



BYD

SEAL

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

390 kW

POWER

145 mm

CLEARANCE

**Not Applicable
km/l**

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,007,900 – 1,211,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD SEAL is a four-door battery-electric sedan that arrived in South Africa in 2024. Premium Extended Range RWD costs R1,007,900 and combines an 82.56 kWh Blade Battery with a 230 kW rear motor, 360 Nm, a 570 km WLTP claim and a 5.9-second 0-100 km/h time. Performance AWD 3.8S costs R1,211,900 and uses two motors for 390 kW, 670 Nm, a 520 km WLTP claim and a 3.8-second acceleration time. The two derivatives share the same fundamental battery and sleek sedan architecture, making the trade clear: Premium travels farther in the official test and costs R204,000 less; Performance buys all-wheel-drive traction and remarkable speed. The SEAL uses BYD's e-Platform 3.0 and cell-to-body battery integration, which treats the battery structure as part of the vehicle. For a buyer, the relevant result is a low floor, rigid package and cabin designed around electric propulsion. Technical names should not replace a practical inspection. The sloping roof, seating position, door openings and rear headroom need to suit regular passengers. Luggage is divided between a listed 400-litre rear boot and a 50-litre front compartment...



Body Style	Four-door sports sedan
Launched	2024
Generation	First South African SEAL generation, a dedicated electric sports sedan using e-Platform 3.0 and cell-to-body battery construction.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	Sky Black, Atlantis Gray, Aurora White, North Ice Blue, Rosemary Gray and Wind Grass Green are listed for both derivatives.
OEM Website	https://www.byd.com/za/electric-cars/seal

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,007,900 – 1,211,900	2 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Premium Extended Range RWD	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Premium	ZAR 1,007,900
Performance AWD 3.8S	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Flagship	ZAR 1,211,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Premium Extended Range RWD (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,030,994
Cape Town	ZAR 1,035,318
Durban	ZAR 1,027,879
Pretoria	ZAR 1,029,436

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Long 570 km Premium WLTP claim ✓ Shared 82.56 kWh Blade Battery ✓ Premium combines 230 kW with rear-wheel drive ✓ Performance delivers 390 kW all-wheel drive ✓ Rich panoramic cabin equipment ✓ Electric tailgate and front and rear luggage spaces	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Seven-figure purchase prices ✗ Home charging is important for convenience ✗ Real highway range varies materially ✗ Low body limits poor-road clearance ✗ Sedan boot is less flexible than a hatch ✗ Performance increases tyre and insurance exposure
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A sophisticated electric sedan, with the rear-wheel-drive Premium offering the best range, price and everyday balance."

The SEAL's strongest qualities are its 82.56 kWh battery, long official range, rich interior and carefully differentiated drivetrains. Premium Extended Range RWD is the rational winner: it costs R204,000 less, claims 50 km more WLTP range and remains fast at 5.9 seconds. Performance AWD 3.8S delivers an extraordinary 390 kW and 670 Nm, but the ability has running-cost and responsibility consequences. Both include strong published ownership cover and both need dependable charging. The low sedan body improves style and efficiency while limiting rough-road versatility and bulky-cargo access.

City Driving	In urban driving the SEAL is quiet, smooth and instantly responsive. Regenerative braking can make congestion less tiring, and home charging removes many fuel-station visits. Its sedan length and low nose need care around kerbs, steep ramps and potholes. Camera systems help but cannot reveal every low obstacle. Premium is already extremely quick for city gaps, while Performance demands a restrained accelerator foot. The panoramic roof brightens the cabin; owners sensitive to summer heat should test climate performance and shading. A routine charging limit and off-peak schedule can make daily use simple. Drivers without a reliable home or workplace point should map public availability before committing.
Highway	The long-range Premium is the natural highway derivative. Its 570 km WLTP claim provides a larger planning buffer than Performance's 520 km, while 230 kW supplies decisive overtaking. Performance's 390 kW and all-wheel drive offer dramatic acceleration, but range still falls with sustained speed, headwind, hills and cabin cooling. Neither official figure should be treated as a non-stop guarantee. Route planners should select dependable chargers, retain a reserve and check operating hours or access. The low body promises aerodynamic efficiency and stable cruising, yet seat support, tyre noise and ride over patched tar require a proper long drive. Divided front and rear luggage spaces can help organise cables and bags.
Off-Road	The SEAL is not an off-road vehicle. Its low sedan body, long wheelbase and road tyres suit tar and smooth gravel approached cautiously. All-wheel drive on Performance improves traction when accelerating on a slippery surface; it does not create clearance beneath the battery or protect low bumpers. Avoid ruts, rocks, deep sand and water beyond explicit manual limits. Even a steep paved driveway should be tested for scraping before purchase. Drivers regularly visiting rough farms or remote trails should choose a higher-clearance vehicle. On unavoidable gravel, slow down, increase following distance, monitor tyre sidewalls and keep charging reserve for detours.

Best For

The SEAL suits an EV-ready professional, couple or small family that prefers a low sedan's driving position and styling over an SUV. Premium appeals to the range-conscious buyer who still wants abundant performance. Performance is for an informed enthusiast who values dual-motor traction and will use the extra output responsibly. Neither is ideal for a household needing high ground clearance, seven seats or frequent transport of tall bulky cargo. Secure charging and a generous parking space remain important. Prospective owners should sit in the rear beneath the sloping roof, load their largest suitcases through the boot opening, test the approach angle on their driveway and obtain insurance quotes for both drivetrains. Those checks matter more than showroom acceleration demonstrations.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	Premium Extended Range RWD	Performance AWD 3.8S
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,007,900	ZAR 1,211,900
Fuel Type	Electric	Electric
Transmission	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Trim Level	Premium	Flagship
Engine	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Max Power	230 kW (308 bhp)	390 kW (523 bhp)
Max Torque	360 Nm (266 lb-ft)	670 Nm (494 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	400 L	400 L
Ground Clearance	145 mm	145 mm
Kerb Weight	2055 kg	2185 kg

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

05 BYD SEAL — Premium Extended Range RWD

ZAR 1,007,900

POWER 230 kW · 308 bhp	TORQUE 360 Nm · 266 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Premium Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Single-motor battery-electric powertrain	Engine Code	Not Applicable
Fuel Type	Electric	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	Not Applicable cc	Cylinders	Not Applicable
Cylinder Layout	Not Applicable	Valves	Not Applicable
Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable	Aspiration	Not Applicable
Fuel System	Not Applicable	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Available	Gearbox	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Drivetrain Layout	Rear motor, rear-wheel drive	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Available	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Not Available
Drivetrain	RWD	Axle Layout	4x2
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4800 mm	Width	1875 mm
Height	1460 mm	Wheelbase	2920 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	145 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	120 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	400 l
Kerb Weight	2055 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2501 kg
Payload Capacity	446 kg	Towing Capacity	750 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	555 km	Electric Consumption	16.6 kWh/100 km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	570 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	455 km
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	Not Applicable
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
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Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Applicable	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	9	Engine Immobiliser	Not Applicable
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 Extended Range RWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 BYD SEAL — Performance AWD 3.8S

ZAR 1,211,900

POWER 390 kW · 523 bhp	TORQUE 670 Nm · 494 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Flagship Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Dual-motor battery-electric powertrain	Engine Code	Not Applicable
Fuel Type	Electric	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
Engine Displacement	Not Applicable cc	Cylinders	Not Applicable
Cylinder Layout	Not Applicable	Valves	Not Applicable
Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable	Aspiration	Not Applicable
Fuel System	Not Applicable	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	Not Available	Gearbox	Single-Speed Reduction Gear
Drivetrain Layout	Front and rear electric drive units	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Available	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	1	Rear Differential Lock	Not Available
Drivetrain	AWD	Axle Layout	4x4
Low Range	Not Applicable	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4800 mm	Width	1875 mm
Height	1460 mm	Wheelbase	2920 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	145 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	120 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	400 l
Kerb Weight	2185 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2631 kg
Payload Capacity	446 kg	Towing Capacity	1500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	510 km	Electric Consumption	18.2 kWh/100 km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	520 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	425 km
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	Not Applicable
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l

SAFETY

Brake Assist	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Applicable	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	ABS	Standard
Airbags	9	Engine Immobiliser	Not Applicable
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 Performance AWD 3.8S full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Premium Extended Range RWD — ZAR 1,007,900

→ Performance AWD 3.8S — ZAR 1,211,900

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