



Kia Optima
GT >3



Leather seats make for a premium interior.

Optima GT set to impress

NAZA Kia Malaysia, the official distributor of Kia vehicles in Malaysia, unveiled the all-new fourth-generation Kia Optima GT sedan priced at RM179,888 (on-the-road with insurance).

The all-new Kia Optima GT, which is only available in GT trim, is powered by the new Theta II 2.0 T-GDI turbocharged petrol engine with 242hp and an impressive 350Nm of torque.

This makes the Optima GT one of the most powerful in its class and on par with some of the more powerful European sedans.

Using a six-speed automatic transmission, the new Optima GT does the 0-100kph dash in 7.4 seconds and fuel consumption is rated

at 8.5-litres for every 100km on the combined cycle.

The new car sports a more aggressive and sporty design that includes a new Dot Array Mesh Satin Chrome front signature grille, a sporty front bumper as well as a new rear bumper that incorporates dual exhausts and a diffuser.

It also features LED headlights with Daytime Running Lights.

The Optima GT has grown compared to its predecessor and is 10mm longer, 30mm wider, 10mm higher and has a longer wheelbase of 10mm.

Inside, the Optima GT is covered in leather and high quality polymer while the door panels are lined with soft leather as are the seats.

Other interior features include a

7-inch TFT LCD screen for the entertainment system with MP3, MP4, Bluetooth, iPod connectivity and a MirrorLink feature that mirrors the screen of the phone on to the centre-mounted display screen.

The real aluminium trim around the centre console and the pedals gives the car a sporty ambience.

The centre fascia too has been angled towards the driver by 8.5 degrees, and the flat-bottom D-Shaped steering wheel also complements the sporty character of the car.

The driver's seat has memory function (Intelligent Memory Seat - IMS) and adjustable in 12 different ways while the front passenger has a 10-way adjustable seat.

The seats are also ventilated and

blow cool air to the back of the driver and passenger.

Safety features include six air-bags, anti-lock braking system (ABS), Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Vehicle Stability Control (VSM), Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) and an Emergency Stop Signal (ESS) which flashes the hazard automatically when emergency brakes are applied.

The car scored 5 stars at the EuroNCAP crash test rating, 5 stars in the Asean NCAP, 5.1 stars in the US NCAP and achieved a 1st grade rating in the Korean NCAP crash test.

"What you are about to witness from Kia is the ultimate expression of performance and contemporary styling; a 'class above' the rest; a

result of many months of hard work, research and development by our team with the collective support of Kia Motors Corporation," said Naza Corporation Holdings group chief operating officer (automotive group) Datuk Samson Anand George.

"The GT spec gives the Optima a number of impressive features like the LED headlights that bend to illuminate dark corners.

"There are other conveniences too like the smart trunk, smart phone wireless charger, automatic headlights and wipers, drive modes selection remote window control and electric seats with memory function, just to name a few," said Samson. - **RIZAL JOHAN**

