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Mazda3

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1998 cc

ENGINE

121 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

15.9 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 498,300 – 629,700

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/mazda/mazda3/>

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

The Mazda Mazda3 fills a specific place in the South African market: a design-led family hatchback for buyers who prefer a low seating position, naturally aspirated response and a carefully finished cabin over an SUV shape. It is a c-segment hatchback with petrol power. The current South African range is 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD, 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Astina 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. Mazda keeps the local decision unusually focused. Dynamic is available with manual or automatic transmission around the same 1.5-litre engine, so buyers can choose involvement or traffic convenience without changing the basic trim. Astina is both the stronger 2.0-litre powertrain and the equipment flagship. 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. Dynamic editions use a 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G petrol engine with 88 kW and...



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2019
Generation	Seventh-generation BP-series Mazda3 hatchback
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Mazda South Africa offers model-specific solid, metallic and premium paint finishes subject to current edition availability.
OEM Website	https://www.mazda.co.za/cars/mazda3

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 498,300 – 629,700	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD	Petrol	Manual	Mid	ZAR 498,300
1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 515,100
2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 629,700

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 515,279
Cape Town	ZAR 518,074
Durban	ZAR 513,183
Pretoria	ZAR 514,231

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Distinctive hatchback design ✓ Manual gearbox remains available ✓ Strong 2.0-litre flagship option ✓ Driver-focused cabin ✓ Seven-airbag specification ✓ Five-year unlimited-kilometre MazdaCare cover	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ 295-litre boot is modest ✗ Low 140 mm ground clearance ✗ Rear visibility should be tested ✗ No diesel or hybrid local derivative ✗ Astina carries a large price step ✗ No official city/highway economy split
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Buyer Summary

"A focused c-segment hatchback that should be chosen by exact local derivative, real weekly use and complete ownership cost."

The Mazda Mazda3 deserves consideration for its clearly defined role as a design-led family hatchback for buyers who prefer a low seating position, naturally aspirated response and a carefully finished cabin over an SUV shape. Its strongest qualities are distinctive hatchback design, manual gearbox remains available, strong 2.0-litre flagship option, while the main cautions are 295-litre boot is modest, low 140 mm ground clearance, rear visibility should be tested. 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 hatchback body is easier to place than a large SUV and the controls suit repeated commuting. Rearward visibility, the low roofline and parking equipment should still be tested, particularly by buyers moving from a taller crossover. 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 Mazda3 only delivers its best operating-cost case when charging is convenient and consistently used.
Highway	The longer wheelbase and settled hatchback stance suit national-road work. The 2.0 Astina provides the stronger overtaking margin, while the 1.5 editions favour purchase price and consumption; tyre replacement cost and cabin noise deserve equal attention. On faster roads in the Mazda3, 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 c-segment hatchback. A calm 120 km/h test is more revealing than a short burst of acceleration.
Off-Road	Ground clearance is published at 140 mm, so the Mazda3 belongs on tar and maintained gravel rather than broken tracks. Its advantage is road-car balance, not underbody clearance or all-wheel-drive traction. Ground clearance alone does not establish the Mazda3'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 Mazda3 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 design-led family hatchback for buyers who prefer a low seating position, naturally aspirated response and a carefully finished cabin over an SUV shape. 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 Mazda3 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 Mazda3 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD	1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD	2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 498,300	ZAR 515,100	ZAR 629,700
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Automatic	6-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Mid	Mid	Flagship
Engine	1496 cc (1.5L)	1496 cc (1.5L)	1998 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	88 kW (118 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)	121 kW (162 bhp)
Max Torque	153 Nm (113 lb-ft)	153 Nm (113 lb-ft)	213 Nm (157 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	16.7 km/l	16.9 km/l	15.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	295 L	295 L	295 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm	140 mm	140 mm
Kerb Weight	1293 kg	1314 kg	1350 kg

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

05 Mazda Mazda3 — 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD

ZAR 498,300

ENGINE 1496 cc	POWER 88 kW · 118 bhp	TORQUE 153 Nm · 113 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.7 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed Manual
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1496 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	14.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Gearbox	6-Speed Manual
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Final Drive Ratio	4.388	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Manual	Gear Shift Type	Manual
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4460 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1440 mm	Wheelbase	2725 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l
Boot/Cargo Space	295 l	Kerb Weight	1293 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1813 kg	Payload Capacity	520 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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	16.7 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
City Mileage	13.4 km/l	Highway Mileage	19.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Curtain Airbags	Standard

BA	Standard	AEB	Not Available
Driver Airbag	Standard	EBD	Standard
Airbags	7	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Standard	Climate Control	Manual
AC Type	Manual	Boot Space Seats Folded	687 l
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Front
Sunroof	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Standard

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

→ See 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Mazda Mazda3 — 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto

ZAR 515,100

FWD

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1496	88	153	16.9	Petrol
cc	kW · 118 bhp	Nm · 113 lb-ft	km/l	6-Speed Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1496 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	4.605	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4460 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1440 mm	Wheelbase	2725 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l
Boot/Cargo Space	295 l	Kerb Weight	1314 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1870 kg	Payload Capacity	556 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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	16.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
City Mileage	13.6 km/l	Highway Mileage	19.9 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Curtain Airbags	Standard

BA	Standard	AEB	Not Available
Driver Airbag	Standard	EBD	Standard
Airbags	7	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Standard	Climate Control	Manual
AC Type	Manual	Boot Space Seats Folded	687 l
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Keyless Entry	Standard	Power Windows	Front
Sunroof	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Standard

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07 Mazda Mazda3 — 2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 629,700

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 121 kW · 162 bhp	TORQUE 213 Nm · 157 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol 6-Speed Automatic
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Flagship 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	3.850	Number of Gears	6
Transmission Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4460 mm	Width	1795 mm
Height	1440 mm	Wheelbase	2725 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l
Boot/Cargo Space	295 l	Kerb Weight	1350 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1870 kg	Payload Capacity	520 kg
Towing Capacity	1000 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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	15.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	51
City Mileage	12.8 km/l	Highway Mileage	18.7 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	51 l	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Passenger Airbag	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Curtain Airbags	Standard

BA	Standard	AEB	Not Available
Driver Airbag	Standard	EBD	Standard
Airbags	7	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Standard	Climate Control	Dual-zone climate control
AC Type	Dual-zone climate control	Boot Space Seats Folded	687 l
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Keyless Entry	Smart	Power Windows	Front
Sunroof	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard

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

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

Compare with rivals →

08 Explore More on Hagalu

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→ [1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD](#) — ZAR 515,100

→ [2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD](#) — ZAR 629,700

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