Euro NCAP
For Safer Cars

Kia Seltos

2026 | ★★★★★ Standard



Tested model	Body type	Kerb weight
Kia Seltos 1.6T 6DCT 2WD, LHD	**SUV**	**1490 kg**
Class	Rating applies to	Publication
Small SUV	**all Kia Seltos**	**November 2026**

VERDICT

The Kia Seltos fully deserves its 2026 5-star safety rating, with good performance in all four stages of safety, especially in the areas of Crash Protection and Post Crash Safety.

Safe Driving

The Kia Seltos correctly identifies seatbelt mis-use and recognises the presence of all rear seat occupants, scoring full points in this part of the assessment. The car also recognises occupants sitting ‘out of position’, such as the front passenger with their feet on the dashboard, and occupant stature is correctly recognised, allowing the restraint system to be adjusted appropriately. The Kia Seltos is not equipped with Child Presence Detection, a system which issues a warning if a child has been left unattended in the car. The driver monitoring system identifies driver fatigue and various types of distraction and phone use. The Seltos makes excellent use of manual driving controls and also scores well in this area for comfort and infotainment. The speed assistance system of the Kia Seltos proved very effective. In a test drive of around 2000 km through France, Italy and Spain, the system correctly identified the limit in 87 percent of cases, representing 94 percent of the distance covered. The Seltos has adaptive cruise control which generally responded well when potential hazards were identified.

Crash Avoidance

The Kia Seltos is equipped with all of the latest crash avoidance technologies, and generally scores well. The lane support system scores full points for driver acceptance, the car tailoring the response to the perceived alertness of the driver. The car protects against ‘dooring’, where a door is opened into the path of a cyclist approaching from behind.

Crash Protection

In the frontal offset test, protection of the chest was marginal for the driver and weak for the front passenger, in both cases based on dummy readings of compression. Analysis of the deceleration of the impact trolley during the test, and analysis of the deformable barrier after the test, revealed that the Kia Seltos would be a benign impact partner in a frontal collision. In the full-width frontal impact, protection was good or adequate for all critical body areas of the three occupants. Additional data and validated computer modelling demonstrated good or adequate protection in various combinations of test configuration and occupant stature. Good protection was provided to all critical body areas in the side barrier test. Chest protection was marginal in the more severe side pole impact. The Kia Seltos has a centre airbag to protect against occupant-to-occupant injuries in a side impact. The airbag performed well in Euro NCAP’s test, with good protection of the front seat occupants’ heads. Protection of vulnerable road users was mixed: generally good or adequate for the head of a struck pedestrian and for the femur and the knee and tibia, but predominantly poor for the pelvis, scoring only 5 percent in this area.

Post Crash

The Seltos automatically applies the brakes after a crash, to prevent secondary impacts, and the advanced eCall system provides detailed information about the car's occupants and the type of impact sustained by the car. The Kia Seltos scored full points

for its provisions for quick and safe extrication by first responders.

Safe Driving	Crash Avoidance	Crash Protection	Post Crash Safety
67%	71%	84%	90%
Details	Details	Details	Details

Good | Adequate | Marginal | Weak | Poor

Occupant monitoring — 57%

Seatbelt usage

Correct belt routing	100%
Rear seat occupancy	100%

Occupant classification

Passenger airbag status	25%
Out of position	100%
Stature classification	100%

Occupant presence

Child presence detection	0%
Crash occupancy information	0%

Driver engagement — 73%

Driver monitoring

Distraction	77%
Impairment	60%

Driving controls

Driving	100%
Comfort & infotainment	80%

Vehicle assistance

72%

Speed assistance

Speed limit information	53%
Speed control function	100%

Speed limit information



Adaptive Cruise Control performance

Car-to-car	62%
Car-to-motorcyclist	81%
Car-to-VRU	50%
Additional features	

Steering assistance

Steering assistance	100%
Lane change assist	0%

Safe Driving	Crash Avoidance	Crash Protection	Post Crash Safety
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Frontal collisions

67%

Car & motorcyclist	
Rear-end & head-on	80%
Junction – turning	94%
Junction – crossing	36%

Pedestrian & cyclist	
Moving in same direction	90%
Turning	43%
Crossing	69%

Lane departure collisions

88%

Single vehicle	
Driver acceptance	100%
Lane departure	85%

Car & motorcyclist	
Car-to-car	90%
Car-to-motorcyclist	78%

Low speed collisions

70%

Car & motorcyclist	
Junction – turning	100%
Junction – crossing	100%

Pedestrian & cyclist	
Crossing	33%
Manoeuvring	30%
Dooring	75%

Safe Driving	Crash Avoidance	Crash Protection	Post Crash Safety
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Frontal impact

83%

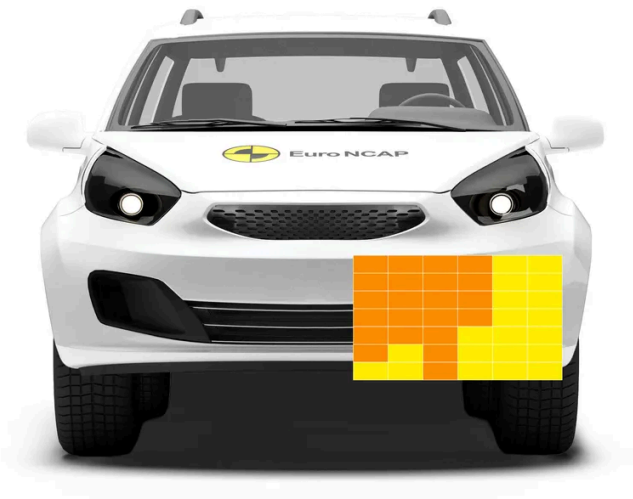
Offset

Driver	70%
Front passenger	80%
Rear passengers	88%

Offset — Driver & passengers



Offset — Compatibility



Full width

Driver	90%
Front passenger	95%
Rear passenger	100%

Full width



Virtual testing & sled	
Driver	89%
Front passenger	95%

Virtual testing & sled

	35 km/h	50 km/h	56 km/h
5th			
50th			
95th			

Side impact 96%

Side mobile barrier	
Driver	100%
Rear passengers	100%

Side mobile barrier



Side pole	
Driver	85%

Side pole



Far-side	
Occupant-to-occupant	100%
Side mobile barrier	100%
Side pole	100%

Far-side — Occupant-to-occupant



Far-side — Side mobile barrier



Far-side — Side pole



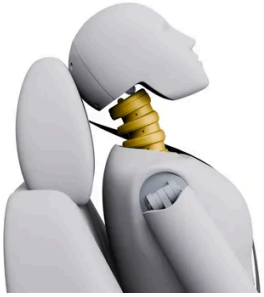
Rear impact

86%

Dynamic

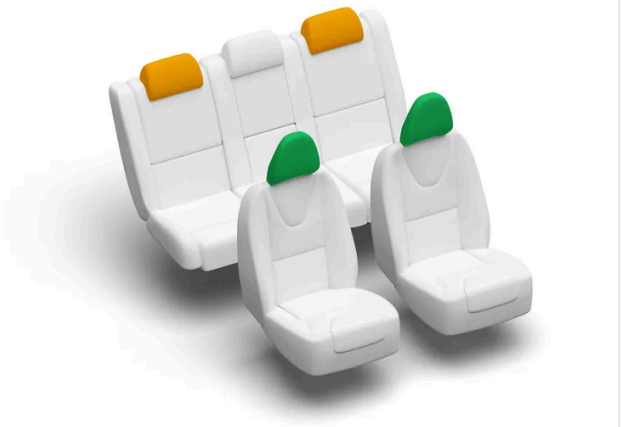
Driver	97%

Dynamic



Static	
Front passengers	100%
Rear passengers	38%

Static



VRU impact

68%

Head impact	
Cyclist	74%
Adult pedestrian	63%
Child pedestrian	82%

Head impact



Pelvis & leg impact

Pelvis	5%
Femur	80%
Knee & tibia	85%

Pelvis & leg impact



Child seat installation check

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i-Size
Isofix
Seatbelt attached

i-Size — A rearward-facing child restraint should never be installed in the front passenger seat when the airbag is enabled



Isofix — A rearward-facing child restraint should never be installed in the front passenger seat when the airbag is enabled



Seatbelt attached — A rearward-facing child restraint should never be installed in the front passenger seat when the airbag is enabled



Easy installation · Difficult installation · Safety critical installation · Installation not allowed · Airbag ON

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Post Crash Safety

90%

Rescue information	
Rescue sheet	100%
Rescue guide	100%

Post crash intervention	
Advanced eCall	53%
Hazard light activation	100%

Vehicle extrication	
Energy management	100%
Occupant extrication	100%

Safety equipment

Safe Driving

Occupant monitoring	
Advanced seatbelt reminder	✓
Airbag cut-off switch	✓
Occupant stature classification	–
Child presence detection	×
Driver engagement	
Distraction detection	✓
Fatigue detection	✓
Vehicle assistance	
Advanced speed assist system	✓
Adaptive Cruise Control	✓
Steering assistance	✓

Crash Avoidance

Frontal collision	
Advanced Autonomous Emergency Braking	✓
Lane departure collision	
Advanced Emergency Lane Keeping	✓
Blind Spot Monitoring	✓
Low speed collision	
Low speed Autonomous Emergency Braking	✓
Reverse Autonomous Emergency Braking	✓
Cyclist dooring	✓

Crash Protection

	Driver	Front passenger	Rear passenger
Child safety			
Isofix / i-Size	–	×	✓
Integrated child seat	–	×	×
Frontal impact			
Front airbag	✓	✓	–
Adaptive seatbelt	✓	✓	✓
Side impact			
Side head airbag	✓	✓	✓
Side chest / pelvis airbag	✓	✓	✓
Centre airbag	✓	✓	–
VRU impact			
Active pedestrian protection		×	

Post Crash Safety

Post crash intervention	
Advanced eCall	✓
Multi-collision brake	✓
Vehicle extrication	
Automatic high-voltage deactivation	✓
Automatic door unlocking	✓

Note: other equipment may be available on the vehicle but was not considered in the test year

✓ Fitted to the vehicle as standard ○ Fitted to the vehicle as part of the safety pack ○ Not fitted to the test vehicle but available as option or as part of the safety pack × Not available

– Not applicable

Rating validity

Annual reviews and facelifts

Date	Event	Rating	Validity

Variants of model range

Body type	Variant description	Drivetrain	Rating applies LHD	Rating applies RHD
5 door SUV	1.6T Petrol Hybrid - Kia Seltos	4x2	✓	✓
5 door SUV	1.6T Petrol Hybrid - Kia Seltos	4x4	✓	✓
5 door SUV	1.6T Petrol - Kia Seltos	4x2	✓	✓
5 door SUV	1.6T Petrol - Kia Seltos*	4x4	✓	✓

* Tested variant