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Baleno

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1462 cc	77 kW	0 mm	16.1 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 269,900 – 341,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

At R329,900 for the GL MT base variant, it targets buyers wanting sedan practicality without premium pricing or premium complexity. The engine is naturally aspirated, meaning no turbo lag, no turbo maintenance, just straightforward combustion. Real-world fuel consumption ranges from 4.9 to 5.5 litres per 100 kilometre depending on driving patterns. Automatic variants (AT) use traditional planetary automatic for smooth gear changes without driver input. The Baleno's practical advantage over Celerio is sedan space: a proper trunk for luggage, rear seats with excellent leg room, and overall cabin dimensions making the car feel less cramped on long drives. Touchscreen on GL and above is larger and more responsive than base variants. The interior doesn't feel premium, but it does feel like engineers cared about usability. Safety includes dual front airbags across the range, side airbags on GL+ and above, curtain airbags on GLX. Service costs at independent shops range R1,000–R1,500 per service including parts; authorized Suzuki dealers charge more. The automatic transmission on AT variants requires fluid checks at regular intervals; transmission fluid change is recommended at 60,000 kilometres as…



Body Style	5-door hatchback
Launched	2022
Generation	Second generation globally launched in 2022; entirely new platform and body compared to the first-generation Baleno; shares K15B engine with Fronx, Ertiga, XL6, and Grand Vitara for parts commonality
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Pearl Arctic White, Metallic Grandeur Grey, Metallic Midnight Blue, Pearl Burning Red, Solid White
OEM Website	https://www.suzukiauto.co.za/baleno

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 269,900 – 341,900	4 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 GL MT	Petrol	Manual	Base	**ZAR 269,900**
1.5 GL AT	Petrol	4-Speed Automatic	Mid	**ZAR 291,900**
1.5 GLX MT	Petrol	Manual	Top	**ZAR 321,900**
1.5 GLX AT	Petrol	4-Speed Automatic	Flagship	**ZAR 341,900**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 GL MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 284,138**
Cape Town	**ZAR 286,248**
Durban	**ZAR 282,499**
Pretoria	**ZAR 283,318**

* 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: R269,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 77 kW @ 6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Hagalu Editorial Verdict

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

Against the i20, the Baleno offers lower service costs and better fuel economy; the i20 offers more modern features and larger touchscreen. Baleno is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a 5-Speed Manual transmission and accept the limitation represented by a South African price reference of R291,900. A fair review of Baleno should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a 5-Speed Manual transmission, a 5-Speed Manual transmission and a front-wheel drive drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver for Baleno. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for Baleno. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for Baleno

City Driving	Highway at steady speeds achieves best economy; city stop-start pushes toward 5.8–6.2 L/100km. Around town, Baleno should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a 4-Speed Automatic transmission becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a 4-Speed Automatic Torque Converter transmission is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading
Highway	On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Baleno out with the load it normally carries. A front-wheel drive drivetrain gives context, but a number cannot show how a front-wheel drive drivetrain feels on a gradient. For highway buyers, the Baleno needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Check how it tracks on uneven tar, how the transmission responds after a downshift and whether the boot or load area remains usable for Baleno. A front-wheel drive drivetrain helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort for Baleno

Off-Road	Clutch replacement costs modestly at independent shops (roughly R1,500–R2,200 in parts and labor). If the Baleno will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a 4-Speed Automatic Torque Converter transmission against the stated drivetrain. The rough-road question has to be answered by hardware for Baleno. On a known gravel or farm access section, inspect clearance, tyre sidewalls, underbody exposure, approach angles and recovery access for Baleno. A front-wheel drive drivetrain may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability for Baleno. Keep the speed and route within what the exact local derivative can support for Baleno
Best For	A shopper researching Baleno should separate need from showroom appeal. The best buyer for Baleno can describe a recurring reason for choosing its hatchback layout. That may be the space for a family, the access needed for work or the cost of keeping a second vehicle for Baleno. Start with passengers, cargo, parking, monthly kilometres and road surface for Baleno. Then compare engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and a power output of 77 kW @ 6000 rpm with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment for Baleno

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Suzuki Baleno side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.5 GL MT	1.5 GL AT	1.5 GLX MT	1.5 GLX AT
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 269,900**	**ZAR 291,900**	**ZAR 321,900**	**ZAR 341,900**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	4-Speed Automatic	5-Speed Manual	4-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top	Flagship
Engine	1462 cc (1.5L)	1462 cc (1.5L)	1462 cc (1.5L)	1462 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)
Max Torque	138 Nm (102 lb-ft)	138 Nm (102 lb-ft)	138 Nm (102 lb-ft)	138 Nm (102 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Economy	16.1 km/l	16.1 km/l	16.1 km/l	16.1 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	318 L	318 L	318 L	318 L
Ground Clearance	0 mm	0 mm	0 mm	0 mm
Kerb Weight	940 kg	940 kg	940 kg	940 kg

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

05 Suzuki Baleno — 1.5 GL MT

ZAR 269,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1462 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	138 Nm · 102 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol 5-Speed Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	K15B/K15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1462 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-point fuel injection
Compression Ratio	12.0:1	Bore	73.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	5-speed manual
Drivetrain Layout	2WD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	5	Rear Differential Lock	No
Drivetrain	2WD	Axle Layout	Front driven axle
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3990 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	0 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Boot/Cargo Space	318 l
Kerb Weight	940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1700 kg
Payload Capacity	760 kg	Towing Capacity	500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	600 km	Combined Driving Range	700
Range Real World Highway	650 km	Real-world Mileage	15.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	37	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6 equivalent
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l
City Mileage	16.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.1 km/l

SAFETY

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

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Hill Descent Control	No	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Not Applicable
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Yes	Climate Control	Manual air conditioning
Power Windows	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	No	Sunroof	No
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Applicable
AC Type	Not Applicable		—

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

→ See 1.5 GL MT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Suzuki Baleno — 1.5 GL AT ZAR 291,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1462 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	138 Nm · 102 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol 4-Speed Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · 4-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	K15B/K15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1462 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-point fuel injection
Compression Ratio	12.0:1	Bore	73.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	4-speed automatic
Drivetrain Layout	2WD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	4	Rear Differential Lock	No
Drivetrain	2WD	Axle Layout	Front driven axle
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3990 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	0 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Boot/Cargo Space	318 l
Kerb Weight	940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1700 kg
Payload Capacity	760 kg	Towing Capacity	500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	600 km	Combined Driving Range	700
Range Real World Highway	650 km	Real-world Mileage	15.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	37	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6 equivalent
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l
City Mileage	16.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.1 km/l

SAFETY

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

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Hill Descent Control	No	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Not Applicable
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Yes	Climate Control	Manual air conditioning
Power Windows	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	No	Sunroof	No
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Applicable
AC Type	Not Applicable		—

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07 Suzuki Baleno — 1.5 GLX MT ZAR 321,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1462 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	138 Nm · 102 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol 5-Speed Manual

Top Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	K15B/K15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1462 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-point fuel injection
Compression Ratio	12.0:1	Bore	73.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	5-speed manual
Drivetrain Layout	2WD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	5	Rear Differential Lock	No
Drivetrain	2WD	Axle Layout	Front driven axle
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3990 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	0 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Boot/Cargo Space	318 l
Kerb Weight	940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1700 kg
Payload Capacity	760 kg	Towing Capacity	500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	600 km	Combined Driving Range	700
Range Real World Highway	650 km	Real-world Mileage	15.5 km/l
Fuel Tank Litres	37	Auto Start Stop	Yes
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 6 equivalent
Fuel Tank Capacity	37 l	Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l
City Mileage	16.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.1 km/l

SAFETY

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

Hill Descent Control	No	Traction Control	Yes
Electronic Stability Control	Yes	ABS	Not Applicable
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
ABS EBD	Yes	BA	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Yes	Climate Control	Automatic climate control
Power Windows	Yes	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	No
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Applicable
AC Type	Not Applicable		—

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08 Suzuki Baleno — 1.5 GLX AT ZAR 341,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1462 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	138 Nm · 102 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol 4-Speed Automatic

Flagship Trim · Petrol · 4-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	K15B/K15C
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1462 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-point fuel injection
Compression Ratio	12.0:1	Bore	73.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gearbox	4-speed automatic
Drivetrain Layout	2WD	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	No	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	4	Rear Differential Lock	No
Drivetrain	2WD	Axle Layout	Front driven axle
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

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SAFETY

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

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Compare with rivals →

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→ 1.5 GL MT — ZAR 269,900

→ 1.5 GL AT — ZAR 291,900

→ 1.5 GLX MT — ZAR 321,900

→ 1.5 GLX AT — ZAR 341,900

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