

## G80

When I thought the Sonata was a tough act to follow, those GDI folks come up with the Genesis G80. My Sonata was the cats meow for me, but I will admit it had turned me into a speed demon. I had even out maneuvered the cops a few times and got away from a ticket, but I also knew it was only a matter of time before my number would come up in this red haul ass Enterprise.

So after a couple of scares dealing with chuckholes, I was forcing myself to slow down some. Like everything else you truly enjoy in life, it becomes an addiction to the point that you come to your sense yourself (rare) or someone just flat out tells you that you better slow down or you are either going to kill someone, get killed if not both (even rarer). And like most additions, it is painful to get off of it.

So it was oil change time for the caddy. While waiting I notice the Hyundai dealership next door. To keep myself in check (yeah right) I would not going in, I would just see what they had in the lot and I only went behind the building looking at vehicle there. As I was looking I thought of an upgrade to the Sonata, one not as powerful and fast. What good what that do but frustrate me in the long run I thought. The GDI engine impressed me in the Sonata. The reviews on GDI were pretty good, so I was thinking along those lines and just when I said to myself it was time to head back and get the caddy, there it was.



**2017 G80 AWD 3.8**

**SOLD TO: MI055**      **SHIPPED TO: MI055**

SUBURBAN HYUNDAI OF LANSING  
827 S PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
LANSING MI 48211

**VIN:** KMHGNJEBHU202519  
**MODEL:** G80  
**ENGINE:** G60U4732864  
**PORT OF ENTRY:** PT  
**EXTERIOR COLOR:** IRIDIUM BLUE  
**INTERIOR/SEAT COLOR:** IVORY/IVORY  
**TRANSPORT:** TRUCK  
**ACCESSORY WEIGHT:** 11 lbs / 5 kg  
**EMISSIONS:** This vehicle is certified to meet emission requirements in all 50 states.

**GOVERNMENT 5-STAR SAFETY RATINGS**

**Overall Vehicle Score** ★★★★★  
Based on the combined ratings of frontal, side and rollover. Should ONLY be compared to other vehicles of similar size and weight.

**Frontal Driver** ★★★★★  
**Crash Passenger** ★★★★★  
Based on the risk of injury in a frontal impact. Should ONLY be compared to other vehicles of similar size and weight.

**Side Front Seat** ★★★★★  
**Crash Rear Seat** ★★★★★  
Based on the risk of injury in a side impact.

**Rollover** ★★★★★  
Based on the risk of rollover in a single vehicle crash.

Star ratings range from 1 to 5 stars (★★★★★) with 5 being the highest. Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) or 1-888-327-4236

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

**THE GENESIS EXPERIENCE:**  
 \*3 year/50,000-mile Complimentary Scheduled Maintenance  
 \*3 year/50,000-mile Complimentary Wash Services  
 \*3 year/Unlimited-mile Complimentary Enhanced Roadside Assistance  
 \*3 year Complimentary SiriusXM Traffic & Travel Link®. N/A in AK & HI  
 \*3 year Complimentary Map Care (Annual Map Update)  
 \*3 year Complimentary Genesis Connected Services  
 Includes Remote Start (Equipment Required)

**ADVANCED SAFETY TECHNOLOGY**  
 \*Vehicle Stability Management System  
 \*Electronic Stability Control with Traction Control & ABS / Brake Assist  
 \*Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB)  
 \*7 Airbags including Driver's Knee Airbag  
 \*Blind Spot Detection & Rear Cross-Traffic Alert  
 \*Lane Keep Assist (LKA) / Lane Departure Warning (LDW)  
 \*Smart Cruise Control with Stop/Start  
 \*Safety Grabber Seat Belts with Front Head Restraints

**POWERTRAIN TECHNOLOGY**  
 \*3.8L GDI V6 3.8L Dual CVT Aluminum Engine w/ 311 HP  
 \*8-Speed Automatic Transmission w/ SHIFTRONIC® & Paddle Shifters  
 \*HTRAK All-Wheel Drive  
 \*8-Speed Drive Mode (Eco, Normal, Sport & Snow Mode)  
 \*18" Alloy Wheels with P245/45R19 All-Season Tires

**COMFORT & CONVENIENCE**  
 \*Automatic Bi-Xenon HID Headlights with High Beam Assist  
 \*LED Daytime Running Lights (DRL)  
 \*Auto-Dimming Inside Rearview Mirror with Compass & HomeLink®  
 \*Leather Seating Surfaces & Dual Automatic Temperature Control  
 \*Heated 12-Way Power Front Seats with Power Lumbar  
 \*Integrated Memory Cycle for Driver, Seat, Side Mirrors & Steering Column  
 \*Leather-Wrapped Heated Power Tilt and Telescopic Steering Wheel  
 \*18" Touchscreen Navigation System with Rearview Camera  
 \*Android Auto (TM) and Apple CarPlay (TM)  
 \*4.3 Color Multi-Touch Display / Bluetooth® Hands-Free Phone System  
 \*AMP/MHD Radio/CD/MP3 Audio System with 7 Speakers  
 \*Leather-Free Smart Trunk / Carpeted Floor Mats & Cargo Net

**GENESIS WARRANTY**  
 \*5 year/60,000-mile New Vehicle Warranty\*  
 \*10 year/100,000-mile Powertrain Warranty\*  
 \*7 year/100,000-mile Anti-Rust/Warranty\*

**Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price:** \$43,900.00

**ADDED FEATURES:**

**\*Premium Package:** \$4,750.00  
 INCLUDED LED Fog Lights  
 INCLUDED Power Tilt and Slide Panoramic Sunroof  
 INCLUDED Leacore® 14-Speaker Surround Sound Audio  
 INCLUDED 7" Color LCD Multi-Information Display  
 INCLUDED Front & Rear Parking Sensors  
 INCLUDED Rearview Camera with Parking Guidelines  
 INCLUDED Ventilated Front Seats  
 INCLUDED Power Rear Sunshade  
 INCLUDED Manual Rear Side Window Shades

**\*Ultimate Package:** \$4,200.00  
 INCLUDED Premium Leather Seating Surfaces  
 INCLUDED Power Driver Seat, Calfion Extender and Side Bolster  
 INCLUDED Genuine Maple Finish Wood Trim & Aluminum Trim  
 INCLUDED Full Color Heads-Up Display  
 INCLUDED Premium 8.2" Touchscreen & DSS Navigation with HD Display  
 INCLUDED Leacore® 12-Speaker 7.1 Discrete Audio System  
 INCLUDED Power Trunk Lid  
 INCLUDED Dual Mode Front Vent Control and CO2 Sensor  
 INCLUDED Android Auto (TM) & Apple CarPlay (TM) Not Available  
 INCLUDED 20" Ultimate Package  
 INCLUDED \*First Aid Kit \$45.00  
 INCLUDED \*Rear Bumper Applique \$30.00  
 INCLUDED \*Wheel Locks \$55.00

**Inland Freight & Handling:** \$950.00  
**Total Price:** \$53,970.00

**EPA DOT Fuel Economy and Environment** Gasoline Vehicle

**Fuel Economy** **19** MPG  
 16 25  
 combined city/hwy city highway  
 5.3 gallons per 100 miles

**You spend \$2,750 more in fuel costs over 5 years** compared to the average new vehicle.

**Annual fuel cost \$1,950**

**Fuel Economy & Greenhouse Gas Rating** (for base only) Smog Rating (for base only)

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 Best

Actual results will vary for many reasons, including driving conditions and how you drive and maintain your vehicle. The average new vehicle gets 24 MPG and costs \$7,200 to fuel over 5 years. Cost estimates are based on 15,000 miles per year at \$2.45 per gallon. MPGe is miles per gasoline gallon equivalent. Vehicle emissions are a significant cause of climate change and smog.

**fuel economy.gov**  
 Calculate personalized estimates and compare vehicles

Way in back, up against the fence (not far from where I first saw the caddy), there was a pretty, and I mean pretty royal blue Genesis G80. I shuck my head saying quickly "Do not get taken by the beauty Bill, DO YOUR RESEARCH". So after a couple of pictures, I headed back to pick up my car and leave thinking that the research would uncover something that would give me second thoughts about the car.

Car & Driver, Edmunds, Kelly Blue Book, Motor Trend and even Consumers Reports gave the car good marks and a buy if you wanted the luxury of a BMW, Mercedes and Audi for \$4000-\$6000 less. Yes there were a couple of things like the mileage is not all that great and there were some items that matched what they had in the Sonata and a few other of their vehicles. But I came to the conclusion of what auto manufacture is not doing that to save on cost. Besides looks is one thing, but if the dam thing works when I need it, that's another don't care where else they have it in. the GDI V-6 3.8 HTRAK (all wheel drive) hooked to a 8 speed transmission seem to impress the critics as well. Even though you can get the G90 with more power, they felt that for most part, the V-6 (with or without the HTRAK) had plenty of power that most people would need.

The biggest negative I saw was the stereotype of Hyundai building a quality luxury vehicle. Many feel this class belongs to the giants (BMW, Mercedes, Cadillac, Jaguar, etc), but like it said in the review, Hyundai has been upping their game and people are starting to take notice. I guess one of them was me.

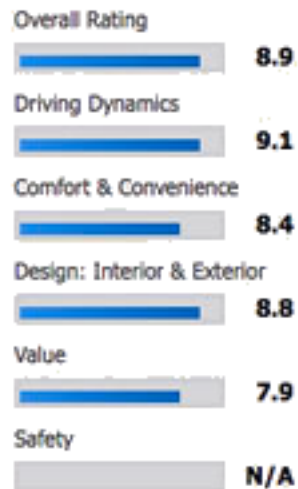
### You'll Like This Car If...

If you want a roomy luxury sedan with abundant power, safety features and amenities, the [Genesis G80](#) grants it all for thousands less than competitors. Serving as icing on the cake is a 10-year/100,000-mile powertrain warranty and three years of complimentary maintenance.

### You May Not Like This Car If...

The 2017 Genesis G80 lacks the brand recognition and cachet of rivals like the [Mercedes-Benz E-Class](#), [BMW 5 Series](#) and [Audi A6](#). As a status symbol, the Genesis still has catching up to do with those entrenched European competitors.

### KBB Expert Ratings



### How It Ranks



### Consumer Rating



As you can tell above, the G80 with its GDI V6 power plant has what it takes to get down the road. Others looking at this may say it should with that gas mileage. But again people have purchase vehicles with less than a KKB expert rating of 8.9 and a consumer rating of 8.8 out of 10. I guess what really struck my fancy was the JD Powers. There are many critics of JD Powers. Of how they seemed to play favoritism with certain manufactures and brands (the politics). Some I may agree at times, but I know they run a risk and they know how important for them to get it as right as possible plays to their bottom line. With a rating as you see below (which concludes other reviews), they saw what the consumer in time would have seen anyway.

RATINGS & AWARDS **QUALITY**

RATINGS FACTORS

	Overall Quality	Overall Quality - Mechanical	Powertrain Quality - Mechanical	Body & Interior Quality - Mechanical	Features & Accessories Quality - Mechanical	Overall Quality - Design	Powertrain Quality - Design	Body & Interior Quality - Design	Features & Accessories Quality - Design
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Kia	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Genesis	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Porsche	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Ford	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Ram	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
BMW	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Chevrolet	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Hyundai	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

\* Number two on the list behind Kia, which along with Hyundai, makes the Genesis.

To be a devils advocate, there have been some companies who have been in existence over a hundred years and have never been at the top of the list. I remember when they first started marketing in the US. Like all auto makers they had quality issues, but having lived in Korea and knowing the people, I knew it was only a matter of time. Even before they arrived and it was just the big three, they had issues themselves. I remember it was so bad that it was normal for a car to be almost a rust bucket in 36 months. One thing consumers should love is competition. It is the one thing that spurs companies into improvements and safety that may drive up the cost, but that is a small price to pay when it comes to your life. History has taught us what happens when quality and safety goes down the tubes no matter the product.

Ok so for 3 days I did my research and debated the possibility. I went to another Hyundai dealership and test-drove a demo for about an hour. I was impressed especially much of what I was impressed match what the experts had wrote up about the G80.

So I would not be disappointed, I went on-line to the dealer where I saw the royal beauty to see if it was still there. It was so I put an alert on it and submitted my info for a test drive. I drove the Sonata there and after the test drive, they did the same on the Sonata and then it all boiled down to the numbers. I was surprise on the price they offered on the Sonata (very good) but I acted and got \$500 more. The payment was well within budget but to really make sure, I waited another week. I offered to put \$500 deposit on the car but they would not accept it and offered to hold the G80 with nothing on it.

I do not follow the crowd much. I like different, not so popular but good. After a few more days and a little more research I was convinced that the Genesis G80 fit that bill. So I said my good-byes to the Sonata, it had served me well and I had no complaints. I would recommend to anyone that if you wanted a good solid vehicle, the Sonata is the one to get.

With that said, the tables have turned on autos now. In the old days, you judged a car by what day it was assembled. With robotics now days, cars being called lemons are becoming a rare breed (if you want to call it that).

So now it is the Genesis G80 and my Cadillac CTS Coupe. Both are V-6 with all wheel drive. Even though both have a eco, normal and sport mode drive, the G80 has one more for snow. If you are looking for a new vehicle and want to know what convinced me on the G80, note the references below.

References:

To see the links, copy and paste links below into your browser address window.

Video Reviews:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTjSAeESsvc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XT4g6Ykg3A>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp8831\\_K6PU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp8831_K6PU)

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Document Reviews:

[Genesis G80/2017 Genesis G80 - Kelley Blue Book](#)

[Genesis G80 Reviews - Car and Driver](#)

[Motor Trend Genesis G80](#)

[2017 Genesis G80 / Edmunds](#)

[Genesis G80 Prices, Reviews and Pictures | U.S. News & World Report](#)

[2017 Genesis G80 Reviews, Ratings, Prices - Consumer Reports](#)

<https://www.carfax.com/genesis/g80/2017>

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2017/06/21/kia-genesis-porsche-top-jd-power-car-quality-study/103050990/>

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<http://www.autoguide.com/car-comparisons/2017-cadillac-ct6-vs-2017-genesis-g90>

**5 ★★★★★**

by Larry from Florida | July 27, 2017 | 5,500 miles | Owned 6 months

I have owned several Cadillacs Lincolns Chryslers a Lexus and a few others but this new Genesis is one of the finest cars I've ever driven. They really got it right in all categories.

Reliability

Interior

Exterior

Driving Dynamics

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**5 ★★★★★**

by Robert H from New Jersey | July 27, 2017 | 3,800 miles | Owned 3 months

I've test driven Audi BMW and mercedes and I can honestly say for the price this car blows the competition away. The elegance and design is definitely a head Turner.

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5 ★★★★★

by Jason from Texas | August 20, 2017 | 6,000 miles | Owned 3 months

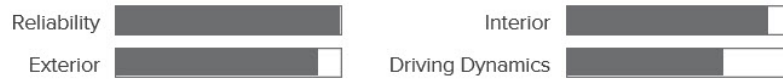
By being a new brand in the luxury market this car has a lot to prove and with the g80 they follow through. Genesis has proven you can build a luxury car without the luxury price of other high end brands.



5 ★★★★★

by Ken from New Jersey | July 29, 2017 | 3,500 miles | Owned 3 months

I couldn't be happier with my new Genesis G80. It's smooth comfortable and reliable is full of great safety and convenience features and provides the best bang for the buck out there.



4 ★★★★★☆

by Sam from Texas | August 07, 2017 |

Looked into the Genesis as an upgrade from my Lincoln. Saw lots of positive reviews. Previously owned nice cars in this class but was looking for something different. So far I love this car.



**In Summary:**

If you're concern is gas mileage, then there are other luxury autos out there that will better fit your bill. With that being said, most wants a vehicle that will be able to haul all their stuff, trailer, airplane, look cool and gets 100 miles to the gallon. Since that does not exist on this planet (yet), then considering the overall features, quality and positive reviews, the Genesis series may be something to consider. Like the reviews the one item it may be lacking is brand recognition. Since they seemed to have proven quality before the recognition, I am sure it will catch on.