



BAIC

X55 Plus

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

Not

Officially
Disclosed
CLEARANCE
mm

1498 cc

ENGINE

138 kW

POWER

12.99 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 429,900 – 514,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/baic/x55-plus/>

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4.1 / 5	Hagalu editorial score	4 Variants	4 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The current BAIC X55 Plus is the upgraded South African version launched in August 2024, following the original X55's local introduction in 2022. It occupies the compact lifestyle-SUV role in BAIC's three-model range: less overtly rugged and smaller than the B30, and far more road-focused than the body-on-frame B40 Plus. The useful starting point for a buyer is that the four current derivatives do not offer four different engines. Dynamic, Elite, Premium and Premium 2T all use BAIC's 1.5-litre turbo-petrol engine, seven-speed dual-clutch transmission and front-wheel drive. BAIC's current model table quotes 138 kW, 305 Nm, a 7.8-second 0-100 km/h time and estimated combined consumption of 7.7 litres per 100 km for every grade. That common mechanical base simplifies the decision: paying more does not buy a stronger engine or all-wheel drive, so the extra spend must be justified by equipment and presentation. Dynamic is the price-led entry point. The official brochure still gives it the 10.1-inch central screen, 10.25-inch instrument display, reversing image, smartphone connection, Type-C charging, keyless entry, push-button start, electronic parking brake, auto hold and selectable Eco,...



Body Style	Five-door compact SUV
Launched	2024
Generation	Current upgraded X55 Plus generation for South Africa, mechanically based around BAIC's Magic Core 1.5T engine, DCT380 seven-speed dual-clutch transmission and front-wheel drive.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Electric Yellow, Metallic Grey, Scarlet Red, Krypton Grey, Polar White and Turquoise Blue; exact grade and two-tone availability should be confirmed when ordering.
OEM Website	https://www.baic.co.za/models/x55

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 429,900 – 514,900	4 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Dynamic	Petrol	Automatic	Dynamic	ZAR 429,900
Elite	Petrol	Automatic	Elite	ZAR 469,900
Premium	Petrol	Automatic	Premium	ZAR 509,900
Premium 2T	Petrol	Automatic	Premium-2T	ZAR 514,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Dynamic (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 446,058
Cape Town	ZAR 448,648
Durban	ZAR 444,099
Pretoria	ZAR 445,078

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Same 138 kW and 305 Nm output on every grade ✓ Seven-speed DCT standard throughout ✓ Large instrument and centre displays ✓ Independent rear suspension ✓ Premium grade carries a broad assistance package ✓ Distinctive exterior colour palette	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ No AWD derivative ✗ No petrol-hybrid option ✗ Premium 2T adds no extra engine performance ✗ DCT behaviour should be tested in congestion ✗ Service-plan distance may be reached early ✗ Driver-assistance content varies sharply by trim
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A consistent powertrain makes the X55 Plus easy to shop: select Dynamic or Elite for value, Premium for equipment, and Premium 2T only if the two-tone finish matters."

The X55 Plus combines a strong common engine specification with a meaningful equipment ladder. Dynamic already covers many daily essentials, which places pressure on Elite and Premium to earn their additional cost through features the buyer will actually use. Premium makes the strongest technology case, while Premium 2T is an appearance decision rather than a mechanical upgrade. The absence of AWD, hybrid power or a second engine limits complexity but also narrows the audience. That clarity helps buyers reject unsuitable briefs before signing.

City Driving	Its shared 138 kW turbo engine gives every grade the same basic response in city traffic, so even Dynamic does not feel like a deliberately weakened entry model. Front-wheel drive, auto hold, an electronic parking brake and the DCT suit daily commuting. The body is compact enough for normal shopping-centre use, though concealed handles and camera equipment should be tried in person. Premium's surround-view and assistance functions provide the clearest urban convenience advantage.
Highway	The published 305 Nm torque figure and seven-speed gearing give the X55 Plus a credible overtaking specification for national roads. Independent rear suspension should help maintain composure with passengers, while the richer Premium seating equipment matters on longer trips. All grades share the same official consumption estimate, so there is no economy reason to choose one trim over another. Buyers should instead compare wheel cost, seat comfort and assistance calibration.
Off-Road	The X55 Plus is a road-biased front-wheel-drive SUV. It can deal with maintained gravel and ordinary holiday access roads when driven to the conditions, but it has no current AWD variant, low range or locking differential. Its camera technology on Premium can help the driver see close obstacles, yet a display cannot create traction or protect road tyres from sharp surfaces. The B30 HEV AWD or B40 Plus is the more appropriate BAIC when poor-road ability is central.
Best For	The X55 Plus is aimed at style-conscious urban households wanting a brisk turbo-petrol SUV, buyers who value a large standard screen and modern cabin, and shoppers prepared to choose trim by equipment rather than engine output. It is less suitable for anyone whose brief requires diesel economy, hybrid propulsion, seven seats or four-wheel drive.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the BAIC X55 Plus side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Dynamic	Elite	Premium	Premium 2T
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 429,900	ZAR 469,900	ZAR 509,900	ZAR 514,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Dynamic	Elite	Premium	Premium-2T
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	138 kW (185 bhp)	138 kW (185 bhp)	138 kW (185 bhp)	138 kW (185 bhp)
Max Torque	305 Nm (225 lb-ft)	305 Nm (225 lb-ft)	305 Nm (225 lb-ft)	305 Nm (225 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	12.99 km/l	12.99 km/l	12.99 km/l	12.99 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	350 L	350 L	350 L	350 L
Ground Clearance	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Kerb Weight	1480 kg	1480 kg	1480 kg	1480 kg

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

05 BAIC X55 Plus — **Dynamic**

ZAR 429,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 305 Nm · 225 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.99 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Dynamic Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine	Engine Code	A156T2H
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Officially Disclosed	Gearbox	7DCT
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4620 mm	Width	1886 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2735 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	160 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	53 l	Boot/Cargo Space	350 l
Kerb Weight	1480 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1970 kg
Payload Capacity	490 kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Officially Disclosed km	Electric Consumption	Not Officially Disclosed
Charging Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Charging Port Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Combined Driving Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Range Real World Highway	Not Officially Disclosed km
Real-world Mileage	Not Officially Disclosed km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	53
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l
Emission Standard	Euro VI	Fuel Tank Capacity	53 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Air conditioning
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Manual air conditioning		—

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

→ See Dynamic full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BAIC X55 Plus — Elite

ZAR 469,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 305 Nm · 225 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.99 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Elite Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine	Engine Code	A156T2H
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Officially Disclosed	Gearbox	7DCT
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

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Charging Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Charging Port Type	Not Officially Disclosed
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Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l
Emission Standard	Euro VI	Fuel Tank Capacity	53 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Standard
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Dual-zone automatic		—

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

→ See Elite full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 BAIC X55 Plus — Premium

ZAR 509,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 305 Nm · 225 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.99 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Premium Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine	Engine Code	A156T2H
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Officially Disclosed	Gearbox	7DCT
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

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Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
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COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Standard
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Dual-zone automatic		—

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08 BAIC X55 Plus — Premium 2T

ZAR 514,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 305 Nm · 225 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.99 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Premium-2T Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine	Engine Code	A156T2H
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See Premium 2T full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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