



GWM

H7

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1999 cc ENGINE	185 kW POWER	195 mm CLEARANCE	8.5 L/100 FUEL ECON	5 seats SEATING
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ZAR 649,900 – 799,900
Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/gwm/h7/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The H7 is GWM's largest SUV sold in South Africa — a step up in size and presence from the H6, and pitched directly at family buyers who would otherwise consider a Toyota Fortuner, Ford Everest or Isuzu MU-X. Launched into the SA market in 2024, the H7 represents Haval's serious play in the body-on-frame family SUV segment that has dominated SA sales for over a decade. Unlike the hybrid H6, the H7 is petrol-only — a 2.0-litre turbocharged engine producing 170 kW and 380 Nm of torque. The choice of pure petrol over hybrid reflects what the segment expects: family SUV buyers in this category typically tow caravans, head into the bush, and prioritise refuelling speed over hybrid efficiency. The 2.0T petrol is paired with a 9-speed torque-converter automatic and full-time all-wheel drive across the range. Three variants are offered locally — 2.0T LS at R649,900, 2.0T LT at R719,900, and 2.0T LX at R799,900. All three are AWD with low-range capability, body-on-frame ladder chassis, and 195 mm of ground clearance. The chassis architecture is built for the kind...



Body Style	5-door 5-seat large monocoque SUV with full-time all-wheel drive. Dimensions: 4,705 mm length, 1,886 mm width, 1,725 mm height, 2,738 mm wheelbase. Boot capacity 620 litres seats-up.
Launched	2024
Generation	First generation, derived from Haval's larger SUV platform launched in 2023. Local specification differs from the Chinese-domestic model in suspension calibration and equipment loading.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Crystal White, Hamilton Black, Cosmos Grey, Pittsburgh Silver, Mars Red and Atlantic Blue. Two-tone roof options available on LT and LX trims.
OEM Website	https://www.haval.co.za/h7/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 649,900 – 799,900	3 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0T LS	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 649,900
2.0T LT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 719,900
2.0T LX	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 799,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.0T LS (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 668,698
Cape Town	ZAR 671,948
Durban	ZAR 666,299
Pretoria	ZAR 667,498

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS	● CONSIDERATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cabin equipment at LT and LX trims exceeds Fortuner and matches Everest at substantially... ✓ Full-time AWD with low-range standard across all variants — genuinely useful for SA... ✓ 9-speed automatic delivers smooth shifts and decent fuel economy for the size ✓ 14.6-inch infotainment screen, head-up display, ventilated seats on LT and LX ✓ Monocoque construction delivers car-like on-road refinement versus body-on-frame rivals ✓ 5-year/100,000 km warranty plus 5-year/75,000 km service plan included as standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Towing capacity of 2,000 kg lags Fortuner and Everest (both 3,500 kg) — relevant for... ✗ Monocoque construction less proven for serious off-road durability than body-on-frame... ✗ Petrol-only powertrain means higher fuel costs than diesel Fortuner/Everest on... ✗ 5-seat layout only — no 7-seat option in SA range despite segment expectation ✗ Residual values not yet established as recent model — projection lags Toyota Fortuner...

Expert Verdict

"A comfortable, equipment-rich large family SUV that prioritises on-road refinement over body-on-frame durability — best for families that don't need heavy towing or technical off-road capability."

The H7 is GWM's most ambitious push into the established family SUV segment in South Africa. The cabin equipment and on-road refinement are genuinely impressive at the price, and the value gap versus established Fortuner and Everest rivals is meaningful. The trade-off is body-on-frame credibility — the H7's monocoque construction delivers better daily comfort but lower towing capacity and less established off-road durability. Buyers should weigh their typical use case carefully.

City Driving	The H7 is large at 4,705 mm but the all-wheel-drive monocoque architecture delivers car-like driving manners. Light steering, sharp turning circle for the size, and 360-camera on LT and LX make it easier to park than its body-on-frame rivals. Visibility is good thanks to large windows and minimal blind spots.
Highway	Excellent at highway cruising. The 9-speed automatic keeps engine revs low at 120 km/h, real-world fuel economy sits at 8.5–9.5 L/100 km, and cabin noise is well-suppressed. Adaptive cruise with stop-go capability works well in motorway traffic. Strong overtaking response from the 2.0-litre turbo engine.
Off-Road	Full-time AWD with low-range transfer case and 195 mm ground clearance. Suitable for gravel roads, light off-road tracks and unsealed access routes. Not as capable as body-on-frame rivals (Fortuner, Everest) for serious off-road work due to monocoque construction. Towing capacity of 2,000 kg is less than 3,500 kg for the Toyota and Ford alternatives.
Best For	Large family SUV buyers in South Africa who want comfortable, equipment-rich daily duty without prioritising heavy towing or technical off-road capability. Suits families with school-age children, professionals with regular long-distance touring needs, and buyers upgrading from a Fortuner or Everest who value cabin refinement over body-on-frame durability.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Gwm H7 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.0T LS	2.0T LT	2.0T LX
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 649,900	ZAR 719,900	ZAR 799,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Top	Flagship
Engine	1999 cc (2.0L)	1999 cc (2.0L)	1999 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	150 kW (201 bhp)	165 kW (221 bhp)	185 kW (248 bhp)
Max Torque	380 Nm (280 lb-ft)	400 Nm (295 lb-ft)	420 Nm (310 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	8.5 km/l	8.5 km/l	8.5 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	620 L	620 L	620 L
Ground Clearance	195 mm	195 mm	195 mm
Kerb Weight	1830 kg	1830 kg	1830 kg

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

05 Gwm H7 — 2.0T LS

ZAR 649,900

ENGINE 1999 cc	POWER 150 kW · 201 bhp	TORQUE 380 Nm · 280 lb-ft	ECONOMY 8.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.0L GW4C20D Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4C20D
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1999 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	82.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	Automatic	Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	Number of Gears	8
Paddle Shifters	Yes	Drive Type	AWD
Drivetrain	All Wheel Drive	Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine All Wheel Drive
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.42
LSD Available	No	Clutch Type	Torque Converter

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4772 mm
Width	1910 mm	Height	1750 mm
Wheelbase	2800 mm	Ground Clearance	195 mm
Kerb Weight	1830 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l
Boot Space	620 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l	Claimed Mileage	8.5 km/l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
City Mileage	8.0 km/l	Highway Mileage	6.8 km/l
Average Fuel Consumption	7.5	Real-world Mileage	7.5 km/l
Claimed Fuel Consumption	8.5 l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Good l/100km
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
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TCS	Yes	BA	Yes
EBD	Yes	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Alarm System	Yes	Front Parking Sensors	Yes
AEB	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
Fuel Consumption Combined	8.5	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Hill Start Assist	Yes	Spare Wheel	Yes
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 100,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 75,000 km
Multi Function Steering	Yes	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes

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

→ [See 2.0T LS full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 Gwm H7 — 2.0T LT

ZAR 719,900

ENGINE 1999 cc	POWER 165 kW · 221 bhp	TORQUE 400 Nm · 295 lb-ft	ECONOMY 8.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.0L GW4C20D Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4C20D
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1999 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	82.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	Automatic	Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	Number of Gears	8
Paddle Shifters	Yes	Drive Type	AWD
Drivetrain	All Wheel Drive	Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine All Wheel Drive
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.42
LSD Available	No	Clutch Type	Torque Converter

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4772 mm
Width	1910 mm	Height	1750 mm
Wheelbase	2800 mm	Ground Clearance	195 mm
Kerb Weight	1830 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l
Boot Space	620 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l	Claimed Mileage	8.5 km/l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
City Mileage	8.0 km/l	Highway Mileage	6.8 km/l
Average Fuel Consumption	7.5	Real-world Mileage	7.5 km/l
Claimed Fuel Consumption	8.5 l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Good l/100km
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
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TCS	Yes	BA	Yes
EBD	Yes	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Alarm System	Yes	Front Parking Sensors	Yes
AEB	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
Fuel Consumption Combined	8.5	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Hill Start Assist	Yes	Spare Wheel	Yes
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 100,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 75,000 km
Multi Function Steering	Yes	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes

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07 Gwm H7 — 2.0T LX

ZAR 799,900

ENGINE 1999 cc	POWER 185 kW · 248 bhp	TORQUE 420 Nm · 310 lb-ft	ECONOMY 8.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.0L GW4C20D Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4C20D
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1999 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	82.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	Automatic	Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	Number of Gears	8
Paddle Shifters	Yes	Drive Type	AWD
Drivetrain	All Wheel Drive	Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine All Wheel Drive
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.42
LSD Available	No	Clutch Type	Torque Converter

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4772 mm
Width	1910 mm	Height	1750 mm
Wheelbase	2800 mm	Ground Clearance	195 mm
Kerb Weight	1830 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l
Boot Space	620 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	63 l	Claimed Mileage	8.5 km/l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
City Mileage	8.0 km/l	Highway Mileage	6.8 km/l
Average Fuel Consumption	7.5	Real-world Mileage	7.5 km/l
Claimed Fuel Consumption	8.5 l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Good l/100km
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Distance To Empty	Yes

SAFETY

ABS	Yes	Electronic Stability Control	Yes
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TCS	Yes	BA	Yes
EBD	Yes	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Alarm System	Yes	Front Parking Sensors	Yes
AEB	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
Fuel Consumption Combined	8.5	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Hill Start Assist	Yes	Spare Wheel	Yes
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 100,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 75,000 km
Multi Function Steering	Yes	Keyless Entry	Yes
Push Button Start	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes

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

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→ 2.0T LS — ZAR 649,900

→ 2.0T LT — ZAR 719,900

→ 2.0T LX — ZAR 799,900

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