



GEELY

E5 EM-i

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

		Not	Not	Not
1499 cc	73 kW	Officially Disclosed	Officially Disclosed	Officially Disclosed
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING
		mm	km/l	seats

ZAR 599,999 – 679,999

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/geely/e5-em-i/>

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

The Geely E5 EM-i is the plug-in-hybrid counterpart to the E5 Electric, but it is not merely the same vehicle with a petrol engine inserted. The South African model is longer and slightly taller, measuring 4,740 mm by 1,905 mm by 1,685 mm on a 2,755 mm wheelbase, and Geely quotes 528 litres of luggage capacity. Its purpose is to provide electric-like response for everyday driving while retaining petrol-supported distance for routes where charging is sparse. The EM-i system combines a 1.5-litre naturally aspirated four-cylinder petrol engine with an integrated electric drive. Geely's South African launch material lists 73 kW and 125 Nm for the engine, 160 kW and 262 Nm for the electric drive unit, and an 18.4 kWh lithium-iron-phosphate propulsion battery. Drive goes to the front wheels through Geely's integrated EM-i hybrid/electric drive system; the exact conventional gearbox classification and gear count are not stated in the verified South African material. Pure, Hybrid and Power modes allow the system to prioritise electric operation, balanced energy use or stronger combined response. AC charging at 6.6 kW and DC charging...



Body Style	5-door plug-in-hybrid SUV
Launched	2025
Generation	First South African E5 EM-i generation on Geely's GEA electrified architecture.
Fuel Types	Plug-in Hybrid
Colours	Snowy White, Frost Grey, Jade Green, Basil Green, Mica Blue, Obsidian Black
OEM Website	https://www.geelyauto.co.za/models/geely-e5-em-i

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 599,999 – 679,999	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Aspire	Plug-In Hybrid	Automatic	Base	ZAR 599,999
Apex	Plug-In Hybrid	Automatic	Top	ZAR 679,999

Estimated On-Road Price — Aspire (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 618,198
Cape Town	ZAR 621,298
Durban	ZAR 615,898
Pretoria	ZAR 617,048

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Useful 528-litre luggage compartment ✓ Aspire already carries a broad ADAS package ✓ AC and DC charging support ✓ Up to 6 kW vehicle-to-load capability ✓ Long vehicle and propulsion-battery warranties ✓ Petrol backup reduces public-charger dependence	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Best efficiency depends on frequent external charging ✗ 943 km is combined range, not electric-only range ✗ Charge-depleted consumption still needs clear buyer comparison ✗ Front-drive platform is not intended for serious off-road use ✗ Apex's larger wheels may increase tyre cost
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Buyer Summary

"A thoughtfully equipped family PHEV that delivers its best value only when the owner plugs it in consistently."

The E5 EM-i avoids the common trap of making the entry grade feel incomplete: Aspire already includes strong infotainment, cameras and active assistance. Apex is a comfort-and-ambience upgrade, not a necessary mechanical one. The shared battery, hybrid hardware and combined-range claim make the comparison straightforward. Buyers must still interrogate the data correctly. The 943 km number combines energy sources, and weighted consumption is not the same as charge-depleted fuel use. With home charging and a mixed urban/intercity routine, the EM-i offers flexibility that a pure EV cannot always match; without charging, its rationale weakens sharply.

City Driving	Regular urban charging is where the EM-i concept earns its complexity. Short school, office and shopping journeys can lean heavily on the battery, while quiet electric response makes congestion calmer. Aspire's reversing camera, rear parking radars and current listed assistance package already cover demanding parking and traffic situations. Apex adds convenience rather than changing the core powertrain. Owners should set a charging routine instead of waiting for the battery to empty, because repeated petrol-only use defeats the plug-in system's purpose.
Highway	For long-distance South African travel, the petrol engine removes the hard dependency on a working charger at every stop. The official 943 km figure is a combined petrol-and-electric range, not a promise for every route; speed, elevation, load, weather and starting charge matter. Hybrid mode is the sensible default for preserving energy across a journey, while Power mode is intended for stronger response. Adaptive assistance is listed on both grades, giving Aspire an unusually complete touring specification before the Apex comfort additions.
Off-Road	The EM-i's SUV body and hill-control systems are useful on steep paved approaches and maintained gravel, but this front-driven family vehicle is not a low-range off-roader. The high-voltage battery sits beneath the cabin and should not be exposed to rocks, deep water or severe ruts. Aspire's 18-inch wheels may offer a more forgiving road setup than Apex's 19-inch package. Remote travel should be planned around tyre support, petrol availability and the lack of verified rugged recovery hardware.
Best For	The E5 EM-i suits a family wanting mostly electric-feeling daily travel without relying entirely on public charging for long South African routes. It is strongest for homeowners who will plug in regularly, value a large cabin and need occasional petrol-backed range beyond reliable charging corridors.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Geely E5 EM-i side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Aspire	Apex
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 599,999	ZAR 679,999
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Plug-in Hybrid
Transmission	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	1499 cc (1.5L)	1499 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	73 kW (98 bhp)	73 kW (98 bhp)
Max Torque	125 Nm (92 lb-ft)	125 Nm (92 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Seating	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Boot Space	528 L	528 L
Ground Clearance	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Kerb Weight	1730 kg	1770 kg

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05 Geely E5 EM-i — **Aspire****ZAR 599,999**

ENGINE 1499 cc	POWER 73 kW · 98 bhp	TORQUE 125 Nm · 92 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Officially Disclosed km/l	FUEL Plug-in Hybrid
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Base Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)**ENGINE & PERFORMANCE**

Engine	1.5L Naturally Aspirated Petrol + 160 kW Electric Drive	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Hybrid System	Plug-in Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1499 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	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	Not Officially Disclosed
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed
Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Paddle Shifters	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Speeds	Not Officially Disclosed	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	4740 mm	Width	1905 mm
Height	1685 mm	Wheelbase	2755 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	Not Officially Disclosed mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	528 l
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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	943 km	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 Officially Disclosed l
Emission Standard	Not Officially Disclosed	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Rear seats
Child Safety Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Hill Descent Control	Yes	Traction Control	Not Officially Disclosed
Electronic Stability Control	Not Officially Disclosed	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Not Officially Disclosed
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Not Officially Disclosed	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	Not Officially Disclosed	Push Button Start	Not Officially Disclosed
Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	No
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 Aspire full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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Wireless Charging	Not Officially Disclosed	Sunroof	Panoramic power sunroof with power sunshade
Electric Tailgate	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Officially Disclosed
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→ [See Apex full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Aspire — ZAR 599,999

→ Apex — ZAR 679,999

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