



BMW

i4

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

210 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

Not Applicable
km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,500,000 – 1,750,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BMW i4 applies electric propulsion to the 4 Series Gran Coupé's low four-door liftback body. That creates an EV with a familiar executive-car seating position and useful rear hatch rather than an SUV shape. In South Africa's current confirmed range, two derivatives define the choice: i4 eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport and i4 M60 xDrive Gran Coupé. The first is the efficiency and access route; the second is the high-output, all-wheel-drive flagship. Older or foreign grades cannot be allowed to blur this pairing. BMW's official local technical information publishes 210 kW and 400 Nm for eDrive35, with rear-wheel drive. It also provides an electric range band that depends on configuration and test conditions. M60 xDrive increases output to 442 kW and 795 Nm, adds a second driven axle and carries a larger published battery capacity. Its acceleration is in a different category, but extra performance and mass do not automatically make it the better EV. The right derivative depends on whether the owner values maximum pace and traction enough to accept higher tyre, insurance and energy exposure. Charging access...



Body Style	5-door electric Gran Coupé liftback
Launched	2021
Generation	Battery-electric G26 Gran Coupé with four doors, a rear liftback and a road-car seating position.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	Paint, upholstery and wheel choices are build dependent; wheel selection can influence ride, tyre cost and usable electric range.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/bmw-i/i4/bmw-i4-gran-coupe.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,500,000 – 1,750,000	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	M-Sport	ZAR 1,500,000
M60 xDrive Gran Coupé	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	M-Performance	ZAR 1,750,000

Estimated On-Road Price — eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,529,000
Cape Town	ZAR 1,534,800
Durban	ZAR 1,524,900
Pretoria	ZAR 1,526,950

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Low electric executive-car shape ✓ Four doors and a useful liftback ✓ eDrive35 offers balanced performance ✓ M60 provides dual-motor capability ✓ Integrated charging and route functions	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Reliable charging is non-negotiable ✗ Coupé roof limits rear space ✗ Large wheels affect comfort and efficiency ✗ M60 costs are substantial ✗ Remote touring needs redundancy
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A persuasive electric liftback once charging is solved and the dramatic M60 is chosen for genuine need."

The i4 combines useful four-door liftback packaging with the lower stance and driving position many EV buyers still want. eDrive35 is the balanced choice: 210 kW, rear drive and an efficiency-led ownership case. M60 xDrive is a different machine, with 442 kW and dual-motor traction, and must be budgeted like a high-performance car. Infrastructure remains decisive for both. Buyers who verify charging, range margins, rear space and the exact build can choose confidently without borrowing facts from obsolete grades. Run the regular motorway route with passengers and a charging backup before treating either derivative as the settled answer.

City Driving	Electric response and regeneration make the i4 calm in congestion once the driver learns its controls. Home charging can remove routine filling-station visits. Width, rear visibility and low body need testing in apartment ramps and office basements, and large wheels deserve a pothole route. eDrive35 has more performance than city driving needs; M60 demands measured inputs. Confirm where cables are stored, how charging is scheduled and whether household electrical loads can coexist with the chosen wallbox.
Highway	Plan intercity travel from charger reliability and an arrival reserve, not the upper edge of a test-cycle range. Sustained speed, wind, elevation, temperature and passenger load may reduce distance. eDrive35's lower-output rear-driven arrangement is the logical efficiency choice; M60 supplies immense passing performance but cannot shorten charging queues. Test seat comfort and tyre noise, put cases and cables under the hatch, and maintain a second charging option for every critical stop.
Off-Road	The i4 is a low electric road car. Rear drive in eDrive35 and all-wheel drive in M60 describe propulsion, not trail capability. Battery protection does not excuse striking the floor, and heavy mass increases consequences for tyres on sharp stones. Limit use to tar and carefully maintained gravel at low speed. Deep ruts, water crossings and remote tracks are unsuitable, particularly where charging or recovery is uncertain. Repeated farm access calls for verified clearance and tyre durability.
Best For	i4 suits a home-charging-ready professional, couple or small household preferring a low executive liftback to an SUV. eDrive35 is for buyers prioritising range discipline and sufficient performance; M60 xDrive is for those explicitly wanting exceptional acceleration and able to fund its tyres, insurance and energy. Public-only charging and frequent remote travel weaken either case.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BMW i4 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport	M60 xDrive Gran Coupé
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,500,000	ZAR 1,750,000
Fuel Type	Electric	Electric
Transmission	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Trim Level	M-Sport	M-Performance
Engine	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Max Power	210 kW (282 bhp)	442 kW (593 bhp)
Max Torque	400 Nm (295 lb-ft)	795 Nm (586 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	470 L	470 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm	140 mm
Kerb Weight	2070 kg	2285 kg

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

05 BMW i4 — eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport

ZAR 1,500,000

POWER 210 kW · 282 bhp	TORQUE 400 Nm · 295 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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M-Sport Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW eDrive electric drive	Engine Code	Not Applicable
Fuel Type	Electric	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	Not Applicable cc	Cylinders	Not Applicable
Cylinder Layout	Not Applicable	Valves	Not Applicable
Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable	Aspiration	Not Applicable
Fuel System	Not Applicable	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Applicable	Gearbox	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Drivetrain Layout	Rear-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	RWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4783 mm	Width	1852 mm
Height	1448 mm	Wheelbase	2856 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	470 l
Kerb Weight	2070 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2550 kg
Payload Capacity	555 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	14.4–16.3
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS Combo
Combined Driving Range	448-504 km (BMW stated)	Range Real World Highway	360 km
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	0
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
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	Standard
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Glass sunroof, electric (no sliding-roof function)
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic air conditioning		—

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

→ [See eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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06 BMW i4 — M60 xDrive Gran Coupé

ZAR 1,750,000

POWER 442 kW · 593 bhp	TORQUE 795 Nm · 586 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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M-Performance Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW eDrive electric drive	Engine Code	Not Applicable
Fuel Type	Electric	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	Not Applicable cc	Cylinders	Not Applicable
Cylinder Layout	Not Applicable	Valves	Not Applicable
Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable	Aspiration	Not Applicable
Fuel System	Not Applicable	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Applicable	Gearbox	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Drivetrain Layout	All-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	AWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

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Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	470 l
Kerb Weight	2285 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2730 kg
Payload Capacity	520 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	16.3–18.3
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS Combo
Combined Driving Range	485-544 km (BMW stated)	Range Real World Highway	360 km
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	0
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l

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ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

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→ eDrive35 Gran Coupé M Sport — ZAR 1,500,000

→ M60 xDrive Gran Coupé — ZAR 1,750,000

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