



BMW

iX1

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

230 kW

POWER

190 mm

CLEARANCE

Not Applicable
km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,210,000 – 1,255,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/bmw/ix1/>

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BMW iX1 is the battery-electric member of the U11 compact-SUV family. South Africa receives one drivetrain, xDrive30, with two equipment presentations: xLine and M Sport. Keeping that identity clear prevents two common errors. First, it is not an electric option pack applied to an X1; its high-voltage drivetrain changes energy planning, weight and ownership routine. Second, xLine and M Sport do not carry different motors or published performance. Their decision is centred on standard equipment, styling, wheels and total quote. BMW's South African material lists a 66.45 kWh battery capacity, 200 kW system output and 494 Nm, with a 5.6-second 0–100 km/h claim. The local range document gives a WLTP range band of 417 to 440 km. Range bands need context. Weather, speed, elevation, tyre choice, cabin climate, traffic and load all affect the distance between charges; repeated 120 km/h travel will not reproduce a mixed-cycle laboratory result. A prospective owner should begin with the longest routine day, not the advertised maximum, then maintain a buffer for diversions and charger availability. The dual-motor xDrive configuration gives the iX1 rapid...



Body Style	5-door compact electric SUV
Launched	2023
Generation	Battery-electric U11 compact SUV, closely related in body and cabin architecture to the third-generation X1.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	BMW South Africa's available paint, upholstery and wheel combinations depend on xLine or M Sport configuration and production allocation.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/x-series/x1/bmw-x1.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,210,000 – 1,255,000			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
xDrive30 xLine	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Xline	ZAR 1,210,000
xDrive30 M Sport	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	M-Sport	ZAR 1,255,000

Estimated On-Road Price — xDrive30 xLine (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,235,520
Cape Town	ZAR 1,240,450
Durban	ZAR 1,232,000
Pretoria	ZAR 1,233,760

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Strong 200 kW and 494 Nm dual-motor output ✓ Familiar compact-SUV body and five-door access ✓ Two clear equipment packages ✓ Home charging can simplify daily energy replenishment ✓ Published WLTP band supports informed route planning	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Dependable charging is a prerequisite ✗ Highway range varies materially with conditions ✗ M Sport wheels may trade comfort and efficiency for appearance ✗ Remote routes need contingency planning ✗ xDrive does not imply serious off-road suitability
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A fast, familiar compact electric SUV that works best when charging has already been solved."

The iX1's strongest quality is integration. It places a 200 kW dual-motor drivetrain inside an upright, recognisable compact SUV and keeps the range decision to xLine or M Sport equipment. Performance is abundant; the ownership question is charging. Home access and a predictable week can make the car exceptionally convenient, while public-only reliance and frequent remote travel weaken the case. Choose wheels and equipment for comfort and efficiency rather than image, and preserve a practical range margin on every longer route.

City Driving	Urban use plays to electric strengths. Immediate response makes short merges easy, regenerative slowing can reduce pedal work and home charging can replace fuel-station visits. The compact SUV body remains manageable in shopping centres, though weight and brisk torque reward gentle inputs. Buyers should test the parking aids fitted to the exact xLine or M Sport and consider whether wheel size will tolerate their local potholes. Apartment residents need confirmed charging permission and a practical cable route before treating public charging as a complete substitute.
Highway	The 417–440 km WLTP band is a comparison reference, not a Johannesburg-to-destination guarantee. Sustained speed, headwind, gradient, temperature and passengers can reduce usable distance, so plan with margin and identify a working alternative charger. The 200 kW output makes overtaking easy, but preserving speed discipline improves both safety and energy consumption. For recurring intercity travel, simulate the actual route in both directions, include charging dwell time and consider peak holiday demand. Seat comfort, road noise and luggage remain as important as battery percentage.
Off-Road	xDrive distributes electric drive across both axles, but iX1 remains a road-biased compact SUV. Battery placement and costly low-profile tyres make deep ruts, sharp rocks and uncertain water poor choices. A maintained gravel approach can be covered slowly after checking clearance, tyre specification and roadside support. Remote electric travel also adds energy risk: a destination charger must be confirmed, not merely listed. Owners with regular rough-road or wilderness work should choose a vehicle whose capability and recovery plan are explicitly verified.
Best For	The iX1 suits an urban or regional premium-SUV household with secure routine charging, a predictable daily distance and the willingness to plan occasional long trips. It is particularly relevant where a second vehicle or flexible travel plan reduces charging pressure.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BMW iX1 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	xDrive30 xLine	xDrive30 M Sport
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,210,000	ZAR 1,255,000
Fuel Type	Electric	Electric
Transmission	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Trim Level	Xline	M-Sport
Engine	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Max Power	230 kW (308 bhp)	230 kW (308 bhp)
Max Torque	494 Nm (364 lb-ft)	494 Nm (364 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	490 L	490 L
Ground Clearance	190 mm	190 mm
Kerb Weight	2085 kg	2085 kg

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

05 BMW iX1 — xDrive30 xLine

ZAR 1,210,000

POWER 230 kW · 308 bhp	TORQUE 494 Nm · 364 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Xline 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	Yes	Gearbox	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Drivetrain Layout	All-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Yes
Differential Lock	Yes	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Yes
Drivetrain	AWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Yes	Low Range Ratio	Yes

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1845 mm
Height	1616 mm	Wheelbase	2692 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	190 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	490 l
Kerb Weight	2085 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2580 kg
Payload Capacity	570 kg	Towing Capacity	1200 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	14.8
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS Combo
Combined Driving Range	490 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	Yes	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Yes		—

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

→ [See xDrive30 xLine full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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06 BMW iX1 — xDrive30 M Sport

ZAR 1,255,000

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M-Sport Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

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→ xDrive30 xLine — ZAR 1,210,000

→ xDrive30 M Sport — ZAR 1,255,000

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