



BMW

M3 Sedan

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2993 cc

ENGINE

390 kW

POWER

140 mm

CLEARANCE

12.5 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 2,190,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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3.9 / 5	Hagalu editorial score	1 Variants	1 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BMW M3 Sedan has a deliberately narrow South African identity: M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive. It is a four-door performance saloon rather than a package within the ordinary 3 Series range, and that distinction matters to a buyer comparing it with the M340i xDrive. BMW's July 2026 South African range material records a 2,993 cc six-cylinder petrol engine, 390 kW, 650 Nm, an eight-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel drive. It also lists 0–100 km/h in 3.5 seconds and a 290 km/h maximum, figures that place the car far beyond the performance needed for routine commuting. The purchase case therefore rests on whether the owner will value its specialist drivetrain and chassis character without expecting a quiet executive saloon to behave identically. Four doors make the M3 Sedan easier to integrate into a household than a two-door performance car. Adults can use the rear seats without folding a front backrest, child seats are more accessible, and a conventional boot separates luggage from the cabin. That does not turn it into a soft family derivative. The tyres, braking hardware, performance...



Body Style	Four-door high-performance sedan
Launched	2020
Generation	G80 four-door BMW M performance sedan, separate from the regular 3 Series range and from the Touring body.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Exterior paint, upholstery, wheel and interior-trim availability depends on the configured South African vehicle.
OEM Website	https://www.bmw.co.za/en/all-models/m-series/bmw-3-series-m-models/bmw-m3-sedan.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 2,190,000	1 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive	Petrol	8-Speed Automatic	M	ZAR 2,190,000

Estimated On-Road Price — M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 2,227,280
Cape Town	ZAR 2,235,150
Durban	ZAR 2,221,800
Pretoria	ZAR 2,224,540

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ 390 kW six-cylinder output ✓ 650 Nm torque ✓ M xDrive traction ✓ Four-door access ✓ 3.5-second listed acceleration ✓ Eight-speed automatic	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ High fuel demand ✗ Specialist tyre costs ✗ Firm daily character ✗ Large performance margin requires discipline ✗ Low body limits rough-road use ✗ Insurance can be substantial
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"An exceptionally capable four-door M car whose daily practicality does not remove its serious ownership demands."

The M3 Sedan works because it combines an uncompromised 390 kW performance identity with a body that can still handle passengers and ordinary luggage. Its single South African derivative also keeps the decision focused: the question is whether a buyer genuinely wants the Competition xDrive package, not which cosmetic grade to choose. Comfort, tyres, insurance and fuel must be checked before enthusiasm becomes an order. Driven with restraint in public and explored in a controlled environment, it offers rare breadth without pretending to be inexpensive or discreet.

City Driving	In dense traffic, the automatic transmission removes clutch work and the sedan body remains more convenient than a coupé, but 390 kW demands measured accelerator inputs. Test low-speed ride over repaired streets, the view at tight intersections and the turning space at home. Front and rear occupants should experience the exact wheel setup. A safe city routine includes allowing tyres to warm, leaving generous following distance and using calmer drive settings where appropriate. Short trips may also produce fuel use well above the published combined result.
Highway	On open roads the M3 Sedan combines stable all-wheel-drive traction, strong passing performance and four-door touring usefulness. Its 650 Nm means overtaking decisions need little drama, although public-road speed limits remain the governing constraint. Evaluate tyre noise, seat support and assistance behaviour over a long legal-speed drive. Plan fuel stops from personal consumption rather than the test figure. Luggage should be loaded before a family trip so that rear access, boot shape and emergency equipment are understood before departure.
Off-Road	This is a low performance saloon, not an off-road vehicle. Smooth maintained gravel may be negotiated slowly when conditions are known, but sharp stones, corrugations, ruts and washaways threaten low-profile tyres and underbody components. M xDrive improves power distribution on a surface with grip; it does not create SUV clearance or all-terrain tyre protection. Owners regularly reaching farms, remote lodges or work sites should use a more suitable vehicle and preserve the M3 for sealed-road duties.
Best For	This model suits an experienced performance-car buyer who still needs four usable doors and a conventional boot. It makes sense when the owner values the 390 kW drivetrain, is prepared for specialist tyre and insurance costs, and will learn its controls responsibly. It is excessive for someone seeking only M styling or a soft executive commute.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the BMW M3 Sedan side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 2,190,000
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	M
Engine	2993 cc (3.0L)
Max Power	390 kW (523 bhp)
Max Torque	650 Nm (479 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD
Fuel Economy	12.5 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	480 L
Ground Clearance	140 mm
Kerb Weight	1855 kg

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

05 BMW M3 Sedan — M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive

ZAR 2,190,000

ENGINE 2993 cc	POWER 390 kW · 523 bhp	TORQUE 650 Nm · 479 lb-ft	ECONOMY 12.5 km/l	FUEL Petrol 8-Speed Automatic
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M 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	2993 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	4801 mm	Width	1903 mm
Height	1438 mm	Wheelbase	2857 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	140 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	59 l	Boot/Cargo Space	480 l
Kerb Weight	1855 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2260 kg
Payload Capacity	480 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	Comfort Access	Climate Control	Standard
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Yes
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	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 M3 Competition Sedan with M xDrive full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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06 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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