



BYD

ATTO 2 DM-i

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1498 cc

ENGINE

72 kW

POWER

160 mm

CLEARANCE

19.6 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 449,900 – 489,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/byd/atto-2-dm-i/>

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD ATTO 2 DM-i is a compact five-seat plug-in-hybrid SUV created for buyers who like the quiet response of an electric car but still need the convenience of filling a petrol tank on longer journeys. South Africa receives two derivatives, Comfort at R449,900 and Dynamic at R489,900. They share the same fundamental powertrain: a 1.5-litre petrol engine, electric motor, 7.85 kWh battery, front-wheel drive and a combined output of 122 kW and 300 Nm. BYD lists a 40 km WLTC electric range, 930 km combined range, 5.1 L/100 km fuel-consumption figure, 9.1-second 0-100 km/h time and 180 km/h maximum speed. These laboratory numbers are useful for comparing the derivatives, but real results depend on charging frequency, trip length, speed, terrain, temperature and how often the petrol engine starts. The compact dimensions are central to its usefulness. At 4,330 mm long, 1,830 mm wide and 1,675 mm high on a 2,620 mm wheelbase, it occupies less road and parking space than BYD's larger SEALION models. The luggage compartment is listed at 425 litres with the rear seats in use and...



Body Style	Compact five-seat SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	First South African ATTO 2 DM-i generation, positioned as BYD's compact plug-in-hybrid SUV.
Fuel Types	Plug-in Hybrid
Colours	Obsidian Black, Midnight Blue, Time Grey and Skiing White; black interior is listed for South Africa.
OEM Website	https://www.byd.com/za/hybrid-cars/atto-2

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 449,900 – 489,900	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Comfort DM-i	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Base	ZAR 449,900
Dynamic DM-i	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Top	ZAR 489,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Comfort DM-i (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 466,298
Cape Town	ZAR 468,948
Durban	ZAR 464,299
Pretoria	ZAR 465,298

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Compact dimensions suit crowded urban use ✓ Useful 425-litre luggage compartment ✓ Same 122 kW powertrain in both derivatives ✓ Forty-kilometre claimed electric commuting range ✓ Petrol engine removes charging dependence on tours ✓ Comfort derivative offers strong core value	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Best efficiency requires frequent plugging in ✗ No all-wheel-drive derivative ✗ Five seats only ✗ Dynamic does not add more performance ✗ Real electric range depends on conditions ✗ Touchscreen learning curve may affect some drivers
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"An appealing compact plug-in hybrid whose strongest case is daily charging, city-friendly size and a clear Comfort-versus-Dynamic choice."

The ATTO 2 DM-i translates BYD's petrol-electric system into a size and price that can work for mainstream compact-SUV buyers. Comfort is the standout value derivative because it retains the complete 122 kW powertrain, battery and practical body. Dynamic's R40,000 premium is reasonable only when its panoramic roof, larger screen, upgraded trim and assistance features will be used. The small 7.85 kWh battery makes regular home charging approachable, but the 40 km claim should be matched against an actual commute. The model-specific South African booklet publishes five-year or 150,000 km vehicle and powertrain cover, eight-year or 200,000 km battery cover, a four-year or 60,000 km service plan and five-year or 150,000 km roadside assistance.

City Driving	The ATTO 2's size is well suited to congested streets, school gates and shopping-centre parking. Electric assistance gives smooth low-speed response, and a charged battery can make a meaningful portion of a routine commute quiet and tailpipe-emission free at the point of use. The upright seating and compact length improve confidence, but the 1,830 mm width still deserves attention in narrow older bays. Comfort and Dynamic share the same performance, so manoeuvrability does not change with trim. The larger screen and panoramic roof may make Dynamic feel more special, whereas Comfort's simpler cabin can be easier to justify financially. Drivers should learn the regenerative-braking setting and keep the camera lenses clean rather than depending blindly on parking aids.
Highway	For highway travel the 122 kW and 300 Nm combined figures indicate adequate merging and overtaking ability rather than sports-car performance. The quoted 9.1-second acceleration time supports that expectation. Petrol backup is the main advantage over a small pure EV when routes have uncertain charging. The stated 930 km combined figure is not a guaranteed tank-to-charge distance; high speed, gradients, wind, temperature and passengers reduce efficiency. A full-load test drive is valuable because cabin noise, seat comfort and suspension response matter more after several hours than screen size. Buyers should also check the supplied charging cable, tyre-repair provision and roadside-support terms before a cross-border trip.

Off-Road	The ATTO 2 DM-i is a road-focused front-wheel-drive crossover. It can negotiate well-maintained gravel and ordinary campsite access at an appropriate speed, but its purpose is not deep sand, mud, rock steps or repeated water crossings. No all-wheel-drive derivative is offered, although both local specifications list Snow mode for carefully managed low-grip conditions. On loose surfaces, smooth throttle use and careful tyre placement matter more than the instant electric torque. Owners should consult the official ground-clearance and water-ingress limits before leaving maintained roads, avoid sharp underbody impacts and remember that ordinary road tyres are a limiting factor. Buyers whose weekly routine includes difficult farm tracks should choose a vehicle designed around that task rather than treating the SUV shape as an off-road guarantee.
Best For	This model fits an urban household, young family or downsizer that needs a manageable body, useful cargo space and petrol-backed holiday range. The ideal owner can plug in most nights and travels enough short distances to use the battery repeatedly. Comfort suits a budget-led buyer who is content with fabric seats and the smaller screen. Dynamic suits someone who values a brighter panoramic cabin, more convenient seat adjustment and its expanded assistance specification. It is a weaker fit for a driver who needs seven seats, frequent heavy towing or rugged-trail ability. Before deciding, adults should sit behind their normal front-seat position, child seats should be installed, and the 425-litre boot should be tested with a stroller or weekly luggage. A written insurance quotation and charger plan complete the affordability calculation.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BYD ATTO 2 DM-i side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Comfort DM-i	Dynamic DM-i
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 449,900	ZAR 489,900
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Plug-in Hybrid
Transmission	e-CVT	e-CVT
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	72 kW (97 bhp)	72 kW (97 bhp)
Max Torque	122 Nm (90 lb-ft)	122 Nm (90 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	19.6 km/l	19.6 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	425 L	425 L
Ground Clearance	160 mm	160 mm
Kerb Weight	1510 kg	1510 kg

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

05 BYD ATTO 2 DM-i — Comfort DM-i

ZAR 449,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 72 kW · 97 bhp	TORQUE 122 Nm · 90 lb-ft	ECONOMY 19.6 km/l	FUEL Plug-in Hybrid e-CVT
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Base Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · e-CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.5-litre Naturally Aspirated Petrol Plug-in Hybrid	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Hybrid System	Series-Parallel Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1498 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Naturally Aspirated
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Available	Gearbox	e-CVT
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, front-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Available	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	Not Applicable	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	FWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4330 mm	Width	1830 mm
Height	1675 mm	Wheelbase	2620 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	160 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l	Boot/Cargo Space	425 l
Kerb Weight	1510 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2000 kg
Payload Capacity	490 kg	Towing Capacity	750 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	846 km	Electric Consumption	16.8 kWh/100 km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC
Combined Driving Range	930 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	922 km
Real-world Mileage	17.9 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	45
Auto Start Stop	Integrated hybrid engine stop/start	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available
AC Type	Automatic climate control		—

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

→ See Comfort DM-i full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BYD ATTO 2 DM-i — Dynamic DM-i

ZAR 489,900

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Top Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · e-CVT

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Charging Type	AC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC
Combined Driving Range	930 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	922 km
Real-world Mileage	17.2 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	45
Auto Start Stop	Integrated hybrid engine stop/start	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	6	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
ABS EBD	Standard	BA	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Keyless Entry	Standard	Climate Control	Automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Automatic climate control		—

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

→ [See Dynamic DM-i full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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