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Yaris

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1496 cc

ENGINE

88 kW

POWER

160 mm

CLEARANCE

15.1 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 289,900 – 359,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Yaris 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 Yaris 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 Yaris as a practical hatchback for buyers prioritizing practicality and maneuverability. 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 depreciation—sits comfortably within...



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2020
Generation	Current generation on Toyota's TNGA-B platform
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	White,Black,Silver,Grey,Blue,Red
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/yaris

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 289,900 – 359,900	3 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.5 Xi Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 289,900
1.5 XS CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 319,900
1.5 XR CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	ZAR 359,900

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5 Xi Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 304,378
Cape Town	ZAR 306,548
Durban	ZAR 302,699
Pretoria	ZAR 303,538

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

"Practical premium hatchback"

The Yaris is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing practical efficiency. 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 Yaris represents genuine value.

City Driving	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.
Highway	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.
Off-Road	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

Urban families, professionals, practical hatchback buyers

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.5 Xi Manual	1.5 XS CVT	1.5 XR CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 289,900	ZAR 319,900	ZAR 359,900
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	1496 cc (1.5L)	1496 cc (1.5L)	1496 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	88 kW (118 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)	88 kW (118 bhp)
Max Torque	145 Nm (107 lb-ft)	145 Nm (107 lb-ft)	145 Nm (107 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	15.1 km/l	15.1 km/l	15.1 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	286 L	286 L	286 L
Ground Clearance	160 mm	160 mm	160 mm
Kerb Weight	1110 kg	1110 kg	1110 kg

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

05 Toyota Yaris — 1.5 Xi Manual

ZAR 289,900

ENGINE 1496 cc	POWER 88 kW · 118 bhp	TORQUE 145 Nm · 107 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.1 km/l	FUEL Petrol Manual
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Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder NR
Displacement	1496 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	88 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	145 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	182 km/h

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-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	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	160 mm	Wheelbase	2550 mm
Length	4180 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Kerb Weight	1110 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1515 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	286 l	Towing Capacity	Not Rated kg
Front Track Width	1490 mm	Rear Track Width	1490 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	15.1 km/l	City Mileage	11 km/l
Highway Mileage	17 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	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	7	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	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
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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

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

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Toyota Yaris — 1.5 XS CVT

ZAR 319,900

ENGINE 1496 cc	POWER 88 kW · 118 bhp	TORQUE 145 Nm · 107 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.1 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder NR
Displacement	1496 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	88 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	145 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	182 km/h

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	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	160 mm	Wheelbase	2550 mm
Length	4180 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Kerb Weight	1110 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1515 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	286 l	Towing Capacity	Not Rated kg
Front Track Width	1490 mm	Rear Track Width	1490 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	15.1 km/l	City Mileage	11 km/l
Highway Mileage	17 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	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	7	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
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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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 Yaris — 1.5 XR CVT

ZAR 359,900

ENGINE 1496 cc	POWER 88 kW · 118 bhp	TORQUE 145 Nm · 107 lb-ft	ECONOMY 15.1 km/l	FUEL Petrol Automatic
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Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5L Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder NR
Displacement	1496 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	88 kW
Power @ RPM	6000 rpm	Torque	145 Nm
Torque @ RPM	4800 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	182 km/h

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	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	160 mm	Wheelbase	2550 mm
Length	4180 mm	Width	1745 mm
Height	1500 mm	Kerb Weight	1110 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1515 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	286 l	Towing Capacity	Not Rated kg
Front Track Width	1490 mm	Rear Track Width	1490 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	15.1 km/l	City Mileage	11 km/l
Highway Mileage	17 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	42 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	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	7	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	Automatic 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	Auto Dimming Mirror	Standard
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.5 Xi Manual — ZAR 289,900

→ 1.5 XS CVT — ZAR 319,900

→ 1.5 XR CVT — ZAR 359,900

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