

GWM

Tank 500

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2999 cc	340 kW	224 mm	40 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 1,149,900
Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

First generation Tank 500, launched globally in 2023 and brought to South Africa in 2025. A proper look at the Tank 500 begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, engine of 3-litre Twin Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid sits beside a power output of 340 kW @ 5500 rpm, while a 9-Speed Automatic transmission sets a practical boundary. The Tank 500 has a clearer South African buying case when its suv shape is connected to the work it must do. The useful starting points are Petrol power and a South African price reference of R1,149,900; together they explain more than a badge or a screen size. The Tank 500 is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a 9-Speed Automatic transmission, a 9-Speed Automatic transmission and a All Wheel Drive (Hi4-T Hybrid) drivetrain. For a buyer searching the Tank 500 price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. An SUV body describes the opportunity; Petrol power and a South African…



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2025
Generation	First generation Tank 500, launched globally in 2023 and brought to South Africa in 2025. Local specification leans toward maximum equipment loading and softer suspension calibration versus the Chinese-domestic version.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Crystal White, Hamilton Black, Pittsburgh Silver, Cosmos Grey, Atlantic Blue and Adventure Olive Green. Two-tone roof options available with selected base colours.
OEM Website	https://www.gwm.co.za/tank/tank-500/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,149,900	1 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
3.0T Hi4-T Luxury	Plug-In Hybrid	Automatic	Flagship	**ZAR 1,149,900**

Estimated On-Road Price — 3.0T Hi4-T Luxury (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 1,174,698**
Cape Town	**ZAR 1,179,448**
Durban	**ZAR 1,171,299**
Pretoria	**ZAR 1,172,998**

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

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03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R1,149,900
- ✓ Engine: 3-litre Twin Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid
- ✓ Power output: 340 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 9-Speed Automatic

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Tank 500 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Tank 500 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Tank 500 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Tank 500 budget.
- ✗ A short Tank 500 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Tank 500 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Hagalu Editorial Verdict

> *"Tank 500 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

Ownership and cabin detail is not just a brochure exercise: infotainment screen references around Yes; airbag coverage around 8; warranty cover listed as 5 Years / 100,000 km; service or maintenance cover listed as 5 Years / 75,000 km, and trim-by-trim equipment still matters when comparing monthly cost. Tank 500 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in engine of 3-litre Twin Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid and accept the limitation represented by a 9-Speed Automatic transmission

City Driving	In South African use, the Tank 500 has to deal with short urban trips, hot-weather highway running, rougher suburban surfaces and the cost discipline that comes with finance, insurance and tyres. Around town, Tank 500 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a All Wheel Drive (Hi4-T Hybrid) drivetrain becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a AWD drivetrain is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Tank 500 out with the load it normally carries. A power output of 340 kW @ 5500 rpm gives context, but a number cannot show how a 9-Speed Automatic transmission feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the Tank 500 needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Check how it tracks on uneven tar, how the transmission responds after a downshift and whether the boot or load area remains usable for Tank 500. A 9-Speed Automatic transmission helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for Tank 500
Off-Road	If the Tank 500 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for Tank 500. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for Tank 500. A power output of 340 kW @ 5500 rpm may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for Tank 500. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for Tank 500

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Best For	The GWM Tank 500 is a current South African SUV positioned for families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. A shopper researching Tank 500 should separate need from showroom appeal. If engine of 3-litre Twin Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the GWM Tank 500 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	3.0T Hi4-T Luxury
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 1,149,900**
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid
Transmission	9-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Flagship
Engine	2999 cc (3.0L)
Max Power	340 kW (456 bhp)
Max Torque	750 Nm (553 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD
Fuel Economy	40 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	580 L
Ground Clearance	224 mm
Kerb Weight	2680 kg

→ **Compare these variants on hagalu.com** (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

05 GWM Tank 500 — 3.0T Hi4-T Luxury ZAR 1,149,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2999 cc	340 kW · 456 bhp	750 Nm · 553 lb-ft	40 km/l	Plug-in Hybrid 9-Speed Automatic

Flagship Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	3-litre Twin Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid	Engine Code	GW4C30D
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Hybrid System	Plug-in Hybrid
Engine Displacement	2999 cc	Cylinders	6
Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves	24
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Twin Turbocharged
Fuel System	Direct Injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	LSD Available	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Reverse Gear Warning	Yes	Clutch Type	Torque Converter
Differential Lock	Yes	Drive Mode Selector	4WD/off-road drive mode support
Drivetrain	All Wheel Drive (Hi4-T Hybrid)	Drivetrain Layout	Front Engine All Wheel Drive
Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Engine Position	Front Transverse

DIMENSIONS

Length	5060 mm	Width	1996 mm
Height	1905 mm	Wheelbase	2950 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	224 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	204 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	80 l	Boot/Cargo Space	580 l
Kerb Weight	2680 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3200 kg
Payload Capacity	855 kg	Towing Capacity	3000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
City Mileage	28.6 km/l	Highway Mileage	47.6 km/l
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Combined Driving Range	135	Auto Start Stop	Yes
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Real-world Mileage	7.5 km/l

SAFETY

Stability Control	Yes	Curtain Airbags	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Alarm System	Yes
Pedestrian Detection AEB	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Driver Airbag	Yes
Driver Front Passenger Airbags	8	Driver Passenger Airbags	8
EBD	Yes	Anti Theft Alarm	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Steering Mounted Controls	Yes	AC Type	Tri-Zone Climate Control
Accelerator 0 100	340 sec	12V Accessory Socket	Yes
Active Safety Alert	Yes	Adaptive Dampers	Yes
Aero Kit	No	Air Conditioning	Yes
Ambient Light Zones	Multi-zone	Auto Dimming Irvm	Yes
Auto Dimming Mirror	Yes	Automatic Headlamps	Yes

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

→ See 3.0T Hi4-T Luxury full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 3.0T Hi4-T Luxury — ZAR 1,149,900

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