



TOYOTA

Starlet

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

996 cc

ENGINE

72 kW

POWER

162 mm

CLEARANCE

16.7 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 244,900 – 319,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Toyota Starlet is one of South Africa's most popular entry-level hatchbacks offering reliability, low running costs, and Toyota's trusted quality. Built on a compact platform with a turbocharged 1.0L engine, the Starlet punches above its weight with features and efficiency. It is ideal for young buyers, first-time car owners, and urban commuters.



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2020
Generation	First generation Starlet in South Africa on B-segment platform
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White, Silver, Grey, Blue, Red, Orange
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/starlet

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 244,900 – 319,900	3 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0T XS Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 244,900
1.0T GS CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 279,900
1.0T XR CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 319,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.0T XS Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 258,838
Cape Town	ZAR 260,873
Durban	ZAR 257,249
Pretoria	ZAR 258,043

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

<p>● STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Affordable price ✓ Low running cost ✓ Toyota reliability ✓ Turbocharged engine ✓ Good resale value ✓ Compact dimensions ✓ Easy to drive ✓ Good fuel economy ✓ Wide service network 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Small interior ✗ Basic lower trims ✗ Limited power ✗ No diesel option
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Expert Verdict

"Best value compact Toyota in SA"

The Starlet is an excellent entry-level choice for South African buyers wanting Toyota reliability at an affordable price.

City Driving	Excellent for city use with compact size and light steering
Highway	Comfortable for short to medium highway trips
Off-Road	Not designed for off-road
Best For	First-time buyers, young urban drivers, budget-conscious buyers

04 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T XS Manual

ZAR 244,900

Petrol · Manual · Base Trim

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L Turbocharged 3-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Turbocharged
Displacement	996 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	72 kW
Power @ RPM	5500 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	1500-3000 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Single Turbo	Top Speed	175 km/h
0-100 km/h	12.0 sec	Compression Ratio	10.0:1
Engine Position	Front Transverse		—

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable		—

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	162 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	3995 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	1520 mm	Kerb Weight	1005 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1420 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	265 l	Towing Capacity	Not Rated kg
Front Track Width	1470 mm	Rear Track Width	1455 mm
Turning Radius	4.9 m		—

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l	City Mileage	13 km/l
Highway Mileage	18 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard		—

SAFETY

Airbags	2	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	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard
Central Locking	Standard	Side Impact Beams	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	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

INFOTAINMENT & CONNECTIVITY

Infotainment Screen	7-inch Touchscreen	Apple CarPlay	Standard
Android Auto	Standard	Bluetooth Connectivity	Standard
Number of Speakers	4	Navigation System	Not Available
Digital Instrument Cluster	Not Available	USB Ports	1
Wireless Apple CarPlay	Not Available		—

INTERIOR

Seat Material	Fabric	Seat Adjustment	Manual
Heated Seats	Not Available	Ventilated Seats	Not Available
Steering Type	Electric Power Assisted	Steering Adjustment	Height Adjustable
Ambient Lighting	Not Available	Folding Rear Seats	60/40 Split
Front Armrest	Not Available	Rear Armrest	Not Available

EXTERIOR

LED Headlamps	LED Projector	Daytime Running Lamps	LED
Fog Lamps	Not Available	Roof Rails	Not Available
Alloy Wheel Design	Steel Wheels	Chrome Exterior Finish	Not Available
Body Cladding	Not Available	Rear Spoiler	Not Available

DRIVER ASSISTANCE

Cruise Control	Not Available	Adaptive Cruise Control	Not Available
Lane Keep Assist	Not Available	Lane Departure Warning	Not Available
Blind Spot Monitoring	Not Available	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available
Parking Sensors	Not Available	Rear View Camera	Not Available
360 Degree Camera	Not Available	Autonomous Emergency Braking	Not Available
Driver Fatigue Alert	Not Available	Traffic Sign Recognition	Not Available

SUSPENSION & CHASSIS

Front Suspension	MacPherson Strut	Rear Suspension	Torsion Beam
Chassis Type	Monocoque	Power Steering	Electric
Steering Column	Tilt Adjustable		—

TYRES, WHEELS & BRAKES

Tyre Size	175/65 R15	Wheel Type	Steel
Front Brake Type	Ventilated Disc	Rear Brake Type	Drum

Spare Wheel Type	Full Size Steel		—
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SERVICE & MAINTENANCE

Service Interval	15,000 km or 1 Year	Approx Service Cost	Approx R3,200
Battery Warranty	Not Applicable	Maintenance Plan	Optional

WARRANTY

Warranty Years	3 years	Warranty Kilometers	100000 km
Roadside Assistance	3 Years	Anti-Corrosion Warranty	6 Years

ENVIRONMENTAL & EMISSIONS

CO2 Emissions	107 g/km	Start Stop System	Standard
Hybrid System Type	Not Applicable	Noise Level	67 dB

05 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T GS CVT**ZAR 279,900**

Petrol · Automatic · Mid Trim

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L Turbocharged 3-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Turbocharged
Displacement	996 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	72 kW
Power @ RPM	5500 rpm	Torque	140 Nm
Torque @ RPM	1500-3000 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Single Turbo	Top Speed	175 km/h
0-100 km/h	12.0 sec	Compression Ratio	10.0:1
Engine Position	Front Transverse		—

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	CVT Automatic	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable		—

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	162 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Length	3995 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	1520 mm	Kerb Weight	1005 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1420 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	265 l	Towing Capacity	Not Rated kg
Front Track Width	1470 mm	Rear Track Width	1455 mm
Turning Radius	4.9 m		—

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l	City Mileage	13 km/l
Highway Mileage	18 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard		—

SAFETY

Airbags	6	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
Central Locking	Standard	Side Impact Beams	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

INFOTAINMENT & CONNECTIVITY

Infotainment Screen	8-inch Touchscreen	Apple CarPlay	Standard
Android Auto	Standard	Bluetooth Connectivity	Standard
Number of Speakers	4	Navigation System	Not Available
Digital Instrument Cluster	Partial Digital	USB Ports	2
Wireless Apple CarPlay	Not Available		—

INTERIOR

Seat Material	Fabric	Seat Adjustment	Manual
Heated Seats	Not Available	Ventilated Seats	Not Available
Steering Type	Electric Power Assisted	Steering Adjustment	Height Adjustable
Ambient Lighting	Not Available	Folding Rear Seats	60/40 Split
Front Armrest	Not Available	Rear Armrest	Not Available

EXTERIOR

LED Headlamps	LED Projector	Daytime Running Lamps	LED
Fog Lamps	Not Available	Roof Rails	Not Available
Alloy Wheel Design	15-inch Alloy Wheels	Chrome Exterior Finish	Not Available
Body Cladding	Not Available	Rear Spoiler	Not Available

DRIVER ASSISTANCE

Cruise Control	Not Available	Adaptive Cruise Control	Not Available
Lane Keep Assist	Not Available	Lane Departure Warning	Not Available
Blind Spot Monitoring	Not Available	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available
Parking Sensors	Rear	Rear View Camera	Standard
360 Degree Camera	Not Available	Autonomous Emergency Braking	Not Available
Driver Fatigue Alert	Not Available	Traffic Sign Recognition	Not Available

SUSPENSION & CHASSIS

Front Suspension	MacPherson Strut	Rear Suspension	Torsion Beam
Chassis Type	Monocoque	Power Steering	Electric
Steering Column	Tilt Adjustable		—

TYRES, WHEELS & BRAKES

Tyre Size	185/60 R15	Wheel Type	Alloy
Front Brake Type	Ventilated Disc	Rear Brake Type	Drum

Spare Wheel Type	Full Size Steel		—
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SERVICE & MAINTENANCE

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Battery Warranty	Not Applicable	Maintenance Plan	Optional

WARRANTY

Warranty Years	3 years	Warranty Kilometers	100000 km
Roadside Assistance	3 Years	Anti-Corrosion Warranty	6 Years

ENVIRONMENTAL & EMISSIONS

CO2 Emissions	107 g/km	Start Stop System	Standard
Hybrid System Type	Not Applicable	Noise Level	67 dB

06 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T XR CVT**ZAR 319,900**

Petrol · Automatic · Top Trim

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L Turbocharged 3-Cylinder Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Turbocharged
Displacement	996 cc	Cylinders	3
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