

FOTON

Truckmate

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

Not

Officially
Disclosed
mm

1500 cc

ENGINE

82 kW

POWER

10.53 km/l

FUEL ECON

2 seats

SEATING

ZAR 199,900 – 239,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/foton/truckmate/>

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3.6 / 5	Hagalu editorial score	3 Variants	3 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Truckmate page lists three current derivatives: Dropside at R199,900, Dropside AC at R215,900 and Box Body at R239,900. All use a 1.5-litre petrol engine rated at 82 kW and 142 Nm with a five-speed manual gearbox. Dropside technical data show a 2,850 mm by 1,560 mm by 360 mm cargo area, 1,210 kg curb weight and 1,200 kg load weight. The Box Body table gives a taller enclosed body, 1,310 kg curb weight and 1,100 kg load weight. The page labels 9.5 L/100 km for the dropside as laden and 7.9 L/100 km for the box as unladen, so those figures are not directly comparable. Warranty is listed as five years/150,000 km with five years of roadside assistance; service plans are available. Truckmate is built around body choice. Dropside favours hand loading, bulky items and quick access from three sides. Dropside AC keeps that function but adds climate control for R16,000. Box Body costs R40,000 more than the base and exchanges open access for weather protection, cargo containment and security, while the listed load weight is 100 kg lower....

Body Style	Compact single-cab light truck
Launched	2025
Generation	Compact single-row cab platform with a 2,400 mm wheelbase and dropside or box-body factory configurations.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Exterior colour availability is not specified.
OEM Website	https://fotonsa.co.za/new-models/truckmate/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 199,900 – 239,900			3 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Dropside	Petrol	5-Speed Manual	Dropside	ZAR 199,900
Dropside AC	Petrol	5-Speed Manual	Dropside Ac	ZAR 215,900
Box Body	Petrol	5-Speed Manual	Box Body	ZAR 239,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Dropside (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 213,298
Cape Town	ZAR 215,198
Durban	ZAR 211,799
Pretoria	ZAR 212,548

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ R199,900 published entry price ✓ Three useful factory body specifications ✓ Simple five-speed manual petrol powertrain ✓ Listed 1,200 kg dropside load weight ✓ Five-year/150,000 km warranty headline ✓ AC dropside isolates the comfort upgrade	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Consumption figures use mismatched load bases ✗ Box body carries a lower listed load weight ✗ No automatic derivative ✗ Exact airbag fitment must be confirmed ✗ Service plan is not listed as included ✗ Open bodies require separate weather and security planning
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"Truckmate is compelling when its chosen factory body matches the load; the AC dropside is the humane workday upgrade."

The Truckmate's low entry price is only part of its case. Its three variants solve three distinct jobs, and the correct choice is visible once cargo protection, loading style and driver exposure are written down. The base dropside maximises simplicity, Dropside AC addresses long shifts and Box Body secures weather-sensitive goods. Buyers should preserve that clarity by comparing payload and consumption on matched bases and confirming exact safety equipment. A cheap body that forces extra trips is not cheaper in operation.

City Driving	Compact dimensions and a 2,400 mm wheelbase suit short urban delivery loops, but the rear body still changes turning clearance and visibility. Dropside users need a weather and load-restraint plan at every stop. Box-body users gain containment but must manage rear-door clearance and height. The AC derivative is relevant for drivers spending full summer shifts in traffic; its R16,000 premium should be compared with staff comfort, concentration and retention rather than cosmetic equipment.
Highway	Truckmate can use national roads, yet 82 kW, 142 Nm and a 140 km/h listed maximum do not describe performance at legal load on gradients. Test the intended body with representative mass, especially for merging and crosswinds. Plan fuel using measured laden operation. The box creates a larger side area and different mass distribution than the dropside, so the two should not be assumed to behave identically in wind or braking.
Off-Road	This is a rear-driven compact commercial vehicle with leaf springs at the back, not a 4x4. Graded site access may be feasible, but no loaded clearance or obstacle-angle data justify off-road claims. Keep tyre load ratings, underbody exposure and rear overhang in view. Loose inclines and mud require route controls rather than confidence based on the word truck.
Best For	Truckmate is aimed at small enterprises that can choose a factory body around one recurring load. Basic Dropside suits gardening, maintenance or produce where open access is useful. Dropside AC is the more considerate daily tool when a driver spends hours in traffic. Box Body serves parcels and weather-sensitive goods, accepting a higher price and lower listed load weight for enclosure. All three retain a two-seat cab, petrol engine and five-speed manual, so fleets should check that this combination fits their mileage and traffic. Buyers needing diesel torque, a bigger cab or a specialist conversion should look further up Foton's commercial range rather than stretching Truckmate beyond its compact brief.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	Dropside	Dropside AC	Box Body
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 199,900	ZAR 215,900	ZAR 239,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Dropside	Dropside Ac	Box Body
Engine	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	82 kW (110 bhp)	82 kW (110 bhp)	82 kW (110 bhp)
Max Torque	142 Nm (105 lb-ft)	142 Nm (105 lb-ft)	142 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	RWD	RWD
Fuel Economy	10.53 km/l	10.53 km/l	12.66 km/l
Seating	2	2	2
Boot Space	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Ground Clearance	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Kerb Weight	1210 kg	1210 kg	1310 kg

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

05 Foton Truckmate — Dropside

ZAR 199,900

ENGINE 1500 cc	POWER 82 kW · 110 bhp	TORQUE 142 Nm · 105 lb-ft	ECONOMY 10.53 km/l	FUEL Petrol 5-Speed Manual
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Dropside Trim · Petrol · 5-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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

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	RWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4685 mm	Width	1680 mm
Height	1920 mm	Wheelbase	2400 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	1210 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	1200 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 2	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Not Officially Disclosed	ISOFIX Mounts	Not Officially Disclosed
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	Not Officially Disclosed
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		—

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

→ See Dropside full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Foton Truckmate — Dropside AC

ZAR 215,900

ENGINE 1500 cc	POWER 82 kW · 110 bhp	TORQUE 142 Nm · 105 lb-ft	ECONOMY 10.53 km/l	FUEL Petrol 5-Speed Manual
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Dropside Ac Trim · Petrol · 5-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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

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	RWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4685 mm	Width	1680 mm
Height	1921 mm	Wheelbase	2400 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	1210 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	1200 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 2	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Not Officially Disclosed	ISOFIX Mounts	Not Officially Disclosed
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	Not Officially Disclosed
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Not Officially Disclosed

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Not Officially Disclosed	Climate Control	Air conditioning
Power Windows	Yes	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	Manual		—

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

→ See Dropside AC full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Foton Truckmate — Box Body

ZAR 239,900

ENGINE 1500 cc	POWER 82 kW · 110 bhp	TORQUE 142 Nm · 105 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.66 km/l	FUEL Petrol 5-Speed Manual
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Box Body Trim · Petrol · 5-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1500 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

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	RWD	Axle Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Low Range	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Range Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4735 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	2420 mm	Wheelbase	2400 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	1310 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	1100 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
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SAFETY

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ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Not Officially Disclosed

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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AC Type	Manual		—

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→ See Box Body full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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