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XUV700

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

ZAR 495,199 – 627,899

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Mahindra XUV700 is a current South African SUV positioned for families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is represented locally by 4 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R495 199 to R627 899, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. That makes it useful to read the range as a real buying ladder, not just as one badge on a showroom menu. The South African range uses Petrol power with Automatic choices. The published output picture lists power figures around 149 kW and torque figures around 380 Nm. The derivative walk is central to the buying decision. Confirmed local versions include AX5 Automatic, AX7 Automatic, AX7L Automatic, and AX7L BE Automatic. The lower grades make sense for buyers who want the body style and warranty position at the lowest realistic monthly cost, while the higher grades are aimed at shoppers who want more cabin comfort, convenience equipment or drivetrain capability from the factory. The packaging facts that shape daily ownership include seating listed as...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	Current
Generation	Current local listing
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Colour availability can vary by derivative and dealer stock; confirm paint choices on the current OEM South Africa configurator or price communication.
OEM Website	https://mahindra.co.za/xuv700-2/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 495,199 – 627,899	4 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
AX5 Automatic	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 495,199
AX7 Automatic	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 551,399
AX7L Automatic	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 599,999
AX7L BE Automatic	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 627,899

Estimated On-Road Price — AX5 Automatic (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 512,141
Cape Town	ZAR 514,926
Durban	ZAR 510,050
Pretoria	ZAR 511,096

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS	● CONSIDERATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clear local range structure ✓ Confirmed South African variant coverage ✓ Useful price ladder for comparison ✓ Powertrain choices documented by derivative ✓ Practical body format for its segment ✓ Ownership cover can be compared by trim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Best value depends heavily on trim choice ✗ Upper grades need careful price justification ✗ Some equipment can vary by derivative ✗ Real-world fuel use depends on load and route ✗ Tyre and insurance costs should be checked ✗ Not every version suits rough-road work

Expert Verdict

"Mahindra XUV700 is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real SUV use case."

The Mahindra XUV700 is not a one-line recommendation; it is a range that needs to be matched carefully to the buyer. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R495 199 to R627 899, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. The sensible approach is to start with body style and seating or load requirements, then choose the variant whose price, transmission, drivetrain and equipment fit the weekly routine. That keeps the decision grounded in ownership reality rather than showroom appeal. The fairest verdict on the Mahindra XUV700 is therefore use-case driven. It can be a strong South African choice when the buyer chooses the correct derivative for the intended mix of city driving, freeway work, passengers, cargo and rough-road exposure. It becomes less convincing when bought only for styling or badge appeal without checking the practical numbers and ownership costs that will matter after delivery.

City Driving	In city use the XUV700 should be judged by visibility, parking effort, stop-start comfort and the way the automatic transmission behaves in traffic. An SUV with a sensible seating position can make daily errands easier, but buyers should still check wheel size, camera availability and low-speed ride comfort on the exact derivative they intend to buy. For the XUV700, city use also means potholes, tight shopping-centre ramps, speed humps, heat-soaked traffic and short trips where fuel use can rise. The most comfortable derivative is the one that combines the right gearbox response, seating position and parking support with tyre sizes that do not punish everyday surfaces.
Highway	On longer South African routes the XUV700 needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Fuel and tyre costs should be checked against the exact derivative, while output references around 149 kW help explain overtaking confidence. Buyers who travel with passengers or cargo should compare the loaded feel and not rely only on solo test-drive impressions. A buyer who drives between provinces or carries family on holiday should also consider noise, seat support, spare-wheel arrangements, overtaking response and how confidently the vehicle holds speed when loaded. Those details often separate two trims that look similar on paper.

Off-Road	<p>For gravel roads, farms, construction sites or holiday routes, choose the XUV700 derivative with the correct drivetrain and tyre package rather than assuming the body shape alone is enough. Two-wheel-drive versions can still be useful on poor surfaces, but serious off-road work belongs to derivatives with the proper traction hardware and underbody tolerance. Where rougher roads are part of ownership, the buyer should check tyres, underbody clearance, approach to traction control and recovery practicality before relying on the body style. If the route is mainly tar, comfort and running costs should take priority over unused off-road image.</p>
Best For	<p>The Mahindra XUV700 suits families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is strongest for buyers who already know the body format works for their parking, family, business or leisure needs, and who now need to choose the right derivative by monthly cost, transmission, equipment and practical capability. It is less suited to shoppers who only want the lowest advertised price without checking what changes between trims.</p>

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Mahindra XUV700 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	AX5 Automatic	AX7 Automatic	AX7L Automatic	AX7L BE Automatic
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 495,199	ZAR 551,399	ZAR 599,999	ZAR 627,899
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top	Flagship
Engine	—	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—	—

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Mahindra XUV700 — AX5 Automatic

ZAR 495,199

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

[→ See AX5 Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Mahindra XUV700 — AX7 Automatic

ZAR 551,399

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

[→ See AX7 Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

07 Mahindra XUV700 — AX7L Automatic

ZAR 599,999

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

[→ See AX7L Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

08 Mahindra XUV700 — AX7L BE Automatic

ZAR 627,899

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See AX7L BE Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

09 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to live prices for each variant

→ AX5 Automatic — ZAR 495,199

→ AX7 Automatic — ZAR 551,399

→ AX7L Automatic — ZAR 599,999

→ AX7L BE Automatic — ZAR 627,899

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