



JAECOO

J7

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1600 cc

ENGINE

145 kW

POWER

200 mm

CLEARANCE

14.3 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 519,900 – 679,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/jaecoo/j7/>

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Jaecoo J7 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 1.6 TGDI petrol with 7DCT and 2WD/AWD derivatives, 145 kW and 290 Nm. For Jaecoo J7, 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 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 J7 needs to answer practical questions first. The cabin of Jaecoo J7 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 J7 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...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2024
Generation	Current South Africa J7 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-j7

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 519,900 – 679,900	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Vortex	Petrol	Automatic	Entry-Value	ZAR 519,900
Glacier	Petrol	Automatic	Mid-To-High Value	ZAR 579,900
Inferno	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship Or Capability-Focused	ZAR 679,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Vortex (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 537,138
Cape Town	ZAR 539,998
Durban	ZAR 534,999
Pretoria	ZAR 536,068

* 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 J7 is strongest when bought with a clear trim strategy. The right Jaecoo J7 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 J7 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 J7 should be judged by visibility, parking assistance, clutch or automatic smoothness, phone integration, air-conditioning performance and claimed consumption. The practical strength of Jaecoo J7 depends on matching its drivetrain, trim level, safety package and cabin equipment to the owner's normal route. With Jaecoo J7, the useful question is whether the confirmed features reduce daily friction enough to justify the monthly payment.
Highway	On highways, the J7 needs stable cruise manners, predictable overtaking response and low ownership fatigue. The ownership case for Jaecoo J7 is clearest when the buyer checks warranty, service-plan distance, tyres, insurance value and dealer access together. The sensible choice in the Jaecoo J7 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 J7 is best judged according to its actual drivetrain and ground-clearance data. For Jaecoo J7, specification gaps should be handled honestly: confirmed values guide the page, while unpublished figures need dealer confirmation before signing. A clean shortlist for Jaecoo J7 compares visibility, comfort, safety equipment, fuel use, cargo needs and the cost of stepping up to the next trim.
Best For	The J7 suits buyers who want a current suv from Jaecoo with petrol running costs and a warranty-backed new-car experience. For Jaecoo J7, 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 J7 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 3 variants of the Jaecoo J7 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Vortex	Glacier	Inferno
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 519,900	ZAR 579,900	ZAR 679,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT	7-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Entry-Value	Mid-To-High Value	Flagship Or Capability-Focused
Engine	1600 cc (1.6L)	1600 cc (1.6L)	1600 cc (1.6L)
Max Power	145 kW (194 bhp)	145 kW (194 bhp)	145 kW (194 bhp)
Max Torque	290 Nm (214 lb-ft)	290 Nm (214 lb-ft)	290 Nm (214 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	14.3 km/l	14.3 km/l	12.8 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	584 L	584 L	500 L
Ground Clearance	200 mm	200 mm	200 mm
Kerb Weight	1531 kg	1531 kg	1709 kg

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

05 Jaecoo J7 — Vortex

ZAR 519,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1600 cc	145 kW · 194 bhp	290 Nm · 214 lb-ft	14.3 km/l	Petrol 7-Speed DCT

Entry-Value Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	SQRF4J16C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1600 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	7 DCT
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	Standard	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2672 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	200 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	584 l
Kerb Weight	1531 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1939 kg
Payload Capacity	434 kg	Towing Capacity	1300 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	Not Available km/l	Claimed Mileage	14.3 km/l
City Mileage	11.5 km/l	Highway Mileage	16.8 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
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	1349 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 Vortex full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Jaecoo J7 — **Glacier**

ZAR 579,900

ENGINE 1600 cc	POWER 145 kW · 194 bhp	TORQUE 290 Nm · 214 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Mid-To-High Value Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	SQRF4J16C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1600 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	7 DCT
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	Standard	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2672 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	200 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	584 l
Kerb Weight	1531 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1939 kg
Payload Capacity	434 kg	Towing Capacity	1300 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	Not Available km/l	Claimed Mileage	14.3 km/l
City Mileage	11.5 km/l	Highway Mileage	16.8 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
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	1349 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](#)

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07 Jaecoo J7 — **Inferno**

ZAR 679,900

ENGINE 1600 cc	POWER 145 kW · 194 bhp	TORQUE 290 Nm · 214 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.8 km/l	FUEL Petrol 7-Speed DCT
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Flagship Or Capability-Focused Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	SQRF4J16C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1600 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	7 DCT
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Automatic
Clutch Type	Automatic clutch	Gear Shift Indicator	Standard
Gear Shift Type	Electric	Drivetrain	AWD
Automatic Shift Paddles	Standard	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1865 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2672 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	200 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	57 l	Boot/Cargo Space	500 l
Kerb Weight	1709 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2038 kg
Payload Capacity	426 kg	Towing Capacity	1300 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	Not Available km/l	Claimed Mileage	12.8 km/l
City Mileage	10.3 km/l	Highway Mileage	15.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	57 l	Emission Standard	Euro VIb
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	57	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	1256 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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