



Our Assessment of the i30

*“From my point of view, the new **Hyundai i30 SX CDRi** is currently Australia’s Top ‘green’ car. This is backed up by having won the CARSguide Green Car of the Year Award.*

But apart from having won this award, my personal research confirms the judges’ findings.

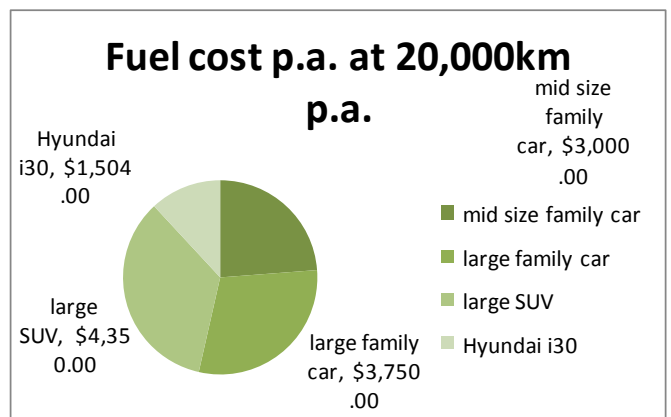
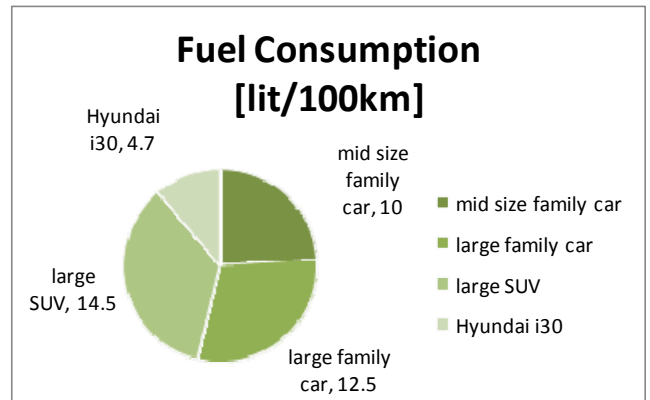
Having recently completed University as well as personal motivated research into ‘green’ car options, I narrowed it down to Peugeot’s 207, 307 (now 308), Citroen’s C4, and some of the German VW models (Golf and Polo), of course all with Diesel engines.

The issues for Hybrids, although potentially the way of the future currently have high amount of embedded energy, limited life span and chemical issues related to the use of the battery.

It seems to be that the benchmark is 5.0 litres per 100km. None of the VW’s get close to this value, hence one is left with the Peugeots and Citroens. These have values of 4.9 – 5.0 litres per 100km, so close to Hyundai’s 4.7 litres per 100km but not quite there.

The biggest winner for the Hyundai is price. The Peugeots start at \$28k and \$30k respectively, similar to the Citroen at \$30k. This makes the i30 at \$21.5k the winner by far.

From my experience Hyundai has quality standards close to the European manufacturers. All this backed by its 5 year unlimited Warranty, compared to Peugeot’s 3 year warranty, one has an easy choice.”



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