

GWM

H1

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1497 cc	78 kW	160 mm	7.0 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 229,900
Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	1 Variants	1 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Powertrain was a 1.5-litre naturally-aspirated petrol producing 78 kW and 138 Nm, paired with a 6-speed CVT or a 5-speed manual. The engine was sourced from an older Great Wall design and offered adequate but not class-leading performance — 0-100 km/h took approximately 13.5 seconds, and real-world fuel economy sat at 7.5-8.5 L/100 km in mixed driving. Single variant offered in SA — 1.5 LS at R229,900 in final 2019 pricing. The H1 sat at a price point that competed directly with the Suzuki S-Presso, Renault Kwid and Datsun GO of its era — small, basic, affordable urban transport. For buyers needing SUV-style body presence at the most accessible price point, the H1 delivered. Used prices range from approximately R75,000 for early high-mileage examples to R130,000 for low-mileage late models. The H1 remains a reasonable option for the budget-constrained first-time buyer who needs basic transport with some elevated driving position, though aftermarket parts availability is beginning to lengthen for older variants. Single 1.5-litre naturally-aspirated petrol engine producing 78 kW and 138 Nm. Single variant — 1.5 LS at R229,900 (basic…



Body Style	5-door sub-compact SUV with front-wheel drive. Dimensions: 4,002 mm length, 1,720 mm width, 1,567 mm height, 2,450 mm wheelbase.
Launched	2015
Generation	Single generation in South Africa from 2015-2019. The H1 was based on an older Great Wall platform and was discontinued without a direct successor.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Crystal White, Pittsburgh Silver, Lava Black, Mars Red and Sun Set Yellow through the model life.
OEM Website	https://www.haval.co.za/h1/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	ZAR 229,900	1 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 LS	Petrol	Automatic	Base	**ZAR 229,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 78 kW @ 6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: CVT
- ✓ Gearbox: 6-Speed CVT

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for H1 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for H1 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written H1 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate H1 budget.
- ✗ A short H1 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ H1 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 4,002 mm length and 1,567 mm height were modest by SUV standards but tall enough to give the elevated driving position that many buyers preferred. H1 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in an SUV body and accept the limitation represented by a power output of 78 kW @ 6000 rpm. A fair review of H1 should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a Front Wheel Drive drivetrain, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed ground clearance of 160 can be valuable for the right driver for H1. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for H1. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for H1

City Driving	As the smallest Haval ever sold locally, the H1 was positioned as an entry-level sub-compact SUV — a step up from a typical city hatchback but well below conventional compact SUVs in size and equipment. Around town, H1 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a CVT transmission becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a 6-Speed CVT transmission is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	Sustained 120 km/h cruising was achievable but unrefined, with significant cabin noise and slow overtaking response. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the H1 out with the load it normally carries. Petrol power gives context, but a number cannot show how engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol feels on a gradient
Off-Road	The 160 mm ground clearance handled SA city potholes without drama. If the H1 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a 6-Speed CVT transmission against the stated drivetrain. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for H1. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for H1. A listed ground clearance of 160 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for H1. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for H1

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Best For	A shopper researching H1 should separate need from showroom appeal. The best buyer for H1 can describe a recurring reason for choosing its suv layout. That may be the space for a family, the access needed for work or the cost of keeping a second vehicle for H1. Start with passengers, cargo, parking, monthly kilometres and road surface for H1. Then compare a CVT transmission and a 6-Speed CVT transmission with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment for H1

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the GWM H1 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 LS
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 229,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	CVT
Trim Level	Base
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	78 kW (105 bhp)
Max Torque	135 Nm (100 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD
Fuel Economy	7.0 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	450 L
Ground Clearance	160 mm
Kerb Weight	1650 kg

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

05 GWM H1 — 1.5 LS ZAR 229,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1497 cc	78 kW · 105 bhp	135 Nm · 100 lb-ft	7.0 km/l	Petrol CVT

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	GW4G15
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	73.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive	Engine Position	Transverse Front-Mounted
Gearbox	6-Speed CVT	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
LSD Available	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
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	4002 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1567 mm	Wheelbase	2450 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	160 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l	Boot/Cargo Space	450 l
Kerb Weight	1650 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1770 kg
Payload Capacity	550 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Emission Standard	Euro 5	Claimed Mileage	7.0 km/l
City Mileage	6.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	8.2 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 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	42	Real-world Mileage	13.3 km/l

SAFETY

Airbags	4	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	AEB	Yes
Speed Alert System	Standard	Side Airbags	Yes
Stability Control	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Standard
Central Locking	Remote Central Locking	Alarm System	Not Available
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	Front and Rear	Keyless Entry	Not Available
Push Button Start	Not Available	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 1.5 LS full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.5 LS — ZAR 229,900 (last listed)

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