

The New Hyundai

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THE new Hyundai i30 with prices starting at £14,495 and a service plan costing just £9 per month available majors on value for money and quality.



A variety of roads in and around Manchester provided me with the chance to take the wheel of the newcomer and I was taken by the step up in terms of build quality, a car with lots of style. More than ever we all like to feel we have achieved a bargain, well the good news re this new Hyundai continues with insurance groups as low as 7E.

With Blue Drive technologies standard on all 1.6 CRDi manuals and CO₂ emissions from just 97g/km and fuel economy up to 76.3mpg this car will tick

a lot of boxes for buyers.

Prices right across the range are most competitive and all versions come with a high level of standard specification.

The newcomer is the lowest priced sub-100 g/km five door model in the C-segment with the lowest fuel consumption and the lowest BIK at £876 per year for 40% tax payers and already the awards are rolling in, recently named 'Car of the Year' 2012 by leading car review website, CarBuyer.

This new generation i30 offers buyers more style, improved comfort and packaging and an increased level of standard features.

Four engines (two petrol and two diesels) with five power outputs ranging from 90 to 128PS and four trim levels, Classic, Active, Style and Style Nav.

The new 1.6-litre diesel engine (which I sampled) features Intelligent Stop & Go delivering an impressive power to efficiency ratio, with an output of 128PS and emissions of just 100 g/km.

This makes this car one of the most efficient in the C-segment.

The new i30 is longer, wider and lower than the outgoing model and this delivers a sportier exterior without compromising interior functionality.

The length is increased by 20 mm, width is enlarged by 5 mm and height has been reduced by 10 mm. The wheelbase is carried over from the original i30 model. On the road I found the handling to be precise and surefooted and even over the



bumps the ride was most acceptable. The engine coupled to a very smooth transmission adds even further to the driving pleasure.

I can understand just why this car is suited to our road conditions; it was designed for Europe.

This year Hyundai will launch eight new models into our market. Regarding popularity of the new i30, Hyundai reckon that the main seller will be the Active versions ranging in price from £15,595 – 18,795.

Amongst the standard features on Active, alloy wheels, cruise control with speed limiter, rear parking sensors and Flex steer. Topping the range the Style Nav comes with an excellent sat nav, which by the way is touch screen, and a rear view parking camera. Hyundai continue to move in the right direction with cars such as the new i30. Mainstream carmakers like Ford and Vauxhall had better be on their guard.

