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# Dzire

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

| 1197 cc | 60 kW | 145 mm | 21.7 km/l | 5 seats |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ENGINE | POWER | CLEARANCE | FUEL ECON | SEATING |

**ZAR 229,900 – 272,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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| 4.3 / 5 | Hagalu editorial score | 3 Variants | 3 Priced |
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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

At R229,900 for the entry GA 5-speed manual, the Dzire undercuts every comparable sedan in the country and does so without the compromises that usually accompany a price-leader position. The engine is the same 1.2-litre Z12E DualJet unit used in the fifth-generation Swift — a three-cylinder naturally aspirated petrol that produces 60kW at 5,700rpm and 112Nm at 4,300rpm. That figure is meaningfully lower than any comparable 1.5-litre naturally aspirated alternative and competitive with the smallest turbopetrol engines available. The rear seat provides adequate legroom for adults up to approximately 175cm, with the 2,450mm wheelbase allowing more foot space than the equivalent hatchback-based alternatives in this price band. Three variants are offered in South Africa: the GA MT (R229,900), the GL+ MT (R249,900), and the GL+ CVT (R272,900). The GL+ CVT adds a smooth, linear CVT gearbox that is particularly effective in city traffic, and brings active safety technology in the form of low-speed AEB, lane departure warning, and automatic high-beam — a specification level that is genuinely unusual at this price point. The GL+ CVT competes directly with the Honda…

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| **Body Style** | 4-door Sedan |
| **Launched** | 2020 |
| **Generation** | Second generation Dzire on HEARTECT platform — same structural architecture as the fifth-generation Swift, updated with Z12E DualJet engine for improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. |
| **Fuel Types** | Petrol |
| **Colours** | Arctic White Pearl, Grandeur Grey Metallic, Midnight Black Pearl, Burning Red Pearl, Speedy Blue |
| **OEM Website** | https://www.suzukiauto.co.za/cars/dzire |

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

| Ex-Showroom Starting Price | ZAR 229,900 – 272,900 | 3 Listed Variants |
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| Variant | Fuel | Transmission | Trim | Ex-Showroom |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.2 GA MT | Petrol | Manual | Base | **ZAR 229,900** |
| 1.2 GL+ MT | Petrol | Manual | Mid | **ZAR 249,900** |
| 1.2 GL+ CVT | Petrol | CVT | Flagship | **ZAR 272,900** |

### Estimated On-Road Price — 1.2 GA MT (Base Variant)

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| **Johannesburg** | **ZAR 243,658** |
| **Cape Town** | **ZAR 245,648** |
| **Durban** | **ZAR 242,099** |
| **Pretoria** | **ZAR 242,878** |

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

## 03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

**● STRENGTHS**

- ✓ Body style: Sedan
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R229,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 60 kW @ 5700 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

**● CONSIDERATIONS**

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

## Hagalu Editorial Verdict

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

For most private buyers, the GL+ represents better value: 15-inch steel wheels, a 9-inch touchscreen, wireless CarPlay, a rear camera, keyless entry, push-button start, six airbags, and cruise control. Dzire is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in a power output of 60 kW @ 5700 rpm and accept the limitation represented by a front-wheel drive drivetrain. A fair review of Dzire should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of engine of 1.2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol, a power output of 60 kW @ 5700 rpm and a 5-Speed Manual transmission can be valuable for the right driver for Dzire. The same package may feel expensive or inconvenient if the vehicle spends its life in a different role for Dzire. Drive the exact version loaded as it will be used, then read the service, warranty, tyre and insurance costs beside the purchase price for Dzire

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| **City Driving** | The DualJet technology fires two injectors per cylinder in an alternating sequence, improving combustion completeness at part-load — the condition that represents the majority of SA urban driving. Around town, Dzire should be judged by repetition rather than a single burst of acceleration. The relevance of a front-wheel drive drivetrain becomes obvious on a busy weekday, while a South African price reference of R249,900 is worth checking before a purchase built around tight parking or frequent loading |
| **Highway** | The Dzire's body is a conventional three-box sedan — a 3,995mm long, 1,735mm wide car with a 2,450mm wheelbase. On a South African freeway or inter-city road, take the Dzire out with the load it normally carries. A 5-Speed Manual transmission gives context, but a number cannot show how a 5-Speed Manual transmission feels on a gradient |
| **Off-Road** | The Dzire is a conventional FWD sedan with 145mm of ground clearance — appropriate for South Africa's urban and suburban road network and nothing beyond. If the Dzire will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. Check a South African price reference of R249,900 against the stated drivetrain |

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| **Best For** | The result is a claimed fuel consumption figure of 4.4 litres per 100km on the manual and 4.6 on the CVT; real-world SA measurements consistently track 1.0 to 1.5 litres higher in city conditions, giving owners a realistic 5.5 to 6.5L/100km in Joburg and Cape Town peak-hour traffic. A shopper researching Dzire should separate need from showroom appeal. If a power output of 60 kW @ 5700 rpm solves a problem every week, it deserves real consideration |

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Suzuki Dzire side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

| SPEC | 1.2 GA MT | 1.2 GL+ MT | 1.2 GL+ CVT |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Price (ex-showroom)** | **ZAR 229,900** | **ZAR 249,900** | **ZAR 272,900** |
| **Fuel Type** | Petrol | Petrol | Petrol |
| **Transmission** | 5-Speed Manual | 5-Speed Manual | CVT |
| **Trim Level** | Base | Mid | Flagship |
| **Engine** | 1197 cc (1.2L) | 1197 cc (1.2L) | 1197 cc (1.2L) |
| **Max Power** | 60 kW (80 bhp) | 60 kW (80 bhp) | 60 kW (80 bhp) |
| **Max Torque** | 112 Nm (83 lb-ft) | 112 Nm (83 lb-ft) | 112 Nm (83 lb-ft) |
| **Drivetrain** | FWD | FWD | FWD |
| **Fuel Economy** | 22.7 km/l | 22.7 km/l | 21.7 km/l |
| **Seating** | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| **Boot Space** | 378 L | 378 L | 378 L |
| **Ground Clearance** | 145 mm | 145 mm | 145 mm |
| **Kerb Weight** | 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 Dzire — 1.2 GA MT

**ZAR 229,900**

| ENGINE | POWER | TORQUE | ECONOMY | FUEL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1197 cc | 60 kW · 80 bhp | 112 Nm · 83 lb-ft | 22.7 km/l | Petrol 5-Speed Manual |

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Engine | 1.2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol | Engine Code | Z12E |
| Fuel Type | Petrol | Hybrid System | Not Applicable |
| Engine Displacement | 1197 cc | Cylinders | 3 |
| Cylinder Layout | Inline | Valves | Not Officially Disclosed |
| Valves per Cylinder | Not Officially Disclosed | Aspiration | Naturally Aspirated |
| Fuel System | Multi-Point Injection | Compression Ratio | 12.0:1 |

## TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

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|---|---|---|---|
| Differential Type Front | Not Available | Gear Shift Type | 5-Speed Manual |
| Gear Shift Indicator | Not Applicable | Engine Position | Transverse Front-Mounted |
| Gearbox | 5-Speed Manual | Drivetrain Layout | Front Wheel Drive |
| LSD Available | Not Applicable | Transfer Case | Not Applicable |
| Differential Lock | Not Applicable | Paddle Shifters | Not Applicable |
| Transmission Speeds | 5 | Transfer Case Guard | Not Available |

## DIMENSIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length | 3995 mm | Width | 1735 mm |
| Height | 1525 mm | Wheelbase | 2450 mm |
| Ground Clearance (Default) | 145 mm | Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load) | Not Officially Disclosed mm |
| Fuel Tank Capacity | 37 l | Boot/Cargo Space | 378 l |
| Kerb Weight | 940 kg | Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) | Not Officially Disclosed kg |
| Payload Capacity | Not Officially Disclosed kg | Towing Capacity | Not Officially Disclosed kg |

## MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auto Start Stop | Not Applicable | Charging Port Type | Not Applicable |
| Charging Type | Not Applicable | AdBlue Tank Capacity | Not Applicable l |
| Range Real World Mixed | Not Applicable km | Range Real World Highway | Not Applicable km |
| Emission Standard | Euro 5 | Electric Consumption | Not Applicable |
| Combined Driving Range | Not Applicable | Fuel Tank Capacity | 37 l |
| Highway Mileage | 26.1 km/l | City Mileage | 18.6 km/l |

## SAFETY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stability Control | Standard | Engine Immobiliser | Not Available |
| TCS | Standard | Child Safety Lock | Standard |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Electronic Stability Control | Standard | Side Airbags | Standard |
| Seatbelt Reminder | Standard — Front | ESC With Traction Control | Standard |
| ABS | Standard | Passenger Airbag | Standard |
| Hill Start Assist | Standard | Driver Passenger Airbags | 2 |

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wireless Charger | 15W Wireless Charging | Load Bed Length | Not Applicable mm |
| Load Bed Width | Not Applicable mm | Climate Control | Manual Air Conditioning |
| Power Windows | Standard | Keyless Entry | Standard |
| Push Button Start | Standard | Wireless Charging | 15W Wireless Charging |
| Sunroof | Not Available | Electric Tailgate | Not Available |
| Automatic Headlamps | LED Projector Headlights | Rain Sensing Wipers | Not Available |

+ 13 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.2 GA MT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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# 06 Suzuki Dzire — 1.2 GL+ MT ZAR 249,900

| ENGINE | POWER | TORQUE | ECONOMY | FUEL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1197 cc | 60 kW · 80 bhp | 112 Nm · 83 lb-ft | 22.7 km/l | Petrol 5-Speed Manual |

Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Engine | 1.2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol | Engine Code | Z12E |
| Fuel Type | Petrol | Hybrid System | Not Applicable |
| Engine Displacement | 1197 cc | Cylinders | 3 |
| Cylinder Layout | Inline | Valves | Not Officially Disclosed |
| Valves per Cylinder | Not Officially Disclosed | Aspiration | Naturally Aspirated |
| Fuel System | Multi-Point Injection | Compression Ratio | 12.0:1 |

## TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Differential Type Front | Not Available | Gear Shift Type | 5-Speed Manual |
| Gear Shift Indicator | Not Applicable | Engine Position | Transverse Front-Mounted |
| Gearbox | 5-Speed Manual | Drivetrain Layout | Front Wheel Drive |
| LSD Available | Not Applicable | Transfer Case | Not Applicable |
| Differential Lock | Not Applicable | Paddle Shifters | Not Applicable |
| Transmission Speeds | 5 | Transfer Case Guard | Not Available |

## DIMENSIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length | 3995 mm | Width | 1735 mm |
| Height | 1525 mm | Wheelbase | 2450 mm |
| Ground Clearance (Default) | 145 mm | Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load) | Not Officially Disclosed mm |
| Fuel Tank Capacity | 37 l | Boot/Cargo Space | 378 l |
| Kerb Weight | 940 kg | Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) | Not Officially Disclosed kg |
| Payload Capacity | Not Officially Disclosed kg | Towing Capacity | Not Officially Disclosed kg |

## MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auto Start Stop | Not Applicable | Charging Port Type | Not Applicable |
| Charging Type | Not Applicable | AdBlue Tank Capacity | Not Applicable l |
| Range Real World Mixed | Not Applicable km | Range Real World Highway | Not Applicable km |
| Emission Standard | Euro 5 | Electric Consumption | Not Applicable |
| Combined Driving Range | Not Applicable | Fuel Tank Capacity | 37 l |
| Highway Mileage | 26.1 km/l | City Mileage | 18.6 km/l |

## SAFETY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stability Control | Standard | Engine Immobiliser | Not Available |
| TCS | Standard | Child Safety Lock | Standard |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Electronic Stability Control | Standard | Side Airbags | Standard |
| Seatbelt Reminder | Standard — Front | ESC With Traction Control | Standard |
| ABS | Standard | Passenger Airbag | Standard |
| Hill Start Assist | Standard | Driver Passenger Airbags | 6 |

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wireless Charger | 15W Wireless Charging | Load Bed Length | Not Applicable mm |
| Load Bed Width | Not Applicable mm | Climate Control | Manual Air Conditioning |
| Power Windows | Standard | Keyless Entry | Standard |
| Push Button Start | Standard | Wireless Charging | 15W Wireless Charging |
| Sunroof | Not Available | Electric Tailgate | Not Available |
| Automatic Headlamps | LED Projector Headlights | Rain Sensing Wipers | Not Available |

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Compare with rivals →

# 07 Suzuki Dzire — 1.2 GL+ CVT ZAR 272,900

| ENGINE | POWER | TORQUE | ECONOMY | FUEL |
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| 1197 cc | 60 kW · 80 bhp | 112 Nm · 83 lb-ft | 21.7 km/l | Petrol CVT |

Flagship Trim · Petrol · CVT

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## ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

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| Engine | 1.2-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol | Engine Code | Z12E |
| Fuel Type | Petrol | Hybrid System | Not Applicable |
| Engine Displacement | 1197 cc | Cylinders | 3 |
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| Fuel System | Multi-Point Injection | Compression Ratio | 12.0:1 |

## TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Differential Type Front | Not Available | Gear Shift Type | CVT Automatic |
| Gear Shift Indicator | Not Applicable | Engine Position | Transverse Front-Mounted |
| Gearbox | CVT Automatic | Drivetrain Layout | Front Wheel Drive |
| LSD Available | Not Applicable | Transfer Case | Not Applicable |
| Differential Lock | Not Applicable | Paddle Shifters | Not Applicable |
| Transmission Speeds | CVT | Transfer Case Guard | Not Available |

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| Charging Type | Not Applicable | AdBlue Tank Capacity | Not Applicable l |
| Range Real World Mixed | Not Applicable km | Range Real World Highway | Not Applicable km |
| Emission Standard | Euro 5 | Electric Consumption | Not Applicable |
| Combined Driving Range | Not Applicable | Fuel Tank Capacity | 37 l |
| Highway Mileage | 25 km/l | City Mileage | 17.8 km/l |

## SAFETY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stability Control | Standard | Engine Immobiliser | Not Available |
| TCS | Standard | Child Safety Lock | Standard |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Electronic Stability Control | Standard | Side Airbags | Standard |
| Seatbelt Reminder | Standard — Front | ESC With Traction Control | Standard |
| ABS | Standard | Passenger Airbag | Standard |
| Hill Start Assist | Standard | Driver Passenger Airbags | 6 |

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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| Wireless Charger | 15W Wireless Charging | Load Bed Length | Not Applicable mm |
| Load Bed Width | Not Applicable mm | Climate Control | Manual Air Conditioning |
| Power Windows | Standard | Keyless Entry | Standard |
| Push Button Start | Standard | Wireless Charging | 15W Wireless Charging |
| Sunroof | Not Available | Electric Tailgate | Not Available |
| Automatic Headlamps | LED Projector Headlights | Rain Sensing Wipers | Not Available |

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→ See 1.2 GL+ CVT 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

→ 1.2 GA MT — ZAR 229,900

→ 1.2 GL+ MT — ZAR 249,900

→ 1.2 GL+ CVT — ZAR 272,900

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