

HYUNDAI

Santa Fe

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2199 cc	147 kW	188 mm	13.8 km/l	7 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 899,900 – 1,064,900

Last Listed Price Range

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

Fifth generation launched in SA in 2022; significant styling and interior quality upgrade; distinctive boxy design language with vertical lighting. Fifth generation Santa Fe on Hyundai's i-GMP platform; 'Sensuous Sportiness' design with distinctive parametric LED lighting signature. Executive (well-equipped) and Luxury (fully loaded with additional premium features); both variants include 4WD and seven seats. 10.25-inch touchscreen, Bose premium audio, seven-seat configuration, panoramic sunroof on Luxury, ventilated and heated front seats, wireless CarPlay and Android Auto. Large families who need seven seats regularly, buyers doing long-distance SA highway trips, buyers wanting European-size SUV capability without the European price. For a buyer searching the Santa Fe price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. Engine of 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel describes the opportunity; a power output of 147 kW @ 3800 rpm and a 8-Speed Automatic transmission describe the conditions around it. The Santa Fe is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between an SUV body, Diesel power and engine of 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel. For this South…



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2001
Generation	Fifth generation Santa Fe on Hyundai's i-GMP platform; 'Sensuous Sportiness' design with distinctive parametric LED lighting signature
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	White, Black, Silver, Blue, Grey
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.com/za/en/

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Last Listed Price Range	**ZAR 899,900 – 1,064,900**	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.2D 4WD Executive	Diesel	8-Speed Automatic	Executive	**ZAR 899,900 (last listed)**
2.2D 4WD Luxury	Diesel	8-Speed Automatic	Luxury	**ZAR 1,064,900 (last listed)**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Diesel
- ✓ Engine: 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel
- ✓ Power output: 147 kW @ 3800 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 8-Speed Automatic
- ✓ Gearbox: 8-speed Automatic

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Santa Fe can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Santa Fe depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Santa Fe quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Santa Fe budget.
- ✗ A short Santa Fe test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Santa Fe 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 Santa Fe as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. The buying case for Santa Fe is specific. Engine of 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel gives it a reason to be considered, while a power output of 147 kW @ 3800 rpm and a 8-Speed Automatic transmission set the boundaries. Santa Fe is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a AWD drivetrain and accept the limitation represented by the 2001 model year. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for Santa Fe. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for Santa Fe

City Driving	Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Drive the Santa Fe through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. A 8-speed Automatic transmission matters when the cabin or load is full, and a AWD drivetrain can change the cost of repeated short trips. Around town, Santa Fe should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. Try the exact derivative with its normal occupants or equipment for Santa Fe. Look for easy entry, usable storage, predictable braking and a calm response at walking pace for Santa Fe. The relevance of the Fifth generation Santa Fe on Hyundai's i-GMP platform; 'Sensuous Sportiness' design with distinctive parametric LED lighting signature generation becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while local history of Fifth generation launched in SA in 2022; significant styling and interior quality upgrade; distinctive boxy design language with vertical lighting is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading

Highway	Run Santa Fe at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a 8-Speed Automatic transmission, a 8-speed Automatic transmission and a AWD drivetrain is more informative than maximum speed. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Santa Fe out with the load it normally carries. Observe the joining response, overtaking reserve, braking, crosswind behaviour, seat support and cabin noise for Santa Fe. A listed ground clearance of 188 gives context, but a number cannot show how warranty of 5 feels on a gradient for Santa Fe. Plan fuel or charging stops around actual use; the stated consumption reference is a comparison reference, not a promise for every trip for Santa Fe
Off-Road	For Santa Fe, the sensible check is the exact awd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the Santa Fe will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. A slow run over corrugations, a sharp entrance and a loaded crest will show whether the suspension, tyres and underside suit the duty for Santa Fe. Check local history of Fifth generation launched in SA in 2022; significant styling and interior quality upgrade; distinctive boxy design language with vertical lighting against the stated drivetrain for Santa Fe. Maintained gravel can be a reasonable use case for many road vehicles; deep sand, mud and water demand confirmed equipment and a recovery plan for Santa Fe
Best For	The Santa Fe represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. Santa Fe makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with a power output of 147 kW @ 3800 rpm

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	2.2D 4WD Executive	2.2D 4WD Luxury
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 899,900 (last listed)**	**ZAR 1,064,900 (last listed)**
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Executive	Luxury
Engine	2199 cc (2.2L)	2199 cc (2.2L)
Max Power	147 kW (197 bhp)	147 kW (197 bhp)
Max Torque	440 Nm (325 lb-ft)	440 Nm (325 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	13.8 km/l	13.8 km/l
Seating	7	7
Boot Space	703 L	703 L
Ground Clearance	188 mm	188 mm
Kerb Weight	1980 kg	2005 kg

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

05 Hyundai Santa Fe — 2.2D 4WD Executive ZAR 899,900 (last listed)

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2199 cc	147 kW · 197 bhp	440 Nm · 325 lb-ft	13.8 km/l	Diesel 8-Speed Automatic

Executive Trim · Diesel · 8-Speed Automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2199 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Officially Disclosed	Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed
Transmission Type	Automatic	Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Front Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed	Gear Shift Type	Not Officially Disclosed
Gear Shift Indicator	Yes	Engine Position	Front
Gearbox	8-speed Automatic	Drivetrain Layout	HTRAC AWD
LSD Available	Yes	Transfer Case	Not Officially Disclosed

DIMENSIONS

Length	4830 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1750 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	188 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l	Boot/Cargo Space	703 l
Kerb Weight	1980 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	Not Officially Disclosed kg
Payload Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg	Towing Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Distance To Empty	Yes
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l	Highway Mileage	17.5 km/l
City Mileage	11.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	13.8 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	67	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

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Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	7	TCS	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	EBD	Yes
Speed Alert System	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed	Passenger Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Front Armrest	Yes	Rear Reading Lamps	Yes
Front Power Outlet	Yes	Fuel Lid Opener	Inside
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual	Headlamp Washer	No
Vanity Mirror	Yes	Trip Computer	Yes
Tilt Steering	Yes	Telescopic Steering	No

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

→ See 2.2D 4WD Executive full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Hyundai Santa Fe — 2.2D 4WD Luxury ZAR 1,064,900 (last listed)

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Luxury Trim · Diesel · 8-Speed Automatic

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TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gearbox Type	Automatic	Final Drive Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed
Number of Gears	Not Officially Disclosed	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Front Differential Lock	Not Officially Disclosed
Gear Shift Type	Not Officially Disclosed	Gear Shift Indicator	Yes
Engine Position	Front	Gearbox	8-speed Automatic
Drivetrain Layout	HTRAC AWD	LSD Available	No

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Distance To Empty	Yes	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Auto Start Stop	Not Officially Disclosed	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Officially Disclosed l

SAFETY

EBD	Yes	Knee Airbag	Not Officially Disclosed

Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Yes	Seatbelt Reminder	Not Officially Disclosed
Stability Control	Yes	TCS	Yes
Passenger Airbag	Yes	Hill Hold	Not Officially Disclosed
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes
Airbags	7	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Engine Start Stop Button	No	Front Armrest	Yes
Rear Reading Lamps	Yes	Front Power Outlet	Yes
Fuel Lid Opener	Inside	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm	Headlamp Height Adjust	Manual
Headlamp Washer	No	Vanity Mirror	Yes
Trip Computer	Yes	Tilt Steering	Yes

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→ See 2.2D 4WD Luxury 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

→ 2.2D 4WD Executive — ZAR 899,900 (last listed)

→ 2.2D 4WD Luxury — ZAR 1,064,900 (last listed)

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