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Truckmate

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1500 cc	82 kW	Not Officially Disclosed mm	10.53 km/l	2 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 199,900 – 239,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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3.6 / 5	Hagalu editorial score	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

All use a 1.5-litre petrol engine rated at 82 kW and 142 Nm with a five-speed manual gearbox. The petrol engine simplifies the fuel choice but may not match every high-mileage or heavily laden route. Confirm GVM, payload, body warranty, lock specification, tie-downs, spare wheel and air-conditioning on the exact quotation. Truckmate's three prices correspond to different jobs. Box Body's lower listed load weight makes its body part of the payload calculation. A two-seat cab and five-speed manual keep the proposition simple, but congested work still makes driver comfort relevant. Fuel cost for the 1.5-litre petrol engine belongs in a loaded route trial because consumption references use different load conditions. For a small enterprise, body suitability matters more than the lowest headline price. Current South African Truckmate range, with no separate facelift identified. 1.5-litre petrol engine producing 82 kW and 142 Nm with a five-speed manual gearbox. Two-seat work cab; air conditioning, electric windows and central locking depend on exact body and specification. Box Body serves parcels and weather-sensitive goods, accepting a higher price and lower listed load weight for…



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

- ✓ Body style: Truck
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R199,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 82 kW
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Hagalu Editorial Verdict

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

Truckmate is built around body choice. 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. A fair review of Truckmate should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a rear-wheel drive drivetrain, a rear-wheel drive drivetrain and a South African price reference of R215,900 can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Truckmate is specific. A South African price reference of R199,900 gives it a reason to be considered, while engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and a power output of 82 kW set the boundaries for Truckmate. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Truckmate. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Truckmate. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Truckmate

City Driving	Dropside favours hand loading, bulky items and quick access from three sides. The urban test for Truckmate should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. City use is where the small decisions accumulate for Truckmate. Drive the Truckmate through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. Pay attention to the steering, sight lines, low-speed response, seat position and climate control rather than relying on a quiet dealership loop for Truckmate. A 5-Speed Manual transmission matters when the cabin or load is full, and a 5-Speed Manual transmission can change the cost of repeated short trips for Truckmate
Highway	Warranty is listed as five years/150,000 km with five years of roadside assistance; service plans are available. For highway buyers, the Truckmate needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. A South African price reference of R239,900 helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort

Off-Road	A South African price reference of R215,900 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for Truckmate. For Truckmate, the sensible check is the exact rwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for Truckmate. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for Truckmate
Best For	Buyers should measure their longest, widest and tallest item, then test loading through the real aperture instead of choosing by litre or tonne headlines alone. The best buyer for Truckmate can describe a recurring reason for choosing its truck layout

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

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	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	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	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

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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

Compare with rivals →

06 Foton Truckmate — Dropside AC

ZAR 215,900

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

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	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	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	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
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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		—

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

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07 Foton Truckmate — Box Body

ZAR 239,900

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

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

DIMENSIONS

Length	4735 mm	Width	1695 mm
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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
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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		—

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

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→ Dropside — ZAR 199,900

→ Dropside AC — ZAR 215,900

→ Box Body — ZAR 239,900

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