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TEST DRIVE

Elantra 6.0

2017 Hyundai Sedan Limited

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Though they share the same middle name, Hyundai's Elantra Sedan and Elantra GT are far from the same car. The latter is a five-door compact hatchback, based on a European market model.

The former is a four-door compact sedan, newly designed for 2017. The sixth generation Elantra is considerably longer than the hatch (10.6 inches), lower (1.4 inches) and wider (.8 inch) as well. It's also a skosh bigger in all those dimensions, compared to the previous generation sedan. Offered in three trim levels — SE (MSRP \$17,150), Eco (\$20,650) and Limited (\$22,350)

2017 Hyundai Sedan Limited
MSRP: \$17,150 · As Tested: \$27,710

— my top-trim Elantra Limited test car had a set of floor mats and a pair of option packages added, to bring the as-delivered price to \$27,710.

SE and Limited get a 2.0L four-cylinder engine that generates 147 h.p. @ 6,200 rpm and 132 lb. ft. of torque @ 4,500 rpm. Eco models have a 1.4L turbocharged four, rated at 128 h.p. @ 5,500 rpm, and 156 lb. ft. of torque @ 1,400-3,700 rpm. A six-speed manual transmission is standard on SE — the only trim level with an available stick shift. A six-speed automatic is standard on Limited and optional on SE. A seven speed dual clutch automatic transmission is exclusive to the Eco. Unsurprisingly, the mileage leader is the Eco model,



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which EPA estimates to return 32 miles per gallon city and 40 highway. Base models with the manual are projected to post 26/36, and automatic equipped 2.0L models like my Limited tester check in with 28/37 (I logged 31 mpg's with an even mix of city/country miles). The 2.0 four in Limited models makes nearly the same numbers as last year's 1.8L (2017 Limiteds are +2 in h.p. and lb. ft. of torque) and it's an adequate performer. Fuel economy estimates for this model are similarly nearly identical, with the newest edition projected to return

one more mpg (in city mode) than previously. The new engine is quieter than the outgoing four, as is the overall car, thanks to some targeted engineering on the 2017 edition.

**Elantra corners competently
and offers a smooth ride,
even fully loaded.**

Wheelbase and track width are the same as in the last generation model. Hyundai says that the new unibody structure is almost 30 percent stiffer torsionally than before, thanks to increased use of high-strength steel and stronger adhesives. The suspension is largely the same, though the rear dampers are now vertically

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