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Hyundai's presence in Australia has been boosted by the release of the latest offering from the Korean manufacturer's 'i' range, the Hyundai i20. The i20 is the latest car to enter the ever growing small car market, with subcompact cars becoming increasingly popular among Australian buyers. The design of the car took place at Hyundai's European Design Centre in Russelheim, Germany. Development has also taken place on European roads. It has accordingly been built to European standards and this, unsurprisingly, is reflected in its styling.

For the Australian market, the i20 has some adjustments, for example the front suspension has been altered to suit local roads. The i20 comes with a 1.4-litre engine with 73.5kW and 136Nm of torque, accompanied by either a 5-speed manual transmission or a 4-speed automatic. Fitted with the manual, it has a fuel consumption rate of 6.0-litres per 100 kilometres, while with the automatic it goes up to 6.4, which coupled with low CO2 emissions means the car is designed to be an environmentally friendly choice.

Some of the safety features of the i20 include front and rear crumple zones, and side impact intrusion bars on the doors for added protection. It is also fitted with six airbags, including front and rear passenger side. The i20 also features a number of devices designed to help the driver avoid dangerous situations. Anti-Lock brakes (ABS) and Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD) helps prevent the brakes from locking, while Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Traction Control help maintain grip and keep the car on track. The i20 has been issued with a 5-star rating from the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP).

Another security feature is the keyless alarm system. Those living in remote rural areas of Australia may be interested to know that in the event of a puncture or other such problem, all i20s come equipped with a full size spare wheel. One factor that can impact on the purchase of a car is [car insurance](#) which can be influenced by the type of car, its value and safety record, as well as a number of other considerations to take into account.

An important consideration is the record of the driver. Those who have a poor driving record (for example a history of accidents, or infringements) or drivers who have filed claims previously may find that they are considered more likely to claim and therefore higher risk. Additional factors that can affect insurance include gender, age and geography. For example some might consider young males to be more likely to be involved in incidents that result in a claim and those who reside in areas with a high rate of crime like theft may find that they are considered more of a risk. In light of the internet's increasing influence on business, there are now many websites that operate in this area, and [Comprehensive car insurance](#) quotes can be obtained online.

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