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Hyundai 2021 Model Year Changes

Below is a summary of changes to the Hyundai lineup for 2021 model year. This document will be updated regularly, creating a one-stop shop for the most up-to-date Hyundai vehicle lineup news. For regular product and news updates, please subscribe to Hyundai [News Alerts](#). You can also visit [HyundaiNews.com](#) for the latest news on sales, pricing and technology. Visit the product pages at [HyundaiNews.com](#) for more complete information. The models included in this guide are:

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Elantra GT – Discontinued from the lineup due to expanded SUV lineup that includes Venue and Kona.

Elantra GT N Line – Discontinued from the lineup and replaced with Elantra N Line that is being developed.

Hyundai Motor America is now providing three years of complimentary maintenance with the purchase or lease of a new Hyundai vehicle. The [Hyundai Complimentary Maintenance](#) program includes oil and filter changes plus tire rotation at normal factory-scheduled intervals for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first.

2021 Hyundai Elantra – All New (See below for 2021 Elantra Hybrid info.)

The Elantra is all-new for 2021. See [press release](#) for complete details.



2021 Elantra Product Overview

- Dramatic four-door-coupe look comes to life with “Parametric Dynamics” design theme
- Segment-first wireless Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™
- Segment-first Hyundai Digital Key
- More than 50 MPG estimated combined fuel economy rating on first-ever Elantra Hybrid

Highlights for the 2021 Elantra

- An all-new seventh-generation Elantra compact sedan with new vehicle platform
 - Longer wheelbase, wider stance, lower roofline
- Second Hyundai vehicle with Sensuous Sportiness design identity
- An everyday exotic four-door-coupe look with innovative molding and engineering technology
- Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto make connecting easy
- Hyundai’s optional Digital Key allows Elantra to be unlocked, started and driven without a physical key via a smartphone or NFC card
- Production to begin at Ulsan, Korea and at Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama in the fall with shipments to dealers in the fourth quarter
- An enhanced natural-language voice-recognition system with Speech-to-Meaning and Deep Meaning Understanding technologies and lots of feature controls
- Standard SmartSense safety and convenience technologies
- Two available 10.25-inch multimedia screens under one piece of glass

Engine Performance

The Elantra SE, SEL, and Limited offer the 2.0L MPI Atkinson Cycle engine that also has a focus on fuel economy. This engine generates 147 horsepower @ 6,200 RPM and 132 lb.-ft. of torque @ 4,500 RPM. These models are projected to achieve a best-in-class combined fuel

economy rating, an improvement over previous models, due in part to an Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT).

SmartSense Safety Features

The 2021 Elantra offers a new array of standard advanced safety technologies:

- Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist (FCA) with Pedestrian Detection
- Lane Keeping Assist (LKA)
- Lane Following Assist (LFA)
- High Beam Assist (HBA)
- Driver Attention Warning (DAW)
- Rearview camera with dynamic guidelines

Optional SmartSense Features

- Blind-Spot Collision Avoidance Assist (BCA) with Rear Cross-Traffic Collision-Avoidance Assist (RCCA)
- Smart Cruise Control with Stop & Go (SCC)
- Highway Driving Assist (HDA)
- Safe Exit Warning (SEW)
- Reverse Parking Collision Avoidance Assist (PCA)

Interior Features

- Eight-inch color display audio system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and HD Radio
- Bluetooth and steering wheel audio controls
- Drive Mode Select

Optional Interior Features

- Blue Link® Connected Car System with three years of complimentary Blue Link services
- Qi wireless charging
- 10.25-inch infotainment (navigation) system with faster processor, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and connected routing
- Bose premium sound system with eight speakers, including powerful Super65 wide-range speakers in the front doors and a woofer on the rear deck

2021 Hyundai Elantra Hybrid – All New

The Elantra Hybrid is an all-new hybrid model for 2021. See [press release](#) for complete details.

Elantra Hybrid



The Elantra Hybrid has similar content as the gas power version but adds:

- Hybrid powertrain (50+ MPG)
- 6-speed DCT
- Multi-link rear suspension

For the first time, a hybrid powertrain has been added to the Elantra lineup. Elantra Hybrid demonstrates Hyundai's commitment to expanding its eco-focused lineup of products. The new Elantra Hybrid will feature a 1.6-liter GDI Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder engine. Elantra Hybrid's permanent-magnet electric motor delivers 32 kW powered by a lithium-ion-polymer battery with 1.32 kWh of capacity positioned under the rear seats. The 1.6-liter GDI engine combined with the electric motor in Elantra Hybrid delivers a total system output of 139 horsepower and up to 195 lb-ft of torque. This engine mates with Hyundai's quick-shifting, six-speed, dual-clutch transmission—differentiating Elantra Hybrid from its key competitors because of its more dynamic and engaging driving experience. The high-efficiency electric motor has an electric only driving mode that delivers instantaneous torque at low speeds, with available power-assist at higher vehicle speeds. The 2021 Elantra Hybrid is projected to have a combined estimated fuel economy rating of more than 50 MPG.

Elantra Hybrid models offer a fully independent multilink setup in the rear and standard 16-inch and available alloy wheels for even more fun when the going gets sporty.

2021 Hyundai Elantra N Line – New

The Elantra N Line is new to Hyundai family. It adds sporty design elements and refined powertrain/chassis upgrades to a mid-level trim Elantra.



2021 Elantra N Line Product Overview

- Performance-inspired N Line trim available on Elantra sedan for the first time
- Eye-catching N Line design elements inside and out
- Turbocharged engine and independent rear suspension
- 2021 Elantra N Line goes on sale by the end of the year

N Line Exterior Design Elements

- N Line version of Hyundai's signature Cascading Grille with distinctive red character line
- N Line front bumper fascia
- Black colored side sill moldings
- N Line rear fascia with diffuser
- Lip-spoiler
- N Line badging

- N Line 18-inch wheels and Hankook Ventus S1 RX 235/40R18 all-season tires (7-speed DCT) or Goodyear Eagle F1 235/40R18 summer tires (6-speed MT)
- N Line window accents
- Chrome twin exhaust
- Sunroof
- Projector headlights and full LED taillights

N Line Interior Design Elements

- Unique leather-wrapped perforated N steering wheel
- N Line sport seats with leather bolsters and N logos
- N Line gearshift with metal accents and leather inserts
- N Line analog gauge cluster
- Red stitching and trim accents differentiate the N Line from the standard Elantra
- Qi™ wireless charging pad
- Smartphone digital key (NFC)
- Alloy pedals
- Black headliner

Elantra N Line Mechanical Improvements

	2021 Elantra N Line		2021 Elantra Sedan
Engine mount stiffness	+ 13.9%	18kgf/mm	15.5 kgf/mm
“Rollrod” mount stiffness	+ 16.6%	21kgf/mm	17.5 kgf/mm
Spring stiffness (F/R)	+26% (Front) / -	2.9 / 3.6	2.3 / 2.1
Stability bar diameters (F/R)	+4.5% / -	Φ23 / Φ17	22.2 / CTBA
Shocks	N Line tune		Base tune
Steering	64 mm/rev		62 mm/rev
Front brakes	12-inch rotors		11-inch rotors
Tires	Hankook Ventus S1 RX 235/40R18 (All-season) Goodyear Eagle F1 235/40R18 (Summer)		15” Kumho and Hankook (All-season) 16” Kumho and Continental (All-season) 17” Kumho and Hankook (All-season)

Elantra N Line Driving Dynamics

As with the exterior and interior, the driving experience is enhanced for N Line performance with new suspension and steering tuning, revised powertrain mounts and summer tires. Additionally,

Elantra N Line's multi-link independent rear suspension, larger front brake rotors and summer tires make it a corner rascal.

Elantra N Line is powered by an exclusive 1.6-liter GDI turbocharged engine with six-speed manual or seven-speed Double Clutch Transmission (DCT). The DCT has a SHIFTRONIC® manual shift mode via large steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters or the gear selector lever according to driver preference. An easy-to-read LCD readout on the instrument panel shows the selected gear at all times for the driver. This drivetrain generates 201 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque to meet performance and fuel efficiency needs. An available sport mode can take the thrills a bit higher with more aggressive shift points and the ability to hold a gear longer.

Innovation: Continuously Variable Valve Duration

The Elantra N Line's engine uses the same Continuously Variable Valve Duration (CVVD) technology found in the Sonata. This variable control technology can adjust how long an engine valve is open. CVVD opens the intake valve from the middle to end of the compression stroke when the Elantra N Line is maintaining a constant speed and requiring low engine output which, helps improve fuel efficiency by reducing the resistance caused by compression. To enhance torque and improve acceleration the intake valve is closed at the beginning of the compression stroke to maximize the amount of air used for the explosion. This innovative technology helps propel the Elantra N Line to 60 miles per hour quickly and allows it to achieve a target of combined 31 MPG, a more than 5 percent when compared with the outgoing 2020 Elantra Sport.

Hyundai Elantra GT – Dropped

Elantra GT has been discontinued from the lineup due to expanded SUV lineup that includes Venue and Kona.

2021 Hyundai Sonata ICE – Carryover with N Line model added

Following a complete redesign in 2020, the 2021 Sonata model line now features available 19-inch wheels and tires, Safe Exit Warning and a 6-way power passenger seat on the Limited trim. Details about the high-performance 2021 Sonata N Line will be released later this summer. Due to Sonata Hybrid's short 2020 model year, the 2021 Sonata Hybrid remains unchanged. The 2021 Sonata and Sonata Hybrid are on sale now.

2021 Hyundai Sonata ICE – Carryover with N Line model added

ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Exterior			
19-in. Alloy Wheels	SEL Plus standard 18" Wheels	→	SEL Plus standard 19" wheel
Safety			
Safe Exit Warning	Not Available	→	Added to SEL and above as standard
Interior			
6-way power passenger seat (Limited)	4-way power passenger seat (Limited)	→	Change to standard 6-way passenger power adjustable seat

2021 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid – Carryover

Due to Sonata Hybrid's short 2020 model year, the 2021 Sonata Hybrid remains unchanged.

2021 Hyundai Sonata N Line – New

N Line model added. Sonata N Line is the most powerful Sonata ever and more details will be shared later this year.

2021 Hyundai Accent – Carryover

Carryover with only color changes.

2021 Hyundai Accent – Carryover

ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Exterior Colors			
Urban Gray	Available	→	Unavailable

Linen Beige	Available	→	Unavailable
New Forge Gray	Unavailable	→	Available

2021 Hyundai Veloster – Carryover

Carryover with no changes.

2021 Hyundai Veloster N – Product Enhancement			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
250hp Base Veloster N	Available	→	Unavailable – All performance pack features now STD on Veloster N
Transmission	Not Available (6-Speed Manual Only)	→	N DCT – N 8-Speed Wet Dual-Clutch (6-Speed Manual Continues To Be Available)
Seats	N Sport Buckets	→	N Light Sport Bucket Seats
SmartSense	Not Available	→	Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist (standard)
SmartSense	Not Available	→	Lane Keeping Assist (standard)
SmartSense	Not Available	→	Driver Attention Warning (standard)
Infotainment	Not Available	→	AVN 5.0 Multimedia Navigation System (standard with updated N menus)

2021 Hyundai Ioniq – Carryover

Carryover with minor changes.

2021 Hyundai Ioniq – Carryover			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Exterior Colors			
Summit Gray	Available	→	Unavailable
Amazon Gray	Unavailable	→	Available
Interior & Convenience			
Wireless Android Auto & Apple CarPlay	Unavailable	→	Standard on HEV/PHEV/EV (8-inch display audio only) Note: Not available with limited with Navigation
Electronic Parking Brake	Available on Hybrid	→	Standard on Hybrid
HD Radio	Available on Hybrid	→	Standard on Hybrid

2021 Hyundai Venue – Carryover

Carryover with only packaging changes.

2021 Hyundai Venue – Carryover			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Mechanical			
6-speed manual transmission	STD on SE	→	Discontinued
Exterior			

15" Steel Wheels	STD on SE	→	Discontinued
15" Alloy Wheels	STD on SEL	→	STD on SE
17" Alloy Wheels	Part of Convenience PKG, Standard on Denim	→	Standard on SEL, Denim
Interior			
Sliding Armrest Storage Box	Part of Convenience PKG, Standard on Denim	→	Standard on SEL, Denim
Leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob	Part of Convenience PKG, Standard on Denim	→	Standard on SEL, Denim
Safety			
Blind-Spot Collision Avoidance Warning (BCW) with Rear Cross-Traffic Collision-Avoidance Warning (RCCW)	Part of Convenience PKG, Standard on Denim	→	Standard on SEL, Denim
Package			
Convenience Package	Optional on SEL	→	Discontinued, contents moved to STD for SEL

2021 Hyundai Kona – Carryover

Carryover with exterior and interior color changes and Night Edition added.

2021 Hyundai Kona – Carryover			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Trims/Packaging			
Night Edition	Not Available	→	New <u>NIGHT Edition</u> -1.6L Turbo with 7-Speed DCT -18" RAYS Semi-Gloss Black Alloy Wheels -LED Headlights and Taillights -Gloss Black Exterior and Interior Accents -Black Headliner -Aluminum-Alloy Sport Pedals -Black Cloth Seating
Exterior Colors			
Lime Twist	Available	→	Dropped
Sunset Orange	Available	→	Dropped
Interior Colors			
Lime Accent Trim	Available	→	Dropped
Orange Accent Trim	Available	→	Dropped

2021 Hyundai Kona Electric – Carryover

Carryover with no changes.

2021 Hyundai Tucson – Carryover

Carryover with only color changes.

2021 Hyundai Tucson – Carryover			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Color	Not available	→	Coliseum Gray
Color	Black Noir Pearl	→	Ash Black
Color	Sage Brown	→	Dropped
Color	Gemstone Red	→	Red Crimson

2021 Hyundai Santa Fe – Product Enhancement

The 2021 Hyundai Santa Fe receives a significant product enhancement. More information will be provided this fall.

2021 Hyundai Palisade – Carryover



Carryover with new Calligraphy trim added and packaging changes

2021 Hyundai Palisade – Carryover			
ITEM	CHANGE FROM '20 MY		CHANGE TO '21 MY
Trims/Packages			
Trims	Not Available	→	New Calligraphy Trim added
Package	Drive Guidance	→	Contents moved to Premium Pkg.
Package	Sunroof	→	Standard on SEL and above
Exterior			

LED Headlamps	Premium Pkg.	→	Standard on SE and above
Trailer Pre-Wiring	4-pin	→	7-pin
Sunroof (conventional type)	Sunroof Pkg.	→	Standard on SEL and above
Premium Rear LED Accent Lighting and Wide LED CHMSL	Not Available	→	New to Calligraphy Trim
New 20-inch alloy wheels	Not Available	→	New to Calligraphy Trim
Exclusive Grille/Front Bumper	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy Trim
Premium Side Door Garnish	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy Trim
Puddle Lamps	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy Trim
Interior			
LED Interior/Map Lights	Sunroof Pkg.	→	Standard on SEL and above
Melange Headliner	Not Available	→	Limited
Micro Fiber Suede Headliner	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy trim

Quilted Leather Door Panels	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy trim
Premium Cargo Sill Plate	Limited	→	New to Calligraphy trim
Perforated Leather Steering Wheel	Not Available	→	New to Calligraphy trim
Technology/Multimedia			
10.25" Navigation System	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Premium Pkg.
Highway Drive Assist I	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Premium Pkg.
SIRIUSXM	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Premium Pkg.
Blue Link Connected Car	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Premium Pkg.
Driver Talk (in-car intercom)	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Premium Pkg.
Multiple Device Connection	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Standard on SE and Above
HD Radio	Drive Guidance Pkg.	→	Standard on SE and Above
Wireless Smartphone Connectivity (for Android Auto and Apple Carplay)	Not Available	→	Standard on SE, SEL, and SEL with Convenience Package

2021 Hyundai Nexo – Carryover

Carryover with no changes.