

JAECOO

J7

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1600 cc	145 kW	200 mm	14.3 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	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

01 Overview & Quick Facts

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. 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 deal. The J7 is therefore best read through the exact derivative chosen rather than a single headline price. Highway users considering Jaecoo J7 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 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. From a value perspective, the J7 works best when the chosen variant lines up with real use. For Jaecoo J7, lower grades protect the monthly payment, while richer grades have to justify their cost through safety, cameras, lighting, seating, infotainment or…



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

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

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R519,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 145 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 7-Speed DCT

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for J7 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for J7 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written J7 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate J7 budget.
- ✗ A short J7 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ J7 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

"J7 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."

With Jaecoo J7, 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. The buying case for J7 is specific. Petrol power gives it a reason to be considered, while a South African price reference of R519,900 and engine of 1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol set the boundaries. J7 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 7-Speed DCT transmission and accept the limitation represented by a front-wheel drive drivetrain. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for J7. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for J7

City Driving	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. Drive the J7 through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. A power output of 145 kW @ 5500 rpm matters when the cabin or load is full, and a 7-Speed DCT transmission can change the cost of repeated short trips
Highway	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. Run J7 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 engine of 1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol, a power output of 145 kW @ 5500 rpm and a 7-Speed DCT transmission is more informative than maximum speed
Off-Road	For J7, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the J7 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 J7. Check a South African price reference of R679,900 against the stated drivetrain for J7. 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 J7

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Best For	The Jaecoo J7 is listed for South Africa as a suv with a clear buyer role rather than a decorative catalogue entry. J7 makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with a South African price reference of R519,900

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	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	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

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
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	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

Compare with rivals →

06 Jaecoo J7 — Glacier

ZAR 579,900

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

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	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	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

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
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	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

Compare with rivals →

07 Jaecoo J7 — Inferno

ZAR 679,900

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

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	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	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

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
Fuel Tank Litres	57	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	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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→ See Inferno full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Vortex — ZAR 519,900

→ Glacier — ZAR 579,900

→ Inferno — ZAR 679,900

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