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2019 Hyundai Veloster Turbo Is Funky and Fast!



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The very first Hyundai Veloster showed up in 2011, and it was a car that I was most looking forward to testing – because it looked like nothing else in the market!

It was a hatchback/coupe with asymmetrical styling – as it has one door on the driver's side, and two doors on the passenger side – hence the overall look was funky and cool.

So, when I first jumped in and took one on a drive, I thought the driving experience would be similarly as funky and cool as the styling – but it wasn't!

You see, underneath it was just a Hyundai Accent, and it showed. It might have looked fast, but it sadly wasn't.

A year later, Hyundai introduced a Veloster Turbo, and everyone thought that this would be the version we've all been waiting for. Sadly, this too was not very exciting, thanks to turbo-lag and gearing that was just a bit too tall for the engine to make the best out of.

So, the first-generation Veloster was fairly disappointing, but for 2019, there is a new [gen-two] Veloster – so has Hyundai finally given us a Veloster we had always wanted?

Styling: From a styling point



of view, some people I've discussed the new Veloster with, say that the first-gen model looked funkier, and that now it is a bit too polished to be an entry-level hot hatch!

Personally, I like the styling of the new Veloster, it has nicer quality bits and pieces about it, which makes it look like it is

worth more than it is.

It still carries the asymmetrical styling detail of the original, but couple that with sharper lines and Lamborghini-esque tail lights, and you end up with a modern, attractive coupe – I like it!

Interior: Step inside, and I think the interior quality has vastly improved over the original. The lay-

out looks better, the fit and finish is better, and thanks to [optional] features like a heads-up display system, and standard features like a leather wrapped heated steering wheel and cruise control – it is better equipped than it used to be.

I really liked the seats in my Veloster Turbo tester, not only did they look good but were also

comfortable on long drives.

From a practicality point-of-view, the new Veloster is the same as the previous model, which means, OK space for four occupants, and a fairly usable trunk.

Powertrain: Under the hood, there is a bit of change. The base spec Veloster used to come with

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