



Hyundai i40: The Challenger!

The Hyundai i40 is big and bold, with sharp looks that have no problem turning heads. The car makes a stylish, practical choice for families - and thanks to its range of efficient engines is also a good-looking option for cash-conscious company car buyers. It's a pleasure driving this new i40!



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The Auto Express Driver Power survey saw 300,000 drivers rate Hyundai as the most improved car brand of the last decade, and we would agree with them. The maker's latest cars, including the Hyundai i40, are every bit as good to drive as their European rivals. As the most luxurious car the firm offers in Europe, the i40 majors on comfort, and is an impressively quiet cruiser.

The Hyundai i40 is a great cruiser, and is comfortable on long journeys

Even fitted with its optional sports suspension, the Hyundai i40 proves comfortable over rough roads. Seats are soft, but still offer reasonable support. Even the most basic, entry-level cars get a host of great toys, including Audi-style LED daytime running lights, air-conditioning, a system that automatically adjusts the heating when it detects your windscreen is fogging up. A leather steering wheel and reclining rear seats.

Hyundai builds robust, carefully developed cars

The i40 is still too new to rate its reliability effectively. However, from behind the wheel the Hyundai feels well made. There's a strong focus on safety too, with airbags for driver and front seat passenger, plus curtain airbags for those in the rear. And if you're after peace of mind, Hyundai's 5-year warranty will cover most things, although if other Hyundais are to go by, the i40 is unlikely to go wrong.





The Hyundai i40 offers a big boot and plenty of cabin stowage space

There's a 525-litre boot, which is slightly smaller than a Ford Mondeo's or Peugeot 508. The rear seats fold to increase space, but the opening through to the cabin is quite narrow - if you want more practicality, you should look at the i40 Tourer instead. Elsewhere, the i40 saloon offers a plenty of cabin stowage space and space for five people inside.

Prices are competitive, and resale values are stonger

Hyundai charges nearly 25.000€for the cheapest version of its new i40 - proof if any were needed that the firm has outgrown its status as a budget brand. Cars will be extremely well equipped

though - even mid-spec Style models get sat nav as standard - and residual values are stronger than ever before, thanks to the introduction of Hyundai's 5-year Triple Care package, which includes warranty, roadside assistance and free vehicle health checks for the duration of the cover. We had the 1.7 Crdi 136 - Executive model for this test. It is fully equipped and has the main options as standard.

Diesel engines make this one of the most fuel efficient cars in the family car class

Hyundai's 1.7-litre diesel sips fuel, and emits just 113g/km of CO2, making it one of the most efficient engines in the family car class. During our test drive, we had a general consumption of 5,4L/100km!

Final word

The six-speed manual gearbox is light to use and the interior is decent quality. Cars are generally well equipped – and comforts such as air-conditioning, nine airbags for added safety, and reclining rear seats are offered as standard. Practical, cheap to run and good to drive, the Hyundai i40 is a fine car for you and all the family, whether you're on business or heading on holiday. A real challenger for European cars.

Infos : www.hyundai.be



Rally ING Ardenne Roads – 11th edition

For the eleventh year, the ING Ardenne Roads took some 140 crew on the scenic roads of the Ardennes for a very stylish rally. The highlight of the weekend: the traditional gala event at Spa where the teams competed with elegance. Just like on the roads.

Since 2002, Jean-Francois Devillers, former co-driver in modern rally, offers an ideal opportunity to amateur riders at one-day international rally: the ING Ardenne Roads. Program at the weekend: 550km of the most beautiful roads in the south. From Spa, competitors first sailed to Habay-la-Neuve and its prestigious Chateau du Pont d'Oye for a first stop before returning along

the «Little Switzerland», to St. Vith, for Spa rally. To participate in a regular rally on ING Ardenne Roads, no need to show a long history in motorsport. Passion and a little rigor are more than sufficient.

For four years, Longines has been the faithful partner of historic regular rally ING Ardenne Roads. And like every year, the watchmaker has benefited from the gala evening on Saturday to award the Longines Prize for Elegance. For this edition, the jury praised Sophie Helsmoortel who attended the rally on a Mercedes 190 SL of 1957. Eric Vanheurck, Brand Manager for Longines Belgium, was pleased to offer a Longines DolceVita, a line exclusively for women among the most elegant brands.



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