



BYD

# ATTO 8

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

**1498 cc**

ENGINE

**110 kW**

POWER

**184 mm**

CLEARANCE

**12.8 km/l**

FUEL ECON

**7 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 1,059,900 – 1,259,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/byd/atto-8/>

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2 Variants

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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD ATTO 8 is a large seven-seat plug-in-hybrid SUV designed for households that need more room than a conventional five-seat crossover without accepting the daily fuel use of a traditional large petrol SUV. It arrived in South Africa in 2026 with two derivatives. Premium uses a front-wheel-drive DM-i system rated at 205 kW, while Performance adopts a more powerful DM-p all-wheel-drive system with 359 kW. The choice changes more than acceleration: battery capacity rises from 19 kWh to 35.6 kWh, the official electric-only claim grows from 75 km to 130 km, wheel size moves from 20 to 21 inches, and the top derivative receives a richer cabin and audio package. Both versions therefore make sense for different family routines rather than existing merely as equipment steps. The body measures 5,040 mm long, 1,996 mm wide and 1,760 mm high on a 2,950 mm wheelbase. Those dimensions create genuine three-row presence, but they also demand attention in older parking garages and narrow suburban entrances. Ground clearance is listed at 184 mm, useful for steep driveways and maintained gravel roads while...



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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Body Style  | Large seven-seat SUV                                                                                   |
| Launched    | 2026                                                                                                   |
| Generation  | First South African ATTO 8 generation, a large three-row electrified SUV on BYD's current DM platform. |
| Fuel Types  | Plug-in Hybrid                                                                                         |
| Colours     | Snow White, Obsidian Black, Bamboo Green and Starry Gray; black interior is listed for South Africa.   |
| OEM Website | <a href="https://www.byd.com/za/hybrid-cars/atto-8">https://www.byd.com/za/hybrid-cars/atto-8</a>      |

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ex-Showroom Starting Price | <b>ZAR 1,059,900 – 1,259,900</b> | 2 Listed Variants |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|

| Variant              | Fuel           | Transmission | Trim     | Ex-Showroom          |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------------------|
| Premium DM-i         | Plug-In Hybrid | e-CVT        | Premium  | <b>ZAR 1,059,900</b> |
| Performance DM-p AWD | Plug-In Hybrid | e-CVT        | Flagship | <b>ZAR 1,259,900</b> |

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

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Johannesburg | <b>ZAR 1,083,618</b> |
| Cape Town    | <b>ZAR 1,088,098</b> |
| Durban       | <b>ZAR 1,080,399</b> |
| Pretoria     | <b>ZAR 1,082,008</b> |

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

## 03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

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| <p>● <b>STRENGTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Seven usable seats in a genuinely large body</li> <li>✓ Meaningful claimed electric range in both derivatives</li> <li>✓ Petrol backup supports long-distance South African travel</li> <li>✓ Strong 205 kW entry output</li> <li>✓ Very strong 359 kW Performance output</li> <li>✓ Panoramic roof and large central display</li> </ul> | <p>● <b>CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Large footprint can be awkward in tight parking</li> <li>✗ Best efficiency depends on frequent charging</li> <li>✗ Third-row use reduces available luggage room</li> <li>✗ Large wheels may increase replacement cost</li> <li>✗ Performance costs R200,000 more than Premium</li> <li>✗ Real-world range varies with load and conditions</li> </ul> |
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## Hagalu Editorial Verdict

*"A compelling seven-seat plug-in hybrid when space, charging access and family technology matter more than compact dimensions."*

The ATTO 8 offers a thoughtful split between an efficient, well-equipped Premium and a powerful, battery-rich Performance. Both combine real three-row utility with the security of a petrol engine for long distances. Its value looks strong beside many large electrified SUVs, but the vehicle is still expensive, physically large and dependent on regular charging for its best efficiency. Premium is our rational recommendation for most households because 205 kW is ample and the R200,000 saving can cover charging, insurance and years of running costs. Performance earns its place for buyers who will use the longer electric range, all-wheel drive and richer cabin rather than buying it only for the acceleration figure.

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| <b>City Driving</b> | In town the electric portion can make school runs and office commutes smooth and quiet, especially when the battery is replenished overnight. Regenerative braking can reduce how often the friction brakes are used, while the elevated seating position helps the driver read traffic. The ATTO 8's near-two-metre width and five-metre length are the practical counterweight: tight malls, narrow gates and crowded kerbs require care. Parking cameras and sensors assist but do not change the physical footprint. Premium's 75 km claimed electric range can cover many daily patterns; Performance's 130 km claim offers a larger buffer. Actual distance varies, so households should map a normal week rather than assuming the laboratory figure. Frequent short trips without charging waste much of the plug-in-hybrid advantage.                                                                  |
| <b>Highway</b>      | On national roads the petrol-electric system removes the range anxiety associated with depending exclusively on public fast chargers. The long wheelbase and family-focused cabin promise relaxed cruising, while the Performance's all-wheel drive and power reserves make overtaking effortless when conditions permit. Premium should already provide adequate output for a full family load. Range claims must be adjusted for sustained speed, headwinds, gradients, air-conditioning and seven occupants. Drivers should also understand that a large, heavy SUV needs a longer safety margin than its acceleration time suggests. Before a cross-country holiday, check the temporary-spare or mobility-kit arrangement, tyre availability in the fitted 20- or 21-inch size, and luggage capacity with all rows occupied. Charging at the destination can materially reduce fuel use on the return leg. |

**Off-Road**

The 184 mm ground-clearance figure and available all-wheel drive make the ATTO 8 suitable for maintained gravel, wet grass and rough access roads approached sensibly. It is not presented as a technical off-road vehicle. Its long wheelbase, low body edges, large alloy wheels and family-road tyres are reasons to avoid deep ruts, sharp rock steps and water crossings without an official limit. Premium's front-wheel drive needs more restraint on loose climbs; Performance can distribute drive across both axles but does not create extra underbody clearance. Owners travelling to lodges or farms should reduce speed, watch tyre sidewalls and remember that battery protection and passenger comfort matter more than demonstrating traction.

**Best For**

The ATTO 8 suits a family that genuinely uses seven seats, has secure overnight parking with practical charging access, and wants one vehicle for quiet weekday travel as well as long intercity journeys. Premium is better aligned with buyers who value space and core equipment over headline performance. Performance fits households prepared to pay for all-wheel drive, a substantially larger battery, stronger acceleration and more indulgent seating and sound. It is less convincing for a couple that rarely carries passengers, lives without reliable charging or routinely parks in compact inner-city bays. A buyer should take every frequent passenger to the showroom, fit child seats where required, and confirm how much luggage remains when the third row is raised. The budget should include insurance quotations and the cost of a correctly installed home charger rather than looking only at the monthly instalment.

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BYD ATTO 8 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

| SPEC                | Premium DM-i       | Performance DM-p AWD |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Price (ex-showroom) | ZAR 1,059,900      | ZAR 1,259,900        |
| Fuel Type           | Plug-in Hybrid     | Plug-in Hybrid       |
| Transmission        | e-CVT              | e-CVT                |
| Trim Level          | Premium            | Flagship             |
| Engine              | 1498 cc (1.5L)     | 1498 cc (1.5L)       |
| Max Power           | 110 kW (148 bhp)   | 110 kW (148 bhp)     |
| Max Torque          | 220 Nm (162 lb-ft) | 220 Nm (162 lb-ft)   |
| Drivetrain          | FWD                | AWD                  |
| Fuel Economy        | 14.5 km/l          | 12.8 km/l            |
| Seating             | 7                  | 7                    |
| Boot Space          | 270 L              | 270 L                |
| Ground Clearance    | 184 mm             | 184 mm               |
| Kerb Weight         | 2315 kg            | 2580 kg              |

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

05 BYD ATTO 8 — Premium DM-i

ZAR 1,059,900

|                             |                                     |                                        |                                |                                        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| ENGINE<br><b>1498</b><br>cc | POWER<br><b>110</b><br>kW · 148 bhp | TORQUE<br><b>220</b><br>Nm · 162 lb-ft | ECONOMY<br><b>14.5</b><br>km/l | FUEL<br><b>Plug-in Hybrid</b><br>e-CVT |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|

Premium Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · e-CVT

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

|                     |                                              |                   |                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Engine              | 1.5-litre Turbocharged 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        | Turbocharged             |
| 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                     | 5040 mm | Width                                     | 1996 mm |
| Height                     | 1760 mm | Wheelbase                                 | 2950 mm |
| Ground Clearance (Default) | 184 mm  | Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load) | 165 mm  |
| Fuel Tank Capacity         | 60 l    | Boot/Cargo Space                          | 270 l   |
| Kerb Weight                | 2315 kg | Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)                | 2970 kg |
| Payload Capacity           | 655 kg  | Towing Capacity                           | 1800 kg |

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

|                        |                                     |                          |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Range Real World Mixed | 900 km                              | Electric Consumption     | 150 Wh/km          |
| Charging Type          | AC and DC                           | Charging Port Type       | Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC |
| Combined Driving Range | 892 km (WLTP)                       | Range Real World Highway | 951 km             |
| Real-world Mileage     | 13.0 km/l                           | Fuel Tank Litres         | 60                 |
| Auto Start Stop        | Integrated hybrid engine stop/start | AdBlue Tank Capacity     | Not Applicable l   |
| Emission Standard      | Euro 5                              | Fuel Tank Capacity       | 60 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 | Standard                  | 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 Premium DM-i full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BYD ATTO 8 — Performance DM-p AWD

ZAR 1,259,900

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Flagship Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · e-CVT

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TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

|                     |                                     |                        |                |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| LSD Available       | Not Available                       | Gearbox                | e-CVT          |
| Drivetrain Layout   | Front and rear electric drive units | Transfer Case          | Not Applicable |
| Differential Lock   | Not Available                       | Paddle Shifters        | Not Applicable |
| Transmission Speeds | Not Applicable                      | Rear Differential Lock | Not Available  |
| Drivetrain          | AWD                                 | Axle Layout            | 4x4            |
| Low Range           | Not Applicable                      | Low Range Ratio        | Not Applicable |

DIMENSIONS

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| Height                     | 1760 mm | Wheelbase                                 | 2950 mm |
| Ground Clearance (Default) | 184 mm  | Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load) | 165 mm  |
| Fuel Tank Capacity         | 60 l    | Boot/Cargo Space                          | 270 l   |
| Kerb Weight                | 2580 kg | Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)                | 3265 kg |
| Payload Capacity           | 685 kg  | Towing Capacity                           | 2000 kg |

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

|                        |                                     |                          |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Range Real World Mixed | 892 km                              | Electric Consumption     | 199 Wh/km          |
| Charging Type          | AC and DC                           | Charging Port Type       | Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC |
| Combined Driving Range | 844 km (WLTP)                       | Range Real World Highway | 903 km             |
| Real-world Mileage     | 12.8 km/l                           | Fuel Tank Litres         | 60                 |
| Auto Start Stop        | Integrated hybrid engine stop/start | AdBlue Tank Capacity     | Not Applicable l   |
| Emission Standard      | Euro 5                              | Fuel Tank Capacity       | 60 l               |

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## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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→ [See Performance DM-p AWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Premium DM-i — ZAR 1,059,900

→ Performance DM-p AWD — ZAR 1,259,900

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