



LEPAS

L4

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1499 cc

ENGINE

108 kW

POWER

160 mm

CLEARANCE

14.3 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 299,900 – 419,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/lepas/l4/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The LEPAS L4 is the brand's first showroom model in South Africa and enters a crowded compact-SUV market with an unusually clear three-step range. Amur is the affordable naturally aspirated manual, Javan is the stronger turbocharged automatic, and Pantera is the high-equipment derivative. Recommended retail pricing runs from R299,900 for Amur through R369,900 for Javan to R419,900 for Pantera. That spread gives buyers three different ownership propositions rather than three cosmetic editions of the same mechanical package. The decision should begin with gearbox preference, performance needs and safety equipment, then move to monthly finance and insurance costs. Amur uses a 1.5-litre naturally aspirated petrol engine rated at 80 kW and 148 Nm with a five-speed manual gearbox. Its official combined consumption is 6.9 L/100 km. Javan and Pantera switch to a 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine with 108 kW and 225 Nm, paired with a six-speed dual-clutch transmission, and their claimed combined figure is 7.0 L/100 km. The turbo models therefore ask for only a small paper consumption penalty while offering substantially more torque. Buyers should still test the dual-clutch gearbox...



Body Style	Compact SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	First-generation LEPAS L4 compact SUV, launched in South Africa in 2026
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	LEPAS South Africa shows multiple exterior colours, with final availability to be confirmed against the chosen derivative and dealer stock.
OEM Website	https://www.lepas-sa.co.za/models/lepas-l4

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 299,900 – 419,900	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 Amur 5MT	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 299,900
1.5T Javan 6DCT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 369,900
1.5T Pantera 6DCT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 419,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 Amur 5MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 314,498
Cape Town	ZAR 316,698
Durban	ZAR 312,799
Pretoria	ZAR 313,648

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Competitive R299,900 entry price ✓ Three clearly differentiated derivatives ✓ 458-litre seats-up luggage capacity ✓ Turbo models deliver 108 kW and 225 Nm ✓ Javan offers a useful automatic value step ✓ Pantera adds the broadest safety package	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Amur is manual only ✗ Minimum ground clearance is 160 mm ✗ No all-wheel-drive derivative ✗ Pantera costs R120,000 more than Amur ✗ New brand has limited local resale history ✗ No current hybrid derivative
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A well-structured compact-SUV range whose strongest value lies in matching the correct derivative to the buyer's daily routine."

The LEPAS L4 makes a persuasive first impression because its range is easy to understand and its published prices are competitive. Amur is for disciplined budgets and drivers content with a manual; Javan supplies the best mechanical balance for everyday use; Pantera justifies its higher price through materially richer safety and comfort equipment. Shared cabin space and luggage capacity keep the practical foundation consistent. The remaining questions concern a new brand's resale pattern, insurance cost and long-term parts experience. Buyers who verify those ownership items and choose the trim for real needs rather than showroom appeal will find the L4 a credible alternative in the compact-SUV class.

City Driving	In town, the L4's compact footprint and front-wheel-drive layout suit commuting, school runs and shopping. Amur offers the lowest purchase price but adds clutch work in heavy traffic. Javan is the more natural urban all-rounder because its automatic gearbox, stronger low-rev torque and parking equipment reduce effort. Pantera adds the most camera and assistance support for tight spaces. Before ordering, drivers should check rear-quarter visibility, DCT response during crawling manoeuvres and whether the 160 mm clearance suits their driveway.
Highway	For national-road travel, the 108 kW turbo derivatives are the more convincing choices when passengers and luggage are aboard. Their 225 Nm torque peak should provide easier merging and overtaking than Amur's 148 Nm naturally aspirated engine, although every pass still needs adequate distance and judgement. The 458-litre boot is useful for family luggage, while the five-seat layout avoids the packaging compromises of a small seven-seater. A proper demonstration should include coarse tar, a crosswind and an uphill overtake, not only a short urban loop.
Off-Road	The L4 is not presented as a 4x4. All derivatives drive the front wheels and the published minimum ground clearance is 160 mm, so its realistic unsealed-road use is maintained gravel and moderately uneven access roads. Hill-descent assistance can help control speed, but it does not replace low-range gearing, underbody protection or suitable tyres. Owners who regularly encounter deep sand, mud, rocks or washed-out tracks should choose a vehicle designed for that work instead of relying on the L4's SUV styling.

Best For

The L4 suits a cost-aware household or urban professional who wants compact-SUV packaging and a clear choice between a low-price manual, a more flexible turbo automatic and a safety-rich flagship. It is especially relevant to buyers who can use five seats and a generous everyday boot but do not need seven seats, all-wheel drive or serious trail hardware. The right customer will compare the three derivatives on equipment used every day and leave room in the budget for insurance, fuel, tyres and finance interest.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the LEPAS L4 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 Amur 5MT	1.5T Javan 6DCT	1.5T Pantera 6DCT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 299,900	ZAR 369,900	ZAR 419,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	6-Speed DCT	6-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1499 cc (1.5L)	1499 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	80 kW (107 bhp)	108 kW (145 bhp)	108 kW (145 bhp)
Max Torque	148 Nm (109 lb-ft)	225 Nm (166 lb-ft)	225 Nm (166 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	14.5 km/l	14.3 km/l	14.3 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	458 L	458 L	458 L
Ground Clearance	160 mm	160 mm	160 mm
Kerb Weight	1262 kg	1346 kg	1346 kg

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

05 LEPAS L4 — 1.5 Amur 5MT

ZAR 299,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 80 kW · 107 bhp	TORQUE 148 Nm · 109 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 5-Speed Manual
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Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	SQRE4G15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Multi-Point Electronic Fuel Injection	Compression Ratio	11.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	5-speed manual
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	5	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4406 mm	Width	1820 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	160 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	458 l
Kerb Weight	1262 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1732 kg
Payload Capacity	470 kg	Towing Capacity	1200 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	14.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
Auto Start Stop	No	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6B	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	4	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Not Available	Climate Control	Air conditioning
Power Windows	Front and rear	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Standard air conditioning		—

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

→ [See 1.5 Amur 5MT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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06 LEPAS L4 — 1.5T Javan 6DCT

ZAR 369,900

ENGINE 1499 cc	POWER 108 kW · 145 bhp	TORQUE 225 Nm · 166 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed DCT
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	SQRE4T15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1499 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Multi-Point Electronic Fuel Injection	Compression Ratio	9.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	6-speed dual-clutch automatic
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Transmission Speeds	6	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4406 mm	Width	1820 mm
Height	1635 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	160 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	170 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	Boot/Cargo Space	458 l
Kerb Weight	1346 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1844 kg
Payload Capacity	498 kg	Towing Capacity	1200 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	14.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
Auto Start Stop	Standard	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6B	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	4	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Not Available	Climate Control	Climate control
Power Windows	Front and rear	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Automatic climate control		—

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→ [See 1.5T Javan 6DCT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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07 LEPAS L4 — 1.5T Pantera 6DCT

ZAR 419,900

ENGINE 1499 cc	POWER 108 kW · 145 bhp	TORQUE 225 Nm · 166 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.3 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed DCT
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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	SQRE4T15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1499 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Multi-Point Electronic Fuel Injection	Compression Ratio	9.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	6-speed dual-clutch automatic
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Transmission Speeds	6	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	12.8 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
Auto Start Stop	Standard	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6B	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Climate control
Power Windows	Front and rear	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Standard
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Automatic climate control		—

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→ [See 1.5T Pantera 6DCT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.5 Amur 5MT — ZAR 299,900

→ 1.5T Javan 6DCT — ZAR 369,900

→ 1.5T Pantera 6DCT — ZAR 419,900

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