

# The all-new Kia Seltos...now in SA

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There is one word that is synonymous with the all-new Kia Seltos...*exceptional!*

Aesthetically, the Seltos is appealing to the eye, but wait until you get into the cabin and take it out for a drive. Once inside, you hardly hear the engine as you push on the accelerator and drive off - all so smoothly. The marriage between the engine and gearbox is seamless.

"Kia is well known for offering exceptional quality and comprehensive specification across its model ranges. The all-new Seltos delivers all of that, and more," says Gary Scott, CEO, [Kia Motors South Africa](#).

## **Sporty and sophisticated exterior**

The all-new Kia Seltos stands apart from its rivals thanks to its sophisticated, sporty exterior design and the space and capabilities of a traditional SUV – all in a compact package.



At 4,315 mm long, 1,800 mm wide and 1,620mm high, the Seltos not only looks much bigger than its closest competitors,

thanks to its long hood, the strong character line on the front bumper, and the sharp lines pressed into the bodywork but is easily one of the largest and most practical compact SUVs available today.

All models are equipped with LED Daytime Running Lights at the front, as well as front fog lamps across the range. On the higher specification models, both fog lamps, headlights and indicators are full-LED, with similar treatments for the rear combination lamps.

### **What's your favourite colour?**

You can choose from seven exterior colours, including Glacier White Pearl, Steel Silver, Gravity Grey, Aurora Black Pearl, Intelligence Blue, Intense Red and Punchy Orange, the latter only available as a special order.

In addition, the all-new Seltos is also available with three two-tone colour options: Glacier White Pearl with a black roof, Intense Red with a black roof, and Punchy Orange with a white roof, the latter also only available on special order.

### **Exceptional value**

Aimed at customers who appreciate the fun side of life, the interior of the all-new Seltos is characterised by broad, sweeping shapes with various technical design details. With world-class ergonomics in mind, the driver sits comfortably and with a commanding view of the road ahead. The Seltos will be offered with three specification grades, as well as a choice of three engines and three transmissions.



Offering an entry point into the Seltos range, EX specification models includes a vast array of standard features that include, but is not limited to, air-conditioning (manual), automatic headlight control (including an 'escort' and 'welcome home' function), electrically adjustable side mirrors with integrated indicators, cloth upholstery, steering wheel-mounted remote controls, electric windows, cruise control, and an 8-inch colour touchscreen infotainment system that incorporates a radio with RDS, linked to six speakers.

The Seltos is equipped with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto for smartphone mirroring, as well as Bluetooth connectivity with voice recognition, and has charging USB ports for front and rear passengers. The KIA Seltos EX rides on 16-inch alloy wheels shod with 205/65R16 rubber. A full-sized spare wheel is standard.

### **Power me up!**

Power is courtesy of a 1.6-litre Multi-point Injection (MPI) engine. The 1,591cc 'Gamma' engine develops 90kW of power

and 151Nm of torque. Acceleration to 100km/h takes 11,2 seconds, with a top speed of 175km/h.

Customers have a choice between a 6-speed manual transmission or a 6-speed automatic transmission, with both available from launch. CO2 emissions are set at 157 g/km for the manual transmission, and 164 g/km for the automatic model.

### **Upping the sportiness**

For customers looking to emphasise the sportiness of their Seltos, the range-topping Seltos GT Line offers a number of exclusive features.

From the outside, the Seltos GT Line adds sporty satin chrome and red trim, with gloss black and satin chrome detailing on the front grille, as well as bespoke, 17-inch crystal cut alloy wheels with red brake callipers. All exterior lights are upgraded to full LED units, with unique 3D layered indicators at the front.



### **Pricing**

- Kia Seltos 1.6 EX Manual: R353,995
- Kia Seltos 1.6 EX Automatic: R371,995
- Kia Seltos 1.6 EX+ Automatic: R389,995
- Kia Seltos 1.4 T-GDi GT-Line: R444,995

As with all Kia models, all Seltos models ship as standard with Unlimited Kilometre, 5-year warranty (inclusive of roadside assistance), and also include a 5-year/90,000km Service Plan.

### **Final thoughts**

Seltos strikes an agile pose on any road. From the front, it's wide 'tiger-nose' grille – featuring a new interpretation of Kia's signature design feature – is flanked by striking headlamps to endow it with a sporty, confident visage. Thanks to a variety of active and passive safety systems, the all-new Seltos will ensure you and your loved ones are not only comfortable wherever the road may take you, but also protected in the event of an accident or collision. Exceptional value for money all round.

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