

GEELY

E5 EM-i

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1499 cc	73 kW	172 mm	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON km/l	SEATING seats

ZAR 599,999 – 679,999

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

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 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. Pure, Hybrid and Power modes allow the system to prioritise electric operation, balanced energy use or stronger combined response. Both local grades pair the 18.4 kWh battery with a claimed 105 km of electric-only NEDC driving. Their derivative cards separately quote 943 km of combined petrol-and-electric range. The two measurements answer different questions: 105 km is the claimed electric-only NEDC figure, while 943 km combines the battery and petrol system and is not guaranteed between stops. Driven for weeks without plugging in, it carries battery hardware without extracting the main benefit. Apex moves to 19-inch wheels and adds the 360-degree panoramic view with transparent-chassis display, a head-up display,…



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

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

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Plug-in Hybrid
- ✓ South African price: R599,999
- ✓ Engine: 1.5L Naturally Aspirated Petrol + 160 kW Electric Drive
- ✓ Power output: 73 kW
- ✓ Drivetrain: FWD

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for E5 EM-i can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for E5 EM-i depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written E5 EM-i quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate E5 EM-i budget.
- ✗ A short E5 EM-i test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ E5 EM-i capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"E5 EM-i deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

Vehicle-to-load output of up to 6 kW adds practical value at campsites or during a limited household outage when used within the manufacturer's instructions. The buying case for E5 EM-i is specific. A front-wheel drive drivetrain gives it a reason to be considered, while a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed ground clearance of 172 set the boundaries. E5 EM-i is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a South African price reference of R599,999 and accept the limitation represented by a front-wheel drive drivetrain. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for E5 EM-i. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for E5 EM-i

City Driving	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. Drive the E5 EM-i through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. A listed battery capacity of 18.4 matters when the cabin or load is full, and a South African price reference of R679,999 can change the cost of repeated short trips
Highway	Run E5 EM-i at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a listed ground clearance of 172, a listed battery capacity of 18.4 and a South African price reference of R679,999 is more informative than maximum speed

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Off-Road	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. For E5 EM-i, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the E5 EM-i will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. A slow run over corrugations, a sharp entrance and a loaded crest will show whether the suspension, tyres and underside suit the duty for E5 EM-i. Check a listed ground clearance of 172 against the stated drivetrain for E5 EM-i. Maintained gravel can be a reasonable use case for many road vehicles; deep sand, mud and water demand confirmed equipment and a recovery plan for E5 EM-i
Best For	The verified ownership package includes a six-year or 90,000 km service plan and roadside assistance for five years without a distance ceiling. E5 EM-i makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with a front-wheel drive drivetrain

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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	172 mm	172 mm
Kerb Weight	1730 kg	1770 kg

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

05 Geely E5 EM-i — Aspire

ZAR 599,999

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

Base Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · Automatic

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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)	172 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	528 l
Kerb Weight	1730 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	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
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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		—

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Aspire — ZAR 599,999

→ Apex — ZAR 679,999

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