

TOYOTA

Starlet

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

996 cc	72 kW	162 mm	16.7 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 244,900 – 319,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Starlet is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a hatchback body, Petrol power and a South African price reference of R244,900. A proper look at the Starlet begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, a 5-Speed Manual transmission sits beside a 5-Speed Manual transmission, while a FWD/ drivetrain sets a practical boundary. For this South African hatchback, the owner should weigh a South African price reference of R244,900 against the route, load and cost of the vehicle. For a buyer searching the Starlet price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. A South African price reference of R244,900 describes the opportunity; engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol and a power output of 72 kW @ 5500 rpm describe the conditions around it. The Starlet has a clearer South African buying case when its hatchback shape is connected to the work it must do. The useful starting points are a power output of 72 kW @ 5500 rpm and…



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

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 244,900 – 319,900	3 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0T XS Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	**ZAR 244,900**
1.0T GS CVT	Petrol	CVT	Mid	**ZAR 279,900**
1.0T XR CVT	Petrol	CVT	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 & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Hatchback
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R244,900
- ✓ Engine: 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 72 kW @ 5500 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 5-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

> *"Starlet 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, 8-inch Touchscreen, and 9-inch Touchscreen; airbag coverage around 2, 6, and 7; warranty cover listed as 3 years / 100 000 km; service or maintenance cover listed as Optional, and trim-by-trim equipment still matters when comparing monthly cost. A fair review of Starlet should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a South African price reference of R244,900, engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol and a power output of 72 kW @ 5500 rpm can be valuable for the right driver

City Driving	The urban test for Starlet should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. The vehicle's engine of 1-litre Turbocharged Petrol is only useful if access and visibility work in practice. City use is where the small decisions accumulate for Starlet. Drive the Starlet through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. Pay attention to the steering, sight lines, low-speed response, seat position and climate control rather than relying on a quiet dealership loop for Starlet. A FWD/ drivetrain matters when the cabin or load is full, and a front-wheel drive drivetrain can change the cost of repeated short trips for Starlet
Highway	In South African use, the Starlet 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. For highway buyers, the Starlet 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. Run Starlet 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 5-Speed Manual transmission, a FWD/ drivetrain and a front-wheel drive drivetrain is more informative than maximum speed for Starlet. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Starlet

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Off-Road	A power output of 72 kW @ 5500 rpm 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. For Starlet, 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. 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
Best For	The Toyota Starlet is a current South African Hatchback positioned for commuters, students and smaller households who value running costs and easy parking. The best buyer for Starlet can describe a recurring reason for choosing its hatchback layout

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.0T XS Manual	1.0T GS CVT	1.0T XR CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 244,900**	**ZAR 279,900**	**ZAR 319,900**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual	CVT	CVT
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	996 cc (1.0L)	996 cc (1.0L)	996 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	72 kW (97 bhp)	72 kW (97 bhp)	72 kW (97 bhp)
Max Torque	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)	140 Nm (103 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	16.7 km/l	16.7 km/l	16.7 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	265 L	265 L	265 L
Ground Clearance	162 mm	162 mm	162 mm
Kerb Weight	1005 kg	1005 kg	1005 kg

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

05 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T XS Manual

ZAR 244,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
996 cc	72 kW · 97 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	16.7 km/l	Petrol 5-Speed Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	996 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Differential Type Front	Not Available	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Axle Layout	FWD	Gearbox	5-Speed Manual
Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	5-Speed Manual
4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable
Number of Gears	4	Drivetrain	FWD/
Transmission Type	Manual	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	1520 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	162 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Boot/Cargo Space	265 l
Kerb Weight	1005 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1420 kg
Payload Capacity	415 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Highway Mileage	18 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	Real-world Mileage	17.5 km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	40
Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l	City Mileage	13 km/l

SAFETY

Airbags	2	Passenger Airbag	2

Driver Front Passenger Airbags	2	Brake Override System	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Standard
Blind Spot Monitoring	Standard	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Not Available
ESC With Traction Control	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	Optional	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Manual AC
Power Windows	All Doors	Keyless Entry	Standard
Push Button Start	Standard	Wireless Charging	Optional
Sunroof	Not Available	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Automatic Headlamps	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard

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

→ See 1.0T XS Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T GS CVT

ZAR 279,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
996 cc	72 kW · 97 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	16.7 km/l	Petrol CVT

Mid Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	996 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Transmission Speeds	4
Differential Type Front	Not Available	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	CVT Automatic
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Drivetrain	FWD
Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable
Gearbox Type	CVT Automatic	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	1520 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	162 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Boot/Cargo Space	265 l
Kerb Weight	1005 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1420 kg
Payload Capacity	415 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	16.7 km/l	Auto Start Stop	Standard
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Highway Mileage	18 km/l
City Mileage	13 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	40
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Standard	Hill Hold	Standard

AEB	Standard	BA	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	EBD	Standard
Brake Override System	Not Available	Driver Airbag	6
Curtain Airbags	Not Available	Airbags	6
ABS	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Intelligent Keyless Entry	Standard	Difflock	Not Applicable
Digital Speedometer	Partial Digital	Fuel Consumption Combined	6
Intelligent Battery System	Not Available	Front Diff Lock	Not Available
Walk Away Lock	Standard	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available
AC Type	Manual AC	Engine Start Button Illumination	Standard
Electric Folding Mirrors	All Doors	Hill Start Assist	Standard

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→ See 1.0T GS CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Toyota Starlet — 1.0T XR CVT

ZAR 319,900

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
996 cc	72 kW · 97 bhp	140 Nm · 103 lb-ft	16.7 km/l	Petrol CVT

Top Trim · Petrol · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	996 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	FWD
4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Differential Type Front	Not Available	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Not Applicable	Drivetrain	FWD/
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3995 mm	Width	1695 mm
Height	1520 mm	Wheelbase	2520 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	162 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Boot/Cargo Space	265 l
Kerb Weight	1005 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1420 kg
Payload Capacity	415 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Euro 5
Real-world Mileage	17.5 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Highway Mileage	18 km/l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Claimed Mileage	16.7 km/l	City Mileage	13 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l	Fuel Tank Litres	40

SAFETY

Airbags	7	EBD	Standard

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Side Impact Beams	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Brake Override System	Not Available	TCS	Standard
BA	Standard	Knee Airbag	Not Available
Stability Control	Standard	AEB	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Load Bed Steps	Not Available
Centre Console	Not Available	Climate Control	Automatic AC
Climate Zones	Automatic AC	Common Rail Injection	Direct Injection
Rim Size	15-inch Alloy Wheels	Load Bed Light	Not Available
Rear Diff Lock	Not Available	Rear Electric Motor	Not Available

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→ See 1.0T XR 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

→ 1.0T XS Manual — ZAR 244,900

→ 1.0T GS CVT — ZAR 279,900

→ 1.0T XR CVT — ZAR 319,900

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