



BYD

SEALION 7

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

390 kW

POWER

163 mm

CLEARANCE

**Not Applicable
km/l**

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,109,900 – 1,319,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/byd/sealion-7/>

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4.4 / 5	Hagalu editorial score	2 Variants	2 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD SEALION 7 is a five-seat battery-electric SUV that joined the South African range in 2025. Premium costs R1,109,900 and uses a rear-mounted motor producing 230 kW and 380 Nm. Performance costs R1,319,900 and adds a second motor for all-wheel drive, 390 kW and 690 Nm. Both use an 82.56 kWh Blade Battery, 11 kW AC charging and up to 150 kW DC charging in the published South African specification. Premium is rated at 482 km WLTP and 6.7 seconds from 0-100 km/h; Performance is rated at 456 km WLTP and 4.5 seconds. That comparison explains the range clearly: the less expensive car travels farther on the official cycle, while the flagship trades some efficiency for immense traction and acceleration. At 4,830 mm long, 1,925 mm wide and 1,620 mm high on a 2,930 mm wheelbase, the SEALION 7 is a substantial vehicle. It offers a listed 500-litre rear luggage compartment plus 58 litres under the bonnet. The long wheelbase should help passenger space, but the width needs checking against garages and city parking. Loaded ground clearance is listed...



Body Style	Large five-seat coupe-style SUV
Launched	2025
Generation	First South African SEALION 7 generation, built as a dedicated battery-electric coupe-style SUV.
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	Aurora White, Atlantis Grey, Cosmos Black and Urban Grey; black interior is listed for South Africa.
OEM Website	https://www.byd.com/za/electric-cars/sealion-7

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 1,109,900 – 1,319,900			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Premium EV RWD	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Premium	ZAR 1,109,900
Performance EV AWD 4.5S	Electric	Single-Speed Reduction Gear	Flagship	ZAR 1,319,900

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

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,134,218
Cape Town	ZAR 1,138,848
Durban	ZAR 1,130,899
Pretoria	ZAR 1,132,558

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Large 82.56 kWh Blade Battery ✓ Strong 482 km Premium WLTP claim ✓ Very rapid performance in both derivatives ✓ Premium offers efficient rear-wheel drive ✓ Performance adds 390 kW all-wheel drive ✓ Eleven-kilowatt AC charging capability	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Purchase prices exceed one million rand ✗ Reliable home charging is highly desirable ✗ Real highway range can fall below WLTP ✗ Large body needs generous parking space ✗ Loaded clearance is at least 140 mm only ✗ Large wheels increase tyre-cost exposure
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A polished electric flagship whose Premium derivative gives the best blend of range, speed and price."

The SEALION 7 combines a large battery, genuinely strong performance, rich cabin equipment and useful luggage space. Premium is the considered choice: its 482 km WLTP figure exceeds the flagship's claim, 230 kW is abundant and it saves R210,000. Performance offers a memorable 390 kW, 690 Nm and all-wheel drive, but the buyer accepts less official range, larger tyres and higher financial exposure. Both rely on a dependable charging routine and realistic travel planning. Published complete-vehicle, power-battery and drive-unit warranties support the ownership case, while the low loaded clearance limits adventure ambitions.

City Driving	Electric torque makes urban progress quiet and immediate, while regenerative braking can reduce pedal work in stop-start traffic. The high driving position and camera suite help around a large body, but 1,925 mm of width still requires attention near pillars and narrow gates. Overnight AC charging can restore routine use without a fuel-station visit. Premium's 482 km WLTP rating provides the better buffer; Performance's 456 km remains substantial but its power can encourage higher consumption. Owners should set charging limits according to the manual, precondition when practical and avoid assuming every public charger is available. The panoramic cabin feels special, though screen-based controls deserve practice before busy traffic.
Highway	The SEALION 7 is built for fast, composed intercity travel, provided charging stops are planned. Premium's 230 kW and 6.7-second acceleration are already ample for safe overtaking; Performance's 390 kW and 4.5-second result add dramatic reserve. Sustained motorway speed, headwinds, hills and a full load reduce range more strongly than an urban cycle. A 150 kW charger can shorten a stop under favourable conditions, but arrival state of charge and charger reliability matter. Drivers should leave a reserve rather than targeting zero. Seat support, tyre noise and ride quality should be assessed on rough tar, especially with the larger Performance wheels. Vehicle-to-load adds useful flexibility at a destination.
Off-Road	The model's all-wheel-drive option is about traction and performance, not serious off-road geometry. Loaded clearance of at least 140 mm, long wheelbase, broad body and road tyres call for restraint on rutted tracks. Premium's rear-wheel drive is adequate for maintained gravel when driven smoothly; Performance can distribute torque across both axles but cannot protect low bodywork from rocks. Avoid deep sand, water and sharp breakovers unless the manual explicitly permits them. For occasional farm or lodge access, reduce speed, monitor tyre sidewalls and keep enough battery reserve to return to a reliable charger. Buyers needing repeated remote-trail travel should prioritise clearance and repairability over acceleration.

Best For

This model suits a household with secure home charging, sufficient parking space and a budget that can absorb premium-car insurance and tyres. Premium is ideal for a buyer who prioritises the longest official range, rear-wheel-drive balance and a lower purchase price. Performance fits a driver who deliberately wants all-wheel-drive traction and supercar-like acceleration rather than merely choosing the top badge. The car is less suitable for apartment residents without dependable charging, drivers covering unpredictable remote routes every day or households needing seven seats. Buyers should measure the garage, verify the wall-unit installation path, price both tyre sizes and test the rear roofline with tall passengers. A route-planning exercise using the household's real holiday destinations is more informative than quoting the maximum WLTP number.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BYD SEALION 7 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Premium EV RWD	Performance EV AWD 4.5S
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,109,900	ZAR 1,319,900
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	380 Nm (280 lb-ft)	690 Nm (509 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	500 L	500 L
Ground Clearance	157 mm	163 mm
Kerb Weight	2225 kg	2340 kg

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

05 BYD SEALION 7 — Premium EV RWD

ZAR 1,109,900

POWER 230 kW · 308 bhp	TORQUE 380 Nm · 280 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Premium Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

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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	4830 mm	Width	1925 mm
Height	1620 mm	Wheelbase	2930 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	157 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	140 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	500 l
Kerb Weight	2225 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2635 kg
Payload Capacity	410 kg	Towing Capacity	750 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	438 km	Electric Consumption	19.8 kWh/100 km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	482 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	359 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	Standard	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	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Dual-zone automatic air conditioner		—

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

→ See Premium EV RWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 BYD SEALION 7 — Performance EV AWD 4.5S

ZAR 1,319,900

POWER 390 kW · 523 bhp	TORQUE 690 Nm · 509 lb-ft	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Single-Speed Reduction Gear
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Flagship Trim · Electric · Single-Speed Reduction Gear

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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	4830 mm	Width	1925 mm
Height	1620 mm	Wheelbase	2930 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	163 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	140 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	0 l	Boot/Cargo Space	500 l
Kerb Weight	2340 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2750 kg
Payload Capacity	410 kg	Towing Capacity	1500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	400 km	Electric Consumption	21.2 kWh/100 km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	456 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	375 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	Standard	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	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic
Electric Tailgate	Standard	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Dual-zone automatic air conditioner		—

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

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Compare with rivals →

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ Premium EV RWD — ZAR 1,109,900

→ Performance EV AWD 4.5S — ZAR 1,319,900

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