

**Detailed comparison between Linea 1.4 Emotion PK or Honda City SMT
(My NHC has done approx. 5000 kms on the ODO and Linea has done approx. 2000kms)**

Disclaimer : This is purely my personal opinion as my family owns both the cars. Your opinion/conclusion post reading this will be yours and I do not remain accountable in any manner. I have covered the points which a daily car user like me gives importance to and rating is purely my assumptions and my personal way of scoring to compare my experience of owning and driving both the cars. This comparison in no manner intended to be biased/non-biased towards any particular model/manufacturer.

Sl No	Feature/Factor	Fiat Linea Emotion PK (petrol) (Bought August 2009)	Honda City SMT (Bought March 09)	Remarks
External Features				
1	External Looks	Looks Great	Looks Very Good	Well, this will be more of a personal choice, but in my opinion Linea will score more
2	Wheels	Alloy, bigger and wider tyres	Comes with wheel caps. Narrow tyres	Here the Linea scores
3	Fog Lamps	Present (Front and back)	Absent	Well, I don't think it would have costed a fortune for Honda to give this
4	Door Handles	Crome Handles. Looks great. Very sturdy and opening the door with such handles are good	The handles are bothering. You need to pull hard to open the door. At times you need to pull more than once	Linea Scores
5	Bumber guard & Door Side mouldings	Crome guards. Looks very good	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
6	Follow me home head lamps	Very good feature. You can program the headlamp to be on for more than 200 seconds and then it automatically swithes off	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
7	Turning Radius	It's a big car. Bigger than the Corolla. So the turning radius is also big. You need to get used to it. I never have any issues with the turning radius of this car, but if you are used to smaller car and upgrade, you are up for discomfort	Excellent in city, very easy to handle and manage in city conditions	Honda Scores
8	Wipers	Good Quality, modern	Good quality, modern	Both at par
9	Overall build quality	Great in Linea	Good in Honda	Linea Scores
Interiors				
1	Steering	It has a hydraulic steering, little still while the car is still	The steering is great. Its electronic and very light while the car is still	While in motion, both steering behave almost similar. But Honda score more point in this department
2	Steering cover	Leather wrapped cover	Plastic and no cover	Its unfortunate to note this. Honda hasn't cared to give this feature in a 9 lac plus car. Linea Scores
3	Steering mounted controls	Linea score definitely. It has better look and feel. Works pretty well	Honda's controls are basic, but quality is good	Linea scores
4	Gear Shift	Lineas gear does the job, but could have been better	Honda's gear shift is excellent.	Honda scores again here. The gearbox in excellent
5	Dash Board	Well, Linea has a very good looking dash board, but the plastic quality could have been better.	Honda also has a good looking dash board. Plastic quality in Honda is better	Honda Scores here
6	Overall interior plastic quality	Good in Linea. But leaves you with a feeling that, it could have been better	Very Good in Honda	Honda Scores
7	Seat Fabric and Colour combinations	Linea has a smooth feeling seat covers and it also has 2 tone shades in the emotion pk model	Honda has very basic seat covers	Linea Scores
8	Entry and Exit to/from the car	Line scores here. The car is bigger and the doors are very heavy. Open decenly and no head touching the roof while getting in and out	Honda's back seat entry is decent. But the front seat entry is extremely poor. Especially when you have the seat height adjusted upwards. Its one of the poorest feature of Honda	Linea scores

9	Windows	All 4 power windows are one touch down. The driver side is one touch up as well. Impulse down is not present. Rear windows do not roll down fully. (Typical feature of European Cars, especially FIAT. This is due to safety of kids)	Only driver side is one touch down and up. Impulse down is there on the driver's window.	Linea Scores
10	Ease of boot release (Internally)	Excellent in Linea. Its electronic	Just like any other car. You will get similar technology in i10 also. However, the placement of the lever is very good	Linea scores
11	External boot release	Well, Linea having electronic boot release, you can open it from the keys	You have to manually unlock	Linea scores
12	Boot opening mechanism	Electronic, with hydrolic levers	Manual	Linea Scores
13	Fuel Lid opening	Its bothering in Linea, just like any other car, you have to lean and release the lever	Its electronic in honda. Integrated with the car's central locking system	Honda Scores
14	Glove Box	Small in Linea. Only for basic storage	Good in Honda.	Honda Scores
15	Other storage features	Not very good in Linea. You need really struggle, if you want to keep a bottle of water	Good in Honda.	Honda Scores
16	Music System	CD, USB and IPOD player	USB and IPOD player only	Linea Scores
17	Quality of music system	Well, the clarity in Linea's music system upto the volume level of 20 is better than Honda. However, there is jarring post this point	Honda has a music system which doesn't cause jarring at all and the output is better	While there is not much difference, I would say, Honda has an edge here
18	Blue and Me	Great	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
19	My Car option	Great	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
20	ODO	Great retro looking	Good Looking	Linea Scores
21	Information display	Well, here, in Linea, you have the date and time, outside temperature, average consumption in figures, instant consumption in figure, distance to empty, no of hours driven and total trip distance displayed. It also gives you speed limit beep, service due reminder	In Honda, you have only distance to empty in graphical form (not useful), distance to empty and average consumption displayed	Linea Scores
22	Ease of accessing the different feature of the ODO	Very good. Its on the wiper lever	In honda, you have to lean and access the traditional stick, which is bothering	Linea Scores
23	Auto Door lock	Great feature in Linea programmed to lock at 20kmph	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
24	Dimmer of the dashboard light (controllable by the user)	Good feature	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
25	Seat Belt, Key Inside, headlamp on, Handbrake on reminder with a beep	There are only illuminating reminders and also the display tells you exactly which door is open. But there is no beep for these. However, seat belt reminder is there with a beep and also with a display	There in honda. But doesn't tell you which door is open	At par
26	A/C cooling	Good	Good	Both are at par
27	Quality of A/C vents	Good	Very Good	Honda Scores
28	Rear A/C vents	Good feature	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
29	Leg cooling a/c vents for rear passengers (below the front seats)	Great feature in Linea	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores

30	Auto dimming cabin light	Present (Front and back)	Present, only in the middle. Here again, the honda's cabin light is painfully present in the middle which is very cumbersome to operate for both front and rear passengers (More for the front ones)	Linea Scores
31	Rear Passenger sunshade	Good feature (manual)	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
32	Front Arm Rest	Very useful. Two positions. You can actually keep your arm (both driver and passenger)	In Honda, its very small and of no use, unless you are 6' plus tall and take your seat very much backwards to access the arm rest	Linea Scores
33	Rear Armrest	Line as one, but could have been better	Honda has a good quality arm rest	Honda Scores
34	Rear Legroom	Good in Linea	Great in Honda	Honda Scores
35	Drivers feel for ride, handling and suspension	Great in Linea. Its better than some of the D segment cars	Good in Honda.	Linea Scores
36	Passengers feel for ride, handling and suspension	Excellent in Linea. Its class leading	Extremely poor in Honda. In fact, in my opinion, its not the car you should go for if you have a driver to drive you around	Linea Scores
37	Engine (Including power, pick up, torque, BHP everything, overall)	Adequate in Linea	Great in Honda	Honda Scores
38	Double Crank Prevention	Its there in Linea. It prevents you from cranking the engine when the engine has already started	Not present in Honda	Linea Scores
Other important points				
1	High Speed stability	Linea drives at higher speeds with the similar stability , it does at 80kmph. In fact it gets better as the speed increases	Honda is unstable, shaky beyond 100kmph. It reminds you every moment that you are going fast	Linea Scores
2	Spare Wheel removal	The Linea has hands free spare wheel removal feature which is great. You can hang the rear spare wheel cover in the boot of the car, so that you can operate with both hands	Traditional in Honda	Linea Scores
3	Boot Size	Very Bog boot.	Very bog boot	Both at par
4	Fuel Efficiency	In city both are at par. On highway, Linea gives around 16kmpl with A/C on at 100kmph	Honda gives 17-18kmpl at similar speed.	In Mumbai city, both cars are giving between 10-10.5 kmpl with 100% A/C on. I would say, in this matter I guess, Honda scores slightly more
5	Service Intervals	In Linea, its 3000kms, and then 15000 kms interval	In Honda, its 1000 kms and every 5000 kms. Which means, you need to send the car every 4 months (If you drive around 15,000 kms a year). This is bothering and each paid service will cost your around 4000/-	Linea Scores here. You need to take the car only once a year!
6	Cost of Spare Parts	Linea's spare parts are cheaper than Honda. I checked this from the comparison sheet	Honda is known to fail seldom. But when it does, costs you as well	I would say, here, both are almost at par. Honda, due to reliability, compensates the high cost. Linea is slightly cheaper, but will be notch lower to Honda's reliability
7	After Sales Service	Well, Linea is yet to prove. Though I haven't heard much about faults reported per car. I have been having a very good experience so far.	Honda scores because of its great history	Honda Scores

8	Value for Money	There is no doubt that, Linea offers much more value. This car is underpriced, or should we say rightly priced? This fact is admitted by Mr. Rajeev Kapoor of Fiat as well, that, they have priced it just a notch above the cost of the car	Overpriced and less value. This seems to be the motto of Honda. But they get away with it with the quality of product and after sales service	Linea Scores
9	Resale	Well, Fiat will take years to match this to Honda	Honda definitely has a better resale	Honda Scores
10	Status Value	Well, Lines looks awesome. Its gives a feeling of a luxury car from outside at least	Honda maintains it from long to be a premium C segment car	Again, it's a personal opinion, but I would rate them both are at par