HAGALU BUYER'S GUIDE



MAZDA

Mazda3

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1998 cc	121 kW	140 mm	15.9 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 498,300 – 629,700

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

Independent Automotive Research for Africa

MAZDA

Contents

01 Overview & Quick Facts

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

05 Full Specs — 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD

06 Full Specs — 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD

07 Full Specs — 2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD

08 Links & Legal

Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

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. The current South African range is 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD, 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD, 2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD. 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. Dynamic editions use a 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G petrol engine with 88 kW and 153 Nm; Astina uses a 2.0-litre engine with 121 kW and 213 Nm. A driver-oriented five-seat cabin, 295-litre boot and Mazda's wide-screen infotainment layout define the range, with Astina adding the fullest comfort, camera and assistance package. 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. The 2.0 Astina provides the stronger overtaking margin, while the 1.5 editions favour purchase price and consumption; tyre replacement…



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

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

- ✓ Body style: Hatchback
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R498,300
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 88 kW @ 6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Mazda3 can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Mazda3 depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Mazda3 quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Mazda3 budget.
- ✗ A short Mazda3 test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Mazda3 capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"Mazda3 deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

Buyers comparing the Mazda3 should request a written quotation for the exact derivative, ask whether paint or dealer accessories change the financed amount and check that warranty and service-plan start dates are recorded correctly. The buying case for Mazda3 is specific. A South African price reference of R498,300 gives it a reason to be considered, while engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and a power output of 88 kW @ 6000 rpm set the boundaries. Mazda3 is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 6-Speed Manual transmission and accept the limitation represented by a South African price reference of R515,100. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for Mazda3. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for Mazda3

City Driving	Drive the Mazda3 through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. Around town, Mazda3 should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. Try the exact derivative with its normal occupants or equipment for Mazda3. Look for easy entry, usable storage, predictable braking and a calm response at walking pace for Mazda3. The relevance of a 6-Speed Automatic transmission becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a 6-Speed Auto transmission is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading for Mazda3
Highway	Run Mazda3 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 a power output of 88 kW @ 6000 rpm, a 6-Speed Manual transmission and a 6-Speed Manual transmission is more informative than maximum speed

Off-Road	Ground clearance is published at 140 mm, so the Mazda3 belongs on tar and maintained gravel rather than broken tracks. For Mazda3, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the Mazda3 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 Mazda3. Check a 6-Speed Auto transmission against the stated drivetrain for Mazda3. 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 Mazda3
Best For	Mazda3 makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol. A shopper researching Mazda3 should separate need from showroom appeal. If a 6-Speed Manual transmission solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration for Mazda3. If it appears only on an occasional trip, a less expensive derivative may leave more room for running costs for Mazda3. Test the space with the actual child seats, bags, tools or stock, and confirm the equipment that belongs to the exact South African version for Mazda3

© 2026 Hagalu Automotive Research

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

Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	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	Bore	74.5 mm

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
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
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable		—

SAFETY

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

© 2026 Hagalu Automotive Research

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

Compare with rivals →

06 Mazda Mazda3 — 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD

ZAR 515,100

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

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	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	Bore	74.5 mm

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
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
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable		—

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 Auto FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 Mazda Mazda3 — 2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD ZAR 629,700

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1998 cc	121 kW · 162 bhp	213 Nm · 157 lb-ft	15.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Automatic

Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	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	Bore	83.5 mm

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
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
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable		—

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

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.5 Dynamic Edition FWD — ZAR 498,300

→ 1.5 Dynamic Edition Auto FWD — ZAR 515,100

→ 2.0 Astina Edition Auto FWD — ZAR 629,700

Live Prices & On-Road Costs — Mazda Mazda3 → Open
Latest ex-showroom and city-wise on-road prices in South Africa.

Side-by-Side Comparison → Open
Compare Mazda Mazda3 vs any rival model.

Browse All Mazda Models → Open
Explore the full Mazda lineup in South Africa.

Buyer's Guides — Finance, Pricing & New Launches → Open
In-depth SA guides: car finance, monthly EMI math, upcoming launches.

Hagalu.com — Africa's Car Research Platform → Open
Independent prices, specs and reviews for South Africa and beyond.

This brochure was generated on 03 November 2026 by Hagalu Automotive Research. All prices shown are ex-showroom and subject to change without notice. On-road price estimates include typical registration, licence and insurance costs. Specifications are sourced from manufacturer data and may vary by market. Hagalu is an independent platform not affiliated with any automotive manufacturer.

Terms of Use · Privacy Policy · Editorial Policy · Contact Hagalu