



JAECOO

J5

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1500 cc

ENGINE

115 kW

POWER

174 mm

CLEARANCE

13.3 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

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
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Jaecoo J5 is listed for South Africa as a SUV with a clear buyer role rather than a decorative catalogue entry. Its official material positions it around 1.5 TCI petrol with CVT, 115 kW and 230 Nm. 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. 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. In daily use the J5 needs to answer practical questions first. 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 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. With...



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
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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 ✓ Current official South Africa source coverage ✓ Clear derivative structure ✓ Warranty-backed new-car ownership ✓ Modern safety and convenience equipment on confirmed trims ✓ Competitive segment positioning ✓ Useful finance-comparison candidate	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Some specifications vary strongly by trim ✗ Promotional and list prices can differ ✗ Not every source publishes every cabin measurement ✗ Upper trims may raise insurance and tyre costs ✗ Hybrid ownership depends on usage pattern ✗ Resale history is still developing for newer nameplates
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Buyer Summary

"A current Jaecoo option best judged by trim, warranty and real South African usage rather than headline price alone."

The Jaecoo J5 is strongest when bought with a clear trim strategy. The right Jaecoo J5 buyer will value the features used every week more than decorative upgrades that do not change the commute or family trip. 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.

City Driving	In city use, the J5 should be judged by visibility, parking assistance, clutch or automatic smoothness, phone integration, air-conditioning performance and claimed consumption. The practical strength of Jaecoo J5 depends on matching its drivetrain, trim level, safety package and cabin equipment to the owner's normal route. With Jaecoo J5, the useful question is whether the confirmed features reduce daily friction enough to justify the monthly payment.
Highway	On highways, the J5 needs stable cruise manners, predictable overtaking response and low ownership fatigue. The ownership case for Jaecoo J5 is clearest when the buyer checks warranty, service-plan distance, tyres, insurance value and dealer access together. The sensible choice in the Jaecoo J5 range is the derivative whose drivetrain, equipment, price and ownership package fit the buyer's normal week without financing unused extras.
Off-Road	Away from perfect tar, the J5 is best judged according to its actual drivetrain and ground-clearance data. For Jaecoo J5, specification gaps should be handled honestly: confirmed values guide the page, while unpublished figures need dealer confirmation before signing. A clean shortlist for Jaecoo J5 compares visibility, comfort, safety equipment, fuel use, cargo needs and the cost of stepping up to the next trim.
Best For	The J5 suits buyers who want a current suv from Jaecoo with petrol running costs and a warranty-backed new-car experience. For Jaecoo J5, the final decision should come from confirmed specification, weekly use, ownership cost and the equipment fitted to the actual dealer car. A buyer looking at Jaecoo J5 should compare the published figures with finance terms, fuel spend, service cover and the way the vehicle will be used most often.

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 1500 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol CVT
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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	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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

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
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

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 1500 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol CVT
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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	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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

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
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

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 1500 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol CVT
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Mid-To-High Value Trim · Petrol · CVT

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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

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)	1903 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
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

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	Standard	Boot Space Seats Folded	1284 l
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard
Push Button Start	Standard	AC Type	Automatic
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Standard
Climate Control	Automatic	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	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 1500 cc	POWER 115 kW · 154 bhp	TORQUE 230 Nm · 170 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol CVT
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Flagship Or Capability-Focused Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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

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
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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Not Available
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	51	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

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	Standard	Boot Space Seats Folded	1284 l
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard
Push Button Start	Standard	AC Type	Automatic
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Standard
Climate Control	Automatic	Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm

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Compare with rivals →

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