

Toyota Hiace Ses'fikile

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Model Overview

The Hiace Ses'fikile (meaning 'we have arrived' in Zulu) is the iconic minibus taxi that carries millions of South Africans daily. Toyota's purpose-built 16-seater offers the lowest total cost of ownership in its class, backed by Toyota's dealer network. Its affordability, reliability and parts availability make it the dominant force in SA's public transport sector.

Variant Pricing

Variant	Ex-Showroom Price
2.5D 16-seat MT	ZAR 549,300

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Ground Clearance	155 mm
Wheelbase	3110 mm
Length	5380 mm
Width	1880 mm
Height	1990 mm
Kerb Weight	2055 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	3500 kg
Seating Capacity	16
Boot Space	0 l
Towing Capacity	2800 kg
Engine	2.5L Turbodiesel
Engine Type	Inline 4-cylinder 2KD-FTV
Displacement	2494 cc
Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	4
Power	75 kW
Torque	200 Nm
Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Top Speed	145 km/h
0-100 km/h	18.0 sec
Transmission	5-speed Manual
Drive Type	RWD
Drivetrain Layout	Rear Wheel Drive
LSD Available	Mechanical Differential
Transfer Case	None
Claimed Mileage	11.0 km/l
City Mileage	9 km/l
Highway Mileage	13 km/l
Fuel Tank Capacity	70 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5
Airbags	2
ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard
ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Cruise Control	Standard
Adaptive Cruise Control	Not Available
Lane Keep Assist	Not Available
Blind Spot Monitoring	Not Available
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available
Parking Sensors	Rear Only
Rear View Camera	Standard
360 Degree Camera	Not Available
Autonomous Emergency Braking	Not Available
Seat Material	Fabric
Seat Adjustment	Manual
Heated Seats	Not Available
Ventilated Seats	Not Available
Steering Type	Hydraulic Power Steering
Steering Adjustment	Tilt
Ambient Lighting	Not Available
Climate Control	Not Available
Power Windows	All Windows
Keyless Entry	Standard
Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available
Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Infotainment Screen	Basic Radio
Apple CarPlay	Not Available
Android Auto	Not Available
Bluetooth Connectivity	Standard
Number of Speakers	6
Navigation System	Not Available
LED Headlamps	Halogen
Daytime Running Lamps	Standard
Fog Lamps	Front Only
Roof Rails	Not Available
Alloy Wheel Design	Steel Wheels
Approach Angle	29 deg
Departure Angle	26 deg
Wading Depth	700 mm
Terrain Modes	None

Locking Differential	Rear Differential Lock
Tyre Size	195/75 R16
Wheel Type	Steel
Front Brake Type	Ventilated Disc
Rear Brake Type	Drum
Front Suspension	Double Wishbone
Rear Suspension	Leaf Spring
Chassis Type	Ladder Frame
Service Interval	10000 km / 12 months
Approx Service Cost	Moderate
Battery Warranty	24 Months
Warranty Years	3 years
Warranty Kilometers	100000 km
Roadside Assistance	3 Years
CO2 Emissions	240 g/km
Start Stop System	Not Available
Hybrid System Type	None
Power @ RPM	3600 rpm
Torque @ RPM	1800 rpm
Turbocharger	Turbocharged

Pros

- Lowest cost per passenger in its class
- Toyota reliability – essential for daily commercial use
- Massive parts and service network across SA
- 16-seat configuration maximises revenue
- Low entry price

Cons

- Very basic interior
- No modern comfort or safety features
- High daily mileage wears components faster
- Single configuration only

Expert Verdict

The Ses'fikile isn't evaluated on luxury or driving dynamics. It's measured on uptime, parts availability, and total cost of ownership – and it excels in all three.

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