Aspirated
Engine Type Config	1.2L 4-Cylinder DOHC	Engine Code	G4LA
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Engine Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Displacement	1248 cc	Engine Displacement	1248 cc
Cylinders	4	Valves per Cylinder	4
Cylinder Bore	71.0 mm	Piston Stroke	79.0 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	3.900:1	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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	960 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1410 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	17.2 km/l
City Mileage	14.1 km/l	Highway Mileage	21.7 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	5.8 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	5.8 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	5.8 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	16.0 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	5.8 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

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ENGINE 1248 cc	POWER 61 kW · 82 bhp	TORQUE 121 Nm · 89 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.2L G4LA 4-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Naturally Aspirated
Engine Type Config	1.2L 4-Cylinder DOHC	Engine Code	G4LA
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Engine Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Displacement	1248 cc	Engine Displacement	1248 cc
Cylinders	4	Valves per Cylinder	4
Cylinder Bore	71.0 mm	Piston Stroke	79.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

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	4.058:1	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	1485 mm	Wheelbase	2400 mm
Ground Clearance	155 mm	Kerb Weight	975 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1425 kg	Max Payload	450 kg
Front Track Width	1415 mm	Rear Track Width	1420 mm
Turning Radius	4.8 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	35 l	Claimed Mileage	15.9 km/l
City Mileage	13.0 km/l	Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	6.3 l/100km	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.3 l/100km
Average Fuel Consumption	6.3 L/100km Combined	Real-world Mileage	14.7 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	6.3 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

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