

TOYOTA

Starlet Cross

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1498 cc	77 kW	185 mm	17.5 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 304,900 – 375,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

First generation Starlet Cross for SA market. The Starlet Cross has a clearer South African buying case when its suv shape is connected to the work it must do. For a buyer searching the Starlet Cross price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. Engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol describes the opportunity; a power output of 77 kW and a 5-Speed Manual transmission describe the conditions around it. A proper look at the Starlet Cross begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, an SUV body sits beside Petrol power, while a South African price reference of R304,900 sets a practical boundary. The Starlet Cross is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a South African price reference of R304,900, engine of 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol and a power output of 77 kW. A power output of 77 kW describes the opportunity; a 5-Speed Manual transmission and a 5-Speed Manual transmission describe the conditions around it. The useful starting…



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2022
Generation	First generation Starlet Cross for SA market
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White Pearl, Silver Metallic, Black, Blue, Red
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/starlet-cross

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 304,900 – 375,900	4 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 XS MT	Petrol	Manual	Base	**ZAR 304,900**
1.5 XS CVT	Petrol	CVT	Mid	**ZAR 325,000**
1.5 XR MT	Petrol	Manual	Top	**ZAR 349,900**
1.5 XR CVT	Petrol	CVT	Top	**ZAR 375,900**

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

Johannesburg	**ZAR 319,558**
Cape Town	**ZAR 321,773**
Durban	**ZAR 317,849**
Pretoria	**ZAR 318,703**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R304,900
- ✓ Engine: 1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 77 kW
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

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

Ownership and cabin detail is not just a brochure exercise: infotainment screen references around 7-inch Touchscreen and 8-inch Touchscreen; airbag coverage around 2 and 4; warranty cover listed as 3 years / 100 000 km; service or maintenance cover listed as 3 Years / 45,000 km, and trim-by-trim equipment still matters when comparing monthly cost. A fair review of Starlet Cross should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a front-wheel drive drivetrain, a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a South African price reference of R325,000 can be valuable for the right driver

City Driving	In South African use, the Starlet Cross has to deal with short urban trips, hot-weather highway running, rougher suburban surfaces and the cost discipline that comes with finance, insurance and tyres. The urban test for Starlet Cross should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded
Highway	For highway buyers, the Starlet Cross needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Long-distance comfort depends on details that disappear in a short test drive for Starlet Cross. Run Starlet Cross at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a power output of 77 kW, a 5-Speed Manual transmission and a 5-Speed Manual transmission is more informative than maximum speed for Starlet Cross. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Starlet Cross

Off-Road	A South African price reference of R325,000 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for Starlet Cross. For Starlet Cross, the sensible check is the exact fwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for Starlet Cross. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for Starlet Cross
Best For	The Toyota Starlet Cross is a current South African SUV positioned for families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. The best buyer for Starlet Cross can describe a recurring reason for choosing its suv layout

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	5-Speed Manual	CVT	5-Speed Manual	CVT
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** (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

05 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XS MT

ZAR 304,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1498 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	17.5 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	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1498 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Axle Layout	FWD	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Clutch Type	Not Applicable
Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Paddle Shifters	No	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable
Low Range	Not Applicable	LSD Available	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l	Boot/Cargo Space	270 l
Kerb Weight	1080 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1480 kg
Payload Capacity	400 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Claimed Mileage	17.5 km/l
City Mileage	14.0 km/l	Emission Standard	Euro 4
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Fuel Tank Litres	42	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Real-world Mileage	17.5 km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard

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Anti Theft Alarm	Standard	Central Locking	Standard
Driver Passenger Airbags	2	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	2
Alarm System	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Brake Override System	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Sport Plus Mode	Not Available	Load Bed Cover	Not Available
Lift Gate	Not Available	Rear Diff Lock	Not Available
One Pedal Driving	Not Available	Rear Electric Motor	Not Available
Rear Seat Split	Standard	Battery Preconditioning	Not Available
Bed Extender	Not Available	Canopy Fitment	Not Available
Centre Console	Standard	Climate Control	Manual AC

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

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

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06 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XS CVT

ZAR 325,000

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1498 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	18.5 km/l	Petrol CVT

Mid Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1498 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Paddle Shifters	No	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Differential Type Rear	Not Available	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Not Applicable	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	5	Number of Gears	5
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Low Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l	Boot/Cargo Space	270 l
Kerb Weight	1080 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1480 kg
Payload Capacity	400 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Claimed Mileage	18.5 km/l
City Mileage	14.0 km/l	Emission Standard	Euro 4
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Fuel Tank Litres	42	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Real-world Mileage	18.5 km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Brake Override System	Not Available

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Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available	Central Locking	Standard
Driver Passenger Airbags	2	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Anti Theft Alarm	Standard	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	2
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Seatbelt Pretensioners	Not Available	Alarm System	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	One Pedal Driving	Not Available
Panoramic Roof	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Passive Entry Start	Standard	Performance Data Logger	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Front Only	Power Windows	Front Only
Powered Tailgate	Not Available	Push Button Start	Standard
Push Button Start	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available

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→ See 1.5 XS CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XR MT

ZAR 349,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1498 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	17.5 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	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1498 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gear Shift Type	5-Speed Manual
Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Transmission Speeds	5
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Gearbox	5-Speed Manual
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l	Boot/Cargo Space	270 l
Kerb Weight	1080 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1480 kg
Payload Capacity	400 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	14.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	17.5 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 Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	42	Real-world Mileage	17.5 km/l

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Standard	EBD	Standard

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Hill Hold	Standard	Driver Airbag	4
Driver Front Passenger Airbags	4	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available
Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Curtain Airbags	Not Available
Side Airbags	Not Available	Anti Theft Alarm	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	Passenger Airbag	4

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Engine Start Button Illumination	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Panoramic Roof	Not Available	Climate Zones	Manual AC
Performance Data Logger	Not Available	Power Mirrors	All Doors
Push Button Start	Standard	Rear Seat Split	Standard
Rear Wing	Not Available	Rev Matching	Not Available
Seat Type	Fabric	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available

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

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08 Toyota Starlet Cross — 1.5 XR CVT

ZAR 375,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1498 cc	77 kW · 103 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	18.5 km/l	Petrol CVT

Top Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1498 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Gear Shift Type	CVT
Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Transmission Speeds	5
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Gearbox	CVT
Drivetrain Layout	FF	LSD Available	No
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4055 mm	Width	1740 mm
Height	1575 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l	Boot/Cargo Space	270 l
Kerb Weight	1080 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1480 kg
Payload Capacity	400 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	14.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	18.5 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 Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	42	Real-world Mileage	18.5 km/l

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Standard	EBD	Standard

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Hill Hold	Standard	Driver Airbag	4
Driver Front Passenger Airbags	4	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available
Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Curtain Airbags	Not Available
Side Airbags	Not Available	Anti Theft Alarm	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	Passenger Airbag	4

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Engine Start Button Illumination	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Panoramic Roof	Not Available	Climate Zones	Manual AC
Performance Data Logger	Not Available	Power Mirrors	All Doors
Push Button Start	Standard	Rear Seat Split	Standard
Rear Wing	Not Available	Rev Matching	Not Available
Seat Type	Fabric	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available

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

→ See 1.5 XR CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

09 Explore More on Hagalu

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→ 1.5 XS MT — ZAR 304,900

→ 1.5 XS CVT — ZAR 325,000

→ 1.5 XR MT — ZAR 349,900

→ 1.5 XR CVT — ZAR 375,900

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