

**Hyundai i30 N named a ‘game changer’ by industry experts**

* Hyundai i30 N claims another major award
* The i30 N brings impressive performance, reliability and usability to driving enthusiasts
* British car magazine *Autocar* named Hyundai i30 N a car that sets new standards in the industry

***May 16, 2018 –*** The Hyundai i30 N has been named a ‘game changer’ at the annual *Autocar* awards, celebrating the finest cars from the last twelve months. This latest accolade is further recognition of Hyundai’s performance credentials, bringing the experiences of motorsport success to the streets.

The expert judging panel praised the car’s impressive performance, pure driving enjoyment and competitive pricing. Hyundai’s i30 N was lauded for its all-round ability, especially given its status as the brand’s first entry into the highly competitive segment.

“Such has been its impact, that the i30 N is a performance car *Autocar* now rates more highly than rivals from established marques,” said Mark Tisshaw, Editor of *Autocar*. “Such impressive performance, intent and usability for a relatively modest outlay – and at the first time of asking – is why the i30 N secures ‘game-changer’ status. It’s a gutsy, engaging and likeable first attempt at a full-fat hot hatch.”

**Powerful powertrains**

The i30 N is powered by a 2.0-litre turbocharged engine available with two power outputs: the standard package delivers 250 PS, while the Performance version generates 275 PS. Torque vectoring by braking is standard, while the 275 PS version has an Electronic Limited Slip Differential (e-LSD), larger brake discs, and an active variable exhaust system.

“To be recognised as a ‘game changer’ by *Autocar*, such a pillar in the car industry, is a great achievement,” said Andreas-Christoph Hofmann, Vice President Marketing and Product at Hyundai Motor Europe. “This award tells us we succeeded in our goal for the i30 N – namely, to deliver pure driving fun for our customers in an affordable package. For i30 N to be rated more highly than its established rivals is a real honour for the Hyundai brand.”

**Class-leading safety features and warranty**

The i30 N benefits from Hyundai’s comprehensive five-year unlimited mileage warranty and roadside assistance package. The car is packed with the latest safety and driving assistance systems from Hyundai’s SmartSense technologies, including Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, and a Driver Attention Warning system to detect fatigued driving.

The *Autocar* ‘game changer’ awards consider cars that have set new standards or defied convention by turning the established order on its head.

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Hyundai Motor offers its unique Five Year Unlimited Mileage Warranty package with all new cars sold in the region, providing customers with a five-year warranty with no mileage limit, five years of roadside assistance and five years of vehicle health checks.

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