



BYD

SHARK 6 DMO

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

180 kW

POWER

230 mm

CLEARANCE

9.5 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 989,900 – 1,149,900

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/byd/shark-6-dmo/>

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Hagalu editorial score

2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The BYD SHARK 6 DMO is a five-seat double-cab pickup that combines electric drive, a turbocharged petrol engine and all-wheel drive. Premium launched locally in 2025 and is currently listed at R989,900. Performance joined the range in July 2026 at R1,149,900, bringing a separate 2.0-litre turbocharged powertrain, 350 kW and 700 Nm. The two derivatives share the SHARK's plug-in-hybrid idea but use slightly different published battery figures: 29.58 kWh for Premium and 29.6 kWh for Performance. They also serve different workloads. Premium is the lifestyle-led entry with a published 321 kW system and 2,500 kg braked-towing capacity. Performance increases towing to 3,500 kg and is the derivative for buyers whose trailers genuinely require that rating. A tow limit is not the only number that matters: payload, tow-ball mass, combined vehicle-and-trailer limits, trailer brakes and licence requirements must all be verified from the specific derivative's documentation. Performance's current launch specification includes an 80 km electric range claim, 640 km combined WLTP range, 5.5-second 0-100 km/h time, 7 kW AC charging and 55 kW DC charging. Premium's official sheet lists an 85...



Body Style	Five-seat double-cab pickup
Launched	2025
Generation	First South African SHARK 6 generation, built as a body-on-frame-style electrified double-cab pickup using BYD's DMO architecture.
Fuel Types	Plug-in Hybrid
Colours	Atlantis Gray, Sky Black, Grey Green and Snowy White are listed for both derivatives.
OEM Website	https://www.byd.com/za/hybrid-cars/shark-6

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 989,900 – 1,149,900			2 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Premium DMO AWD	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Premium	ZAR 989,900
Performance DMO AWD	Plug-In Hybrid	e-CVT	Flagship	ZAR 1,149,900

Estimated On-Road Price — Premium DMO AWD (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,012,778
Cape Town	ZAR 1,017,048
Durban	ZAR 1,009,699
Pretoria	ZAR 1,011,238

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS ✓ Plug-in-hybrid double-cab versatility ✓ All-wheel drive across the range ✓ Premium offers 321 kW published output ✓ Performance supplies 350 kW and 700 Nm ✓ Performance supports 3,500 kg braked towing ✓ Useful electric commuting range when charged	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Large footprint complicates urban parking ✗ High purchase price for a pickup ✗ Heavy towing sharply reduces energy range ✗ Best efficiency requires regular charging ✗ Accessories reduce available payload ✗ Performance costs R160,000 more
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Hagalu Editorial Verdict

"A distinctive electrified double cab, with Premium for lifestyle use and Performance for buyers who need its full towing specification."

The SHARK 6 brings a genuinely different powertrain to South Africa's double-cab market. Regular charging can make local use quieter, while petrol backup and all-wheel drive support long travel. Premium's 321 kW and 2,500 kg towing will exceed many family requirements, making its R989,900 price the sensible starting point. Performance's R1,149,900 price buys a 350 kW, 700 Nm 2.0-litre system and 3,500 kg braked-towing headline. That upgrade is meaningful for heavy work but increases financial exposure. The strongest purchase decision uses legal mass tables, accessory weights and an actual trailer, not only output figures.

City Driving	In town the electric system can move a large pickup quietly and smoothly when the battery is charged. Regenerative braking helps manage stop-start traffic, and camera coverage is valuable around the broad body. Size remains the limitation: shopping-centre ramps, older parking bays and school queues can be awkward, while aggressive acceleration simply wastes energy and tyre life. Owners should find a charging-cable routine that does not obstruct the pavement or expose connectors to damage. Performance's extra output does not make it more manoeuvrable than Premium. If most journeys are short and unladen, regular charging can reduce petrol operation; without charging, the vehicle carries the weight and cost of electrification without receiving its full daily advantage.
Highway	The petrol engine gives the SHARK freedom from exclusive dependence on charging during long towing or touring routes. Premium's output is already abundant, and Performance's 350 kW and 700 Nm provide exceptional reserve. Trailers raise aerodynamic drag and mass, so published electric and combined ranges can fall sharply. Drivers must plan fuel, charge and rest stops around the loaded combination, not the unladen brochure. Confirm the exact braked tow rating, gross combination mass and towbar certification for the derivative. Ride quality should be tested both empty and with representative load, because pickup behaviour changes with weight. Large all-terrain-style tyres may be costly, and a remote trip should include a practical puncture and recovery plan.

Off-Road	This is the environment in which the SHARK's DMO all-wheel drive and clearance matter most. Performance's 230 mm clearance, 31-degree approach angle and 700 mm wading claim indicate genuine rough-road intent. They are maximum published references, not instructions to enter unknown water or attack rocks at speed. Battery and high-voltage components require strict adherence to the owner's manual. Premium can also travel beyond tar, but its derivative-specific geometry and limits should be used. Smooth torque application protects traction, while tyre pressure changes should follow manufacturer guidance and be reversed before high-speed driving. Travel with rated recovery points, appropriate equipment and another vehicle when terrain is remote. Electronics add capability; judgement keeps the vehicle intact.
Best For	The SHARK 6 suits an owner who genuinely needs a double-cab load bed, travels on mixed surfaces and can charge at home or work. Premium fits recreational towing, family travel and lifestyle use where 2,500 kg is enough. Performance is aimed at heavier trailers and buyers who will benefit from 3,500 kg towing, additional published terrain capability and 350 kW. Neither is an economical substitute for a small crossover when the load bin and towing ratings go unused. A business buyer should confirm tax and warranty implications with qualified advisers, while every buyer should weigh passengers, accessories, cargo and trailer equipment against the legal mass limits. Parking length, garage height and urban manoeuvrability also deserve a real-world trial before purchase.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the BYD SHARK 6 DMO side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Premium DMO AWD	Performance DMO AWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 989,900	ZAR 1,149,900
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Plug-in Hybrid
Transmission	e-CVT	e-CVT
Trim Level	Premium	Flagship
Engine	1498 cc (1.5L)	Not Officially Disclosed
Max Power	135 kW (181 bhp)	180 kW (241 bhp)
Max Torque	260 Nm (192 lb-ft)	380 Nm (280 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	10.4 km/l	9.5 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	1200 L	1200 L
Ground Clearance	230 mm	230 mm
Kerb Weight	2710 kg	2775 kg

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

05 BYD SHARK 6 DMO — Premium DMO AWD

ZAR 989,900

ENGINE 1498 cc	POWER 135 kW · 181 bhp	TORQUE 260 Nm · 192 lb-ft	ECONOMY 10.4 km/l	FUEL Plug-in Hybrid e-CVT
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Premium 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	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	Electronic limited-slip differential (e-LSD)	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	5457 mm	Width	1971 mm
Height	1925 mm	Wheelbase	3260 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	230 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	210 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	59 l	Boot/Cargo Space	1200 l
Kerb Weight	2710 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3500 kg
Payload Capacity	790 kg	Towing Capacity	2500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	876 km	Electric Consumption	212 Wh/km
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	670 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	650 km
Real-world Mileage	12.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	59
Auto Start Stop	Integrated hybrid engine stop/start	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	Fuel Tank Capacity	59 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	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Standard
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Automatic dual-zone air conditioner		—

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

→ [See Premium DMO AWD full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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ZAR 1,149,900

POWER 180 kW · 241 bhp	TORQUE 380 Nm · 280 lb-ft	ECONOMY 9.5 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	2.0-litre Turbocharged Petrol Plug-in Hybrid	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Plug-in Hybrid	Hybrid System	Series-Parallel Hybrid
Engine Displacement	Not Officially Disclosed cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Turbocharged
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Kerb Weight	2775 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3500 kg
Payload Capacity	725 kg	Towing Capacity	3500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Range Real World Mixed	704 km	Electric Consumption	277 Wh/km (WLTP)
Charging Type	AC and DC	Charging Port Type	Type 2 AC; CCS2 DC
Combined Driving Range	640 km (WLTP)	Range Real World Highway	776 km
Real-world Mileage	10.4 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	Dual-zone automatic
Power Windows	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard
AC Type	Automatic dual-zone air conditioner		—

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