



BMW 5 Series
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5 Series

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1995 cc

ENGINE

145 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

16.5 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,278,000 – 1,318,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The current BMW 5 Series Sedan is the G60 executive saloon, a car designed to cover business, family and long-distance duties without adopting an SUV body. Its South African combustion range is unusually concise: 520d Sedan M Sport and 530i Sedan M Sport. Both use four-cylinder engines, an eight-speed automatic and the same broad body and cabin architecture, but their fuel and performance characteristics create different ownership cases. The choice is not a trim ladder because both carry M Sport presentation. The 520d is the diesel route. BMW's local technical information records 145 kW and 400 Nm, with a strong official combined-consumption reference. That combination suits drivers covering repeated highway kilometres, carrying passengers or valuing relaxed torque. It is less convincing for an owner whose car only makes short cold urban trips. The 530i uses a petrol engine with 190 kW and 400 Nm. It offers stronger outright response and a simpler argument for mixed, lower or unpredictable annual mileage, while accepting higher fuel use in many real situations. An executive saloon is bought for more than engine output. Rear-seat...



Body Style	4-door executive sedan
Launched	2023
Generation	G60 executive four-door saloon with combustion powertrains alongside the separately listed electric i5.
Fuel Types	Petrol / Diesel
Colours	Paint, upholstery, wheels, roof and interior trim are dependent on the exact configured South African vehicle.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/bmw-5-series-overview/sedan/bmw-5-series-sedan-overview.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,278,000 – 1,318,000	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
520d Sedan M Sport	Diesel Mild Hybrid	8-Speed Automatic	M-Sport	ZAR 1,278,000
530i Sedan M Sport	Petrol Mild Hybrid	8-Speed Automatic	M-Sport	ZAR 1,318,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 520d Sedan M Sport (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,304,336
Cape Town	ZAR 1,309,470
Durban	ZAR 1,300,680
Pretoria	ZAR 1,302,508

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Strong executive-saloon role ✓ Clear petrol and diesel choice ✓ 520d suits sustained distance ✓ 530i offers brisk petrol response ✓ Spacious front and rear cabin	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Large body needs parking checks ✗ Big wheels may weaken comfort ✗ Diesel dislikes only short trips ✗ Options inflate cost ✗ Boot is less adaptable than a hatch
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A disciplined two-engine executive range that rewards choosing diesel for distance and petrol for mixed use."

The G60 5 Series retains a clear saloon role in a market crowded with SUVs. Its two current derivatives cover the main needs without artificial complexity: 520d for sustained mileage and 530i for petrol flexibility and stronger response. Cabin technology and body size need hands-on testing, while wheel choice can decide whether the car fulfils its comfort brief. Buyers who verify rear seating, parking, standard equipment and trip pattern can build an excellent long-distance ownership case without paying for features that weaken its purpose.

City Driving	The automatic transmission and assistance systems can make a large saloon manageable, but cameras do not shrink its turning needs or long body. Test the exact office basement, home garage and parallel-parking routine. 530i is usually easier to justify for irregular short trips. A 520d owner needs enough sustained use to suit diesel. Wheel size strongly affects pothole comfort, and M Sport appearance cannot override ride quality. Learn screen shortcuts before relying on them in traffic, and check door opening where passengers are collected.
Highway	This is the 5 Series' natural environment. 520d's torque and official consumption case support repeated distance, while 530i delivers brisk petrol performance and smooth overtaking. Check seat support over several hours, rear comfort, tyre noise and assistance behaviour. Load airport or holiday cases through the boot and confirm the tyre-repair provision. Driver-assistance features remain aids; lane choice, fatigue management and following distance stay with the driver. A rear-seat user needs to experience the exact wheel and seat rather than judging a stationary display.
Off-Road	The saloon body, road tyres and long wheelbase favour tar. Smooth gravel can be crossed cautiously, particularly with a sensible wheel, but sharp stones, washaways and deep ruts threaten tyres and underbody. Neither M Sport trim nor electronic assistance establishes trail ability. Executives travelling to remote projects need to inspect access conditions and carry support details. Frequent rough-road work is a reason to compare an X5, not to fit ever larger wheels to a 5 Series.
Best For	The 5 Series suits an executive, professional household or long-distance driver who prefers a low saloon to an SUV. 520d fits high recurring mileage and sustained highway use; 530i fits mixed travel and buyers wanting stronger petrol response. Rear-seat users, chauffeurs and family owners all need to test seating and wheel comfort, while city-only drivers need to assess size honestly.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BMW 5 Series side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	520d Sedan M Sport	530i Sedan M Sport
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,278,000	ZAR 1,318,000
Fuel Type	Diesel Mild Hybrid	Petrol Mild Hybrid
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	M-Sport	M-Sport
Engine	1995 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	145 kW (194 bhp)	190 kW (255 bhp)
Max Torque	400 Nm (295 lb-ft)	400 Nm (295 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	RWD
Fuel Economy	16.5 km/l	12.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	520 L	520 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm	140 mm
Kerb Weight	1850 kg	1775 kg

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

05 BMW 5 Series — 520d Sedan M Sport

ZAR 1,278,000

ENGINE 1995 cc	POWER 145 kW · 194 bhp	TORQUE 400 Nm · 295 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.5 km/l	FUEL Diesel Mild Hybrid 8-Speed Automatic
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M-Sport Trim · Diesel Mild Hybrid · 8-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW 48V mild-hybrid turbocharged engine	Engine Code	B47
Fuel Type	Diesel Mild Hybrid	Hybrid System	48V Mild Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1995 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Common-rail direct injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Applicable	Gearbox	8-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain Layout	Rear-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Transmission Speeds	8	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	RWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	5060 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1515 mm	Wheelbase	2995 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l	Boot/Cargo Space	520 l
Kerb Weight	1850 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2405 kg
Payload Capacity	630 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	360 km
Real-world Mileage	15.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	60
Auto Start Stop	Standard	AdBlue Tank Capacity	1 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
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Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Yes	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Comfort Access	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Yes		—

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

→ See 520d Sedan M Sport full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BMW 5 Series — 530i Sedan M Sport

ZAR 1,318,000

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 190 kW · 255 bhp	TORQUE 400 Nm · 295 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Mild Hybrid 8-Speed Automatic
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M-Sport Trim · Petrol Mild Hybrid · 8-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW 48V mild-hybrid turbocharged engine	Engine Code	B48
Fuel Type	Petrol Mild Hybrid	Hybrid System	48V Mild Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Direct injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

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Drivetrain	RWD	Axle Layout	Yes
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DIMENSIONS

Length	5060 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1515 mm	Wheelbase	2995 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l	Boot/Cargo Space	520 l
Kerb Weight	1775 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2340 kg
Payload Capacity	640 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
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