

Is hydraulicsstores.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

hydraulicsstores.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

hydraulicsstores.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-03 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage for Hydraulics Stores, a South African luxury-fashion retailer offering designer apparel, footwear, bags, and accessories for men and women. The page presents priced products, seasonal discounts, physical and online availability, shipping and returns information, newsletter signup, social channels, and conventional payment methods including an optional Bitcoin payment method.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.		
Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	175 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	15 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2012 108 snapshots	CLEAR

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2012.
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

Hydraulics Stores is an established South African luxury-fashion ecommerce retailer offering designer apparel, footwear, bags, accessories, and Hydraulics-branded merchandise through online and physical-store channels, supported by conventional pricing, promotions, delivery, returns, and payment arrangements.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, brand impersonation, phishing indicators, or confirmed malicious reputation signals were observed. The long-established domain and sustained historical presence support continuity, while tested interactions showed no cloaking, hidden forms, wallet-draining behavior, clipboard manipulation, or untrusted outbound submissions. The observed age-gate modal is consistent with ordinary storefront functionality and does not materially alter the assessment.

- The domain registration record shows registration in 2011 and an age of approximately 14.97 years.
- The domain's archive record contains 108 snapshots spanning 2012–2025, covering 14 tracked years without evidence of suspicious repurposing.
- The homepage displayed no suspected brand impersonation, hidden login form, or deceptive financial-return proposition.
- Two successful behavioral runs recorded no external XHR requests, external form posts, cloaking, wallet activity, or clipboard interference.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an ordinary retail business model rather than a regulated investment, brokerage, deposit-taking, or financial-advisory service. Its optional acceptance of Bitcoin appears as a payment method for merchandise, not as an investment product or promised-return scheme. No financial licence is claimed, and none would ordinarily be inferred solely from the ecommerce activity shown. The homepage provides customer-service, shipping, returns, physical-availability, and payment information, although the supplied evidence does not establish the completeness of formal corporate particulars across dedicated legal pages.

- The homepage identifies the operation as a luxury-fashion storefront selling priced merchandise to men and women online and through physical stores.

- The homepage provides shipping, returns, customer-service, promotion, and recognized payment information.
- The observed forms were limited to newsletter subscription, site search, and discount-code functions; none was classified as sensitive or directed to an untrusted destination.
- The homepage links to established social platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and TikTok.

What to Verify Next

For material purchases, the purchaser should retain the product description, order confirmation, delivery terms, and applicable returns conditions. The trading entity and physical-store details can be matched against the merchant information shown during checkout or on the relevant legal and contact pages, while official service channels should be independently confirmed before handling exceptional payment or refund requests.

- The storefront presents product categories, prices, seasonal discounts, shopping-cart functionality, and separate men’s and women’s catalogues.
- The visible site content includes both online and in-store shopping representations, providing reference points for confirming merchant details.
- The homepage title identifies the storefront as “Hydraulics Stores - We Are The Future,” while structured-data and meta-description elements were not detected.

Summary Verdict

The website is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy ecommerce operation. Its commercial presentation, historical continuity, clean threat profile, and benign observed behavior converge strongly, with no contradictory evidence undermining the stated retail identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, and the observed address was a Cloudflare edge endpoint rather than a directly exposed origin. This reduces direct infrastructure exposure and supports service resilience, although protective hosting is a mitigating control rather than independent proof of legitimacy.

- The site was served from AS13335 (CLOUDFLARENET — Cloudflare, Inc., US), with the observed edge address geolocated to Canada.
- Transport encryption used a valid domain-validated certificate issued by YE2, valid until 2026-10-31.
- The domain was registered through xneelo (Pty) Ltd, with the recorded registration term ending on 2026-08-17.

Closing Assessment

Normal interaction, including account login, ordinary checkout, and standard retail transactions, is appropriate, subject to routine ecommerce controls for order records and payment disputes.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-03 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Identity score	79/100
Identity verification confidence	78%

- Trusted social count=3

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of hydraulicsstores.co.za.

- The request stayed on hydraulicsstores.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under xneelo (Pty) Ltd. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by host-h.net, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-08-17. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2012-10-10. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in CA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	xneelo (Pty) Ltd
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	CA
Server IP	23.227.38.65
Name servers	ns2.host-h.net, ns1.dns-h.com, ns1.host-h.net, ns2.dns-h.com
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-10-31
Domain age	15.0 years
Domain expiry	2026-08-17
Archive first seen	2012-10-10
Archive snapshots	108
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 175 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about hydraulicsstores.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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