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Renault Kiger review: Better than a conventional hatch?

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More attractive than a conventional hatch. The exterior of the vehicle is eye-catching with design cues that allude to sportiness. Strong, muscular sculpted lines with a higher ground clearance, aluminium finish skid plates, a sporty rear window finished off with an integrated spoiler, and finer touches to further highlight the new Renault Kiger's aerodynamic stance.



Smart cabin

The Renault Kiger's cabin is intuitive boasting features normally reserved for upper segments, such as an 8" floating touchscreen, wireless smartphone replication, reverse camera, handsfree smart access, ambient lighting, a multi-sense driving mode experience and a 3D 'surround sound' sound system.

The interior of the new Renault Kiger is surprising in so many aspects, effectively combining technology and functionality. It's generously roomy and ultra-modern with segment-leading storage thanks to a multitude of clever cabin storage compartments throughout totalling 29I and a best-in-class 405 L boot space.

Fun to drive

With the new Renault Kiger, that fun-to-drive feeling is guaranteed. The all-new Renault Kiger features a new turbocharged petrol engine for more versatility and driving pleasure, providing the perfect balance between performance and efficiency coupled with its three multi-sense driving modes.

Sporty exterior design

The all-new Renault Kiger is a real SUV with sporty and muscular SUV styling. With its distinct athletic design, the new Renault Kiger combines urban modernity with agility, whichever road it takes. A sculpted front end enhances the vehicle's

energetic personality.



The spoilers boost the design with their pronounced shoulder lines, while the back sills and wheel arches provide further protection.

The higher ground clearance (205mm) and functional roof bars heighten the vehicle's shape and completes its bold SUV look. The higher trim levels boast 16" black diamond-cut alloys which enhance the sporty and stylish look of the all-new Renault Kiger.



The Renault Kiger is equipped with several features to heighten the sporty look of the vehicle. The front grille with 3D graphic finish with honeycomb-shaped chrome effects is a perfect example, while the aluminium finish skid plate further enhances the sporty rear bumper.

The modern and striking front end is accentuated by Renault's signature LED daytime running lights. The highly distinctive lower part features striking tri-octa LED Pure Vision headlamps, which give the impression of modernity and sophistication.

Smart interior

The new Renault Kiger offers segment-leading roominess, cabin storage and boot space. The interior has been designed to perfectly combine the sturdiness of an SUV with sophistication and technological provess. The new Renault Kiger provides unprecedented comfort and roominess for all occupants.

The Renault Kiger sets a very high standard when it comes to load capacity, offering the best boot space in the segment – 405ls which can extend to an impressive 879 litres with the second row of seats folded down 60/40.

The higher centre console features an 8" floating touchscreen with wireless smartphone replication for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. This feature allows passengers to connect their smartphones seamlessly and to access the special driving and multimedia apps.

The new Renault Kiger boasts a brand new, quality sound system: the auditorium 3D sound system, with eight onboard speakers (four 6,5" speakers, four tweeters). The system automatically adjusts the sound volume according to the speed of the vehicle. A hands-free smart access card allows for everyday convenience, enabling doors to be opened and closed automatically, and the engine to be started without a key.

Under the bonnet

The Kiger is fitted with two engine variants:

An aspirated 1.0I engine with an output of 52kW and 96Nm of torque, and a three-cylinder turbocharged 1.0I petrol engine with a power output of 74kW and 160 Nm of torque on the manual. This engine offers the latest technological innovations and delivers impressive combined fuel consumption from only 5ls/100km.

The 1.0I naturally aspirated engine is either paired with a five-speed manual gearbox or the Easy-R five-speed AMT gearbox, which provides the comfort of clutchless driving at affordable pricing.

The 1.0I turbo energy engine is either mated with a five-speed manual gearbox or an X-Tronic CVT gearbox which provides smooth and responsive transitions for enhanced driving comfort.

Range and pricing (VAT included)

- Kiger Life 1.0L R199,900
- Kiger Zen 1.0L R214,900
- Kiger Zen 1.0L R224,900
- Kiger Zen 1.0L Turbo R249,900
- Kiger Intens 1.0L Turbo R269,900
- Kiger Intens 1.0L Turbo CVT three-year/45,000km SP R289,900

Peace of mind is guaranteed with the all-new Renault Kiger. As is the case across Renault's entire product range, the new Renault Kiger comes standard with a five-year/150,000km mechanical warranty and a six-year anticorrosion warranty, with service intervals at 15,000km.

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