

FOTON

Asambe Taxi

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2400 cc	100 kW	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Not Officially Disclosed km/l	16 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 439,900 – 499,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/foton/asambe-taxi/

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

Foton South Africa lists the 2.4i Petrol (16 Seater) at R439,900 and the 2.8 Diesel (16 Seater) at R499,900. The petrol engine produces 100 kW and 200 Nm; the diesel produces 96 kW and 280 Nm. The R60,000 powertrain gap needs a route calculation. Petrol has slightly higher listed power and lower purchase price; diesel has 80 Nm more torque and may suit repeated laden gradients or high annual distance, but its fuel and maintenance case must be measured rather than assumed. An operator must confirm registration category, driver licence, operating permit, insurance, roadworthy obligations and seating definition independently. Sixteen advertised seats do not by themselves prove legal authority for a particular taxi route or contract. Obtain commercial service intervals, clutch and brake schedules, downtime arrangements and parts support. A 16-seat taxi is purchased around a route, not an isolated engine figure. Petrol saves R60,000 at list price and produces 100 kW and 200 Nm; diesel supplies 96 kW and 280 Nm. Petrol may suit shorter or less intensive schedules where lower capital outlay dominates, while the diesel's additional torque…



Body Style	16-seat high-roof minibus taxi
Launched	2024
Generation	High-roof, long-wheelbase 16-seat View-based minibus measuring 5,390 mm long.
Fuel Types	Petrol or diesel
Colours	Exterior colour availability is not specified.
OEM Website	https://fotonsa.co.za/new-models/asambe-taxi-16-seater/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 439,900 – 499,900	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.4i Petrol (16 Seater)	Petrol	5-Speed Manual	2.4l Petrol 16 Seater	**ZAR 439,900**
2.8 Diesel (16 Seater)	Diesel	5-Speed Manual	2.8 Diesel 16 Seater	**ZAR 499,900**

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.4i Petrol (16 Seater) (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 456,178**
Cape Town	**ZAR 458,798**
Durban	**ZAR 454,199**
Pretoria	**ZAR 455,188**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Bus
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol / Diesel
- ✓ South African price: R439,900
- ✓ Engine: 2.4-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 100 kW
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Asambe Taxi can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Asambe Taxi depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Asambe Taxi quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Asambe Taxi budget.
- ✗ A short Asambe Taxi test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Asambe Taxi capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Hagalu Editorial Verdict

> *"Asambe Taxi deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

That choice still needs fuel and maintenance figures gathered on the intended route. The petrol model lowers capital cost by R60,000 and may suit shorter schedules. Asambe Taxi is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 5-Speed Manual transmission and accept the limitation represented by a listed wheelbase of 3110. A fair review of Asambe Taxi should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a 5-Speed Manual transmission, a 5-Speed Manual transmission and Petrol power can be valuable for the right driver for Asambe Taxi. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for Asambe Taxi. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for Asambe Taxi

City Driving	Around town, Asambe Taxi should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a South African price reference of R499,900 becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while engine of 2.8-litre Diesel is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	A 3,110 mm wheelbase supports the long high-roof body, whose length is 5,390 mm, width 1,920 mm and height 2,285 mm. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Asambe Taxi out with the load it normally carries. Petrol power gives context, but a number cannot show how warranty of 2 years / 200,000 km feels on a gradient
Off-Road	If the Asambe Taxi will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check engine of 2.8-litre Diesel against the stated drivetrain. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for Asambe Taxi. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for Asambe Taxi. Petrol power may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol / diesel alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for Asambe Taxi. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for Asambe Taxi

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Best For	The listed two-year warranty can pass quickly in intensive work, making workshop access and a maintenance reserve important. A shopper researching Asambe Taxi should separate need from showroom appeal

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	2.4i Petrol (16 Seater)	2.8 Diesel (16 Seater)
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 439,900**	**ZAR 499,900**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Diesel
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual
Trim Level	2.4l Petrol 16 Seater	2.8 Diesel 16 Seater
Engine	2400 cc (2.4L)	2800 cc (2.8L)
Max Power	100 kW (134 bhp)	96 kW (129 bhp)
Max Torque	200 Nm (148 lb-ft)	280 Nm (207 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Economy	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Seating	16	16
Boot Space	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Ground Clearance	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Kerb Weight	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed

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

05 Foton Asambe Taxi — 2.4i Petrol (16 Seater) ZAR 439,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2400 cc	100 kW · 134 bhp	200 Nm · 148 lb-ft	Not Officially Disclosed km/l	Petrol 5-Speed Manual

2.4I Petrol 16 Seater Trim · Petrol · 5-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.4-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	2400 cc
Cylinders	Not Officially Disclosed	Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Officially Disclosed	Gearbox	5-Speed Manual
Drivetrain Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	5	Rear Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain	Not Officially Disclosed	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	5390 mm	Width	1920 mm
Height	2285 mm	Wheelbase	3110 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l	Boot/Cargo Space	Not Officially Disclosed l
Kerb Weight	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed 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	Not Officially Disclosed
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Not Officially Disclosed	ISOFIX Mounts	Not Officially Disclosed

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Child Safety Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Hill Start Assist	Not Officially Disclosed
Hill Descent Control	Not Officially Disclosed	Traction Control	Not Officially Disclosed
Electronic Stability Control	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
Airbags	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Not Officially Disclosed

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Not Officially Disclosed	Climate Control	Not Officially Disclosed
Power Windows	Not Officially Disclosed	Push Button Start	Not Officially Disclosed
Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	Not Officially Disclosed
Electric Tailgate	Not Officially Disclosed	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Officially Disclosed
AC Type	Not Officially Disclosed		—

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2.8 Diesel 16 Seater Trim · Diesel · 5-Speed Manual

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Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2800 cc
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Electronic Stability Control	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
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ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Not Officially Disclosed

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