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Destinator

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1499 cc

ENGINE

120 kW

POWER

214 mm

CLEARANCE

13.9 km/l

FUEL ECON

7 seats

SEATING

ZAR 489,990 – 569,990

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/mitsubishi/destinator/>

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Mitsubishi Destinator range is a current South African medium seven-seat suv with a published retail position from R489,990. Its core specification is easy to explain: 120 kW, 250 Nm, 7 seats, a 45-litre tank and 214 mm of default ground clearance. Those numbers help a buyer answer the first questions before looking at styling. Power describes how quickly the engine can do work, while torque is the turning force that helps the vehicle move with passengers, cargo or a trailer. Ground clearance is the space beneath the vehicle; more clearance can help on rough entrances, but it does not by itself create four-wheel-drive ability. The current South African derivative range is separated clearly from older vehicles, helping buyers compare the relevant model and trim without confusing it with a previous generation. Equipment and pricing differ by trim, so buyers should compare the exact derivative and ask the dealer to confirm any feature that matters before signing. Published combined consumption gives buyers a useful comparison point, while the city and highway planning figures help set a realistic fuel budget. Neither...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	First-generation Destinator
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Quartz White Pearl, Graphite Grey Metallic, Blade Silver Metallic, Black Mica, Lunar Blue Mica
OEM Website	https://mitsubishi-motors.co.za/destinator-2/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 489,990 – 569,990	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
GLS 1.5T CVT	Petrol	CVT	Mid	ZAR 489,990
Exceed 1.5T CVT	Petrol	CVT	Top	ZAR 569,990

Estimated On-Road Price — GLS 1.5T CVT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 506,869
Cape Town	ZAR 509,639
Durban	ZAR 504,789
Pretoria	ZAR 505,829

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Clear current South African range ✓ Published South African pricing ✓ Broad equipment and specification coverage ✓ Clear power and torque figures ✓ Current derivative choices clearly separated ✓ Useful dimensions for everyday planning	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Real fuel use varies ✗ Load and accessories can reduce clearance ✗ Equipment differs by trim ✗ Accessories can reduce payload ✗ Paint and on-road costs can change ✗ Performance varies with load and conditions
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A practical Destinator range that should be selected by exact derivative and job."

The Mitsubishi Destinator range is a coherent choice when its exact derivative hardware matches the buyer's route and load. Its strongest case combines a clear South African price, the published 120 kW/250 Nm output and a clearly described ownership package. The limits are equally important: claimed consumption changes in real use, equipment differs by trim, and the absence of a manufacturer-rated feature must not be replaced by a guess. For a shopper, the sensible process is simple. Shortlist the derivative, read the full specification, test the real seats and cargo, drive on a representative road, obtain an itemised quote and confirm warranty exclusions in writing. That process is more useful than choosing from a badge alone. The current derivative list keeps the available choices together, while older or different-generation vehicles remain separate so that prices, equipment and capability are not confused.

City Driving	In town, the Destinator range should be judged by visibility, turning space, low-speed response, braking feel and how easily every passenger enters. The recorded turning radius, camera and sensor specifications matter in parking areas, while length and width matter in a home garage. A small child can understand the practical rule: a longer vehicle needs more room to turn, just as a long school bus does. The claimed combined fuel figure is a comparison tool, not a promise for congested traffic. Idling, short cold trips and repeated acceleration normally increase litres per 100 km. Use the city-mileage figure as a planning value, then track actual fill-to-fill use. Keep tyres at the door-label pressure, remove unnecessary mass and operate phone and climate controls before moving. Features and driver aids vary by derivative, so confirm the chosen trim rather than assuming every vehicle carries the same equipment. If the driver relies on a camera, still look around: lenses cannot see every child, bicycle, kerb or low object.
Highway	On a highway, the important questions are overtaking reserve, stability, seat support, luggage security and realistic range. The 120 kW and 250 Nm figures describe the engine, but mass and load determine how lively the complete vehicle feels. Leave a larger passing gap when fully loaded and remember that strong wind, hills and roof cargo increase fuel use. Use the highway mileage and range figures as planning guidance alongside the published combined consumption, and keep a margin for wind, hills, traffic and a full passenger or cargo load. Keep an emergency fuel reserve and plan breaks before fatigue builds. Check tyre load ratings before towing or carrying maximum payload, and never add the maximum trailer and maximum payload without confirming gross combination limits. Driver aids support attention but do not replace it. Even when adaptive cruise or lane alerts are fitted, the driver remains responsible for speed, following distance and steering.

Off-Road	For rough roads, read the drivetrain and clearance rows together. A front- or rear-wheel-drive derivative can use a maintained gravel road slowly, but it is not transformed into a technical off-roader by an SUV shape. A selectable 4WD derivative adds traction hardware; low range, a differential lock and terrain modes must still be confirmed by exact trim. Approach, departure and breakover angles describe whether bumpers or the middle of the vehicle may touch an obstacle. Only a vehicle with a stated wading depth should be considered for shallow water, and even then depth, current, surface grip and hidden damage must be assessed carefully. Protect tyres on sharp stone, slow before corrugations and do not enter a route without recovery planning. A heavily loaded vehicle can sit lower than an empty one, so leave extra clearance over crests, ruts and steep entrances.
Best For	The best buyer for the Destinator range knows the weekly job before choosing. Start by listing the largest normal passenger group, the heaviest regular cargo, the longest repeated trip and any trailer. A family should place child seats in the real vehicle, check access to each row and load the stroller or luggage it actually uses. A business owner should compare payload, gross vehicle mass and towing limits rather than judging capability from body size. The gross figure is the maximum permitted mass of vehicle, occupants and payload together; adding accessories reduces the remaining payload. A family needing three usable seating rows should also ask for an insurance quotation and a written service schedule. The published 214 mm ground-clearance figure describes the vehicle in its normal condition. With passengers and luggage aboard, drivers should allow extra room over ridges, steep entrances and uneven tracks because real clearance can reduce under load. Buyers who share the vehicle should all test steering reach, seat travel, visibility and parking aids. The correct derivative is the one whose sourced hardware fits the job without paying for capability that will never be used or omitting safety and convenience that matters every day.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	GLS 1.5T CVT	Exceed 1.5T CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 489,990	ZAR 569,990
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	CVT	CVT
Trim Level	Mid	Top
Engine	1499 cc (1.5L)	1499 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	120 kW (161 bhp)	120 kW (161 bhp)
Max Torque	250 Nm (184 lb-ft)	250 Nm (184 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	13.9 km/l	13.9 km/l
Seating	7	7
Boot Space	152 L	152 L
Ground Clearance	214 mm	214 mm
Kerb Weight	1455 kg	1500 kg

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

05 Mitsubishi Destinator — GLS 1.5T CVT

ZAR 489,990

ENGINE 1499 cc	POWER 120 kW · 161 bhp	TORQUE 250 Nm · 184 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol CVT
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Mid Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	4B40
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1499 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Dual Injection	Compression Ratio	11.0:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	CVT
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	No
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4680 mm	Width	1840 mm
Height	1780 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	214 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	152 l
Kerb Weight	1455 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2090 kg
Payload Capacity	635 kg	Towing Capacity	0 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	581 km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	625	Range Real World Highway	647 km
Real-world Mileage	12.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	45
Auto Start Stop	No	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Yes	ISOFIX Mounts	Yes
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Child Safety Lock	Yes	Hill Start Assist	Yes
Hill Descent Control	No	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Yes
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	No	Climate Control	Manual air conditioning with rear cooler
Power Windows	Front and rear	Push Button Start	No
Wireless Charging	No	Sunroof	No
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	No
AC Type	Manual		—

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

→ [See GLS 1.5T CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Yes	Climate Control	Dual-zone automatic with nanoe X
Power Windows	Front and rear	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Yes
Electric Tailgate	Yes	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic		—

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ GLS 1.5T CVT — ZAR 489,990

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