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The Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group now ranks as the world's fifth-largest automaker. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that it is capable of producing one of the best looking new estate cars available – the i40 Tourer.

The stylish and sporty motor is an uncompromised addition to the medium family estate car market. It offers remarkably low CO2 emissions and high fuel economy as well as an intuitive and contemporary interior package, combined with an unparalleled level of standard equipment for its class. Also, with the lowest 'Benefit in Kind' (BIK) rate in its group, the i40 range has become an attractive alternative for company car drivers. For instance, Hyundai's Blue Drive technology, incorporating Intelligent Stop and Go, is factory fitted on the 'Style' model tested here, ensuring CO2 emissions of just 119 g/km.

Sitting behind the wheel of the i40 Tourer is a very pleasant place to be. The controls are well laid out and the gloss black interior trim adds an air of sophistication. Other features which set the i40 apart from rival car maker offerings are Bluetooth connectivity with voice recognition, leather steering wheel with audio controls and electric heated door mirrors with integrated LED indicators. Touch screen satellite navigation with rear view camera, front

... in a family estate

Tim Barnes-Clay drives the Hyundai i40



and rear parking sensors, cruise control and dual zone climate control are also the norm on the mid-point 'Style' model. The car is very much a match for any German executive mile-muncher.

As you might have guessed, refinement and efficiency, as well as practicality, are what the Hyundai i40 Tourer is all about. With only a 1.7 oil-burner under the hood it is certainly not a performance car, but 0-62 mph in 10.6 seconds is not outrageous and the car cruises quite happily at motorway speeds, returning up to 62.8 mpg on the combined cycle. In the countryside the suspension soaks up our pothole-ridden British 'B' roads and the i40 has decent body control with light and precise steering.

The car is undoubtedly well screwed together and it is extremely airy in the front and the rear. There is enough head and leg-room for even the tallest of passengers, and the seats are exceptionally comfortable.

When it comes to loading up there should be no grumbles either; the boot is massive. With the back seats up there is

553 litres of room – that's 10 litres more than a key challenger – the Toyota Avensis Tourer.

The i40 Tourer is a sign of how far Hyundai has come in recent years, and it truly embodies where the brand is going. It offers a unique, value for money, customer proposition in this highly competitive motoring market segment. It is certainly a car worth considering for business or for family motoring and you will enjoy driving it around Suffolk and much further afield – I promise you.

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FAST FACTS

- Max speed: 124 mph
- 0-62 mph: 10.6 secs
- Combined mpg: 62.8
- Engine: 1685 cc 4 cylinder 16 valve turbo diesel
- Max. power (bhp): 134 at 4000 rpm
- Max. torque (lb/ft): 240 at 2000-2500 rpm
- CO2: 119 g/km
- Price: £22,545 on the road

