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	Civic Sedan (LX, Sport, EX, EX-L and Touring)	Hyundai Elantra (SE, SEL, Value Edition, Eco and Limited)
Exterior	A standard power moonroof provides open-air exhilaration in Civic EX and above trims	A power sunroof is standard only on the Elantra Value Edition, while Limited buyers must add a \$3,350 package to get one
	Civic Touring Sedan drivers benefit from the convenience of rain-sensing wipers	No Elantra drivers can appreciate the ease of rain-sensing wipers
Performance	174 _{hp}	147 _{hp}
	The 1.5-liter turbocharged powerplant in the Civic EX and above makes a robust 174 horsepower and 162 lb-ft of torque ¹	The Elantra's 2.0-liter engine in the SE, SEL, Value Edition and Limited offers just 147 horsepower and 132 lb-ft of torque
	$32_{city}42_{hwy}36_{comb^2}$	$30_{city}40_{hwy}34_{comb^2}$
	Civic EX and EX-L trims have impressive EPA fuel-economy ratings	The Elantra SEL, Value Edition and Limited EPA ratings come up 2 mpg short in every category
	All Civic models have a sophisticated and sure-handling multi-link rear suspension with stabilizer bar	Elantra comes with a torsion-beam design commonly found on economy cars—and no stabilizer bar
	Every Civic comes with 4-wheel disc brakes for smooth, consistent stopping	Elantra SE and Eco models have rear drum brakes
Comfort & Convenience	Civic offers a spacious 97.8 cubic feet of passenger volume in non-moonroof trims	Elantra passengers have less room to move– 95.8 cubic feet
	Rear-seat occupants can stretch out farther with 37.4 inches of legroom	Elantra's rear seat offers 35.7 inches of legroom–1.7 inches fewer than the Honda
	Carpeted floor mats are standard on all Civic trims	They cost an extra \$135 on every Elantra-even the most expensive Limited trims

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Safety & Driver-Assistive	The Road Departure Mitigation System (RDM) ³ is a standard confidence-builder on every Civic Sedan	No Elantra offers a feature similar to RDM
	Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with Low-Speed Follow ⁴ makes for easier cruising on every CVT-equipped Civic Sedan trim	Only Elantra Limited buyers can have something similar–after purchasing the \$3,350 Ultimate Package–but without a low-speed follow function
	Every Civic Sedan comes standard with auto high-beam headlights	Just the top-of-the-line Elantra Limited has this enlightened feature
	A multi-angle rearview camera ⁵ is standard on every Civic trim	Elantra's camera provides only a single view

The Verdict: The Civic Sedan can provide greater driving enjoyment as well as more day-to-day driving benefits. The Honda offers:



- More exhilarating performance
- Greater sophistication in comfort and convenience features
- Many more desirable features across trim levels
- Honda Sensing®—the most complete suite of safety and driver-assistive features



¹174 hp @ 6000 rpm, 162 lb-ft @ 1700-5500 rpm (SAE net). ²25 city/36 highway/29 combined mpg rating for LX & Sport 6MT trims. 30 city/38 highway/33 combined mpg rating for LX CVT and Touring trims. 29 city/37 highway/32 combined mpg rating for Sport CVT trim. 32 city/42 highway/36 combined mpg rating for EX & EX-L trims. Based on 2020 EPA mileage ratings. Use for comparison purposes only. Your mileage will vary depending on how you drive and maintain your vehicle, driving conditions and other factors. ³Road Departure Mitigation only alerts drivers when lane drift is detected without a turn signal in use and can apply mild steering torque to assist driver in maintaining proper lane position and/or brake pressure to slow the vehicle's departure from a detected lane. RDM may not detect all lane markings or lane departures; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. ⁴ACC with heavy traffic, poor weather, or on winding roads. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. ⁵Always visually confirm that it is safe to drive before backing up; the rearview camera display does not provide complete information about all conditions and objects at the rear of your vehicle.