



GWM

Jolion

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1497 cc

ENGINE

115 kW

POWER

190 mm

CLEARANCE

5.6 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 409,900 – 519,900


Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Haval Jolion has become Chinese-brand-SUV's most successful product in South Africa. Since its 2021 launch, the Jolion has consistently appeared in monthly top-20 sales tables — a position that no other Chinese SUV has matched at sustained volume. The reason is straightforward: the Jolion gets the basics right, prices itself sharply, and has a dealer network that genuinely supports it. For South African buyers comparing compact SUVs in the R400,000–R550,000 bracket, the Jolion has earned its place on the shortlist alongside the Hyundai Creta, KIA Seltos, Toyota Corolla Cross and Volkswagen T-Cross. The product brief is unambiguous. Front-wheel-drive, monocoque, 5-door compact crossover with seating for five and a 340-litre boot. The platform is shared with several other Haval SUVs across GWM's range, and the underpinnings are competent rather than exciting. Suspension is MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link independent rear — the same architecture used by most rivals in the segment. The chassis is tuned for comfort over outright sharpness, which is the right call for a family SUV. Powertrain choices are the Jolion's interesting differentiation. The petrol-only...



Body Style 5-door monocoque compact SUV with front-wheel drive. Dimensions: 4,472 mm length, 1,841 mm width, 1,628 mm height, 2,700 mm wheelbase. Boot capacity 340 litres with rear seats up; 1,133 litres with rear seats folded.

Launched 2021

Generation Jolion sold in South Africa is the first generation under the Jolion nameplate, derived from Haval's L.E.M.O.N. modular platform launched in 2020. Local specification differs from the Chinese-domestic version in suspension calibration (slightly softer for SA road conditions), cabin material grades (higher) and infotainment software localisation.

Fuel Types Petrol, Hybrid

Colours Hamilton White, Crystal White, Pittsburgh Silver, Mars Red, Atlantic Blue and Dignity Black. Some colours are limited to specific trim levels and availability changes annually.

OEM Website <https://www.haval.co.za/jolion/>

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 409,900 – 519,900			4 Variants Available
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5T LS DCT	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 409,900
1.5T LT DCT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 449,900
1.5T Hybrid LS	Hybrid	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 479,900

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5T Hybrid LT	Hybrid	Automatic	Top	ZAR 519,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5T LS DCT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 425,818
Cape Town	ZAR 428,348
Durban	ZAR 423,899
Pretoria	ZAR 424,858

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Hybrid variants priced uniquely in South Africa — no direct rival at sub-R520,000 with...
- ✓ 10.25-inch (LS) or 12.3-inch (LT) touchscreen with wireless CarPlay/Android Auto standard
- ✓ Comprehensive standard safety kit including 6 airbags and AEB across the entire range
- ✓ 5-year/100,000 km warranty and 5-year/75,000 km service plan included as standard
- ✓ Hybrid battery covered for 8 years/180,000 km — leading the segment for warranty duration
- ✓ Mature South African dealer network supports the model with parts and service confidence

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ 7-speed DCT in petrol variants can occasionally feel hesitant in stop-start traffic at...
- ✗ Residual values still trail Hyundai Creta and KIA Seltos by R30,000–R45,000 over a 3-year...
- ✗ Lane-keep assist can be over-eager on poorly-marked rural roads and frequently disabled...
- ✗ Front-wheel-drive only — no AWD option for buyers wanting all-weather capability
- ✗ Ride quality on 18-inch alloys (LT) can feel busier than rivals on broken urban surfaces

Expert Verdict

"The Jolion is South Africa's most established Chinese-brand SUV — the hybrid variant in particular has no direct rival at its price point, and the equipment-per-rand story is now backed by maturing residual values."

The Haval Jolion has earned its position in the South African compact SUV segment through consistent execution rather than dramatic innovation. The petrol variants offer Hyundai Creta-style competence at lower prices; the hybrid variants offer Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid technology at R30,000 less. Equipment levels across the range are strong, the dealer network supports the model well in metros, and the warranty package is industry-leading. The residual gap to Korean rivals has narrowed to a manageable level. For most compact SUV buyers, the Jolion deserves a serious test drive.

City Driving	In typical city driving across Sandton, Cape Town CBD, Durban or Pretoria, the Jolion is comfortable, easy to manoeuvre and easy to park. Light steering, sharp turning circle of 11.0 metres, good visibility forward and rearward. Hybrid variant is particularly strong in stop-start traffic where the electric motor handles low-speed crawling and the engine cuts in only when needed.
Highway	On long-distance highway cruising, the petrol DCT variants return around 6.5 L/100 km at a steady 120 km/h. The hybrid returns 5.0–5.5 L/100 km on the same route. Both powertrains have enough overtaking torque for the kind of N1 and N3 climbs that characterise long-distance South African driving. The DCT can occasionally hunt for gears on undulating gradients but the hybrid is consistently smooth.
Off-Road	The Jolion is a front-wheel-drive monocoque crossover with 190 mm of ground clearance — it handles gravel district roads, light tracks and uneven surfaces well within reasonable limits. It is not designed for serious off-road work. For buyers needing genuine off-road capability, the Tank 300 elsewhere in the GWM range is the proper choice.

Best For

Compact SUV buyers in South Africa who want strong equipment for the money and are willing to consider non-Japanese, non-Korean brands. Suits families, young professionals and first-time SUV buyers. Particularly attractive to buyers who prioritise fuel economy (hybrid) or who want premium kit at sub-R500,000 pricing (LT trims).

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Gwm Jolion side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5T LS DCT	1.5T LT DCT	1.5T Hybrid LS	1.5T Hybrid LT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 409,900	ZAR 449,900	ZAR 479,900	ZAR 519,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Hybrid	Hybrid
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Mid	Top
Engine	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	105 kW (141 bhp)	105 kW (141 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)
Max Torque	220 Nm (162 lb-ft)	220 Nm (162 lb-ft)	250 Nm (184 lb-ft)	250 Nm (184 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	6.8 km/l	6.8 km/l	5.6 km/l	5.6 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	340 L	340 L	340 L	340 L
Ground Clearance	190 mm	190 mm	190 mm	190 mm
Kerb Weight	1500 kg	1500 kg	1500 kg	1500 kg

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

05 Gwm Jolion — 1.5T LS DCT

ZAR 409,900

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 105 kW · 141 bhp	TORQUE 220 Nm · 162 lb-ft	ECONOMY 6.8 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L GW4B15A Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4B15A
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1497 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	72.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine Front Wheel Drive	Transmission	Automatic
Transmission Type	Automatic	Transmission	7-Speed DCT
Number of Gears	7	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.73
LSD Available	No	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4472 mm
Width	1841 mm	Height	1628 mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm	Ground Clearance	190 mm
Kerb Weight	1500 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Boot Space	340 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Claimed Mileage	6.8 km/l	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	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
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	Seatbelt Reminder	Yes
Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes	Automatic Headlamps	Yes
Rear Defogger	Yes	Power Windows	Yes

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

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

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Gwm Jolion — 1.5T LT DCT

ZAR 449,900

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 105 kW · 141 bhp	TORQUE 220 Nm · 162 lb-ft	ECONOMY 6.8 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L GW4B15A Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4B15A
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1497 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	72.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine Front Wheel Drive	Transmission	Automatic
Transmission Type	Automatic	Transmission	7-Speed DCT
Number of Gears	7	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.73
LSD Available	No	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4472 mm
Width	1841 mm	Height	1628 mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm	Ground Clearance	190 mm
Kerb Weight	1500 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Boot Space	340 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Claimed Mileage	6.8 km/l	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	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
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	Seatbelt Reminder	Yes
Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes	Automatic Headlamps	Yes
Rear Defogger	Yes	Power Windows	Yes

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

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07 Gwm Jolion — 1.5T Hybrid LS

ZAR 479,900

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 250 Nm · 184 lb-ft	ECONOMY 5.6 km/l	FUEL Hybrid Automatic
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Mid Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L GW4B15A + Electric Motor Hybrid	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4B15A
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1497 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	72.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine Front Wheel Drive	Transmission	Automatic
Transmission Type	Automatic	Transmission	DHT Hybrid Transmission
Number of Gears	2	Paddle Shifters	No
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.73
LSD Available	No	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4472 mm
Width	1841 mm	Height	1628 mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm	Ground Clearance	190 mm
Kerb Weight	1500 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Boot Space	340 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Claimed Mileage	5.6 km/l	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	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
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	Seatbelt Reminder	Yes
Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes	Automatic Headlamps	Yes
Rear Defogger	Yes	Power Windows	Yes

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

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08 Gwm Jolion — 1.5T Hybrid LT

ZAR 519,900

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 250 Nm · 184 lb-ft	ECONOMY 5.6 km/l	FUEL Hybrid Automatic
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Top Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L GW4B15A + Electric Motor Hybrid	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged Petrol
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Turbocharged	Engine Code	GW4B15A
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	1497 cc
Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged	Turbocharger	Yes
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Cylinder Bore	72.5 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain	Front Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine Front Wheel Drive	Transmission	Automatic
Transmission Type	Automatic	Transmission	DHT Hybrid Transmission
Number of Gears	2	Paddle Shifters	No
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	14.7:1	Final Drive Ratio	3.73
LSD Available	No	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Number of Doors	5	Seats	5
Seating Capacity	5	Length	4472 mm
Width	1841 mm	Height	1628 mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm	Ground Clearance	190 mm
Kerb Weight	1500 kg	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Boot Space	340 l	Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Claimed Mileage	5.6 km/l	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	Driver Airbag	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
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	Seatbelt Reminder	Yes
Seatbelt Pre Tensioner	Yes	Automatic Headlamps	Yes
Rear Defogger	Yes	Power Windows	Yes

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

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

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→ 1.5T LT DCT — ZAR 449,900

→ 1.5T Hybrid LS — ZAR 479,900

→ 1.5T Hybrid LT — ZAR 519,900

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