



HYUNDAI

Santa Fe

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

2199 cc

ENGINE

147 kW

POWER

188 mm

CLEARANCE

13.8 L/100

FUEL ECON

7 seats

SEATING

ZAR 899,900 – 1,064,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/hyundai/santa-fe/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Santa Fe is a practical vehicle offering reliable performance in its segment. Engineered for South African driving conditions with attention to durability and real-world usability. The modern powertrain delivers adequate performance for daily commuting, weekend adventures, and practical family transport. Interior design prioritizes comfort and functionality. Build quality is solid with proven reliability backing every vehicle sold in South Africa. New car pricing is accessible for target buyers. The vehicle attracts owners seeking dependable transport without premium complexity. The Santa Fe represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. In South Africa's diverse driving conditions—from metropolitan congestion to regional highways to occasional rough tracks—this vehicle delivers competence across the spectrum. Market positioning places the Santa Fe as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. Reliability underpins ownership satisfaction—this vehicle won't surprise you with premature failures or component issues. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Service intervals are reasonable. Parts availability is reliable. Dealer networks exist where you need them. For five-year ownership, total cost of ownership—including fuel, maintenance, insurance, and depreciation—sits...



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 & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 899,900 – 1,064,900	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.2D 4WD Executive	Diesel	Automatic	Executive	ZAR 899,900
2.2D 4WD Luxury	Diesel	Automatic	Luxury	ZAR 1,064,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.2D 4WD Executive (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 921,698
Cape Town	ZAR 925,698
Durban	ZAR 918,799
Pretoria	ZAR 920,248

* 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"> ✓ Reliability is demonstrated through proven engineering and market operation. ✓ Service costs remain reasonable through dealer and independent networks. ✓ Fuel economy sits within realistic ranges for segment class. ✓ Interior space accommodates family use across most configurations. ✓ Resale values develop as market recognizes vehicle positioning. ✓ Safety features include modern systems addressing real-world hazard scenarios. 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Depreciation follows segment patterns, with steeper loss during initial ownership years. ✗ Interior materials prioritize function over premium perception. ✗ Styling appears understated compared to visually aggressive competitors. ✗ Technology features may lag premium competitors in sophistication. ✗ Off-road capability remains basic for adventure-focused buyers.
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Expert Verdict

"A legitimate large family SUV that doesn't require a German premium badge budget"

The Santa Fe is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing premium experience. It delivers genuine capability without requiring premium pricing or exotic maintenance. Resale values develop as market recognition grows. The used market becomes increasingly active as ownership examples accumulate. For buyers seeking dependable, honest transport, the Santa Fe represents genuine value.

City Driving	<p>Urban driving reveals competent engineering. Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Parking assistance systems help genuinely in tight spaces. Air conditioning operates properly in South African summer heat. The driving position commands authority without excessive height. Interior layout remains intuitive through extended city driving. Audio systems integrate smartphone connectivity. Climate control maintains comfort in traffic-heavy commutes. Steering is responsive enough for urban maneuvers. Fuel consumption in city traffic remains predictable and manageable. The vehicle functions reliably through daily metropolitan use, delivering comfort during extended urban residence.</p>
Highway	<p>Highway driving confirms engineering integrity. At 120 km/h cruising, engine operation is relaxed and refined. Road noise remains controlled through wind and tire sound management. Fuel economy stabilizes within predictable consumption ranges. The transmission settles into efficient cruising operation. Comfort extends across multi-hour driving periods. Seating provides proper support without requiring frequent adjustment. Climate control maintains consistent cabin temperature. The ride quality balances bump compliance with directional stability. Highway safety systems function predictably without intrusive interventions. Extended highway driving confirms the vehicle's suitability for regional travel between major centers.</p>
Off-Road	<p>Off-road access ranges from basic to moderate depending on configuration. Ground clearance handles typical farm gates and low obstacles. Gravel roads present no challenge for standard variants. Basic farm tracks are traversable for most configurations. Rough terrain requires appropriate driving technique rather than extreme capability. The vehicle functions adequately for recreational off-road scenarios without specialization for rock crawling.</p>

Best For

Large families who need seven seats regularly, buyers doing long-distance SA highway trips, buyers wanting European-size SUV capability without the European price

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	ZAR 1,064,900
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Automatic	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	All-Wheel Drive	All-Wheel Drive
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](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Hyundai Santa Fe — 2.2D 4WD Executive

ZAR 899,900

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

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2 R-Series CRDi Diesel	Engine Type	Diesel
Displacement	2199 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	147 kW	Torque	440 Nm
Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection	Turbocharger	Yes
Top Speed	205 km/h	0-100 km/h	8.5 sec
Power @ RPM	3800	Torque @ RPM	1750

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	8-speed Automatic	Drive Type	All-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	HTRAC AWD	Paddle Shifters	Yes
LSD Available	Yes	Transfer Case	HTRAC AWD with 4WD Lock
Differential Lock	Electronic LSD	Transmission Type	Automatic
Number of Gears	8	Final Drive Ratio	Available
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

DIMENSIONS

Length	4830 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1750 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance	188 mm	Kerb Weight	1980 kg
Seating Capacity	7	Boot Space	703 l
Rear Track Width	1660 mm mm	Gross Vehicle Weight	2440 kg kg
Front Track Width	1652 mm mm	Turning Radius	5.7 m m

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.8 km/l	City Mileage	11.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	17.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	13 L l	Average Fuel Consumption	Yes
Distance To Empty	Yes	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

SAFETY

Airbags	7	ABS	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	Traction Control	Yes

Hill Start Assist	Yes	Hill Descent Control	Yes
ISOFIX Mounts	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Central Locking	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Tri-Zone Auto Climate	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	15W Wireless	Sunroof	Electric Panoramic Sunroof
Electric Tailgate	Yes	Auto Dimming Mirror	No
Automatic Headlamps	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	No
Rear Window Defroster	Yes	Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes

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

→ [See 2.2D 4WD Executive full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Hyundai Santa Fe — 2.2D 4WD Luxury

ZAR 1,064,900

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

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2 R-Series CRDi Diesel	Engine Type	Diesel
Displacement	2199 cc	Cylinders	4
Power	147 kW	Torque	440 Nm
Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection	Turbocharger	Yes
Top Speed	205 km/h	0-100 km/h	8.5 sec
Power @ RPM	3800	Torque @ RPM	1750

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	8-speed Automatic	Drive Type	All-Wheel Drive
Drivetrain Layout	HTRAC AWD	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transfer Case	HTRAC AWD with 4WD Lock	LSD Available	No
Differential Lock	Electronic LSD	Transmission Type	Automatic
Number of Gears	8	Final Drive Ratio	Available
Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available	Clutch Type	Available

DIMENSIONS

Length	4830 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1750 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance	188 mm	Kerb Weight	2005 kg
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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.8 km/l	City Mileage	11.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	17.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	13 L l	Average Fuel Consumption	Yes
Distance To Empty	Yes	Low Fuel Warning	Yes
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

SAFETY

Airbags	7	ABS	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	Traction Control	Yes

Hill Start Assist	Yes	Hill Descent Control	Yes
ISOFIX Mounts	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Central Locking	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Child Safety Lock	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Tri-Zone Auto Climate	Power Windows	All
Keyless Entry	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	15W Wireless	Sunroof	Electric Panoramic Sunroof
Electric Tailgate	Hands-Free Electric Tailgate	Automatic Headlamps	Yes
Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes	Auto Dimming Mirror	Yes
Rear Window Defroster	Yes	Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes

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

→ [See 2.2D 4WD Luxury full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 2.2D 4WD Executive — ZAR 899,900

→ 2.2D 4WD Luxury — ZAR 1,064,900

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