

JAECOO

J5

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1500 cc	115 kW	174 mm	13.3 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 339,900 – 479,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/jaecoo/j5/

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	4 Variants	4 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The range structure includes Core, Vortex, Glacier, Inferno, so the purchase decision is not only whether the model is attractive, but which derivative carries the correct balance of equipment, mechanical layout and running-cost exposure. The published figures for Jaecoo J5 are most useful when they are read beside the trim list: seating, cargo space, consumption, safety kit, service cover and warranty terms all shape the real deal. The J5 is therefore best read through the exact derivative chosen rather than a single headline price. Highway users considering Jaecoo J5 should look closely at engine flexibility, tyre profile, cabin quietness, service-plan distance and the driver-assistance systems fitted to the exact derivative. Family buyers comparing Jaecoo J5 need to check rear-seat access, ISOFIX access, airbag coverage by trim, boot flexibility and whether the cabin remains comfortable when the car is fully loaded. From a value perspective, the J5 works best when the chosen variant lines up with real use. For Jaecoo J5, lower grades protect the monthly payment, while richer grades have to justify their cost through safety, cameras, lighting, seating, infotainment…



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	Current South Africa J5 range
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Khaki white, carbon crystal black, model green, olive grey, moonlight silver and two-tone colours where listed.
OEM Website	https://jaecoo.co.za/models/jaecoo-j5

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 339,900 – 479,900	4 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Core	Petrol	CVT	Entry-Value	**ZAR 339,900**
Vortex	Petrol	CVT	Entry-Value	**ZAR 379,900**
Glacier	Petrol	CVT	Mid-To-High Value	**ZAR 439,900**
Inferno	Petrol	CVT	Flagship Or Capability-Focused	**ZAR 479,900**

Estimated On-Road Price — Core (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 354,978**
Cape Town	**ZAR 357,298**
Durban	**ZAR 353,199**
Pretoria	**ZAR 354,088**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R339,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 115 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: CVT

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for J5 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for J5 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written J5 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate J5 budget.
- ✗ A short J5 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ J5 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"J5 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

With Jaecoo J5, a strong showroom impression only becomes a strong purchase when the selected trim avoids equipment gaps, excessive insurance value and ownership costs the buyer did not plan for. A fair review of J5 should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a front-wheel drive drivetrain, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a South African price reference of R379,900 can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for J5 is specific. A South African price reference of R339,900 gives it a reason to be considered, while engine of 1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol and a power output of 115 kW @ 5500 rpm set the boundaries for J5. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for J5. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for J5. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for J5

City Driving	The cabin of Jaecoo J5 has to work for weekday traffic, shopping stops, school bags, navigation, charging cables and the broken tar that often separates a good test drive from a good ownership choice. The urban test for J5 should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded
Highway	For Jaecoo J5, the local buying decision starts with instalment pressure, fuel or charging cost, warranty depth, rough-road comfort and the dealer support available near the owner's normal route. For highway buyers, the J5 needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. A South African price reference of R439,900 helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort
Off-Road	A South African price reference of R379,900 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for J5. For J5, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for J5. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for J5

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Best For	The Jaecoo J5 is listed for South Africa as a suv with a clear buyer role rather than a decorative catalogue entry. The best buyer for J5 can describe a recurring reason for choosing its suv layout. Then compare a CVT transmission and a CVT transmission with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Jaecoo J5 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Core	Vortex	Glacier	Inferno
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 339,900**	**ZAR 379,900**	**ZAR 439,900**	**ZAR 479,900**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	CVT	CVT	CVT	CVT
Trim Level	Entry-Value	Entry-Value	Mid-To-High Value	Flagship Or Capability-Focused
Engine	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)	1500 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)	115 kW (154 bhp)
Max Torque	230 Nm (170 lb-ft)	230 Nm (170 lb-ft)	230 Nm (170 lb-ft)	230 Nm (170 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	13.3 km/l	13.3 km/l	13.3 km/l	13.3 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	480 L	480 L	480 L	480 L
Ground Clearance	174 mm	174 mm	174 mm	174 mm
Kerb Weight	1435 kg	1435 kg	1435 kg	1435 kg

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

05 Jaecoo J5 — Core ZAR 339,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1500 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	13.3 km/l	Petrol CVT

Entry-Value Trim · Petrol · CVT

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1500 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Petrol injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	CVT
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Automatic clutch	Gear Shift Indicator	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Electric	Drivetrain	FWD
Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4380 mm	Width	1860 mm
Height	1650 mm	Wheelbase	2620 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	174 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	175 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	480 l
Kerb Weight	1435 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1852 kg
Payload Capacity	440 kg	Towing Capacity	1175 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	Not Available km/l	Claimed Mileage	13.3 km/l
City Mileage	10.7 km/l	Highway Mileage	15.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Not Available
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Side Airbags	Standard	BA	Standard

Brake Override System	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
Airbags	Multiple airbags	EBD	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Sunroof	Not Available	Boot Space Seats Folded	1284 l
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Push Button Start	Standard	AC Type	Manual / automatic by trim
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Standard
Climate Control	Manual / automatic by trim	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm

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

→ See Core full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Jaecoo J5 — Vortex

ZAR 379,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1500 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	13.3 km/l	Petrol CVT

Entry-Value Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1500 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Petrol injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	CVT
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Automatic clutch	Gear Shift Indicator	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Electric	Drivetrain	FWD
Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

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Real-world Mileage	Not Available km/l	Claimed Mileage	13.3 km/l
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Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Not Available
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Side Airbags	Standard	BA	Standard

Brake Override System	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
Airbags	Multiple airbags	EBD	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Sunroof	Not Available	Boot Space Seats Folded	1284 l
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Push Button Start	Standard	AC Type	Manual / automatic by trim
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Standard
Climate Control	Manual / automatic by trim	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm

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→ See Vortex full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 Jaecoo J5 — Glacier

ZAR 439,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1500 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	13.3 km/l	Petrol CVT

Mid-To-High Value Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1500 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Petrol injection
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	CVT
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Automatic clutch	Gear Shift Indicator	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Electric	Drivetrain	FWD
Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

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Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	480 l
Kerb Weight	1435 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1903 kg
Payload Capacity	440 kg	Towing Capacity	1175 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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SAFETY

Side Airbags	Standard	BA	Standard

Brake Override System	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
Airbags	Multiple airbags	EBD	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
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Sunroof	Standard	Boot Space Seats Folded	1284 l
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Push Button Start	Standard	AC Type	Automatic
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Climate Control	Automatic	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
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→ See Glacier full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

08 Jaecoo J5 — Inferno

ZAR 479,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1500 cc	115 kW · 154 bhp	230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	13.3 km/l	Petrol CVT

Flagship Or Capability-Focused Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

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Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1500 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
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TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	CVT
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Automatic clutch	Gear Shift Indicator	Standard
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→ See Inferno full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

09 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Core — ZAR 339,900

→ Vortex — ZAR 379,900

→ Glacier — ZAR 439,900

→ Inferno — ZAR 479,900

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