



MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) (Europe)

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General Info

Years of Production	2019 - 2021
Market Availability	EU
Country of Manufacture	China, Indonesia, India
Current Status	Discontinued
Body Style	SUV
Price Europe (New/Used)	€No data/12145

Range and Efficiency

Range EPA	No data
Range WLTP	263 km
Range GCC	237 km
Battery (Usable/Nominal)	42.5/44.5 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range)	17.9 kWh/100 km
Efficiency (Range/Energy)	5.58 km/kWh

Charging

Architecture	400 V
Max AC Charging	6.6 kW
Max DC Charging	76 kW
Charge Port	CCS Type 2

Performance

Drive Type	FWD PMSM
Motor (Power/Torque)	105 kW (141 hp)/353 Nm
Acceleration 0-100 km/h	8.2 s
Top Speed	140 km/h

Dimensions

Length	4313 mm
Width (with Mirrors/no Mirrors)	No data
Height	1644 mm
Wheelbase	2585 mm

Cargo and Towing

Number of Seats	5
Curb Weight	1566 kg
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk)	448/No data/No data l
Towing Capacity	No data

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About MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021)

Overview

The 2021 MG ZS EV Gen 1 stormed the scene as a proper bargain in the electric SUV world. This final iteration of the original model offered cracking value, packing a practical punch for families dipping their toes into electric motoring. It's a no-nonsense compact SUV that's surprisingly well-kitted for its price point, with used examples in Europe hovering around €12,145. It delivered an accessible EV experience without breaking the bank, making it a popular choice for savvy buyers looking for an affordable, capable electric runabout for city and suburban life.

What's New for 2021?

As the 2021 model year marked the final chapter for the first-generation ZS EV, it represented the culmination of the original, highly successful formula. There weren't major overhauls for this specific year, as MG was gearing up for the significantly updated facelift model that followed. Instead, the 2021 Gen 1 solidified its reputation for value, offering a proven package of electric mobility. It continued to provide a compelling entry point into EV ownership, essentially carrying over the popular features and specs from its initial launch, setting the stage for its popular successor.

Design & Exterior

The 2021 MG ZS EV Gen 1 sports a smart, if somewhat conventional, compact SUV design that appeals to a wide audience. It's not shouty, but its clean lines, distinctive star-rider grille (cleverly hiding the charge port on this gen), and signature LED daytime running lights give it a contemporary look. Rolling on stylish alloy wheels, its dimensions are perfectly suited for urban life: 4313 mm long, 1809 mm wide (excluding mirrors), and 1644 mm tall. It's a tidy package that looks more expensive than it is, especially in brighter colours.

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Inside, the ZS EV Gen 1 offers a surprisingly spacious and functional cabin for its class. While some plastics might feel a bit budget, the overall build is solid and it's generally well-equipped. You'll find comfortable seating for five. Tech-wise, an 8-inch colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto was a common feature, keeping you connected. For your bits and bobs, there's a decent 448-litre boot, which is pretty generous for a compact SUV. Unfortunately, this early bird doesn't come with a frunk for extra cable storage.

Performance & Driving Experience

Don't let its budget tag fool you; the ZS EV Gen 1 is surprisingly nippy! With its front-wheel-drive setup powered by a single Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor, it zips from 0-100 km/h in a brisk 8.2 seconds. The motor churns out 105 kW of power and a healthy 353 Nm of instant torque, making it feel lively around town. The driving experience is geared towards comfort and ease of use, with light steering ideal for urban manoeuvres and a top speed of 140 km/h. It also features adjustable regenerative braking modes.

Range, Battery & Charging

The 2021 ZS EV Gen 1 is equipped with a 42.5 kWh usable battery pack, delivering a real-world range estimated by Green Cars Compare at around 237 km – plenty for daily commutes. Its efficiency is rated at a

respectable 5.58 km/kWh. For charging, the standard 6.6 kW on-board AC charger can top up the battery overnight in about 7 hours. When you're out and about, it supports DC fast charging via its CCS Type 2 port at speeds up to 76 kW, getting you from nearly empty to 80% in roughly 40 minutes.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

Safety is a strong suit for the MG ZS EV Gen 1, impressively bagging a full 5-star rating from Euro NCAP. This peace of mind often came courtesy of MG Pilot, a suite of advanced driver-assistance systems frequently included as standard on European trims. This typically packed in features like Active Emergency Braking, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning, and Adaptive Cruise Control. Traffic Jam Assist, Blind Spot Detection, and Rear Cross Traffic Alert were also often available, making it a very safe bet for families seeking value.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

MG really backed the ZS EV Gen 1 with a comprehensive warranty package, a significant selling point in Europe. This typically meant a fantastic 7-year or 150,000 km warranty covering both the vehicle and the high-voltage battery, including a degradation guarantee, offering excellent peace of mind. Maintenance is generally minimal as with most EVs – no oil changes to worry about! Reliability has been reported as pretty solid for this generation, enhancing its attractiveness as a used proposition for budget-conscious EV adopters looking for straightforward electric motoring.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) achieves a 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 7.9 seconds (placing it at [Nº63 out of 119 ranked positions](#), among 971 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and attains a maximum speed of 87 mph.

Its powertrain provides a power output of up to 105 kW (141 hp) and a torque of 260 lb-ft.

How far can it go on single charge? What is the real-world range?

MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) achieves a real-world range of 147 miles, placing it at [Nº216 among 264 ranked positions](#). However, this range is subject to several influences:

- Speed: Traveling at higher speeds reduces battery life.
- Temperature: Extreme cold or hot weather can affect range.
- Terrain: Hilly or mountainous landscapes decrease range.
- Driving habits: Aggressive driving with frequent acceleration and braking consumes more energy.
- Feature usage: Climate control and media systems also influence range.

It's important to acknowledge that these are estimations, and your actual driving range may differ. Consider these factors when planning your trip and be ready for potential charging stops.

Utilize the [interactive EV Navigation map](#) for trip planning assistance.

What charging options are available? How long does it take to charge it?

The MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) in the USA comes with a CCS Type 2 charging port. It can be charged at home using a standard domestic socket or at any public AC charging station with the compatible cable. It's

important to note that the car's on-board charger (inverter) limits the maximum AC charging rate to 6.6 kW, resulting in approximately 21 miles of range added per hour of charging.

For significantly faster charging, public DC fast-charging stations are available. Although the car can achieve a maximum DC charging rate of 76 kW, factors such as battery temperature and charge level may affect the actual charging speed.

Use [EV Charging Calculator](#) to estimate charging time, rate, and cost.

How big is it? What are the dimensions (length, width, height)?

The size and weight specifications for MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) are as follows:

- Length: 169.8 in
- Width: in (including side mirrors) or 71.2 in (excluding side mirrors)
- Height: 64.7 in
- Wheelbase: 101.8 in (distance between the center of the front and rear wheels)
- Curb weight: 3452 lbs (weight of the empty car, no people or cargo)

How much cargo space does it offer? Does it have a front trunk?

The rear cargo area of the MG ZS EV Gen 1 (2019-2021) provides 15.8 cubic feet of space when the rear seats are upright ([Nº102 out of 166 ranked positions](#), among 971 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

Folding these seats down unlocks a maximum cargo capacity of cubic feet ([Nº out of ranked positions](#), among 971 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

The car doesn't have a "frunk" (front trunk).

Is it suitable for towing? What is the maximum towing capacity?

The car isn't officially rated for towing.

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