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# Starlet Cross

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**1498 cc**

ENGINE

**77 kW**

POWER

**185 mm**

CLEARANCE

**18.5 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 304,900 – 375,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/toyota/starlet-cross/>

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Starlet Cross is a practical vehicle offering reliable performance in its segment. Engineered for South African driving conditions with attention to durability and real-world usability. The modern powertrain delivers adequate performance for daily commuting, weekend adventures, and practical family transport. Interior design prioritizes comfort and functionality. Build quality is solid with proven reliability backing every vehicle sold in South Africa. New car pricing is accessible for target buyers. The vehicle attracts owners seeking dependable transport without premium complexity. The Starlet Cross represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. In South Africa's diverse driving conditions—from metropolitan congestion to regional highways to occasional rough tracks—this vehicle delivers competence across the spectrum. Market positioning places the Starlet Cross as a family-focused SUV for buyers prioritizing versatility and space. Reliability underpins ownership satisfaction—this vehicle won't surprise you with premature failures or component issues. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Service intervals are reasonable. Parts availability is reliable. Dealer networks exist where you need them. For five-year ownership, total cost of ownership—including fuel, maintenance, insurance, and...



<b>Body Style</b>	5-door Crossover / High-Ride Hatchback
<b>Launched</b>	2022
<b>Generation</b>	First generation Starlet Cross for SA market
<b>Fuel Types</b>	Petrol
<b>Colours</b>	White Pearl, Silver Metallic, Black, Blue, Red
<b>OEM Website</b>	<a href="https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/starlet-cross">https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/starlet-cross</a>

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	<b>ZAR 304,900 – 375,900</b>	4 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 XS MT	Petrol	Manual	Base	<b>ZAR 304,900</b>
1.5 XS CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	<b>ZAR 325,000</b>
1.5 XR MT	Petrol	Manual	Top	<b>ZAR 349,900</b>
1.5 XR CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	<b>ZAR 375,900</b>

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

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 319,558</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 321,773</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 317,849</b>
<b>Pretoria</b>	<b>ZAR 318,703</b>

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

### 03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

<p><b>● STRENGTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reliability is demonstrated through proven engineering and market operation.</li> <li>✓ Service costs remain reasonable through dealer and independent networks.</li> <li>✓ Fuel economy sits within realistic ranges for segment class.</li> <li>✓ Interior space accommodates family use across most configurations.</li> <li>✓ Resale values develop as market recognizes vehicle positioning.</li> <li>✓ Safety features include modern systems addressing real-world hazard scenarios.</li> </ul>	<p><b>● CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Depreciation follows segment patterns, with steeper loss during initial ownership years.</li> <li>✗ Interior materials prioritize function over premium perception.</li> <li>✗ Styling appears understated compared to visually aggressive competitors.</li> <li>✗ Technology features may lag premium competitors in sophistication.</li> <li>✗ Off-road capability remains basic for adventure-focused buyers.</li> </ul>
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### Expert Verdict

*"The best of both worlds – crossover looks at Starlet prices."*

The Starlet Cross is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing versatile family transport. It delivers genuine capability without requiring premium pricing or exotic maintenance. Resale values develop as market recognition grows. The used market becomes increasingly active as ownership examples accumulate. For buyers seeking dependable, honest transport, the Starlet Cross represents genuine value.

<b>City Driving</b>	Urban driving reveals competent engineering. Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Parking assistance systems help genuinely in tight spaces. Air conditioning operates properly in South African summer heat. The driving position commands authority without excessive height. Interior layout remains intuitive through extended city driving. Audio systems integrate smartphone connectivity. Climate control maintains comfort in traffic-heavy commutes. Steering is responsive enough for urban maneuvers. Fuel consumption in city traffic remains predictable and manageable. The vehicle functions reliably through daily metropolitan use, delivering comfort during extended urban residence.
<b>Highway</b>	Highway driving confirms engineering integrity. At 120 km/h cruising, engine operation is relaxed and refined. Road noise remains controlled through wind and tire sound management. Fuel economy stabilizes within predictable consumption ranges. The transmission settles into efficient cruising operation. Comfort extends across multi-hour driving periods. Seating provides proper support without requiring frequent adjustment. Climate control maintains consistent cabin temperature. The ride quality balances bump compliance with directional stability. Highway safety systems function predictably without intrusive interventions. Extended highway driving confirms the vehicle's suitability for regional travel between major centers.
<b>Off-Road</b>	Off-road access ranges from basic to moderate depending on configuration. Ground clearance handles typical farm gates and low obstacles. Gravel roads present no challenge for standard variants. Basic farm tracks are traversable for most configurations. Rough terrain requires appropriate driving technique rather than extreme capability. The vehicle functions adequately for recreational off-road scenarios without specialization for rock crawling.

**Best For**

Young buyers wanting SUV looks with hatchback running costs

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.5 XS MT	1.5 XS CVT	1.5 XR MT	1.5 XR CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 304,900	ZAR 325,000	ZAR 349,900	ZAR 375,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top	Top
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)	77 kW (103 bhp)
Max Torque	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	17.5 km/l	18.5 km/l	17.5 km/l	18.5 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	270 L	270 L	270 L	270 L
Ground Clearance	185 mm	185 mm	185 mm	185 mm
Kerb Weight	1080 kg	1080 kg	1080 kg	1080 kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

## 05 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XS MT

ZAR 304,900

ENGINE <b>1498</b> cc	POWER <b>77</b> kW · 103 bhp	TORQUE <b>140</b> Nm · 103 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>17.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	2NR-VE	Engine Type	Inline 4
Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Power	77 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point EFI
Turbocharger	No	Top Speed	175 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Paddle Shifters	No	Transfer Case	No
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	185 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Kerb Weight	1080 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1480 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	270 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1520 mm	Rear Track Width	1510 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	17.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard

Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Not Available	Power Windows	Front Only
Keyless Entry	Not Available	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Stabilizer Bar	Front	Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 1.5 XS MT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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## 06 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XS CVT

ZAR 325,000

ENGINE <b>1498</b> cc	POWER <b>77</b> kW · 103 bhp	TORQUE <b>140</b> Nm · 103 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>18.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	2NR-VE	Engine Type	Inline 4
Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Power	77 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point EFI
Turbocharger	No	Top Speed	175 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	CVT	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Paddle Shifters	No	Transfer Case	No
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	185 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Kerb Weight	1080 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1480 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	270 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1520 mm	Rear Track Width	1510 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	18.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available

Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Not Available	Power Windows	Front Only
Keyless Entry	Not Available	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Stabilizer Bar	Front	Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km

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→ [See 1.5 XS CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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## 07 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XR MT

ZAR 349,900

ENGINE <b>1498</b> cc	POWER <b>77</b> kW · 103 bhp	TORQUE <b>140</b> Nm · 103 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>17.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Top Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	2NR-VE	Engine Type	Inline 4
Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Power	77 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point EFI
Turbocharger	No	Top Speed	175 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Paddle Shifters	No	Transfer Case	No
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	185 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Kerb Weight	1080 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1480 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	270 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1520 mm	Rear Track Width	1510 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	17.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	4	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard

Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Stabilizer Bar	Front	Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km

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## 08 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XR CVT

ZAR 375,900

ENGINE <b>1498</b> cc	POWER <b>77</b> kW · 103 bhp	TORQUE <b>140</b> Nm · 103 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>18.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	2NR-VE	Engine Type	Inline 4
Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Power	77 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point EFI
Turbocharger	No	Top Speed	175 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	CVT	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Paddle Shifters	No	Transfer Case	No
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	185 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Kerb Weight	1080 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1480 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	270 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1520 mm	Rear Track Width	1510 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	18.5 km/l	City Mileage	14.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

## SAFETY

Airbags	4	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Stabilizer Bar	Front	Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km

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→ [See 1.5 XR CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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→ 1.5 XR MT — ZAR 349,900

→ 1.5 XR CVT — ZAR 375,900

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