



BMW

i5

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

250 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

Not Applicable
km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,812,000 – 2,080,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BMW i5 is the battery-electric member of the G60 5 Series family, using the executive-saloon format rather than a separate SUV shell. That gives buyers a long, low four-door car with a conventional boot, spacious cabin and electric drivetrain. South Africa's current range has two clear derivatives: i5 eDrive40 Sedan M Sport and i5 M60 xDrive Sedan. The eDrive40 is the range-and-balance choice; M60 adds a second motor, all-wheel drive and far greater performance. BMW's official South African technical data records 250 kW and 400 Nm for eDrive40, with rear-wheel drive and an 81.2 kWh published battery capacity. M60 xDrive uses 442 kW and 795 Nm, combining immense acceleration with all-wheel traction. The high-output car does not invalidate eDrive40. For most commuting and intercity merging, 250 kW is already generous. M60 belongs with a buyer who explicitly values performance and accepts its effects on tyre wear, insurance, energy use and ride configuration. Charging determines suitability before hierarchy enters the discussion. A compliant home or workplace charger can replenish routine distance while the car is parked. Property approval, electrical capacity,...



Body Style	4-door executive electric sedan
Launched	2023
Generation	G60 executive electric sedan sharing the 5 Series body architecture with dedicated electric propulsion.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	Paint, upholstery, wheels, roof and interior packages depend on the exact local build; wheels affect comfort, tyre cost and range.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/bmw-i/i5/bmw-i5-overview.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,812,000 – 2,080,000			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
eDrive40 Sedan M Sport	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	M-Sport	ZAR 1,812,000
M60 xDrive Sedan	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	M-Performance	ZAR 2,080,000

Estimated On-Road Price — eDrive40 Sedan M Sport (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,844,744
Cape Town	ZAR 1,851,480
Durban	ZAR 1,840,020
Pretoria	ZAR 1,842,382

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Electric refinement in a saloon ✓ eDrive40 balances range and power ✓ M60 adds dual-motor ability ✓ Spacious executive cabin ✓ Integrated charging tools	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Private charging is desirable ✗ Large dimensions complicate parking ✗ Boot shares space with cables ✗ M60 costs are high ✗ Long routes need redundancy
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A refined electric executive saloon whose eDrive40 is broadly sensible and M60 deliberately extravagant."

The i5 proves a premium EV need not be an SUV. It combines rear-seat space, a low saloon stance and strong electric refinement with two meaningfully different powertrains. eDrive40's 250 kW rear-driven system is the coherent default. M60 xDrive's 442 kW makes it a performance product with matching costs. Charging, route redundancy, body size and wheel comfort remain decisive. Solve those, and i5 can be an accomplished business and family car whose quietness does not hide its infrastructure demands. A home-charging trial and a fully loaded road test should settle the choice.

City Driving	Electric silence, immediate response and regeneration fit congested commuting, while overnight charging can make each morning predictable. The large body needs cameras and careful placement in basement turns. eDrive40 already has abundant urban power; M60 requires exceptional restraint. Test low-speed ride over potholes on the fitted wheel and learn charging and climate menus. Confirm wallbox installation and property permission before delivery, then keep cables secure rather than loose in the boot. Check that every household driver can disconnect and store the cable safely.
Highway	Use official range as a comparison baseline. Sustained speed, wind, altitude, passengers and climate can reduce achievable distance. Plan a buffer and alternative charger, particularly for time-sensitive meetings. eDrive40 is the efficiency-led choice; M60 can overtake instantly but cannot shorten a failed charging stop. Assess seat comfort, tyre noise and rear accommodation for the full trip. Pack cables alongside luggage and verify the mobility solution before travelling beyond major centres. Keep account access and payment methods ready for more than one network.
Off-Road	The i5 is a heavy, low road saloon. Rear drive or M60 all-wheel drive does not establish trail clearance or tyre toughness. Maintained gravel may be crossed slowly after inspecting stones and washaways, but sharp impacts threaten wheels and battery underbody. Remote routes magnify charging and recovery risk. A buyer whose work regularly reaches mines, farms or construction sites needs a vehicle designed around those surfaces rather than stretching the i5's executive brief.
Best For	i5 suits a professional or household with reliable private charging, predictable routes and a preference for a lower executive car. eDrive40 serves drivers prioritising balance and usable range; M60 xDrive targets experienced performance buyers with larger consumable and insurance budgets. Public-only charging, urgent rural travel or a garage that cannot accept the body size are reasons to pause.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BMW i5 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	eDrive40 Sedan M Sport	M60 xDrive Sedan
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,812,000	ZAR 2,080,000
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	250 kW (335 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	490 L	490 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm	140 mm
Kerb Weight	2195 kg	2370 kg

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

05 BMW i5 — eDrive40 Sedan M Sport

ZAR 1,812,000

POWER 250 kW · 335 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	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	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	490 l
Kerb Weight	2195 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2740 kg
Payload Capacity	620 kg	Towing Capacity	1500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	18–14.7
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS Combo
Combined Driving Range	512-627 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	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic 4-zone air conditioning		—

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

→ See eDrive40 Sedan M Sport full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BMW i5 — M60 xDrive Sedan

ZAR 2,080,000

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

DIMENSIONS

Length	5060 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1505 mm	Wheelbase	2995 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	490 l
Kerb Weight	2370 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2895 kg
Payload Capacity	600 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	16.6–18.5
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS Combo
Combined Driving Range	469-524 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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Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

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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	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic 4-zone air conditioning		—

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→ See M60 xDrive Sedan full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ eDrive40 Sedan M Sport — ZAR 1,812,000

→ M60 xDrive Sedan — ZAR 2,080,000

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