



MG

ZS

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1498 cc

ENGINE

84 kW

POWER

175 mm

CLEARANCE

14.08 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 289,900 – 309,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/mg/zs/>

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The MG ZS is the accessible SUV in MG South Africa's range. It sits below the newer ZS Pro and deliberately follows a simpler formula: one naturally aspirated petrol engine, one automatic transmission and two equipment grades. The ZS and ZS Pro are separate current products rather than alternate names for one derivative. The ZS uses MG's 1.5-litre NSE petrol engine, producing 84 kW and 150 Nm, together with an Aisin four-speed automatic and front-wheel drive. Comfort and Luxury therefore share their mechanical package; their price difference primarily buys equipment. MG presents the chassis as British-tuned and lists three steering-assistance settings named Urban, Normal and Dynamic. These settings change steering character, not the drivetrain, and must not be interpreted as terrain modes. Both local grades carry six airbags. MG also highlights an ultra-high-strength body, electronic stability control and direct tyre-pressure monitoring. Luxury adds richer parking and cabin equipment, including a reversing camera alongside rear sensors. An 8-inch touchscreen, multifunction steering wheel and electric air conditioning establish the interior proposition. MG publishes rear legroom of up to 850 mm and describes...



Body Style	Five-door compact SUV
Launched	2025
Generation	Current local value-positioned ZS compact SUV, sold alongside rather than replaced by the larger turbocharged ZS Pro.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Use the current MG South Africa ZS selector and written order because exterior-colour and stock availability can change by grade.
OEM Website	https://www.mgmotor.co.za/mg-zs.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 289,900 – 309,900			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5L 4AT Comfort	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 289,900
1.5L 4AT Luxury	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 309,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5L 4AT Comfort (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 304,378
Cape Town	ZAR 306,548
Durban	ZAR 302,699
Pretoria	ZAR 303,538

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Accessible SUV entry point ✓ Six airbags on both grades ✓ Seven-year/200,000 km warranty ✓ One clear mechanical package ✓ Automatic transmission standard ✓ Three steering settings	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Four-speed automatic ✗ No stronger ZS engine option ✗ Front-wheel drive only ✗ Not a trail vehicle ✗ Full-load clearance remains unresolved ✗ Some equipment requires Luxury
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Buyer Summary

"A straightforward lower-priced SUV whose two-grade structure keeps the mechanical decision simple."

The ZS makes sense when entry price, six-airbag coverage and a long warranty matter more than turbo performance or the newest cabin hardware. Comfort is the rational core; Luxury improves daily convenience without changing the 84 kW engine or four-speed automatic. That shared package makes the range transparent, although buyers cannot solve a desire for more overtaking power by moving up a grade. Anyone travelling fully loaded should compare the ZS directly with the ZS Pro before choosing. That clarity is its strongest defence against newer, more complex alternatives.

City Driving	In town, the predictable naturally aspirated engine, automatic gearbox and elevated seating define the ZS. Urban steering mode offers lighter assistance for low-speed manoeuvres. Rear parking sensors support both grades and Luxury's camera adds visual guidance. The storage spaces and rear-seat room suit school bags, shopping and everyday family clutter. Drivers should test the four-speed automatic in their own congestion, because its behaviour is more relevant to long-term satisfaction than a brochure comparison alone. Comfort may already cover the essentials; Luxury earns its premium through convenience.
Highway	The ZS can perform normal motorway and intercity work, but its 84 kW, 150 Nm engine and four-speed transmission make it a conventional rather than high-performance choice. Overtaking requires planning, particularly with passengers and luggage. Stability systems and six airbags support the journey, while the SUV seating position aids visibility. Buyers spending most of each week on fast national roads should drive the ZS and turbo ZS Pro back-to-back. The lower purchase amount may matter less than additional powertrain reserve on a demanding route.
Off-Road	Despite SUV styling, every current ZS is a front-wheel-drive road vehicle. Its steering settings are not terrain systems and there is no low-range transfer case or locking differential. It suits normal roads and cautiously driven maintained gravel access, not deep sand or technical trails. Rural buyers should inspect tyre and spare-wheel provision and consider the actual roads they use instead of relying on the SUV label. A raised seating position and practical body are the relevant advantages; certified off-road hardware is not part of the proposition.

Best For

The ZS is for a buyer who wants SUV seating and packaging without paying for ZS Pro turbo performance and its larger technology package. Comfort targets households focused on price, warranty and core safety. Luxury suits the same mechanical buyer who values the reversing camera and added convenience. It is especially relevant to motorists moving from an older hatchback or sedan who want easier passenger access and a raised viewpoint but do not require seven seats, all-wheel drive or specialised terrain hardware.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Mg ZS side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5L 4AT Comfort	1.5L 4AT Luxury
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 289,900	ZAR 309,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	4-Speed Automatic	4-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	84 kW (113 bhp)	84 kW (113 bhp)
Max Torque	150 Nm (111 lb-ft)	150 Nm (111 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	14.08 km/l	14.08 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	359 L	359 L
Ground Clearance	175 mm	175 mm
Kerb Weight	1258 kg	1258 kg

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

05 Mg ZS — 1.5L 4AT Comfort

ZAR 289,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 84 kW · 113 bhp	TORQUE 150 Nm · 111 lb-ft	ECONOMY 14.08 km/l	FUEL Petrol 4-Speed Automatic
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Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated NSE Petrol	Engine Code	NSE
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Multipoint fuel injection	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Available	Gearbox	4-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain Layout	Front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Available	Paddle Shifters	Not Available
Transmission Speeds	4	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4314 mm	Width	1809 mm
Height	1624 mm	Wheelbase	2585 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	175 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l	Boot/Cargo Space	359 l
Kerb Weight	1258 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1695 kg
Payload Capacity	437 kg	Towing Capacity	500 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	12.99 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	48
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	EURO 5	Fuel Tank Capacity	48 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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

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

→ [See 1.5L 4AT Comfort full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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→ [See 1.5L 4AT Luxury full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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