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Caddy

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1968 cc	81 kW	144 mm	18.2 km/l	7 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 573,200 – 722,650

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The South African range uses Petrol and Diesel power with Manual choices. Fifth generation launched in SA in 2021 – completely new platform and design. The Caddy is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a power output of 81 kW, a Manual transmission and a two-wheel drive drivetrain. A proper look at the Caddy begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, Petrol power sits beside a South African price reference of R573,200, while a power output of 81 kW sets a practical boundary. For this South African van, the owner should weigh the SA5 fifth generation on MQB platform – major improvement over previous generation generation against the route, load and cost of the vehicle. For a buyer searching the Caddy price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. A two-wheel drive drivetrain describes the opportunity; a listed payload of 591 and towing capacity of 1500 describe the conditions around it. The Caddy has a clearer South African…



Body Style	Van
Launched	2021
Generation	SA5 fifth generation on MQB platform – major improvement over previous generation
Fuel Types	Petrol and Diesel
Colours	White, Silver, Black
OEM Website	https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/caddy.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 573,200 – 722,650	3 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.6i Manual	Petrol	6-Speed Manual	Base	**ZAR 573,200**
2.0 TDI Manual	Diesel	6-Speed Manual	Mid	**ZAR 685,300**
Caddy Maxi 2.0 TDI Manual	Diesel	6-Speed Manual	Top	**ZAR 722,650**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.6i Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 591,078**
Cape Town	**ZAR 594,098**
Durban	**ZAR 588,832**
Pretoria	**ZAR 589,955**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Van
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R573,200
- ✓ Power output: 81 kW
- ✓ Gearbox: Manual
- ✓ Drivetrain: 4x2

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

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

The Volkswagen Caddy suits work, fleet and practical ownership. Fuel and tyre costs should be checked against the exact derivative. A fair review of Caddy should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a two-wheel drive drivetrain, a listed payload of 591 and towing capacity of 1500 can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Caddy is specific. A van body gives it a reason to be considered, while Petrol power and a South African price reference of R573,200 set the boundaries for Caddy. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Caddy. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Caddy. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Caddy

City Driving	In South African use, the Caddy 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 Caddy 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 a listed payload of 591 is only useful if access and visibility work in practice
Highway	For highway buyers, the Caddy needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. A listed ground clearance of 144 helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort. Long-distance comfort depends on details that disappear in a short test drive for Caddy. Run Caddy 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 South African price reference of R573,200, a power output of 81 kW and a Manual transmission is more informative than maximum speed for Caddy. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Caddy

Off-Road	Towing capacity of 1500 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 Caddy. For Caddy, the sensible check is the exact 4x2 arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for Caddy. 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 Caddy
Best For	The Volkswagen Caddy is a current South African Van positioned for work, fleet and practical ownership. The best buyer for Caddy can describe a recurring reason for choosing its van layout. Then compare a power output of 81 kW and a Manual transmission with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.6i Manual	2.0 TDI Manual	Caddy Maxi 2.0 TDI Manual
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 573,200**	**ZAR 685,300**	**ZAR 722,650**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	1598 cc (1.6L)	1968 cc (2.0L)	1968 cc (2.0L)
Max Power	81 kW (109 bhp)	81 kW (109 bhp)	81 kW (109 bhp)
Max Torque	152 Nm (112 lb-ft)	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Economy	14.9 km/l	18.2 km/l	18.2 km/l
Seating	5	5	7
Boot Space	191 L	191 L	446 L
Ground Clearance	144 mm	144 mm	144 mm
Kerb Weight	1659 kg	1659 kg	1707 kg

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

05 Volkswagen Caddy — 1.6i Manual

ZAR 573,200

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1598 cc	81 kW · 109 bhp	152 Nm · 112 lb-ft	14.9 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · 6-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1598 cc
Cylinders	Not Officially Disclosed	Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Not Officially Disclosed	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable
Gearbox	Manual	Drivetrain Layout	4x2
LSD Available	Not Applicable	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	6	Transfer Case Guard	Not Available
Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	4x2

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1855 mm
Height	1797 mm	Wheelbase	2755 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	144 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Boot/Cargo Space	191 l	Kerb Weight	1659 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2250 kg	Payload Capacity	591 kg
Towing Capacity	1500 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l l	Highway Mileage	17.6 km/l
City Mileage	12.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	50 l
Claimed Mileage	14.9 km/l	Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Emission Standard	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

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Traction Control	Not Available	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
ABS	Standard	Airbags	Front airbags
Seatbelt Pretensioners	Not Available	Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available
Side Airbags	Not Available	Stability Control	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Adaptive Dampers	Not Available	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Not Available
Power Windows	Not Available	Keyless Entry	Not Available
Push Button Start	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Not Available
Sunroof	Not Available	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Boot Space Seats Folded	853 l l

+ 12 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.6i Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Volkswagen Caddy — 2.0 TDI Manual ZAR 685,300

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1968 cc	81 kW · 109 bhp	300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	18.2 km/l	Diesel 6-Speed Manual

Mid Trim · Diesel · 6-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	1968 cc
Cylinders	Not Officially Disclosed	Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Not Officially Disclosed	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	4x2	Gearbox	Manual
Axle Layout	4x2	Low Range	Not Applicable
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Transmission Speeds	6
Transmission Type	Manual	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4500 mm	Width	1855 mm
Height	1797 mm	Wheelbase	2755 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	144 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Boot/Cargo Space	191 l	Kerb Weight	1659 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2250 kg	Payload Capacity	591 kg
Towing Capacity	1500 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l l
Highway Mileage	21.3 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	City Mileage	14.8 km/l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Claimed Mileage	18.2 km/l
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	50 l

SAFETY

AEB	Not Available	Airbags	Front airbags
ABS	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available

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Traction Control	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Child Safety Lock	Not Available
ISOFIX Mounts	Not Available	Brake Assist	Not Available
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Canopy Fitment	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Boot Space Seats Folded	853 l l	Rev Matching	Not Available
Loadbox Depth Mm	Not Available mm	AC Type	Not Available
Rear Diff Lock	Not Available	One Pedal Driving	Not Available
Variant Role	Core range derivative	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Tailgate Damper	Not Available

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→ See 2.0 TDI Manual full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Volkswagen Caddy — Caddy Maxi 2.0 TDI Manual

ZAR 722,650

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1968 cc	81 kW · 109 bhp	300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	18.2 km/l	Diesel 6-Speed Manual

Top Trim · Diesel · 6-Speed Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	1968 cc
Cylinders	Not Officially Disclosed	Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed
Aspiration	Not Officially Disclosed	Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed
Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed	Bore	Not Officially Disclosed mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	4x2	Gearbox	Manual
Axle Layout	4x2	Low Range	Not Applicable
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Transmission Speeds	6
Transmission Type	Manual	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4853 mm	Width	1855 mm
Height	1823 mm	Wheelbase	2970 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	144 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Boot/Cargo Space	446 l	Kerb Weight	1707 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2250 kg	Payload Capacity	543 kg
Towing Capacity	1500 kg	Seating Capacity	7 seats

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l l
Highway Mileage	21.3 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	City Mileage	14.8 km/l
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Claimed Mileage	18.2 km/l
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	50 l

SAFETY

AEB	Not Available	Airbags	Front airbags

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ABS	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
Traction Control	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Child Safety Lock	Not Available
ISOFIX Mounts	Not Available	Brake Assist	Not Available
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Canopy Fitment	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Boot Space Seats Folded	1720 l l	Rev Matching	Not Available
Loadbox Depth Mm	Not Available mm	AC Type	Not Available
Rear Diff Lock	Not Available	One Pedal Driving	Not Available
Variant Role	Entry or fleet-access derivative	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Tailgate Damper	Not Available

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08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.6i Manual — ZAR 573,200

→ 2.0 TDI Manual — ZAR 685,300

→ Caddy Maxi 2.0 TDI Manual — ZAR 722,650

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