

GWM

H2

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1497 cc	110 kW	175 mm	7.5 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 299,900 – 339,900

Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Powertrain across the SA range was a 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol producing 105 kW and 202 Nm of torque, paired with a 6-speed dual-clutch transmission. The DCT was at the time a relatively advanced inclusion for the price segment, though it also became one of the H2's recurring criticisms — owners reported low-speed hesitancy and occasional rough engagement in stop-start traffic, issues that GWM worked on through software updates but never fully resolved. The LT added climate control, leather seats, panoramic sunroof, and a slightly larger infotainment screen. Powertrain reliability was generally acceptable, with some recurring DCT issues that required dealer attention. For the used buyer considering an H2 in 2026, the model represents reasonable value if priced correctly. First generation Haval H2 in SA, on sale 2017-2022. Discontinued in favour of the Jolion, which used a more modern platform and powertrain. Single 1.5L GW4G15B turbocharged petrol engine producing 105 kW and 202 Nm. Two variants in final SA specification — 1.5T LS at R299,900 (entry-level with basic equipment) and 1.5T LT at R339,900 (mid-spec with leather, panoramic sunroof and climate…



Body Style	5-door monocoque compact SUV with front-wheel drive. Dimensions: 4,335 mm length, 1,810 mm width, 1,690 mm height, 2,560 mm wheelbase.
Launched	2017
Generation	First generation Haval H2 in SA, on sale 2017-2022. Discontinued in favour of the Jolion, which used a more modern platform and powertrain.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Crystal White, Pittsburgh Silver, Mars Red, Atlantic Blue and Lava Black through the model life.
OEM Website	https://www.haval.co.za/h2/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	ZAR 299,900 – 339,900	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5T LS	Petrol	Automatic	Base	**ZAR 299,900 (last listed)**
1.5T LT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	**ZAR 339,900 (last listed)**

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03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 110 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed DCT
- ✓ Gearbox: 6-Speed DCT

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for H2 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for H2 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written H2 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate H2 budget.
- ✗ A short H2 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ H2 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"A used-buying option only when condition, history and remaining support justify the price."*

The DCT's hesitation in low-speed driving was the most consistent owner complaint, often mentioned alongside praise for the equipment level and value pricing. H2 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a Front Wheel Drive drivetrain and accept the limitation represented by the 2017 model year. A fair review of H2 should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a 6-Speed DCT transmission, a Front Wheel Drive drivetrain and a front-wheel drive drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver for H2. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for H2. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for H2

City Driving	Around town, H2 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of the First generation Haval H2 in SA, on sale 2017-2022. Discontinued in favour of the Jolion, which used a more modern platform and powertrain generation becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while local history of H2 received a mid-cycle update in 2019 that brought minor exterior styling changes, improved infotainment software and refinements to the DCT calibration. Updates continued through the model life to address recurring DCT issues, with the final 2022 specification being notably improved over the original 2017 launch model is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	On the road, the H2 was competent rather than impressive. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the H2 out with the load it normally carries. A front-wheel drive drivetrain gives context, but a number cannot show how a listed ground clearance of 175 feels on a gradient
Off-Road	If the H2 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check local history of H2 received a mid-cycle update in 2019 that brought minor exterior styling changes, improved infotainment software and refinements to the DCT calibration. Updates continued through the model life to address recurring DCT issues, with the final 2022 specification being notably improved over the original 2017 launch model against the stated drivetrain

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Best For	A shopper researching H2 should separate need from showroom appeal. If a Front Wheel Drive drivetrain solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the GWM H2 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5T LS	1.5T LT
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 299,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 339,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed DCT	6-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	110 kW (148 bhp)	110 kW (148 bhp)
Max Torque	210 Nm (155 lb-ft)	210 Nm (155 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	7.5 km/l	7.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	450 L	450 L
Ground Clearance	175 mm	175 mm
Kerb Weight	1650 kg	1650 kg

→ **Compare these variants on hagalu.com** (retained specifications, lifecycle status and historical or launch pricing)

05 GWM H2 — 1.5T LS ZAR 299,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	110 kW · 148 bhp	210 Nm · 155 lb-ft	7.5 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed DCT

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	GW4G15A
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	9.8:1	Bore	75 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive	Engine Position	Transverse Front-Mounted
Gearbox	6-Speed DCT	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Gear Shift Type	Electronic automatic gear selector	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
Gear Shift Indicator	Electronic automatic gear selector	4WD Selector	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4290 mm	Width	1800 mm
Height	1645 mm	Wheelbase	2560 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	175 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	52 l	Boot/Cargo Space	450 l
Kerb Weight	1650 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1800 kg
Payload Capacity	550 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Emission Standard	Euro 5	Claimed Mileage	7.5 km/l
City Mileage	6.2 km/l	Highway Mileage	8.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	52 l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	52	Real-world Mileage	13.3 km/l

SAFETY

Airbags	4	Front Parking Sensors	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	AEB	Yes
Speed Alert System	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes
Stability Control	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Standard
Central Locking	Remote Keyless	Alarm System	Optional
Knee Airbag	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Manual Air Conditioning
Power Windows	One-Touch Front and Rear	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Sunroof	Panoramic sunroof	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Automatic Headlamps	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available

+ 13 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.5T LS full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa Compare with rivals →

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Airbags	4	Safety Rating	4
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	AEB	Yes
Pedestrian Detection AEB	Not Available	Side Airbags	Yes
Stability Control	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Standard
Central Locking	Remote Keyless	Alarm System	Optional
Knee Airbag	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Yes
Power Windows	One-Touch Front and Rear	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Sunroof	Yes	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Automatic Headlamps	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available

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→ See 1.5T LT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.5T LS — ZAR 299,900 (last listed)

→ 1.5T LT — ZAR 339,900 (last listed)

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