

Race is on for 2019 AutoTrader South African Car of the Year

The 2019 AutoTrader South African Car of the Year competition is underway. Organisers of the event, the South African Guild of Motoring Journalists, have revealed the list of qualifying vehicles.



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George Mienie, AutoTrader CEO contends that this will be one of the closest contests ever.

"The list of qualifying cars truly represents automotive excellence, which is what the AutoTrader South African Car of the Year competition is all about. The members of the jury are going to have an extremely tough job on their hands!"



Jurors announced for SA Car of the Year competition 15 Oct 2018

The full list of qualifying vehicles are...

Manufacturer	Model
Alfa Romeo	Stelvio
Aston Martin	Vantage
Haval	H9
Honda	Amaze, Civic Type R
Hyundai	i20, Grand i10, Kona
Jaguar	E-Pace
Land Rover	Range Rover Velar
Lexus	LS, RX-L, ES
Maserati	Masarati Levante S
Mercedes-Benz	A-Class, X-Class
Mtsubishi	Pajero Sport

Nissan	Micra
Opel	Crossland X,Grandland X
Porsche	Cayenne
Renault	Duster, Kwid, Megane R.S.
Suzuki	Dzire, Jimny, Swift
Toyota	Aygo, Yaris
Volvo	XC40, XC60

The next step in the journey, is the involvement of consumer voting, which starts Friday, 26 October via AutoTraderCOTY.co.za and closes on Monday, 5 November 2018.

It is the first time in the competition's history that the consumer vote will be included in the process. All consumers voting will be entered into a competition to win one of five R10,000 cash prizes. Winners will be selected via a random draw.

"The consumer ultimately votes with their wallets; their involvement and choice is an important addition to the competition" points out Rubin Van Niekerk, chairman of the South African Guild of Motoring Journalists.

Semi-finalists and finalists will be announced in November with jurors conducting back-to-back testing of the vehicles in March 2019.

The results are expected to be announced shortly thereafter.

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