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# Polo-Vivo

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**ZAR 271,900 – 363,300**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Volkswagen Polo-Vivo is a current South African Hatchback positioned for commuters, students and smaller households who value running costs and easy parking. It is represented locally by 5 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R271 900 to R363 300, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. That makes it useful to read the range as a real buying ladder, not just as one badge on a showroom menu. The South African range uses Petrol power with Manual and Automatic choices. Available engine references include 4-cylinder SI engine 1.4 l unit 03C.1; 4-cylinder SI engine 1.4 l/63 kW (16V) base engine is TT1/TK0. The published output picture lists power figures around 55 kW, 63, 77, and 81 and torque figures around 130 Nm and 132. Drivetrain coverage includes 4x2, which is important when separating daily commuter trims from rough-road or load-focused derivatives. The derivative walk is central to the buying decision. Confirmed local versions include 1.4 55kW Manual, 1.4 Life 63kW Manual, 1.6 Style 77kW Manual, 1.6 Life 77kW Tiptronic, and...



<b>Body Style</b>	Hatchback
<b>Launched</b>	2010
<b>Generation</b>	Long-running locally produced hatchback
<b>Fuel Types</b>	Petrol
<b>Colours</b>	White,Black,Silver,Grey,Blue,Red
<b>OEM Website</b>	<a href="https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/polo-vivo.html">https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/polo-vivo.html</a>

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	<b>ZAR 271,900 – 363,300</b>	5 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.4 55kW Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	<b>ZAR 271,900</b>
1.4 Life 63kW Manual	Petrol	Manual	Mid	<b>ZAR 294,500</b>
1.6 Style 77kW Manual	Petrol	Manual	Top	<b>ZAR 324,600</b>
1.6 Life 77kW Tiptronic	Petrol	Automatic	Top	<b>ZAR 326,800</b>
1.0 TSI GT 81kW Manual	Petrol	Manual	Flagship	<b>ZAR 363,300</b>

### Estimated On-Road Price — 1.4 55kW Manual (Base Variant)

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 286,162</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 288,278</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 284,519</b>
<b>Pretoria</b>	<b>ZAR 285,340</b>

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

## 03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS	● CONSIDERATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear local range structure</li> <li>✓ Confirmed South African variant coverage</li> <li>✓ Useful price ladder for comparison</li> <li>✓ Powertrain choices documented by derivative</li> <li>✓ Practical body format for its segment</li> <li>✓ Ownership cover can be compared by trim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Best value depends heavily on trim choice</li> <li>✗ Upper grades need careful price justification</li> <li>✗ Some equipment can vary by derivative</li> <li>✗ Real-world fuel use depends on load and route</li> <li>✗ Tyre and insurance costs should be checked</li> <li>✗ Not every version suits rough-road work</li> </ul>

## Expert Verdict

*"Volkswagen Polo-Vivo is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real Hatchback use case."*

The Volkswagen Polo-Vivo is not a one-line recommendation; it is a range that needs to be matched carefully to the buyer. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R271 900 to R363 300, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. The sensible approach is to start with body style and seating or load requirements, then choose the variant whose price, transmission, drivetrain and equipment fit the weekly routine. That keeps the decision grounded in ownership reality rather than showroom appeal. The fairest verdict on the Volkswagen Polo-Vivo is therefore use-case driven. It can be a strong South African choice when the buyer chooses the correct derivative for the intended mix of city driving, freeway work, passengers, cargo and rough-road exposure. It becomes less convincing when bought only for styling or badge appeal without checking the practical numbers and ownership costs that will matter after delivery.

<b>City Driving</b>	In city use the Polo-Vivo should be judged by visibility, parking effort, stop-start comfort and the way the available transmissions behave in traffic. A Hatchback with a sensible seating position can make daily errands easier, but buyers should still check wheel size, camera availability and low-speed ride comfort on the exact derivative they intend to buy. For the Polo-Vivo, city use also means potholes, tight shopping-centre ramps, speed humps, heat-soaked traffic and short trips where fuel use can rise. The most comfortable derivative is the one that combines the right gearbox response, seating position and parking support with tyre sizes that do not punish everyday surfaces.
<b>Highway</b>	On longer South African routes the Polo-Vivo needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Published consumption references around 4 l/100km, 5 help frame running costs, while output references around 55 kW, 63, and 77 help explain overtaking confidence. Buyers who travel with passengers or cargo should compare the loaded feel and not rely only on solo test-drive impressions. A buyer who drives between provinces or carries family on holiday should also consider noise, seat support, spare-wheel arrangements, overtaking response and how confidently the vehicle holds speed when loaded. Those details often separate two trims that look similar on paper.

<b>Off-Road</b>	The Polo-Vivo is best treated as a road-biased vehicle for tar, suburban streets and occasional well-kept gravel. It can handle normal South African surface changes when driven sensibly, but buyers who regularly travel on sand, mud or rocky access roads should choose a purpose-built SUV or bakkie instead. Where rougher roads are part of ownership, the buyer should check tyres, underbody clearance, approach to traction control and recovery practicality before relying on the body style. If the route is mainly tar, comfort and running costs should take priority over unused off-road image.
<b>Best For</b>	The Volkswagen Polo-Vivo suits commuters, students and smaller households who value running costs and easy parking. It is strongest for buyers who already know the body format works for their parking, family, business or leisure needs, and who now need to choose the right derivative by monthly cost, transmission, equipment and practical capability. It is less suited to shoppers who only want the lowest advertised price without checking what changes between trims.

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 5 variants of the Volkswagen Polo-Vivo side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.4 55kW Manual	1.4 Life 63kW Manual	1.6 Style 77kW Manual	1.6 Life 77kW Tiptronic
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 271,900	ZAR 294,500	ZAR 324,600	ZAR 326,800
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Manual	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top	Top
Engine	—	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—	—

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SPEC	1.0 TSI GT 81kW Manual
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 363,300
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	Manual
Trim Level	Flagship
Engine	—
Max Power	—
Max Torque	—
Drivetrain	—
Fuel Economy	—
Seating	—
Boot Space	—
Ground Clearance	—
Kerb Weight	—

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

## 05 Volkswagen Polo-Vivo — 1.4 55kW Manual

ZAR 271,900

FUEL

**Petrol**

Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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→ [See 1.4 55kW Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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**06 Volkswagen Polo-Vivo — 1.4 Life 63kW Manual**

**ZAR 294,500**

FUEL

**Petrol**

Manual

Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 1.4 Life 63kW Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

**07 Volkswagen Polo-Vivo — 1.6 Style 77kW  
Manual**

**ZAR 324,600**

FUEL

**Petrol**

Manual

Top Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 1.6 Style 77kW Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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**08 Volkswagen Polo-Vivo — 1.6 Life 77kW**  
**Tiptronic**

**ZAR 326,800**

FUEL

**Petrol**  
Automatic

Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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→ [See 1.6 Life 77kW Tiptronic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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**09 Volkswagen Polo-Vivo — 1.0 TSI GT 81kW**  
**Manual**

**ZAR 363,300**

FUEL

**Petrol**

Manual

Flagship Trim · Petrol · Manual

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→ [1.4 55kW Manual](#) — ZAR 271,900

→ [1.4 Life 63kW Manual](#) — ZAR 294,500

→ [1.6 Style 77kW Manual](#) — ZAR 324,600

→ [1.6 Life 77kW Tiptronic](#) — ZAR 326,800

→ [1.0 TSI GT 81kW Manual](#) — ZAR 363,300

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