



BMW

4 Series Convertible

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1998 cc

ENGINE

135 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

12.5 km/l

FUEL ECON

4 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,146,500 – 1,642,500

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BMW 4 Series Convertible turns the two-door 4 Series into an open-roof grand tourer. It is not simply a Coupé with a removable panel. The fabric roof, structural reinforcement, altered luggage packaging and exposure to weather change how the car is used and maintained. South Africa's current range keeps the decision concise: 420i Convertible M Sport is the regular petrol option, while M440i xDrive Convertible adds a six-cylinder engine and all-wheel drive. Buyers can therefore spend more time on body suitability and less on navigating overlapping grades. The 420i uses a 135 kW and 300 Nm petrol engine with an eight-speed automatic. It is the sensible engine for relaxed roof-down driving, commuting and coastal or winelands touring. M440i xDrive raises the powertrain to 285 kW and 500 Nm and changes driven-wheel configuration. That creates a fast performance convertible whose brakes, tyres, fuel and insurance deserve their own budget. The extra output is useful only after the buyer has accepted the open car's practical and care requirements. Neither derivative is a full M4, and M Sport presentation on 420i does...



Body Style	2-door soft-top convertible
Launched	2020
Generation	G23 four-seat premium convertible related to the G22 Coupé but with body- and roof-specific packaging.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Exterior paint, roof finish, wheels, upholstery and interior trim depend on the exact South African factory build.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/4-series/4-series-cabrio/bmw-4-series-convertible.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,146,500 – 1,642,500			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
420i Convertible M Sport	Petrol	8-Speed Automatic	M-Sport	ZAR 1,146,500
M440i xDrive Convertible	Petrol	8-Speed Automatic	M-Performance	ZAR 1,642,500

Estimated On-Road Price — 420i Convertible M Sport (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,171,258
Cape Town	ZAR 1,175,997
Durban	ZAR 1,167,865
Pretoria	ZAR 1,169,561

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Distinctive fabric-roof experience ✓ Simple two-derivative choice ✓ 420i balances daily use ✓ M440i offers six-cylinder pace ✓ Usable as a roof-up commuter	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Boot changes with roof position ✗ Rear access is limited ✗ Fabric roof needs secure care ✗ Long doors complicate parking ✗ Rough roads threaten seals and wheels
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A convincing leisure car when secure storage, roof care and real luggage needs have been resolved first."

The 4 Series Convertible keeps its range refreshingly clear. 420i offers enough performance to enjoy the body without turning every trip into a cost exercise; M440i xDrive adds a genuine six-cylinder and traction step. The decision is less about hierarchy than the value of open-air travel. Roof care, reduced luggage flexibility, long doors and occasional rear seating must all fit the household. When they do, this BMW combines weekday usability with a distinctive touring experience. When they do not, the fixed-roof alternatives are more honest.

City Driving	With the roof raised, the car works as a conventional premium commuter, though long doors and reduced rear visibility demand parking-system verification. Roof-down use makes short leisure trips special but increases exposure to sun, dust and opportunistic theft. The 420i has ample urban response. M440i needs gentle inputs and expensive tyres kept in excellent condition. Test basement ramps, roof operation in the home parking space and whether work bags remain concealed when open. Check that the roof can complete a cycle without striking a low shelf.
Highway	Roof-up touring needs assessment for wind sealing, tyre noise and seat comfort. Roof-down travel needs hearing, sun and wind protection appropriate to the passengers, plus secure storage at stops. The 420i supports measured overtaking; M440i delivers effortless acceleration but cannot reduce fatigue or weather risk. Pack luggage with the roof stowed and seat any rear passenger for a full route. Confirm the tyre-repair plan before journeys through areas with limited stock, and practise using the wind deflector before departure.
Off-Road	The Convertible is among the least suitable BMW bodies for rough terrain. Low bumpers, road tyres, roof seals and cabin exposure all favour clean tar. Even M440i xDrive only adds road traction. Maintained gravel may be crossed slowly with the roof raised and the surface inspected, but dust, stones and corrugations can damage wheels, paint and seals. Deep ruts or water crossings are inappropriate. Choose destination access realistically before making the open roof the centre of a rural holiday.
Best For	This Convertible fits an individual or couple with secure storage who will use open-air motoring often enough to justify reduced boot and rear-seat flexibility. The 420i buyer values relaxed touring; M440i belongs with an owner seeking six-cylinder performance and accepting higher running costs. Households relying on rear seats daily or parking permanently under trees need to weigh the compromise carefully.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BMW 4 Series Convertible side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	420i Convertible M Sport	M440i xDrive Convertible
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,146,500	ZAR 1,642,500
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	M-Sport	M-Performance
Engine	1998 cc (2.0L)	2998 cc (3.0L)
Max Power	135 kW (181 bhp)	285 kW (382 bhp)
Max Torque	300 Nm (221 lb-ft)	500 Nm (369 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	12.5 km/l	12.5 km/l
Seating	4	4
Boot Space	300 L	385 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm	140 mm
Kerb Weight	1765 kg	1965 kg

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

05 BMW 4 Series Convertible — 420i Convertible M Sport

ZAR 1,146,500

ENGINE 1998 cc	POWER 135 kW · 181 bhp	TORQUE 300 Nm · 221 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 8-Speed Automatic
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M-Sport Trim · Petrol · 8-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW turbocharged engine	Engine Code	B48
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	1998 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Direct injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Applicable	Gearbox	8-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain Layout	Rear-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transmission Speeds	8	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	RWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4768 mm	Width	1852 mm
Height	1384 mm	Wheelbase	2851 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	59 l	Boot/Cargo Space	300 l
Kerb Weight	1765 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2185 kg
Payload Capacity	495 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	360 km
Real-world Mileage	12.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	59
Auto Start Stop	Standard	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	59 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Yes	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Yes	Climate Control	Standard
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Yes	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	No	Rain Sensing Wipers	Yes
AC Type	Automatic air conditioning		—

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

→ See 420i Convertible M Sport full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BMW 4 Series Convertible — M440i xDrive
Convertible

ZAR 1,642,500

ENGINE 2998 cc	POWER 285 kW · 382 bhp	TORQUE 500 Nm · 369 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 8-Speed Automatic
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M-Performance Trim · Petrol · 8-Speed Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	BMW turbocharged engine	Engine Code	B48
Fuel Type	Petrol	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	2998 cc	Cylinders	6
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Direct injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Applicable	Gearbox	8-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain Layout	All-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Transmission Speeds	8	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	AWD	Axle Layout	Yes
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4770 mm	Width	1852 mm
Height	1394 mm	Wheelbase	2851 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	59 l	Boot/Cargo Space	385 l
Kerb Weight	1965 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2375 kg
Payload Capacity	485 kg	Towing Capacity	1800 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	420 km	Electric Consumption	Not Applicable
Charging Type	Not Applicable	Charging Port Type	Not Applicable
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Range Real World Highway	360 km
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ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Comfort Access	Climate Control	Standard
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Compare with rivals →

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