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Taigo

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1000 cc	85 kW	168 mm	16.1 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 514,500 – 581,500

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/volkswagen/taigo/

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

In the current South African range the Taigo as an SUV with petrol power. For the Volkswagen Taigo, the best buyer is someone who can match the vehicle to a known routine instead of shopping only by advertised price or exterior style. In city use, the Taigo should be judged on raised seating, cabin access, parking confidence and daily comfort. For a buyer searching the Taigo price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. Engine of 3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW describes the opportunity; a power output of 85 kW and a DCT transmission describe the conditions around it. The Taigo is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between Petrol power, a South African price reference of R514,500 and engine of 3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW. For this South African suv, the owner should weigh a two-wheel drive drivetrain against the route, load and cost of the vehicle. The Taigo has a clearer South African buying case when…

Body Style	SUV
Generation	Current South African Taigo listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Colour availability changes by model year, production batch and dealer stock; check the current colour selector before ordering.
OEM Website	https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/taigo.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 514,500 – 581,500	3 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	**ZAR 514,500**
1.0 TSI Style 85kW DSG	Petrol	Automatic	Top	**ZAR 555,300**
1.0 TSI R-Line 85kW DSG	Petrol	Automatic	Flagship	**ZAR 581,500**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 531,674**
Cape Town	**ZAR 534,517**
Durban	**ZAR 529,545**
Pretoria	**ZAR 530,609**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R514,500
- ✓ Engine: 3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW
- ✓ Power output: 85 kW
- ✓ Gearbox: DCT

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

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

A Volkswagen Taigo buyer will usually care about more than the monthly instalment: insurance, tyres, servicing, resale confidence, parts availability and dealer proximity all affect the real value of the car. The buying case for Taigo is specific. Engine of 3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW gives it a reason to be considered, while a power output of 85 kW and a DCT transmission set the boundaries. Taigo is easiest to recommend when the buyer can point to a concrete benefit in an SUV body and accept the limitation represented by engine of 3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW. The local price should be judged against the equipment that is actually included, not an adjacent trim for Taigo. That is the difference between a sound purchase and an expensive specification mismatch for Taigo

City Driving	The final reason to shortlist the Volkswagen Taigo is practical fit. Drive the Taigo through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. A two-wheel drive drivetrain matters when the cabin or load is full, and a listed ground clearance of 168 can change the cost of repeated short trips
Highway	Buyers who do that homework will know whether the Taigo fits as a commuter, family vehicle, work tool or long-distance travel partner. Run Taigo 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 DCT transmission, a two-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed ground clearance of 168 is more informative than maximum speed
Off-Road	Brings polo-like ease with a higher-riding look, so the strongest buying case comes from matching the body style, fuel type and grade to the week the vehicle will actually live through. For Taigo, the sensible check is the exact 4x2 arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. If the Taigo will leave smooth tar, test the actual road rather than the image around it. A slow run over corrugations, a sharp entrance and a loaded crest will show whether the suspension, tyres and underside suit the duty for Taigo. Check a DCT transmission against the stated drivetrain for Taigo. Maintained gravel can be a reasonable use case for many road vehicles; deep sand, mud and water demand confirmed equipment and a recovery plan for Taigo

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Best For	That is why the Taigo should be checked against the exact derivative before a buyer assumes a feature is standard. Taigo makes the most sense for an owner whose route and budget agree with a power output of 85 kW

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG	1.0 TSI Style 85kW DSG	1.0 TSI R-Line 85kW DSG
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 514,500**	**ZAR 555,300**	**ZAR 581,500**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Trim Level	Mid	Top	Flagship
Engine	1000 cc (1.0L)	1000 cc (1.0L)	1000 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)	85 kW (114 bhp)
Max Torque	200 Nm (148 lb-ft)	200 Nm (148 lb-ft)	200 Nm (148 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Economy	16.1 km/l	16.1 km/l	16.1 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	440 L	440 L	440 L
Ground Clearance	168 mm	168 mm	168 mm
Kerb Weight	1220 kg	1220 kg	1220 kg

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

05 Volkswagen Taigo — 1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG ZAR 514,500

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1000 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	200 Nm · 148 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1000 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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gearbox	DCT
Drivetrain Layout	4x2	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Gear Shift Type	DCT	Clutch Type	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4266 mm	Width	1757 mm
Height	1515 mm	Wheelbase	2554 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	168 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Boot/Cargo Space	440 l	Kerb Weight	1220 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1710 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats
Doors	5 doors	Minimum Turning Radius	5.4 m

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	13.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	40

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Not Available	AEB	Not Available

Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Knee Airbag	Not Available	BA	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Side Airbags	Not Available
Brake Override System	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Not Available
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Curtain Airbags	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Front Power Outlet	Standard	Front Armrest	Standard
Climate Zones	Standard	Air Conditioning	Standard
Variant Role	Mid-to-high value derivative	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available
AC Type	Standard	Battery Preconditioning	Not Available
Bed Extender	Not Available	Canopy Fitment	Not Available
Centre Console	Standard	12V Accessory Socket	Standard

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

→ See 1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 Volkswagen Taigo — 1.0 TSI Style 85kW DSG ZAR 555,300

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1000 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	200 Nm · 148 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol

Top Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1000 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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gearbox	DCT
Drivetrain Layout	4x2	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Gear Shift Type	DCT	Clutch Type	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4266 mm	Width	1757 mm
Height	1515 mm	Wheelbase	2554 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	168 mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Boot/Cargo Space	440 l	Kerb Weight	1220 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1710 kg	Seating Capacity	5 seats
Doors	5 doors	Minimum Turning Radius	5.4 m

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

City Mileage	13.0 km/l	Claimed Mileage	16.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	19.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	40 l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	40

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Not Available	AEB	Not Available

Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Knee Airbag	Not Available	BA	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Side Airbags	Not Available
Brake Override System	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Not Available
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Curtain Airbags	Not Available

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Front Power Outlet	Standard	Front Armrest	Standard
Climate Zones	Standard	Air Conditioning	Standard
Variant Role	Mid-to-high value derivative	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available
AC Type	Standard	Battery Preconditioning	Not Available
Bed Extender	Not Available	Canopy Fitment	Not Available
Centre Console	Standard	12V Accessory Socket	Standard

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→ See 1.0 TSI Style 85kW DSG full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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07 Volkswagen Taigo — 1.0 TSI R-Line 85kW DSG ZAR 581,500

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1000 cc	85 kW · 114 bhp	200 Nm · 148 lb-ft	16.1 km/l	Petrol

Flagship Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	3-cylinder SI engine 1.0 l TSI, 85 kW	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1000 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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gearbox	DCT
Drivetrain Layout	4x2	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Gear Shift Type	DCT	Clutch Type	Not Applicable

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Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	40

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Not Available	AEB	Not Available

Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Knee Airbag	Not Available	BA	Not Available
ABS EBD	Standard	Side Airbags	Not Available
Brake Override System	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Not Available
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Curtain Airbags	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Front Power Outlet	Standard	Front Armrest	Standard
Climate Zones	Standard	Air Conditioning	Standard
Variant Role	Flagship / premium derivative	Adaptive Dampers	Not Available
AC Type	Standard	Battery Preconditioning	Not Available
Bed Extender	Not Available	Canopy Fitment	Not Available
Centre Console	Standard	12V Accessory Socket	Standard

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

→ See 1.0 TSI R-Line 85kW DSG full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.0 TSI Life 85kW DSG — ZAR 514,500

→ 1.0 TSI Style 85kW DSG — ZAR 555,300

→ 1.0 TSI R-Line 85kW DSG — ZAR 581,500

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