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Elevate

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1498 cc

ENGINE

119 kW

POWER

220 mm

CLEARANCE

16.0 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 369,900 – 399,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/honda/elevate/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Honda Elevate is a current South African SUV positioned for families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is represented locally by 2 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R369 900 to R399 900, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. That makes it useful to read the range as a real buying ladder, not just as one badge on a showroom menu. The South African range uses Petrol power with Manual and Automatic choices. Available engine references include 1.5L i-VTEC Petrol. The published output picture lists power figures around 119 kW and torque figures around 145 Nm. Drivetrain coverage includes 4x2, which is important when separating daily commuter trims from rough-road or load-focused derivatives. The derivative walk is central to the buying decision. Confirmed local versions include 1.5 Comfort Manual and 1.5 Elegance CVT. The lower grades make sense for buyers who want the body style and warranty position at the lowest realistic monthly cost, while the higher grades are aimed at shoppers who...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2023
Generation	Built on Honda's latest compact SUV platform with improved safety and structural strength
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Silver, Grey, Blue, Red, Black
OEM Website	https://www.honda.co.za/cars/elevate

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 369,900 – 399,900	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 Comfort Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 369,900
1.5 Elegance CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 399,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 Comfort Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 385,338
Cape Town	ZAR 387,748
Durban	ZAR 383,499
Pretoria	ZAR 384,418

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

<p>● STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clear local range structure ✓ Confirmed South African variant coverage ✓ Useful price ladder for comparison ✓ Powertrain choices documented by derivative ✓ Practical body format for its segment ✓ Ownership cover can be compared by trim 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Best value depends heavily on trim choice ✗ Upper grades need careful price justification ✗ Some equipment can vary by derivative ✗ Real-world fuel use depends on load and route ✗ Tyre and insurance costs should be checked ✗ Not every version suits rough-road work
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Expert Verdict

"Honda Elevate is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real SUV use case."

The Honda Elevate is not a one-line recommendation; it is a range that needs to be matched carefully to the buyer. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R369 900 to R399 900, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. The sensible approach is to start with body style and seating or load requirements, then choose the variant whose price, transmission, drivetrain and equipment fit the weekly routine. That keeps the decision grounded in ownership reality rather than showroom appeal. The fairest verdict on the Honda Elevate is therefore use-case driven. It can be a strong South African choice when the buyer chooses the correct derivative for the intended mix of city driving, freeway work, passengers, cargo and rough-road exposure. It becomes less convincing when bought only for styling or badge appeal without checking the practical numbers and ownership costs that will matter after delivery.

City Driving	In city use the Elevate should be judged by visibility, parking effort, stop-start comfort and the way the available transmissions behave in traffic. An SUV with a sensible seating position can make daily errands easier, but buyers should still check wheel size, camera availability and low-speed ride comfort on the exact derivative they intend to buy. For the Elevate, city use also means potholes, tight shopping-centre ramps, speed humps, heat-soaked traffic and short trips where fuel use can rise. The most comfortable derivative is the one that combines the right gearbox response, seating position and parking support with tyre sizes that do not punish everyday surfaces.
Highway	On longer South African routes the Elevate needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Published consumption references around 6.1 l/100km and 6.2 help frame running costs, while output references around 119 kW help explain overtaking confidence. Buyers who travel with passengers or cargo should compare the loaded feel and not rely only on solo test-drive impressions. A buyer who drives between provinces or carries family on holiday should also consider noise, seat support, spare-wheel arrangements, overtaking response and how confidently the vehicle holds speed when loaded. Those details often separate two trims that look similar on paper.

Off-Road

For gravel roads, farms, construction sites or holiday routes, choose the Elevate derivative with the correct drivetrain and tyre package rather than assuming the body shape alone is enough. Ground-clearance references around 220 mm add context. Two-wheel-drive versions can still be useful on poor surfaces, but serious off-road work belongs to derivatives with the proper traction hardware and underbody tolerance. Where rougher roads are part of ownership, the buyer should check tyres, underbody clearance, approach to traction control and recovery practicality before relying on the body style. If the route is mainly tar, comfort and running costs should take priority over unused off-road image.

Best For

The Honda Elevate suits families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is strongest for buyers who already know the body format works for their parking, family, business or leisure needs, and who now need to choose the right derivative by monthly cost, transmission, equipment and practical capability. It is less suited to shoppers who only want the lowest advertised price without checking what changes between trims.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Honda Elevate side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 Comfort Manual	1.5 Elegance CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 369,900	ZAR 399,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	119 kW (160 bhp)	119 kW (160 bhp)
Max Torque	145 Nm (107 lb-ft)	145 Nm (107 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	4x2	4x2
Fuel Economy	16.5 km/l	16.0 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	458 L	458 L
Ground Clearance	220 mm	220 mm
Kerb Weight	1200 kg	1240 kg

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

05 Honda Elevate — 1.5 Comfort Manual

ZAR 369,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 119 kW · 160 bhp	TORQUE 145 Nm · 107 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol Manual
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Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Fuel System	Multi-Point Fuel Injection	Acceleration 0 100	11.5 sec
Engine Valves	4	Engine Torque Nm	145 Nm
Engine Power kW	119 kW	Engine Displacement Cc	1498
Engine Cylinders	4	Engine Config	1.5L i-VTEC Petrol
Combined System Power	Not Available	Combined System Torque	Not Available
Turbo Type	Not Applicable	Torque Nm Rpm	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range	Not Applicable	Drivetrain	4x2
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Transmission	Manual
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Axle Layout	4x2	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable
Gearbox Type	6-Speed Manual	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Width Mm	1790 mm	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Max Payload	Not Applicable kg
Number of Doors	5	Boot Space Seats Folded	458 l
Rear Shoulder Room	Not Applicable mm	Front Shoulder Room	Not Applicable mm
Rear Headroom	Not Applicable mm	Front Headroom	Not Applicable mm
Rear Legroom	Not Applicable mm	Front Legroom	Not Applicable mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Wltp	Not Applicable km	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Electric Consumption	Not Applicable	Average Fuel Consumption	6.1
AC Charging Power	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Combined Consumption L 100km	6.1 l/100km

SAFETY

Alarm System	Standard	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Standard
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ABS EBD	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	2	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Manual Aircon	Manual	Climate Control	Manual
Power Windows	All Doors	Keyless Entry	Remote Key
Push Button Start	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard
Sunroof	Electric Sunroof	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Automatic Headlamps	LED Reflector	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Manual	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available

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

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

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06 Honda Elevate — 1.5 Elegance CVT

ZAR 399,900

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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Fuel System	Multi-Point Fuel Injection	Acceleration 0 100	12.5 sec
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4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Transmission	Automatic
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Axle Layout	4x2	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable
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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Wltp	Not Applicable km	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Electric Consumption	Not Applicable	Average Fuel Consumption	6.2
AC Charging Power	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Charging Time AC Full	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Combined Consumption L 100km	6.2 l/100km

SAFETY

Alarm System	Standard	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Standard
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ABS EBD	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Manual Aircon	Automatic Climate Control	Climate Control	Automatic Climate Control
Power Windows	All Doors Auto	Keyless Entry	Smart Key
Push Button Start	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard
Sunroof	Electric Sunroof	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Automatic Headlamps	LED Projector	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Automatic Climate Control	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available

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→ [See 1.5 Elegance CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#) [Compare with rivals →](#)

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.5 Comfort Manual — ZAR 369,900

→ 1.5 Elegance CVT — ZAR 399,900

Live Prices & On-Road Costs — Honda Elevate

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