



BYD

SEALION 6 DM-i

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1497 cc

ENGINE

96 kW

POWER

180 mm

CLEARANCE

17.2 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 639,900 – 799,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/byd/sealion-6-dm-i/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD SEALION 6 DM-i is a five-seat plug-in-hybrid SUV with a deliberately broad South African range. Comfort costs R639,900, Dynamic R699,900 and Premium R799,900. Comfort and Dynamic use the same naturally aspirated 1.5-litre petrol-electric system, front-wheel drive, 160 kW combined output and 300 Nm. Premium changes the mechanical proposition with a turbocharged 1.5-litre system, all-wheel drive, 238 kW and 550 Nm. Every derivative uses an 18.3 kWh battery, but the official electric-range claims differ: 80 km for the front-wheel-drive pair and 70 km for the more powerful Premium. Published acceleration is 8.5 seconds to 100 km/h for Comfort and Dynamic and 5.9 seconds for Premium. The range therefore has two decisions. First, choose between ordinary family performance and high-output all-wheel drive. Second, if front-wheel drive is enough, decide whether Dynamic's equipment is worth R60,000 over Comfort. The body measures 4,775 mm long, 1,890 mm wide and 1,670 mm high on a 2,765 mm wheelbase. The official luggage figure is 425 litres, and the fuel tank holds 60 litres. This is a comfortably sized medium-to-large family crossover, not a seven-seater....



Body Style	Medium-to-large five-seat SUV
Launched	2025
Generation	First South African SEALION 6 DM-i generation, a five-seat plug-in-hybrid family SUV.
Fuel Types	Plug-in Hybrid
Colours	Time Grey, Arctic White, Delan Black and Smokey Gray are listed across the South African range.
OEM Website	https://www.byd.com/za/hybrid-cars/sealion-6

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 639,900 – 799,900	3 Listed Variants
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Comfort DM-i FWD	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Base	ZAR 639,900
Dynamic DM-i FWD	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Mid	ZAR 699,900
Premium DM-i AWD	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Flagship	ZAR 799,900

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

Johannesburg	ZAR 658,578
Cape Town	ZAR 661,798
Durban	ZAR 656,199
Pretoria	ZAR 657,388

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Three derivatives cover distinct budgets ✓ Comfort and Dynamic claim 80 km electric range ✓ Premium supplies 238 kW and 550 Nm ✓ All-wheel drive available on Premium ✓ Eighteen-point-three-kilowatt-hour battery across range ✓ Petrol backup supports remote travel	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Five seats rather than seven ✗ Frequent charging is needed for best economy ✗ Premium has lower claimed electric range ✗ Large body needs parking-space checks ✗ Dynamic adds no extra performance ✗ Real fuel use can exceed test figures
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A versatile plug-in-hybrid family range, with Comfort the value leader and Premium a genuinely different performance choice."

The SEALION 6 offers more meaningful differentiation than many three-trim ranges. Comfort and Dynamic share 160 kW, 300 Nm, front-wheel drive and the better 80 km official electric claim. Premium earns its place through 238 kW, 550 Nm, all-wheel drive and a 5.9-second sprint, though its claim falls to 70 km. Comfort at R639,900 is the rational starting point. Dynamic's R60,000 premium must be justified by equipment, while Premium's R100,000 step adds real mechanical capability. All three carry published complete-vehicle, power-battery and drive-unit warranty cover, and all need regular charging to support their efficiency case.

City Driving	A charged SEALION 6 can complete a large share of many urban routines using its electric system. The 80 km claim for Comfort and Dynamic gives them a useful theoretical commuting buffer, while Premium's 70 km claim remains substantial. Regenerative braking and electric low-speed response suit traffic. The 1,890 mm width and 4,775 mm length need respect in older parking facilities, and cameras do not eliminate blind spots. Comfort and Dynamic have identical output, so the upper FWD trim changes convenience rather than traffic performance. Premium's 238 kW is unnecessary for most city situations and should be used progressively. Regular charging is the decisive habit; without it, the efficiency argument weakens.
Highway	Petrol backup makes intercity travel easy to plan, while the battery can assist acceleration and reduce engine workload. The 160 kW front-wheel-drive cars should merge and overtake confidently with realistic margins. Premium's 238 kW, 550 Nm and 5.9-second acceleration provide stronger reserve and all-wheel-drive traction. At sustained speed, the 80 km or 70 km electric claim will not translate directly, and a full load, headwind or roof carrier raises consumption. The official 4.8 and 5.8 L/100 km figures are comparisons under test conditions. A motorway test drive should examine seat support, ride over broken tar, noise and the transition between energy sources. Plan stops from actual consumption rather than maximum combined-range advertising.

Off-Road	The SEALION 6 is fundamentally road focused. Comfort and Dynamic are front-wheel drive and list Snow mode; Premium is all-wheel drive and lists Mud, Sand and Snow modes. Those modes can manage power delivery on the named loose or slippery surfaces, but they do not alter clearance, tyre construction or approach geometry. Comfort and Dynamic can travel on maintained dirt roads with careful speed, while Premium adds traction on wet grass, loose gravel and slippery climbs. None should be assumed capable of deep water or severe rock work without explicit official limits. Owners heading to lodges or farms should protect tyre sidewalls, keep charge and fuel reserves, and avoid underbody impacts.
Best For	The SEALION 6 suits a family that wants more cabin presence and battery range than a compact plug-in hybrid but does not require seven seats. It is especially logical when the car can charge overnight and still needs petrol flexibility for long distances. Comfort targets value-conscious buyers who want the complete 160 kW system. Dynamic suits drivers who use additional seat, screen and convenience equipment every day. Premium fits households that can justify all-wheel drive, 238 kW and its higher equipment level. Apartment residents without dependable charging should model fuel use carefully. Buyers should install child seats, load typical luggage, measure the garage and obtain derivative-specific insurance quotations. The choice should follow actual routes and traction needs, not the assumption that the highest trim is automatically best.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the BYD SEALION 6 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 FWD	Dynamic DM-i FWD	Premium DM-i AWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 639,900	ZAR 699,900	ZAR 799,900
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Plug-in Hybrid	Plug-in Hybrid
Transmission	e-CVT	e-CVT	e-CVT
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Flagship
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	1498 cc (1.5L)	1497 cc (1.5L)
Max Power	72 kW (97 bhp)	72 kW (97 bhp)	96 kW (129 bhp)
Max Torque	122 Nm (90 lb-ft)	122 Nm (90 lb-ft)	220 Nm (162 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	20.8 km/l	20.8 km/l	17.2 km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	425 L	425 L	425 L
Ground Clearance	180 mm	180 mm	180 mm
Kerb Weight	1930 kg	1940 kg	2100 kg

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

05 BYD SEALION 6 DM-i — Comfort DM-i FWD

ZAR 639,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 72 kW · 97 bhp	TORQUE 122 Nm · 90 lb-ft	ECONOMY 20.8 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	4775 mm	Width	1890 mm
Height	1670 mm	Wheelbase	2765 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	180 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l	Boot/Cargo Space	425 l
Kerb Weight	1930 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2340 kg
Payload Capacity	410 kg	Towing Capacity	750 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	1005 km	Electric Consumption	169 Wh/km
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	1080 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	1304 km
Real-world Mileage	18.2 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	7	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	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 Comfort DM-i FWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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06 BYD SEALION 6 DM-i — Dynamic DM-i FWD

ZAR 699,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 72 kW · 97 bhp	TORQUE 122 Nm · 90 lb-ft	ECONOMY 20.8 km/l	FUEL Plug-in Hybrid e-CVT
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Mid 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	4775 mm	Width	1890 mm
Height	1670 mm	Wheelbase	2765 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	180 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l	Boot/Cargo Space	425 l
Kerb Weight	1940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2350 kg
Payload Capacity	410 kg	Towing Capacity	750 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	1034 km	Electric Consumption	169 Wh/km
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	1080 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	1250 km
Real-world Mileage	19.2 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	7	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		—

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

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07 BYD SEALION 6 DM-i — Premium DM-i AWD

ZAR 799,900

ENGINE 1497 cc	POWER 96 kW · 129 bhp	TORQUE 220 Nm · 162 lb-ft	ECONOMY 17.2 km/l	FUEL Plug-in Hybrid e-CVT
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Flagship Trim · Plug-In Hybrid · e-CVT

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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	1497 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 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

Length	4775 mm	Width	1890 mm
Height	1670 mm	Wheelbase	2765 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	180 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	150 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	60 l	Boot/Cargo Space	425 l
Kerb Weight	2100 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2510 kg
Payload Capacity	410 kg	Towing Capacity	1300 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	840 km	Electric Consumption	179 Wh/km
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	870 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	1091 km
Real-world Mileage	15.6 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	7	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 AWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

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→ [Dynamic DM-i FWD](#) — ZAR 699,900

→ [Premium DM-i AWD](#) — ZAR 799,900

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