



VOLKSWAGEN

Vivo Xpress

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1398 cc

ENGINE

63 kW

POWER

143 mm

CLEARANCE

16.9 km/l

FUEL ECON

2 seats

SEATING

ZAR 279,990

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/volkswagen/vivo-xpress/>

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Hagalu editorial score

1 Variants

1 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Volkswagen Vivo Xpress returned to South Africa in February 2026 as a compact two-seat panel van built for urban delivery work. It is not simply a passenger hatchback with a business label. Volkswagen removes the rear seating area and provides a flat, separated load compartment, while retaining the familiar 1.4-litre petrol engine and five-speed manual gearbox used in the Vivo family. The launch price of R279,990 positions it as a small commercial tool for owner-drivers, service businesses and fleets that need easier parking than a large van can provide. The key decision is whether its compact footprint and 490 kg payload suit the actual cargo carried each day. The Xpress measures 3,972 mm long, 1,682 mm wide and 1,462 mm high on a 2,470 mm wheelbase. Those dimensions make garage access, narrow streets and busy delivery bays less intimidating than they are in a full-size panel van. A 5.3 m turning radius is useful in town, although a test with the normal load is still important because visibility, braking distance and suspension behaviour change when the vehicle is working....



Body Style	Panel Van
Launched	2026
Generation	Polo Vivo-derived two-seat panel-van generation for the current South African market
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Confirm the current solid-paint and fleet-colour availability on the written dealer order.
OEM Website	https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/vivo-xpress.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 279,990	1 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.4 63kW Xpress 5MT	Petrol	Manual	Commercial	ZAR 279,990

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.4 63kW Xpress 5MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 294,349
Cape Town	ZAR 296,489
Durban	ZAR 292,689
Pretoria	ZAR 293,519

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Compact 3,972 mm body ✓ 490 kg published payload ✓ Current R279,990 local price ✓ Simple 1.4-litre petrol engine ✓ Five-speed manual drivetrain ✓ Electronic stability control	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Only two occupant positions ✗ No automatic derivative ✗ Modest 63 kW output ✗ Service plan is optional ✗ No published towing capacity ✗ No published cargo-volume figure
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A useful compact delivery tool when its 490 kg payload and manual petrol drivetrain match the daily route."

The Vivo Xpress is a focused small-business vehicle rather than a lifestyle conversion. It combines a compact local body, two-seat cargo layout, 490 kg payload and a known 1.4-litre manual powertrain at a published price. That package can reduce the inconvenience of using a large van for light urban work. Its limits are equally important: it is manual only, modestly powered and does not provide the advanced assistance suite or cargo scale available in newer, larger vans. The right purchase follows a measured cargo trial and a complete ownership quote, not the low headline price alone.

City Driving	City use is the Vivo Xpress strong point. Its short body and 5.3 m turning radius help in delivery lanes, apartment parking and older business districts. The manual gearbox and naturally aspirated engine should be tested on the steepest normal route with representative load aboard. Check rearward visibility around the cargo partition, door opening space at the normal stop and whether the load can be restrained securely. Fuel use on repeated short trips can differ materially from the combined result, so record litres and kilometres over a real working week.
Highway	The vehicle can travel at national-road speeds, but 63 kW and 132 Nm mean planning matters when it is loaded. Test merging, overtaking visibility, crosswind stability and cabin noise rather than relying only on the 177 km/h maximum. Keep tyres at the load-appropriate pressure and distribute mass within the permitted payload. For regular long-distance freight, compare driver-seat comfort, fuel range, roadside support and load volume with a purpose-built larger van before choosing the smaller footprint.
Off-Road	This is a front-wheel-drive city panel van, not an off-road vehicle. Its published 143 mm minimum ground clearance calls for care on rutted access roads, construction entrances and high kerbs. Four-wheel drive, low range, terrain modes and differential locks do not apply. Volkswagen does not publish a wading depth for this derivative, so water crossings should not be treated as part of its operating capability. Maintained gravel can be assessed carefully with the actual tyres and load.
Best For	The clearest buyer is an owner-driver, technician, courier, florist, caterer or small fleet manager who carries compact goods through dense urban routes. It also suits businesses that want a vehicle capable of serving as daily transport without taking the parking space of a larger van. The 490 kg payload should be checked against a written load list that includes shelving, tools, driver, passenger and accessories. Buyers whose work regularly involves bulky pallets, very heavy items, long motorway stages or towing need a larger commercial vehicle with published capability.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the Volkswagen Vivo Xpress side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.4 63kW Xpress 5MT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 279,990
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	5-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Commercial
Engine	1398 cc (1.4L)
Max Power	63 kW (84 bhp)
Max Torque	132 Nm (97 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD
Fuel Economy	16.9 km/l
Seating	2
Boot Space	952 L
Ground Clearance	143 mm
Kerb Weight	1063 kg

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

05 Volkswagen Vivo Xpress — 1.4 63kW Xpress 5MT

ZAR 279,990

ENGINE 1398 cc	POWER 63 kW · 84 bhp	TORQUE 132 Nm · 97 lb-ft	ECONOMY 16.9 km/l	FUEL Petrol 5-Speed Manual
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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.4-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol	Engine Code	CLPA
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1398 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Electronic Fuel Injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Available	Gearbox	5-speed manual
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Electronic Differential Lock	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	5	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	3972 mm	Width	1682 mm
Height	1462 mm	Wheelbase	2470 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	143 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	Not Officially Disclosed mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	952 l
Kerb Weight	1063 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1530 kg
Payload Capacity	490 kg	Towing Capacity	953 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Real-world Mileage	14.4 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	45
Auto Start Stop	Not Available	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Not Available	ISOFIX Mounts	Not Applicable
Child Safety Lock	Standard on rear side doors	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Traction Control	ASR
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	2	Engine Immobiliser	Electronic immobiliser
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Remote keyless entry	Climate Control	Manually controlled air conditioning
Power Windows	Front power windows	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Manual intermittent wipers
AC Type	Manual air conditioning		—

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

→ [See 1.4 63kW Xpress 5MT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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