

HYUNDAI

H1

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2497 cc	125 kW	185 mm	11.8 km/l	9 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 899,900 – 958,900

Last Listed Price Range

https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/hyundai/h1/

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Second generation H1 launched in SA in 2008; periodic infotainment and feature updates have been applied but the platform is long-standing. Second generation H1 based on a proven commercial-derived platform; the architecture prioritises durability and packaging over dynamics. Executive (nine-seat well-equipped) and Premium (top spec with additional comfort features); both serve as practical people-movers. Dual-zone climate control, touchscreen infotainment with CarPlay on upper trim, nine-seat configuration with practical layout, reasonable boot access. Large families, airport shuttle operators, fleet buyers, churches, small businesses requiring a diesel nine-seater. For a buyer searching the H1 price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. An MPV body describes the opportunity; Diesel power and engine of 2.5-litre Turbocharged Diesel describe the conditions around it. The H1 is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a 5-speed Automatic transmission, a rear-wheel drive drivetrain and towing capacity of 2500. For this South African mpv, the owner should weigh a power output of 125 kW @ 3600 rpm against the route, load…



Body Style	MPV
Launched	2008
Generation	Second generation H1 based on a proven commercial-derived platform; the architecture prioritises durability and packaging over dynamics
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	White, Silver, Black, Grey
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	ZAR 899,900 – 958,900	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.5 CRDi Executive	Diesel	5-Speed Automatic	Executive	**ZAR 899,900 (last listed)**
2.5 CRDi Premium	Diesel	5-Speed Automatic	Premium	**ZAR 958,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: MPV
- ✓ Fuel type: Diesel
- ✓ Engine: 2.5-litre Turbocharged Diesel
- ✓ Power output: 125 kW @ 3600 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Automatic
- ✓ Gearbox: 5-speed Automatic

● 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."*

Market positioning places the H1 as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. H1 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in an MPV body and accept the limitation represented by a power output of 125 kW @ 3600 rpm. A fair review of H1 should end with the owner’s route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a rear-wheel drive drivetrain, towing capacity of 2500 and a listed ground clearance of 185 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	Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Around town, H1 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a 5-Speed Automatic transmission becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a 5-speed Automatic transmission 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 H1 out with the load it normally carries. Diesel power gives context, but a number cannot show how engine of 2.5-litre Turbocharged Diesel feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the H1 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 H1. The 2008 model year helps frame the vehicle’s intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for H1

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Off-Road	If the H1 will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a 5-speed Automatic 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 185 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor diesel 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
Best For	The H1 represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. A shopper researching H1 should separate need from showroom appeal. If an MPV body solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Hyundai H1 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.5 CRDi Executive	2.5 CRDi Premium
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 899,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 958,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	5-Speed Automatic	5-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Executive	Premium
Engine	2497 cc (2.5L)	2497 cc (2.5L)
Max Power	125 kW (168 bhp)	125 kW (168 bhp)
Max Torque	441 Nm (325 lb-ft)	441 Nm (325 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	RWD
Fuel Economy	11.8 km/l	11.8 km/l
Seating	9	9
Boot Space	820 L	820 L
Ground Clearance	185 mm	185 mm
Kerb Weight	2220 kg	2245 kg

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

05 Hyundai H1 — 2.5 CRDi Executive

ZAR 899,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2497 cc	125 kW · 168 bhp	441 Nm · 325 lb-ft	11.8 km/l	Diesel 5-Speed Automatic

Executive Trim · Diesel · 5-Speed Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.5-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	D4CB
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	17.5:1	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed
Number of Gears	5	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	5-speed Automatic	Drivetrain Layout	RWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	5125 mm	Width	1920 mm
Height	1925 mm	Wheelbase	3200 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	75 l	Boot/Cargo Space	820 l
Kerb Weight	2220 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3030 kg
Payload Capacity	810 kg	Towing Capacity	2500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	9.5 km/l	Claimed Mileage	11.8 km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	Not Officially Disclosed km/l	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Distance To Empty	Yes	Fuel Tank Litres	75
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes	Stability Control	Yes

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Driver Airbag	Yes	Alarm System	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Yes
Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes	Hill Hold	Yes
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Officially Disclosed	Side Airbags	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Fatigue Detection	No

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Climate Zones	2	Wireless Charger	No
Rear Reading Lamps	Yes	Door Ajar Warning	Yes
Spare Wheel	Steel	Push Button Start	No
Headlamp Washer	No	Electric Folding Mirrors	Yes
Engine Check Warning	Yes	Power Mirrors	Yes

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 2.5 CRDi Executive full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Hyundai H1 — 2.5 CRDi Premium

ZAR 958,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2497 cc	125 kW · 168 bhp	441 Nm · 325 lb-ft	11.8 km/l	Diesel 5-Speed Automatic

Premium Trim · Diesel · 5-Speed Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.5-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	D4CB
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2497 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	17.5:1	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed
Number of Gears	5	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	5-speed Automatic	Drivetrain Layout	RWD
LSD Available	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	5125 mm	Width	1920 mm
Height	1925 mm	Wheelbase	3200 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	75 l	Boot/Cargo Space	820 l
Kerb Weight	2245 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3030 kg
Payload Capacity	785 kg	Towing Capacity	2500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	9.5 km/l	Claimed Mileage	11.8 km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	Not Officially Disclosed km/l	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Distance To Empty	Yes	Fuel Tank Litres	75
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l	Emission Standard	Euro 6

SAFETY

Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes	Stability Control	Yes

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Driver Airbag	Yes	Alarm System	Yes
Central Locking	Yes	Side Impact Beams	Yes
Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes	Hill Hold	Yes
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Officially Disclosed	Side Airbags	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Fatigue Detection	No

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Climate Zones	2	Wireless Charger	Yes
Rear Reading Lamps	Yes	Door Ajar Warning	Yes
Spare Wheel	Steel	Push Button Start	No
Headlamp Washer	No	Electric Folding Mirrors	Yes
Engine Check Warning	Yes	Power Mirrors	Yes

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 2.5 CRDi Premium full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 2.5 CRDi Executive — ZAR 899,900 (last listed)

→ 2.5 CRDi Premium — ZAR 958,900 (last listed)

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