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BOX

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

70 kW

POWER

175 mm

CLEARANCE

Not Applicable
km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 349,000 – 389,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/dongfeng/box/>

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Dongfeng BOX arrives in South Africa with a deliberately compact brief. It is a five-door battery-electric hatchback, 4.02 metres long and 1.81 metres wide, designed for drivers who spend more time looking for a parking gap than for an extra row of seats. That makes it a different proposition from the tall electric crossovers that dominate most new EV conversations. A short bonnet, a 2,663 mm wheelbase and a 175 mm quoted ground clearance give the BOX a useful urban shape without asking a buyer to treat it as an adventure vehicle. The local range is straightforward. E2 430 and E3 430 share the 43.89 kWh LFP battery, a 70 kW front-mounted permanent-magnet motor and a claimed 430 km CLTC range. The range label matters. CLTC is an official laboratory cycle, not a promise for a wet N3 commute, a fully loaded weekend, cold weather or continuous air-conditioning. It is still useful for comparison because both local grades carry the same claim; the choice is mainly about equipment and price rather than accepting a shorter-distance powertrain to save money....



Body Style	5-door electric hatchback
Launched	2026
Generation	Current South African Dongfeng BOX battery-electric generation.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	E2: Sky Blue, Green, White, Purple and White; E3: Green.
OEM Website	https://www.dongfengsa.co.za/models/box

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 349,000 – 389,000			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
BOX E2 430	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Base	ZAR 349,000
BOX E3 430	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Top	ZAR 389,000

Estimated On-Road Price — BOX E2 430 (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 364,188
Cape Town	ZAR 366,535
Durban	ZAR 362,390
Pretoria	ZAR 363,289

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Shared 430 km CLTC range across both local grades ✓ Compact 4,020 mm length suits dense urban parking ✓ 43.89 kWh LFP battery ✓ Five-door, five-seat packaging ✓ 175 mm quoted ground clearance ✓ 17-inch wheels on both E2 and E3	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ CLTC range is not a real-world highway guarantee ✗ 70 kW output is city-focused ✗ Public-only charging complicates ownership ✗ E3 price is based on dealer listing rather than a Dongfeng retail table ✗ Some detailed local charging data remains unpublished ✗ No off-road drivetrain hardware
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Buyer Summary

"A thoughtful entry-level EV choice when home or workplace charging is already part of the routine."

The BOX is most persuasive when it is bought for the work it actually does: city kilometres, manageable parking, quiet local travel and overnight charging. E2 has the stronger value story because it retains the shared 430 km CLTC claim and 17-inch wheels at the lowest official listed price. E3 can justify its premium only when its additional convenience and safety equipment changes daily life. Neither grade turns a charging plan into an optional detail; that remains the central ownership question.

City Driving	This is where the BOX earns its keep. Its 4,020 mm length is easier to place in a busy car park than a large SUV, and the front-wheel-drive electric layout removes the creeping hesitation many drivers associate with a conventional gearbox. Try it on the actual weekday route: school drop-off, a steep ramp, congested intersections and the tightest parking bay used regularly. Check the driver's seating position, rear-door access and how often the cabin climate system will run. If charging is available at home, a city routine can make the 430 km CLTC figure less important than convenience; if charging is public-only, the same car needs more planning.
Highway	The BOX can use the freeway, but its most convincing role remains a commuter rather than a constant long-distance runner. At highway speed, range is naturally more sensitive to wind, gradient, load and climate control than the single CLTC headline suggests. Drive a representative legal-speed section with passengers on board, then use a planned charging stop rather than hoping an advertised range will cover every trip. The 70 kW motor and 140 km/h quoted top speed are adequate for ordinary merges and overtakes when judged sensibly, but buyers who regularly travel far between provinces should compare highway charging access and rest-stop timing against a larger EV.
Off-Road	A 175 mm quoted ground clearance is helpful for driveway lips, patched surfaces and carefully driven gravel, not a licence to use the BOX as a trail vehicle. It has no low-range system, locking differential or published wading depth. Take it slowly over a familiar rough access road and protect the underfloor battery from sharp impacts. For rural use, the deciding factor is often the reliability of charging at the destination rather than whether the body has a hatchback profile.
Best For	BOX makes the most sense for an urban household, first-time EV owner or second-car buyer with dependable overnight charging. It suits someone who values compact exterior dimensions, simple electric response and predictable local travel over large-vehicle presence, three-row capacity or frequent unplanned cross-country journeys.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	BOX E2 430	BOX E3 430
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 349,000	ZAR 389,000
Fuel Type	Electric	Electric
Transmission	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Max Power	70 kW (94 bhp)	70 kW (94 bhp)
Max Torque	290 Nm (214 lb-ft)	290 Nm (214 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	326 L	326 L
Ground Clearance	175 mm	175 mm
Kerb Weight	1285 kg	1285 kg

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

05 Dongfeng BOX — **BOX E2 430**

ZAR 349,000

POWER 70 kW · 94 bhp	TORQUE 290 Nm · 214 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Base Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Single-motor battery-electric powertrain	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	Front motor, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	Front-Wheel Drive	Axle Layout	Front Axle
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4020 mm	Width	1810 mm
Height	1570 mm	Wheelbase	2663 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	175 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	160 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	326 l
Kerb Weight	1285 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2020 kg
Payload Capacity	500 kg	Towing Capacity	500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	365 km	Electric Consumption	10.7 kWh/100 km (CLTC)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	CCS2
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	315 km
Real-world Mileage	1 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	0
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	No	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Not Applicable
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Standard
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic climate control		—

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

→ See BOX E2 430 full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Dongfeng BOX — **BOX E3 430**

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Top Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

View live price & EMI →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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