



GWM

H2

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1497 cc

ENGINE

110 kW

POWER

175 mm

CLEARANCE

7.5 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats


SEATING

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/gwm/h2/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Haval H2 was GWM's compact SUV offering in South Africa from 2017 to 2022, sitting as the entry-level Haval and a direct rival to the Hyundai Creta, Renault Duster and Suzuki Vitara of the same era. The H2 was a meaningful step up from the older H1 — larger, better equipped, and built on a more modern platform — but never reached the volume sales or quality refinement that the subsequent Jolion would achieve. 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. Two trim levels were offered in the final SA specification — 1.5T LS at R299,900 and 1.5T LT at R339,900. The LS included basic equipment — touchscreen infotainment, 4 airbags, ABS, manual air-conditioning,...



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 & On-Road Costs

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5T LS	Petrol	Automatic	Base	On Request
1.5T LT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	On Request

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS	● CONSIDERATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Most accessible Haval pricing during its production run ✓ DCT transmission was advanced for its segment at the time ✓ Standard touchscreen infotainment, climate control on LT, panoramic sunroof on LT ✓ Decent boot space for the compact SUV segment ✓ Aftermarket parts and service continues through GWM SA network ✓ Established Haval brand awareness in South Africa for first-time SUV buyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ DCT transmission had recurring low-speed hesitation issues that were never fully resolved ✗ Build quality varied through the production run, with early cars suffering from rattles... ✗ Safety equipment level below current segment expectations — only 4 airbags ✗ Cabin presentation feels dated compared to current Jolion equivalent ✗ Resale values dropped sharply at 5-year horizon versus established Korean and Japanese...

Expert Verdict

"An entry-level Chinese SUV from its era — competent for the price but superseded by the more refined Jolion. Now a budget used-buy option for cost-conscious SUV buyers."

The H2 served its purpose as Haval's entry SUV in South Africa for five years, but never developed the volume or quality consistency that the subsequent Jolion achieved. As a discontinued model, it offers value to budget buyers willing to accept its limitations, but more refined alternatives exist on the used market at similar prices.

City Driving	Functional in urban duty though limited by basic safety equipment by current standards. The DCT could feel hesitant in stop-start traffic. Light steering and decent visibility made daily city driving manageable for the price.
Highway	Highway capability was modest. Cruising at 120 km/h was possible but unrefined, with significant cabin noise. Fuel economy at highway speeds sat at 7.5–8.5 L/100 km.
Off-Road	Front-wheel-drive monocoque SUV — handled gravel and light off-road duty within reasonable limits but not designed for serious off-road work.
Best For	Entry-level compact SUV buyers in South Africa during 2017-2022 — first-time SUV buyers, young families and budget-conscious professionals who wanted SUV body styling and equipment at the most accessible Chinese-brand pricing.

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)	On Request	On Request
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic
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	—	—
Ground Clearance	175 mm	175 mm
Kerb Weight	—	—

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Gwm H2 — 1.5T LS

Price on Request

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 110 kW · 148 bhp	TORQUE 210 Nm · 155 lb-ft	ECONOMY 7.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L GW4G15A Turbocharged Petrol	Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged
Power	110 kW	Torque	210 Nm
Fuel Grade Required	Petrol	0–100 km/h	10.8 sec
Top Speed	175 km/h	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged
Engine Code	GW4G15A	Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	Automatic	Transmission	6-Speed DCT
Number of Gears	6	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive	Transmission Type	Automatic DCT
Final Drive Ratio	4.12:1	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	3.4
Clutch Type	Torque Converter DCT	LSD Available	Not Available
Differential Lock	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4290 mm
Width	1800 mm	Height	1645 mm
Wheelbase	2560 mm	Ground Clearance	175 mm
Gross Vehicle Weight	1800 kg	Front Track Width	1510 mm
Rear Track Width	1500 mm	Turning Radius	5.4 m

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	7.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	52 l
City Mileage	6.2 km/l	Highway Mileage	8.5 km/l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	0 l
Auto Start Stop	Not Available		—

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
Airbags	4	Safety Rating	4
Traction Control	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Child Safety Lock	Standard
ISOFIX Mounts	2 Rear ISOFIX	Brake Assist	Standard

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
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COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Service Plan	3 Years / 45,000 km	AC Type	Manual Air Conditioning
Power Windows	One-Touch Front and Rear	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Rear Window Defroster	Yes	Electric Mirror Folding	Electric Fold

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 1.5T LS full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Gwm H2 — 1.5T LT

Price on Request

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Top Speed	175 km/h	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged
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Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
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COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Service Plan	3 Years / 45,000 km	AC Type	Manual Air Conditioning
Climate Control	Yes	Sunroof	Yes
Power Windows	One-Touch Front and Rear	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 1.5T LT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.5T LS

→ 1.5T LT

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