

KIA

Sonet

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1497 cc	85 kW	211 mm	16.9 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 329,995 – 489,995

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The confluence of aspirational SUV aesthetics, compact city-friendly dimensions and pricing that nudges the sub-R400k bracket has created a cluster of competing products — the Renault Kiger, Nissan Magnite, Suzuki Fronx, Toyota Starlet Cross — each fighting for the same buyer who wants an elevated driving position, reasonable ground clearance for South Africa's pot-hole geography and enough technology to feel modern without the R500k-plus price tag of a Volkswagen T-Cross or the complexity of a full compact SUV. It launched in South Africa in 2021 and updated for the 2023 model year, and it makes a persuasive case at every grade in the range. There is nothing apologetic about the Sonet's visual presence — the bold front fascia, strong character line along the flanks and available contrasting roof treatment on the GT-Line-adjacent grades create a vehicle that reads as significantly more expensive than its entry price. Mated to either a six-speed manual or a CVT, the 1.5 NA is the volume engine of the range — specified on LS, LX and base EX grades. Real-world fuel consumption in mixed South…



Body Style	5-door sub-compact SUV
Launched	2021
Generation	First generation (BC3); launched globally 2020, SA 2021
Fuel Types	Petrol (95 Octane)
Colours	Clear White, Aurora Black Pearl, Gravity Blue, Pewter Olive, Intense Red, Steel Grey, Glacier White Pearl (two-tone options on SX)
OEM Website	https://www.kia.com/za/vehicles/sonet/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 329,995 – 489,995	8 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 LS Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	**ZAR 329,995**
1.5 LS CVT	Petrol	CVT	Base	**ZAR 349,995**
1.5 LX Manual	Petrol	Manual	Mid	**ZAR 379,995**
1.5 LX Auto	Petrol	CVT	Mid	**ZAR 399,995**
1.5 EX CVT	Petrol	CVT	Top	**ZAR 429,995**
1.0T EX DCT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	**ZAR 449,995**
1.5 EX+ CVT	Petrol	CVT	Flagship	**ZAR 469,995**
1.5 SX CVT	Petrol	CVT	Flagship	**ZAR 489,995**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 LS Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 344,954**
Cape Town	**ZAR 347,244**
Durban	**ZAR 343,194**

Pretoria	**ZAR 344,074**

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

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03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R329,995
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 85 kW @ 6300 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Hagalu Editorial Verdict

> *"Sonet deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

In South Africa's image-conscious urban market, where a vehicle is evaluated on the street as much as on a specification sheet, this visual authority is not irrelevant to a buyer's decision. A fair review of Sonet should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol, a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm and a 6-Speed Manual transmission can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Sonet is specific. A 6-Speed Manual transmission gives it a reason to be considered, while a 6-Speed Manual transmission and a front-wheel drive drivetrain set the boundaries for Sonet. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Sonet. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Sonet. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Sonet

City Driving	The urban test for Sonet should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. The vehicle's a power output of 85 kW @ 6300 rpm is only useful if access and visibility work in practice. City use is where the small decisions accumulate for Sonet. Drive the Sonet through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. Pay attention to the steering, sight lines, low-speed response, seat position and climate control rather than relying on a quiet dealership loop for Sonet. A front-wheel drive drivetrain matters when the cabin or load is full, and a South African price reference of R349,995 can change the cost of repeated short trips for Sonet
Highway	For highway buyers, the Sonet needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Long-distance comfort depends on details that disappear in a short test drive for Sonet. Run Sonet at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a front-wheel drive drivetrain, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a South African price reference of R349,995 is more informative than maximum speed for Sonet. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Sonet

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Off-Road	A 6-Speed Manual transmission may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for Sonet. For Sonet, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for Sonet. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for Sonet
Best For	The best buyer for Sonet can describe a recurring reason for choosing its suv layout. Then compare Petrol power and a South African price reference of R329,995 with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.5 LS Manual	1.5 LS CVT	1.5 LX Manual	1.5 LX Auto
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 329,995**	**ZAR 349,995**	**ZAR 379,995**	**ZAR 399,995**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	CVT	6-Speed Manual	CVT
Trim Level	Base	Base	Mid	Mid
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)
Max Torque	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	16.9 km/l	16.9 km/l	16.9 km/l	16.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	392 L	392 L	392 L	392 L
Ground Clearance	211 mm	211 mm	211 mm	211 mm
Kerb Weight	1220 kg	1240 kg	1230 kg	1250 kg

Continued — Variants 5–8

SPEC	1.5 EX CVT	1.0T EX DCT	1.5 EX+ CVT	1.5 SX CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 429,995**	**ZAR 449,995**	**ZAR 469,995**	**ZAR 489,995**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	CVT	7-Speed DCT	CVT	CVT
Trim Level	Top	Top	Flagship	Flagship
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)	998 cc (1.0L)	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	85 kW (114 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)
Max Torque	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	172 Nm (127 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)	143 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	16.9 km/l	16.7 km/l	16.9 km/l	16.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	392 L	392 L	392 L	392 L
Ground Clearance	211 mm	211 mm	211 mm	211 mm
Kerb Weight	1197 kg	1260 kg	1270 kg	1275 kg

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

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05 KIA Sonet — 1.5 LS Manual ZAR 329,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gearbox	6-Speed Manual
Transmission Type	Manual Transmission	Number of Gears	6
Gear Shift Type	Manual	Gear Shift Indicator	Yes
Clutch Type	Single Dry Disc	Paddle Shifters	No
Final Drive Ratio	3.73	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1220 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1660 kg
Payload Capacity	437 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	City Mileage	13.7 km/l
Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

BA	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes

Safety Rating	5	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	EBD	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
Front Parking Sensors	No	Stability Control	Yes
TCS	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Rear Electric Motor	Not Available	Regenerative Braking Levels	Not Available
One Pedal Driving	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Bottle Holders	4	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Vehicle To Grid	Not Available	Skid Plates	No
Side Steps	No	Glove Box	Yes
Manual Aircon	No	Sub Frame	Unibody

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

→ See 1.5 LS Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 KIA Sonet — 1.5 LS CVT

ZAR 349,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol CVT

Base Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gearbox	Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT)
Transmission Type	Continuously Variable Transmission	Number of Gears	CVT
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Torque Converter	Paddle Shifters	No
Final Drive Ratio	3.56	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1240 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1680 kg
Payload Capacity	408 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	City Mileage	13.7 km/l
Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

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BA	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes
Safety Rating	5	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	EBD	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
Front Parking Sensors	No	Stability Control	Yes
TCS	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Aero Kit	No	Automatic High Beam	No
Rear LED Combination Taillights	Yes	Fuel Consumption Combined	5.9
Performance Data Logger	No	Rev Matching	No
Steering Column Adjustment	Tilt and Telescopic	Tilt Steering	Tilt and Telescopic
Telescopic Steering	Tilt and Telescopic	Walk Away Auto Door Lock	No
Walk Away Lock	No	Unlocking	No

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07 KIA Sonet — 1.5 LX Manual ZAR 379,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Gear Shift Indicator	Yes
Gear Shift Type	Manual	Engine Position	Front Transverse
Gearbox	6-Speed Manual	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	6	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1230 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1680 kg
Payload Capacity	437 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	13.7 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Auto Start Stop	Yes
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	45	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Stability Control	Yes

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BA	Yes	Brake Assist	Yes
ISOFIX Mounts	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes
Hill Start Assist	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Anti Theft Alarm	Yes	Curtain Airbags	Yes
Driver Airbag	Yes	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	No	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Yes
Power Windows	Yes	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	No
Sunroof	No	Electric Tailgate	No
Automatic Headlamps	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes

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→ See 1.5 LX Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

08 KIA Sonet — 1.5 LX Auto ZAR 399,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol CVT

Mid Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Engine Position	Front Transverse
Gearbox	Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT)	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	CVT	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1250 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1695 kg
Payload Capacity	408 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	13.7 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Auto Start Stop	Yes
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	45	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Stability Control	Yes

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BA	Yes	Brake Assist	Yes
ISOFIX Mounts	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes
Hill Start Assist	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Anti Theft Alarm	Yes	Curtain Airbags	Yes
Driver Airbag	Yes	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	No	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Yes
Power Windows	Yes	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	No
Sunroof	No	Electric Tailgate	No
Automatic Headlamps	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes

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→ See 1.5 LX Auto full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

09 KIA Sonet — 1.5 EX CVT ZAR 429,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	CVT	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
Differential Type Front	Not Available	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
Gearbox Type	Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT)	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Engine Position	Front Transverse
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1197 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1605 kg
Payload Capacity	408 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l	City Mileage	13.7 km/l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l
AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes

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Stability Control	Yes	TCS	Yes
Traction Control	Yes	AEB	Yes
Pedestrian Detection AEB	Yes	Lane Change Warning	Yes
Blind Spot Monitoring	Yes	Brake Assist	Yes
Fatigue Detection	Yes	Speed Alert System	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Remote Start	No	Seat Type	Leather Seats
Remote Central Locking	Yes	Glovebox Cooling	No
Door Ajar Warning	Yes	Fuel Lid Opener	Remote
Boot Opener	Remote	Power Windows	Yes
Power Mirrors	Yes	Heated Mirrors	Yes
Electric Folding Mirrors	Yes	Electric Mirror Folding	Yes

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→ See 1.5 EX CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

10 KIA Sonet — 1.0T EX DCT ZAR 449,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
998 cc	88 kW · 118 bhp	172 Nm · 127 lb-ft	16.7 km/l	Petrol 7-Speed DCT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	G3LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	998 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	12	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	Yes	Gearbox	7-Speed DCT
Transmission Type	Dual Clutch Transmission	Number of Gears	7
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Final Drive Ratio	3.56	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1260 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1700 kg
Payload Capacity	405 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Real-world Mileage	7.2 km/l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	City Mileage	13.3 km/l
Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

BA	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes
Safety Rating	5	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes

Brake Override System	Yes	EBD	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
Front Parking Sensors	Yes	Stability Control	Yes
TCS	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Rear Electric Motor	Not Available	Regenerative Braking Levels	Not Available
One Pedal Driving	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Bottle Holders	4	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Vehicle To Grid	Not Available	Skid Plates	No
Side Steps	No	Glove Box	Yes
Manual Aircon	Yes	Sub Frame	Unibody

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

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

Compare with rivals →

11 KIA Sonet — 1.5 EX+ CVT ZAR 469,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol CVT

Flagship Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gearbox	Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT)
Transmission Type	Continuously Variable Transmission	Number of Gears	CVT
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Torque Converter	Paddle Shifters	No
Final Drive Ratio	3.56	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1790 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2500 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	211 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	392 l
Kerb Weight	1270 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1710 kg
Payload Capacity	408 kg	Towing Capacity	1100 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Claimed Mileage	16.9 km/l
City Mileage	13.7 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	45	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Auto Start Stop	Yes
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

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Hill Descent Control	Not Available	AEB	Yes
Pedestrian Detection AEB	Yes	Lane Change Warning	Yes
Blind Spot Monitoring	Yes	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Yes
Fatigue Detection	Yes	Speed Alert System	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Alarm System	Yes
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Airbags	6

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Rear Electric Motor	Not Available	Regenerative Braking Levels	Not Available
One Pedal Driving	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Bottle Holders	4	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Vehicle To Grid	Not Available	Skid Plates	No
Side Steps	No	Glove Box	Yes
Manual Aircon	Yes	Sub Frame	Unibody

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ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	143 Nm · 105 lb-ft	16.9 km/l	Petrol CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	G4LC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	13.0:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gearbox	Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT)
Transmission Type	Continuously Variable Transmission	Number of Gears	CVT
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Torque Converter	Paddle Shifters	No
Final Drive Ratio	3.56	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Real-world Mileage	7.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	20.0 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l
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BA	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes
Safety Rating	5	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	EBD	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
Front Parking Sensors	Yes	Stability Control	Yes
TCS	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes

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