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## HYUNDAI 2018 MODEL YEAR CHANGES



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Below is a summary of changes to the Hyundai lineup for 2018 model year. This document will be updated regularly, creating a one-stop shop for the most up-to-date Hyundai vehicle lineup news. For additional product updates please subscribe to [Hyundai News Alerts](#). You can also visit [HyundaiNews.com](http://HyundaiNews.com) for latest news on sales, pricing and technology. Please visit the product pages at [HyundaiNews.com](http://HyundaiNews.com) for more complete information. The models included in this guide are:

- 2018 Hyundai Accent – All New
- 2018 Hyundai Elantra – Carryover
- 2018 Hyundai Elantra GT – All New
- 2018 Veloster – No 2018 model – long 2017 model year
- 2018 Hyundai Ioniq – Carryover with New Plug-in Hybrid Trim
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### 2018 Hyundai Accent – All New

The Accent is an all-new model for 2018. The 2018 Accent will be available in Nov. 2017. The hatchback body style has been dropped.



#### 2018 Accent Product Overview

- Sophisticated Sedan Styling
  - Hyundai's new cascading grill, expressive & upscale design
  - Contemporary & Intuitive Interior design
  - Available premium exterior features: Projector headlight w/ LED DRL's, Power sunroof and 17-inch alloy wheels, LED Taillights and fog lights
- Performance and Improved Dynamics
  - Eco-efficient 1.6L GDI Dual-CVVT 4-cylinder engine with Standard 6-speed M/T or optional A/T
  - Improved noise, vibration, Harshness (NVH) control and ride quality
  - 54.5% Advanced High strength steel and 323 ft. of structural adhesives
- Improved Audio, Multimedia & Telematics
  - Standard 5-inch color touchscreen with rearview camera

- Available 7-inch display audio system with Android Auto & Apple CarPlay
- Available Blue Link® Connected Services 3-years with Standard complimentary service including Remote Start
- Premium Comfort and Convenience
  - Available Segment 1<sup>st</sup> Hands-Free Smart Trunk Release & Dual charging USB (data x1 / power x2)
  - Available Heated front seats, Proximity Push Button start, Dual Automatic Temperature Control and Smart Trunk release
- Exceptional Level of Safety Features
  - Standard Rearview camera with dynamic guidelines
  - Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB)
- Quality and Reliability backed by America's Best Warranty

### 2018 Hyundai Elantra – Carryover

The 2018 Hyundai Elantra sedan is a carryover from the all-new 2017 model. Changes are summarized in the below chart.



#### 2018 Elantra Summary of Changes

ITEM	CHANGE FROM ('17MY)	CHANGE TO ('18MY)	NOTES
<b>SAFETY</b>			

Blind Spot Detection w/ Rear Cross-traffic Alert and Lane Change Assist	Not offered on SE w/ Pop Equip Package	>	Standard on new SEL trim	18MY SEL trim replaces 17MY SE w/ Pop Package
Rear disc brakes	Available on Limited Trim & Sport		Now on New SEL trim and Value Trim	Tied w/ 16" alloy wheel
<b>EXTERIOR</b>				
Power sunroof	Available on Sport Trim w/ Premium package	>	Now Standard on Sport Trim	
<b>INTERIOR</b>				
Auto-dimming rearview mirror w/ Blue Link & HomeLink	Available on Limited with Tech package	>	Standard on Limited Trim	
3.5" TFT LCD display	Not available on SE w/ Pop Pkg	>	Now on New SEL trim	
<b>COLOR</b>				
Color Change	Shale Gray Metallic (V8S)	>	Machine Gray (2C)	Starting May Production
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
New SEL trim	Replaces SE w/ Popular Equipment Package	>	Newly added SEL trim (Base A/T plus): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rear disc brakes</li> <li>• Hood insulator</li> <li>• Blind Spot Detection w/ Rear Cross-traffic Alert and Lane Change Assist</li> <li>• 16" alloy wheels w/ 205/55 R16 tires</li> <li>• Heated outside mirrors</li> <li>• Auto headlamp control</li> <li>• 3.5" TFT mono cluster display</li> <li>• Rear cup holders (mounted rear of center console)</li> <li>• 7" Display Audio AM/FM/HD/SiriusXM w/ 6-speakers             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Rearview camera w/ dynamic guidelines</li> <li>◦ Android Auto &amp; Apple CarPlay</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Popular Package	Available	>	Replaced by SEL trim	
Limited w/ Tech	Dropped	>	Combined with Limited Standard Equipment	

Package

and Limited w/ Ultimate Package

## 2018 Hyundai Elantra GT – All New

The Elantra GT is an all-new model for 2018.



### 2018 Elantra GT Product Overview

- Bold and Dynamic Design
  - Evolution of fluidic sculpture exterior design, stable and dynamic
  - Hyundai's new cascading grille design
- Exceptional Roominess
  - More cargo volume than Civic, Cruze, Golf, Mazda3 and Focus hatchbacks (rear seats folded)
- Sporty Driving Character
  - Standard 2.0L GDI 4-cylinder engine
  - Available Elantra GT Sport w/ 1.6L T-GDI and 7-speed DCT with 201 HP and 195 lb.-ft. torque (estimated)
  - Available Multi-link independent rear suspension with larger front and rear brake rotors on Elantra GT Sport
- Technology
  - Available AVN 5.0 8-inch Multimedia Navigation System and 8-inch Display Audio with Android Auto & Apple CarPlay and available Blue Link
  - Available Infinity premium audio w/ 7 speakers inc. subwoofer with Segment 1<sup>st</sup> Clari-Fi Music restoration technology

- Premium Comfort and Convenience
  - Available segment exclusive ventilated front seats and panoramic sunroof
- Class-leading Advanced Safety
  - Available Blind Spot Detection w/ Rear Cross-traffic Alert
  - Available Automatic Emergency Braking w/ Pedestrian Detection
  - Available Lane Keep Assist and Smart Cruise Control w/ stop/start capability
  - Available High Beam Assist and Driver Attention Alert
  - 7 standard airbags including driver's knee airbag
- Quality and Reliability backed by America's Best Warranty

### **2018 Hyundai Veloster**

There will not be a 2018 Veloster due to a long 2017 model year.

### **2018 Hyundai Ioniq – Carryover with New 2018 Plug-in Hybrid Model (Fourth Quarter Availability)**

#### **2018 HYUNDAI IONIQ LINE-UP ADDS VERSATILE AND EFFICIENT PLUG-IN HYBRID VARIANT TO HYBRID AND ELECTRIC MODELS**

- 2018 Ioniq Plug-in Hybrid adds another compelling eco-focused offering from the world's first dedicated electrified vehicle platform
- Ioniq Plug-in Hybrid gives an impressive 27 miles of all-electric range and more than 650 miles of total range with daily lifestyle flexibility
- The 2018 Hyundai Ioniq is available in three models: Hybrid, Electric, and Plug-in hybrid. The Hybrid and Electric are carryovers from the all-new 2017 models. The Ioniq Plug-in Hybrid is all new for 2018.



**2018 Ioniq Summary of Changes**

ITEM	CHANGE FROM ('17MY)		CHANGE TO ('18MY)	NOTES
<b>Mechanical</b>				
All New (Plug-in Hybrid)	Not Available	>	Available	Rounds out the launch of Ioniq's three electrified powertrains
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	>	Available on Hybrid Standard on Plug-in Hybrid	Electric continues to apply Regenerative Brake Level Control Paddles
<b>Safety</b>				
Lane Keep Assist System (LKAS)	Lane Departure Warning (LDW)	>	Lane Keep Assist (LKAS)	LDW adds Lane Keep Assist function

**2018 Hyundai Sonata – Redesigned**

The Sonata is redesigned for 2018.



**2018 Sonata Summary of Changes**

ITEM	CHANGE FROM ('17MY)		CHANGE TO ('18MY)	NOTES
<b>Mechanical</b>				
Transmission (2.0T only)	6-speed Automatic Transmission	>	8-speed A/T on 2.0T models	Adds ratio range at top and bottom of output speeds
Steering System	Improved ride & handling	>	Torsion bar stiffness increased by 12 percent	Improves steering response and feel
Steering System	Improved ride & handling	>	New steering calibration	Improves responsiveness and on-center steering feel
Rear Suspension	Improved ride & handling	>	Trailing arms thickness increased by 21 percent	Improves ability to manage heavy suspension loads



Rear Suspension	Improved ride & handling	>	New bushings	Improves ride compliance w/ quicker response times
<b>Exterior</b>				
Sheet metal changes	Significant styling refresh	>	New sheet metal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hood</li> <li>• Front Fenders</li> <li>• Trunk</li> </ul>	Bold, distinctive & advanced redesign
Design changes	Significant styling refresh	>	New non-sheet metal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front &amp; Rear Fascia</li> <li>• Headlights</li> <li>• Taillights</li> <li>• Front Grille</li> </ul>	Bold, distinctive & advanced redesign
Wheels	Significant styling refresh	>	New 16, 17 & 18-inch wheel designs	Bold, distinctive & advanced redesign
Sunroof	Panoramic Sunroof Standard on Limited 2.0T	>	Conventional Sunroof	Improves weight and real world fuel economy
Headlights	HID Xenon Headlights  Avail. Limited; Std. Limited 2.0T	>	LED Headlights  Std. Limited & Limited 2.0T	HID headlights replaced with LED headlights
<b>Interior</b>				
Center Stack Design	Significant styling refresh	>	New center stack design	Adds dimension & visual appeal
Steering Wheel	Four-spoke steering wheel	>	Three-spoke S/W	More modern design
Heated Steering Wheel	Not available	>	Available  Available on Limited;  Standard on Limited 2.0T	
<b>Multimedia</b>				
Navigation System	AVN 4.0 (800 MHz single core)	>	AVN 5.0 (1GHz dual core)  Available on Limited;  Standard on Limited 2.0T	Improved processor;  AM/FM/XM mixed presets;

				New Bird's Eye View (tilted perspective navigation)
Navigation System	Not available	>	HERE HD Traffic (Real-time Traffic Service)	In addition to SiriusXM® Travel Link® (3-month trial)  Does not require paid subscription
Wireless phone charging	Not available	>	Available Available on Limited; Standard on Limited 2.0T	Combined with AVN- equipped models for more charging options
Rear USB Charge Port	Not available	>	Available Std. on SEL trim & higher	
Blue Link Connected Care	1-year trial	>	3-year period	On models equipped w/ BL
Blue Link Remote Package	3-month trial w/ credit card (CC)	>	3-year period w/o CC	On models equipped w/ BL
Blue Link Guidance Package	3-month trial w/ credit card (CC)	>	3-year period w/o CC	On models equipped w/ BL & navigation
<b>Safety</b>				
Blind Spot Detection w/ Rear Cross-traffic Alert & Lane Change Assist	Std. on Limited & Limited 2.0T	>	Standard	High demand feature
Lane Keep Assist System (LKAS)	Lane Departure Warning (LDW)  Avail. Limited; Std. Limited 2.0T	>	Lane Keep Assist (LKAS) Avail. on SEL & Limited; Standard on Limited 2.0T	LDW adds Keep Assist function
<b>Colors</b>				
Gray Exterior Color	Shale Gray Metallic	>	Machine Gray	All-new for 18MY
Blue Exterior Color	Nouveau Blue	>	Electric Blue	
Black Interior Color (Cloth + Leather)	Not available on non-Sport trims	>	Available on all trims	

### **2018 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid and Plug-In Hybrid – Redesigned**

The 2018 Sonata Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid are still under development. Stay tuned for more information.

### **2018 Hyundai Azera – U.S. Market Availability Discontinued**

The Azera premium sedan has been a successful model in the Hyundai line-up for a number of years, with great style, comfort and generous amenities, all at a very appealing price point.

Over the last few years, however, the Hyundai and Genesis line-ups have continued to increase the appeal of their models. 2018 Sonata has increased its comfort, technology, dynamics, design and performance. In addition, though distinct from the Hyundai brand, the Genesis brand continues to broaden the appeal of its mid-luxury G80 and premium luxury G90 models with attributes appealing to buyers holding the Azera on the periphery of purchase consideration.

As a result, for the 2018 model year, Hyundai Motor America will no longer offer the Azera for the U.S. market, simplifying its model line-up and broadening the appeal of its core models.

### **2018 Hyundai Kona – All New Model**

The Hyundai Kona is an all-new CUV joining the Hyundai lineup in 2018.



- Differentiated Styling – Stylish exterior with two-tone interior
  - Kona carves a unique place in the Hyundai CUV lineup with a distinctly fresh design and animated color
- Nimble and Efficient Performance
  - Fuel Efficient with Sporty Handling
  - A spirited 1.6L turbo 4-cylinder engine enhances Kona’s sporty driving character delivering an efficient “fun to drive” CUV
- Future-Oriented Technology
  - Advanced Safety and Multimedia
  - A set of safety and convenience features sure to wow segment shoppers with not just more but BETTER
- Unique Design
  - Distinctly Fresh Design, Urban Smart Armor
  - Stylish Exterior with Animated Color Palette
  - LED Headlights, Taillights & DRLs
  - Practical Interior with Two-Tone Color Options
- Driving Dynamics
  - Light & Rigid Body Structure with 51.8% HSS
  - Suspension Delivers Ride Quality & Secure Handling
  - Efficient 2.0L Atkinson Cycle with 6-speed A/T
  - Capable 1.6L Turbo with 7-speed DCT
- Advanced Safety
  - Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist
  - Lane Keeping Assist
  - Driver Attention Warning
  - Blind-Spot Collision Warning
  - High Beam Assist
- Thoughtful features
  - Heads-up Display
  - Wireless Charging
  - Rain-sensing Wipers
  - Power tilt-and-slide Sunroof
  - Android Auto
  - Apple CarPlay

## 2018 Hyundai Tucson – Carryover

### 2018 Tucson Summary of Changes

- SE Popular Equipment Package renamed SEL
  - New for 18MY SEL is the addition of a 7” display with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. As such, over 90% of 18MY Tucsons will have Android Auto and Apple CarPlay included.
  - SE Plus, introduced mid-17MY, is renamed SEL Plus
- Value Trim was introduced late in 17MY, replacing Sport trim.
  - Contents include highly attractive features previously included in the Sport trim, such as Proximity Key Entry with Push Button Start and Hands-free Smart Liftgate with auto open, and now adds:
    - Panoramic Sunroof
    - Dual Automatic Temperature Control w/ CleanAir Ionizer and Auto Defogger

- Auto-dimming Inside Rearview Mirror & HomeLink
- Rear parking sensors
- Individual features
  - Heated Steering Wheel included with Limited AWD models
  - SiriusXM Satellite Radio moves from SE to SEL
  - HD Radio added to SEL level & up.
  - CD Player dropped from all trims except SE
  - Exterior color updates

**2018 Tucson Fuel Cell – No 2018 MY coming, but an extended 2017 model year availability**



### **2018 Hyundai Santa Fe – Carryover**

The 2018 Hyundai Santa Fe is a carryover from 2017.



**2018 Santa Fe Summary of Changes**

ITEM	CHANGE FROM ('17MY)		CHANGE TO ('18MY)	NOTES
<b>Exterior</b>				
Premium Lower front fascia	Standard gloss black	>	Gloss black available w/ Value pkg. & up (Black Matte standard)	
<b>Interior</b>				
Front windows with auto-up Heated side mirrors SiriusXM	Standard in Sport		Available starting with Sport Value Package	
Side mirrors w/ turn signals Prox key with push button start Heated front seats	Available starting with Premium Package		Available starting with Value Package	Expanded feature set to Value Package

<b>Safety and Technology</b>				
Blue Link	Limited Trial Periods	>	Complimentary 3-year trial period	
<b>Packaging</b>				
Limited trim (base)	Available	>	Discontinued	
Santa Fe Sport w/ Pop Package	Available	>	Pop Pkg. renamed <b>Value Package</b> with updated feature set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heated dual power side mirrors w/ turn signal indicators</li> <li>• Power windows with front auto-up/down</li> <li>• Proximity key with push button start</li> <li>• 7" display audio w/ Android Auto™, Apple CarPlay™ &amp; SiriusXM</li> <li>• Dual automatic temperature control w/ CleanAir ionizer</li> <li>• Hyundai Blue Link® Connected Car System</li> <li>• Power driver seat w/ lumbar support</li> <li>• Heated front seats</li> <li>• LED daytime running lights (DRL)</li> <li>• Front fog lights &amp; roof side rails</li> <li>• Premium front fascia</li> </ul>	
<b>Exterior Color</b>				
Canyon Copper (RR7) & Marling Blue (W7U)	Available	>	<b>Starting May 2017:</b> Canyon Copper à Discontinued	
<b>Exterior Color</b>				
Premium Wood Finish Interior Trim	Standard on Santa Fe with leather seating surfaces	>	Premium Wood Finish Interior Trim	Standard on Santa Fe with leather seating surfaces

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