

CHANGAN

UNI-S

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

Not

Officially
Disclosed
mm

1500 cc

ENGINE

138 kW

POWER

14.49 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 389,900 – 469,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/changan/uni-s/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The UNI-S is Changan's current five-seat South African SUV positioned between a purely price-led crossover and the larger, seating-flexible CS75 Pro. Its three grades—CS, CL and CE—share a 1.5-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine producing 138 kW and 300 Nm through a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. Changan also lists three driving modes, electronic power steering and independent multi-link rear suspension. Because the mechanical package is common, the buying decision is principally about safety assistance, cabin trim and convenience rather than extra power. CS establishes the range with 18-inch wheels, LED headlamps, a 10.25-inch instrument display, 12.8-inch infotainment, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, cruise control, rear parking sensors and front and side airbags. CL is the pivotal step. Its safety upgrade brings curtain protection, integrated adaptive cruise, forward and pedestrian collision detection with emergency braking, traffic-sign recognition, plus lane-departure and lane-keeping functions. It also changes the tactile experience through microfiber-leather seating and steering-wheel trim, a six-way electric driver's seat, heated power-folding mirrors and rain-sensing wipers. CE builds on CL with 19-inch wheels, eight speakers, blind-spot and lane-change assistance, reverse cross-traffic and rear-collision warnings, straight-in-and-out automatic...

Body Style	Five-door five-seat SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	First current South African UNI-S retail generation, offered in CS, CL and CE grades.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Black, Shadow Grey, Fluorite Grey, Putty Grey and White are listed on the official South African page.
OEM Website	https://www.changanmotors.co.za/uni-s

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 389,900 – 469,900	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5T AT CS	Petrol	7-Speed DCT	Cs	ZAR 389,900
1.5T AT CL	Petrol	7-Speed DCT	Cl	ZAR 429,900
1.5T AT CE	Petrol	7-Speed DCT	Ce	ZAR 469,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5T AT CS (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 405,578
Cape Town	ZAR 408,048
Durban	ZAR 403,699
Pretoria	ZAR 404,638

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ 138 kW and 300 Nm across every grade ✓ Seven-speed DCT standard ✓ Large dual-screen presentation ✓ Smartphone integration standard ✓ CL adds curtain airbags ✓ CL adds major active assistance	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Official acceleration remains not listed ✗ Normal ground clearance not yet clarified ✗ Braked towing capacity not yet clarified ✗ CE gains no extra engine output ✗ CE 19-inch tyres may cost more ✗ CS lacks curtain airbags
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A coherent three-grade turbo SUV whose middle CL carries the most important safety-content step."

UNI-S gives buyers a useful common mechanical foundation and three equipment strategies. CS is the value-performance entry, CL adds the equipment most likely to change family-safety consideration, and CE completes the convenience and surrounding-monitoring package. The published ownership cover supports the range's case over the first years of use. Missing local clearance, towing and performance evidence should keep claims disciplined. For many buyers CL may be the centre of gravity because it adds curtain airbags and major assistance systems without CE's larger wheels and full luxury spend. CE remains the correct choice when its parking, blind-spot, memory, roof and tailgate functions are genuine daily benefits.

City Driving	In town, all grades combine the same turbo-DCT powertrain with rear parking sensors and a large centre screen. CS therefore covers the central commuting task, but CL's forward-collision and lane assistance become relevant on dense arterial roads. CE adds blind-spot detection, door-opening warning, reverse cross-traffic alert and automatic parking, which may matter in a tight urban routine. Test the DCT during slow creep, a hill start and a quick gap rather than evaluating it only once traffic is flowing. The 18-inch CS and CL wheels should be compared with CE's 19-inch set over patched surfaces and speed humps. Check screen legibility in sunlight, phone reconnection after restarting and whether essential climate functions remain easy to reach. Parking aids support observation; they do not replace a direct view around pedestrians and cyclists.
Highway	The common 138 kW and 300 Nm figures mean highway performance should be broadly shared, leaving assistance and comfort to separate the grades. CS provides ordinary cruise control. CL and CE add integrated adaptive cruise and lane support, but the driver must learn their operating limits and remain responsible for speed and position. Use a representative motorway and secondary-road route to assess wind noise, DCT kickdown, steering at the legal limit and stability with passengers. CE's eight-speaker audio and memory features improve convenience rather than range or performance. Changan's local page does not publish an exact braked towing rating, so a towbar, trailer or caravan decision must wait for written derivative-specific approval. Fuel planning should use a recorded real route because no city, highway or independently verified real-world consumption values complete the current evidence set.

Off-Road	UNI-S has SUV styling, hill-start assistance, hill-descent control and traction control, but those items do not establish an off-road drivetrain. The exact normal clearance and towing capacity remain outstanding, and the current local material does not justify a four-wheel-drive claim. Treat it as a paved-road vehicle that can approach maintained gravel carefully. On gravel, reduce speed for tyre protection, leave stability systems active unless the manual directs otherwise and remember that CE's 19-inch tyres may offer less sidewall than the 18-inch fitment. Avoid deep ruts, water and sharp crests without written limits. A buyer regularly visiting remote sites should ask for tyre availability, underbody inspection points and recovery instructions, then consider a verified 4x4 product if the route demands more.
Best For	UNI-S is for a buyer who wants a compact-to-mid-size SUV with a stronger turbo engine and a visible technology ladder. CS fits the driver who values output, screens and smartphone integration while controlling purchase price. CL is the rational family choice when curtain airbags and forward, lane and adaptive-cruise systems are priorities. CE serves someone who will use blind-spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alert, memory functions, electric tailgate and panoramic roof often enough to justify the extra cost. Buyers should not choose CE merely because it sits at the top; its 19-inch tyres and additional equipment bring ownership costs and complexity. A careful shopper should quote insurance and replacement tyres for the exact grade and confirm that each assistance feature operates in a way the regular driver finds clear rather than intrusive.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Changan UNI-S side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5T AT CS	1.5T AT CL	1.5T AT CE
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 389,900	ZAR 429,900	ZAR 469,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Cs	Cl	Ce
Engine	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	138 kW (185 bhp)	138 kW (185 bhp)	138 kW (185 bhp)
Max Torque	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	14.49 km/l	14.49 km/l	14.49 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	475 L	475 L	475 L
Ground Clearance	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Kerb Weight	1505 kg	1505 kg	1505 kg

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

05 Changan UNI-S — 1.5T AT CS

ZAR 389,900

ENGINE 1500 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.49 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Cs Trim · Petrol · 7-Speed DCT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	NE15TG-AC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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	7-Speed DCT
Drivetrain Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4539 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2656 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	167 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	475 l
Kerb Weight	1505 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1825 kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed 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	51
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Child Safety Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Hill Start Assist	Yes

Hill Descent Control	Yes	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	4	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Passive entry	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	All four windows; one-touch up/down	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Single-zone automatic		—

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

→ See 1.5T AT CS full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Changan UNI-S — 1.5T AT CL

ZAR 429,900

ENGINE 1500 cc	POWER 138 kW · 185 bhp	TORQUE 300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.49 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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CI Trim · Petrol · 7-Speed DCT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	NE15TG-AC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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	7-Speed DCT
Drivetrain Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4539 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2656 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	167 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	475 l
Kerb Weight	1505 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1825 kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed 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	51
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Child Safety Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Hill Start Assist	Yes

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

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Passive entry	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	All four windows; one-touch up/down	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Single-zone automatic		—

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→ See 1.5T AT CL full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Changan UNI-S — 1.5T AT CE

ZAR 469,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1500 cc	138 kW · 185 bhp	300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	14.49 km/l	Petrol 7-Speed DCT

Ce Trim · Petrol · 7-Speed DCT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	NE15TG-AC
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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	7-Speed DCT
Drivetrain Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	7	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4539 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2656 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	167 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	475 l
Kerb Weight	1505 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1825 kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed 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	51
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
Child Safety Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Hill Start Assist	Yes

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

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Passive entry	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	All four windows; one-touch up/down	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	Electric panoramic sunroof
Electric Tailgate	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Single-zone automatic		—

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

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