

# The new Hyundai Kona: Now available with a sporty N line trim



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The Kona has been a success story for Hyundai since its global introduction in 2017, and in South Africa close to 1,700 units of this crossover SUV model have been sold since its local introduction in 2018. With the latest product enhancement, the Kona will be available for the first time as an N Line version, combining fun to drive with an emotional appearance. The Kona N Line stands out through its sporty front and rear end, body colour claddings, and specific diamond-cut wheel design. The fresh design, including the all-new sporty N Line trim, offers a dynamic new appearance. The safety suite has also been improved with new active and passive safety features available.



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## Sleek design upgrades

Design updates on the front and rear give the new Kona a more sleek, sophisticated look, which adds to the bold, progressive design of the model that was launched in 2018.

The striking new front end design stands out through its sporty look and eye-catching, protective cladding panels. At the top, the stretched bonnet ends sharply over the centre grille with a wide, distinctive shape giving the Kona a powerful look.





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At the rear, the new taillights feature horizontally stretched graphics. These reflect the unique identity of the front-end light signature. The new rear bumper, which also follows the protective armour concept of the front and sides, is also built with a contrasting material.



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**Interior design updates**

The interior of the new Kona was designed to express a more sophisticated and progressive appearance. A rugged, yet refined look matches the exterior boldness, appealing to customers with an active lifestyle. A new console is disconnected from the instrument panel to stress the horizontal layout, appearing wide for a spacious atmosphere.

An electronic parking brake is now available in the N Line variant as a standard convenience feature. The Kona's rear cargo area has been increased and second-row legroom has also been improved, along with USB-port access for second-row passengers.

The 2.0 Executive and 1.6 T-GDi variants come standard with artificial leather seat trim, while the 1.6 T-GDi N Line features full leather seats with N Line red piping and stitching trim.

## **Stay connected**

Several new convenience features allow for a more comfortable ride, including a second-row USB port for backseat passengers. The new Kona has also been upgraded with wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, meaning customers do not have to use a cable anymore to connect their phones to the 8-inch display infotainment system. A wireless cell phone charging pad in the centre console is also standard across the range. Rear passengers can charge their cell phones from a USB cable port in a centre console, with a place to store the phone.

## **Advanced safety and driving assistance**

The new Kona N Line has been equipped with a range of Hyundai's SmartSense safety and driving assist features for added peace of mind. They include: Smart Cruise Control, Blind Spot Collision, Lane Keep Assist, Rear and Forward Cross-Traffic Collision-avoidance Assist and Fatigue Detection, – monitors and analyses driving patterns and will signal an audible alert and visual message on the instrument cluster if it detects driver fatigue.

## **New powertrain**

The powertrain lineup for the new Kona reaches new heights in terms of performance. At the top of the line-up is an enhanced Smartstream G1.6 T-GDi engine, linked to a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission (DCT), which brings 146kW maximum power and 265Nm maximum torque to the table. This drivetrain is found in the 1.6 T-GDi Executive and 1.6 T-GDi N-Line derivatives.

## **Pricing**

- Kona 2.0 Nu Executive (auto): R449,900
- Kona 1.6 T-GDi Executive DCT: R499,900
- Kona 1.6 T-GDi N-Line DCT: R579,900

## Included in the prices are:

- A seven-year/200,000km manufacturer's warranty
- A five-year/75,000km service plan
- Roadside assistance for seven years or 150,000km

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