



BAIC

B40 Plus

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1998 cc

ENGINE

165 kW

POWER

210 mm

CLEARANCE

9.0 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 699,500

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/baic/b40-plus/>

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Hagalu editorial score

1 Variants

1 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BAIC B40 Plus is the specialised member of the brand's South African SUV range. It first launched locally in October 2021, while the current Honor Edition made its South African debut at NAMPO in May 2025 and is now the only derivative shown on BAIC's live range. That history matters because older B40 Plus specifications describe several petrol and diesel grades that are no longer the current retail lineup. A present-day buyer should use the Honor Edition page and current brochure, not assume that a former City Hunter, Champion or diesel specification remains orderable. The Honor Edition retains the B40's body-on-frame construction, upright five-door body and recognisable off-road proportions. BAIC gives the current vehicle a length of 4,630 mm, width of 1,925 mm, height of 1,871 mm and 2,745 mm wheelbase. Minimum unladen ground clearance is quoted at 210 mm, with a 37-degree approach angle, 31-degree departure angle and 23-degree ramp-over angle. These are meaningful geometry figures, not decorative references: they explain why the B40 sits apart from road-biased crossovers. The drivetrain is equally central. The current live model...



Body Style	Five-door body-on-frame off-road SUV
Launched	2021
Generation	Current B40 Plus Honor Edition within the locally served first B40 Plus generation, using body-on-frame construction and an electronic part-time 4WD system.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Onyx Black, Desert Red, Future Grey, Forest Green, Ocean Blue and Ice White.
OEM Website	https://www.baic.co.za/b40-plus.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 699,500	1 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Honor Edition	Petrol	Automatic	Honor-Edition	ZAR 699,500

Estimated On-Road Price — Honor Edition (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 718,894
Cape Town	ZAR 722,292
Durban	ZAR 716,395
Pretoria	ZAR 717,644

* On-road prices are estimates including registration, road tax and insurance.

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Body-on-frame construction ✓ Electronic selectable 4WD ✓ Strong approach and departure angles ✓ Full-size spare wheel ✓ All-terrain tyre specification ✓ 165 kW and 380 Nm current output	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Higher published fuel use than road-focused SUVs ✗ Large and less agile in tight urban spaces ✗ Only one current derivative ✗ No diesel or hybrid alternative ✗ All-terrain tyres add replacement cost ✗ Rear ride should be assessed before purchase
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"The B40 Plus Honor Edition is easy to understand: a distinctive, well-equipped recreational 4x4 for buyers who will use its hardware and accept the everyday compromises."

Its case rests on mechanical and geometric substance rather than on an adventure-themed trim pack. The separate frame, selectable 4WD, useful angles, full-size spare and all-terrain tyres all support travel beyond smooth tar. The Honor Edition also includes enough comfort equipment to function as daily transport, provided its size and tyre character suit the commute. Against that, a road-focused monocoque SUV will generally feel lighter and easier in town, and the B40's fuel, tyre and insurance costs deserve an honest budget.

City Driving	In traffic the B40's upright glass area and high seating position aid awareness, but its width, all-terrain tyres and off-road steering priorities require more deliberate placement than a compact crossover. The eight-speed automatic removes clutch work, and parking aids help with the squared extremities. Fuel and tyre costs should be budgeted as part of choosing a 2.0-litre turbo-petrol 4x4 rather than discovered after purchase.
Highway	The 75-litre tank, eight-speed automatic and 380 Nm torque output make the B40 Plus a credible long-distance tool, although its 11.1 L/100 km published combined consumption is higher than a road-focused crossover. Hagalu planning figures of 9.4 L/100 km on the highway and about 12.0 L/100 km in mixed use are derived estimates, not BAIC claims.
Off-Road	This is where the Honor Edition earns its place. Electronic selectable 4WD, 210 mm unladen clearance, a 37-degree approach angle, 31-degree departure angle, 23-degree ramp-over angle, low range, hill-descent control, full-size spare and 265/65 R17 all-terrain tyres form a coherent trail package. The 600 mm wading and 1,500 kg braked-towing figures remain Hagalu derived planning values rather than current BAIC SA claims.
Best For	The B40 Plus suits buyers who genuinely want a separate-frame recreational 4x4, regularly travel on rough access roads, value a full-size spare and all-terrain tyres, or prefer an upright, distinctive alternative to mainstream off-road SUVs. It is a poor fit for buyers whose priorities are minimum fuel use, compact parking dimensions or a car-like urban ride.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the BAIC B40 Plus side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Honor Edition
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 699,500
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Honor-Edition
Engine	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	165 kW (221 bhp)
Max Torque	380 Nm (280 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	4WD
Fuel Economy	9.0 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	532 L
Ground Clearance	210 mm
Kerb Weight	2110 kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

05 BAIC B40 Plus — Honor Edition

ZAR 699,500

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 165 kW · 221 bhp	TORQUE 380 Nm · 280 lb-ft	ECONOMY 9.0 km/l	FUEL Petrol 8-Speed Automatic
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Honor-Edition Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Engagement	Electronic time-sharing 4WD	Gearbox	8AT
Drivetrain Layout	4WD	LSD Available	No
Transfer Case	Electronic 4WD transfer case	Differential Lock	Rear electronic differential lock; Front optional electronic differential lock
Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed
Number of Gears	8	Transmission Type	8-speed automatic
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4630 mm	Width	1925 mm
Height	1871 mm	Wheelbase	2745 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	210 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	190 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	75 l	Boot/Cargo Space	532 l
Kerb Weight	2110 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2535 kg
Payload Capacity	425 kg	Towing Capacity	1500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	9.0 km/l	Electric Consumption	Not Officially Disclosed
Combined Driving Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Charging Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Real-world Mileage	8.3 km/l	Highway Mileage	10.6 km/l
City Mileage	7.6 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	75
Range Real World Highway	Not Officially Disclosed km	Fuel Tank Capacity	75 l
Emission Standard	Euro IV	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Standard	ABS EBD	Standard
ISOFIX Mounts	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Alarm System	Standard
Airbags	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Dual-zone automatic	Keyless Entry	Standard
Push Button Start	Standard	Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed
Sunroof	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Officially Disclosed
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Boot Space Seats Folded	965 l
AC Type	Dual-zone automatic	Fuel Consumption Combined	11.1 L/100 km
Power Windows	Standard		—

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See Honor Edition full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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