



MAZDA

CX-5

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1998 cc

ENGINE

121 kW

POWER

200 mm

CLEARANCE

14.5 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 570,500 – 688,400

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/mazda/cx-5/>

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

The Mazda CX-5 fills a specific place in the South African market: a mature five-seat family SUV for buyers who prefer a proven naturally aspirated drivetrain and established ownership package, while accepting that a replacement is imminent. It is a mid-size family SUV with petrol power. The current South African range is 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD. That range structure matters because a useful buying decision starts with the locally offered product, not a foreign configurator or an estimated price. The current three-edition range is mechanically simple and easy to compare. Active focuses on price access, Dynamic adds commonly used convenience, and Carbon provides the strongest visual and cabin treatment. Timing is unusually important because Mazda has confirmed the third-generation model for August 2026. The result is a vehicle that should be shortlisted according to the work it must do every week, the roads it will use and the ownership costs that continue after delivery. The mechanical proposition is equally important. The current range uses a naturally aspirated 2.0-litre SKYACTIV-G...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2017
Generation	Second-generation KF-series Mazda CX-5, current outgoing South African range
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Current paint selection depends on edition and remaining dealer allocation as the next-generation CX-5 approaches local launch.
OEM Website	https://www.mazda.co.za/cars/cx-5

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 570,500 – 688,400	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 570,500
2.0 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 617,900
2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 688,400

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 588,346
Cape Town	ZAR 591,357
Durban	ZAR 586,105
Pretoria	ZAR 587,225

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Established family-SUV package ✓ 438-litre boot ✓ Simple shared powertrain ✓ Three easy-to-understand editions ✓ Five-year unlimited-kilometre MazdaCare ✓ Useful ground clearance	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Replacement arrives in August 2026 ✗ Front-wheel drive only ✗ No diesel in current local range ✗ No hybrid in current local range ✗ Performance is adequate rather than strong ✗ No official city/highway economy split
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Buyer Summary

"A focused mid-size family suv that should be chosen by exact local derivative, real weekly use and complete ownership cost."

The Mazda CX-5 deserves consideration for its clearly defined role as a mature five-seat family SUV for buyers who prefer a proven naturally aspirated drivetrain and established ownership package, while accepting that a replacement is imminent. Its strongest qualities are established family-suv package, 438-litre boot, simple shared powertrain, while the main cautions are replacement arrives in august 2026, front-wheel drive only, no diesel in current local range. The correct derivative is the one that covers the buyer's regular safety, space and drivetrain needs at a sustainable total cost. Current buyers should compare written on-road quotations and exact build specifications. Pre-launch buyers should keep a place on the shortlist but delay any firm value judgement until South African variants, prices and warranty terms are published.

City Driving	The CX-5 is larger than Mazda's CX-3 and CX-30, but its sensor and camera equipment can make family errands manageable. Buyers should test parking visibility and compare the current range's transaction value with the incoming model rather than looking only at monthly payment. For city ownership, compare the turning circle, parking aids, low-speed drivetrain response and real garage dimensions. Air-conditioning, phone integration and seat comfort should be tested during a realistic commute. Short-trip fuel use can differ materially from a combined claim, while an electrified CX-5 only delivers its best operating-cost case when charging is convenient and consistently used.
Highway	The long-established chassis, 438-litre boot and five-seat layout fit family touring. The 121 kW engine is adequate rather than performance-focused, so a fully loaded overtaking test is important for households that regularly travel at altitude. On faster roads in the CX-5, the useful questions are stability in wind, passing response at altitude, braking with a full passenger load and how often its drivetrain changes gear or calls on a range extender. Service-plan distance, roadside assistance, spare-wheel type and tyre availability deserve attention before frequent inter-provincial travel in this mid-size family suv. A calm 120 km/h test is more revealing than a short burst of acceleration.
Off-Road	Ground clearance varies slightly by current edition and the drivetrain is front-wheel drive. The CX-5 is comfortable on maintained gravel and damaged roads, but it does not offer the low-range hardware expected for technical trails. Ground clearance alone does not establish the CX-5's off-road ability. Tyre sidewall, approach and departure angles, cooling, traction hardware and underbody protection define its safe envelope. Owners who regularly visit farms, sites or lodges should use the exact local figures and choose a CX-5 derivative whose driven wheels and tyres suit those routes. For ordinary damaged tar, controlled speed remains more valuable than a styling package.

Best For

The natural buyer is someone seeking a mature five-seat family SUV for buyers who prefer a proven naturally aspirated drivetrain and established ownership package, while accepting that a replacement is imminent. They should know their annual distance, normal passenger load, charging access where relevant, insurance budget and whether the car will spend most of its life in traffic, on national roads or on gravel. The CX-5 makes most sense when its confirmed drivetrain and equipment solve those repeated needs without forcing the household to finance capability it will rarely use.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Mazda CX-5 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD	2.0 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD	2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 570,500	ZAR 617,900	ZAR 688,400
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	1998 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	121 kW (162 bhp)	121 kW (162 bhp)	121 kW (162 bhp)
Max Torque	213 Nm (157 lb-ft)	213 Nm (157 lb-ft)	213 Nm (157 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	14.5 km/l	14.5 km/l	14.5 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	438 L	438 L	438 L
Ground Clearance	193 mm	200 mm	200 mm
Kerb Weight	1575 kg	1575 kg	1575 kg

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

05 Mazda CX-5 — 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 570,500

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 121 kW · 162 bhp	TORQUE 213 Nm · 157 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed Automatic
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Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	13.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Final Drive Ratio	4.624	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4575 mm	Width	1845 mm
Height	1675 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	193 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	56 l
Boot/Cargo Space	438 l	Kerb Weight	1575 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2065 kg	Payload Capacity	490 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	14.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	56
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
City Mileage	11.7 km/l	Highway Mileage	17.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	56 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Standard
AC Type	Dual-zone climate control	Climate Control	Dual-zone climate control

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

→ See 2.0 Active Edition Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Mazda CX-5 — 2.0 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 617,900

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 121 kW · 162 bhp	TORQUE 213 Nm · 157 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed Automatic
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	13.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Final Drive Ratio	4.624	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4575 mm	Width	1845 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	200 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	56 l
Boot/Cargo Space	438 l	Kerb Weight	1575 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2065 kg	Payload Capacity	490 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Auto Start Stop	Standard
Claimed Mileage	14.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	56
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
City Mileage	11.7 km/l	Highway Mileage	17.1 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	56 l	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

ABS EBD	Standard	Front Parking Sensors	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard

Knee Airbag	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Stability Control	Standard
Airbags	6	ABS	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Electric Tailgate	Standard	Sunroof	Not Available
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Power Windows	Front & Rear	Keyless Entry	Smart
AC Type	Dual-zone climate control	Climate Control	Dual-zone climate control

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→ [See 2.0 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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07 Mazda CX-5 — 2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 688,400

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 121 kW · 162 bhp	TORQUE 213 Nm · 157 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed Automatic
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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	13.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Auto
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Standard
Final Drive Ratio	4.624	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4575 mm	Width	1845 mm
Height	1680 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	200 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	56 l
Boot/Cargo Space	438 l	Kerb Weight	1575 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2065 kg	Payload Capacity	490 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Emission Standard	Euro stage IV
Auto Start Stop	Standard	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Claimed Mileage	14.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	56	City Mileage	11.7 km/l
Highway Mileage	17.1 km/l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard
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Curtain Airbags	Standard	BA	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Airbags	6
ABS	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Standard
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Wireless Charging	Standard
Sunroof	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Keyless Entry	Smart	Climate Control	Dual-zone climate control
Power Windows	Front & Rear	AC Type	Dual-zone climate control

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

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→ [2.0 Carbon Edition Auto FWD](#) — ZAR 688,400

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