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# Civic RS

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**1498 cc**

ENGINE

**178 kW**

POWER

**134 mm**

CLEARANCE

**16 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 725,000**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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|  | 4.3 / 5.0 124 Reviews | 1 Variants | 1 Priced |
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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Honda Civic RS is Honda's performance-focused compact sedan, offering legitimate driving engagement at prices significantly lower than BMW M or Mercedes-AMG alternatives. It appeals to young professionals wanting real performance with genuine reliability and manageable fuel costs. The 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol delivers 130 kilowatts and 240 newton-metres of accessible torque—more power than naturally aspirated competitors of similar displacement. The manual transmission is genuinely engaging, making even mundane daily commutes enjoyable. For buyers actually enjoying their commute rather than merely enduring it, this matters significantly. The steering is responsive and communicative, delivering feedback that makes even parking genuinely enjoyable. The suspension is firmer than typical compact sedans—Honda engineers tuned it for driving engagement over isolated comfort. On smooth roads, this delivers brilliant feedback; on corrugated rural roads, it might feel slightly harsh for some drivers accustomed to luxury isolation. Interior is properly Honda—quality materials, intuitive controls, generous interior space. The driving position is excellent. Visibility is good. The infotainment integrates smartphone connectivity seamlessly. Real-world fuel economy sits around 5.8 to 6.4 litres per 100 kilometres mixed, excellent for a turbocharged...



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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Body Style</b>  | Sedan   |
| <b>Launched</b>    | 2022  |
| <b>Generation</b>  | Based on 11th generation platform   |
| <b>Fuel Types</b>  | Petrol  |
| <b>Colours</b>     | White,Black,Silver,Blue,Red, Grey   |
| <b>OEM Website</b> | <a href="https://www.honda.co.za/cars/civic">https://www.honda.co.za/cars/civic</a> |

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

|               |                    |                      |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Starting From | <b>ZAR 725,000</b> | 1 Variants Available |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|

| Variant     | Fuel   | Transmission | Trim | Ex-Showroom        |
|-------------|--------|--------------|------|--------------------|
| 1.5T RS CVT | Petrol | Automatic    | Top  | <b>ZAR 725,000</b> |

### Estimated On-Road Price — 1.5T RS CVT (Base Variant)

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Johannesburg</b> | <b>ZAR 744,700</b> |
| <b>Cape Town</b>    | <b>ZAR 748,175</b> |
| <b>Durban</b>       | <b>ZAR 742,150</b> |
| <b>Pretoria</b>     | <b>ZAR 743,425</b> |

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

### 03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

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|---|---|
| <p><b>● STRENGTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reliability is demonstrated through proven engineering and market operation.</li> <li>✓ Service costs remain reasonable through dealer and independent networks.</li> <li>✓ Fuel economy sits within realistic ranges for segment class.</li> <li>✓ Interior space accommodates family use across most configurations.</li> <li>✓ Resale values develop as market recognizes vehicle positioning.</li> <li>✓ Safety features include modern systems addressing real-world hazard scenarios.</li> </ul> | <p><b>● CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Depreciation follows segment patterns, with steeper loss during initial ownership years.</li> <li>✗ Interior materials prioritize function over premium perception.</li> <li>✗ Styling appears understated compared to visually aggressive competitors.</li> <li>✗ Technology features may lag premium competitors in sophistication.</li> <li>✗ Off-road capability remains basic for adventure-focused buyers.</li> </ul> |
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### Expert Verdict

*"Sporty sedan"*

The Civic Rs is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing daily driving comfort. It delivers genuine capability without requiring premium pricing or exotic maintenance. Resale values develop as market recognition grows. The used market becomes increasingly active as ownership examples accumulate. For buyers seeking dependable, honest transport, the Civic Rs represents genuine value.

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| <b>City Driving</b> | Urban driving reveals competent engineering. Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Parking assistance systems help genuinely in tight spaces. Air conditioning operates properly in South African summer heat. The driving position commands authority without excessive height. Interior layout remains intuitive through extended city driving. Audio systems integrate smartphone connectivity. Climate control maintains comfort in traffic-heavy commutes. Steering is responsive enough for urban maneuvers. Fuel consumption in city traffic remains predictable and manageable. The vehicle functions reliably through daily metropolitan use, delivering comfort during extended urban residence.                            |
| <b>Highway</b>      | Highway driving confirms engineering integrity. At 120 km/h cruising, engine operation is relaxed and refined. Road noise remains controlled through wind and tire sound management. Fuel economy stabilizes within predictable consumption ranges. The transmission settles into efficient cruising operation. Comfort extends across multi-hour driving periods. Seating provides proper support without requiring frequent adjustment. Climate control maintains consistent cabin temperature. The ride quality balances bump compliance with directional stability. Highway safety systems function predictably without intrusive interventions. Extended highway driving confirms the vehicle's suitability for regional travel between major centers. |
| <b>Off-Road</b>     | Off-road access ranges from basic to moderate depending on configuration. Ground clearance handles typical farm gates and low obstacles. Gravel roads present no challenge for standard variants. Basic farm tracks are traversable for most configurations. Rough terrain requires appropriate driving technique rather than extreme capability. The vehicle functions adequately for recreational off-road scenarios without specialization for rock crawling.  |

Best For

Young professionals and enthusiasts

## 04 Honda Civic RS — 1.5T RS CVT

ZAR 725,000

Petrol · Automatic · Top Trim

## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

|                     |                   |                       |                                |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Engine              | 1.5L Turbo Petrol | Engine Type           | Inline 4 Cylinder Turbocharged |
| Displacement        | 1498 cc           | Cylinders             | 4                              |
| Compression Ratio   | 10.3:1            | Power                 | 178 kW                         |
| Torque              | 240 Nm            | Fuel System           | Direct Injection               |
| Turbocharger        | Single Turbo      | Top Speed             | 210 km/h                       |
| 0-100 km/h          | 8.5 sec           | Cylinder Layout       | Inline 4 (I4)                  |
| Engine Aspiration   | Turbocharged      | Engine Code           | Standard                       |
| Cylinder Bore       | 82.0 mm           | Piston Stroke         | 92.0 mm                        |
| Fuel Grade Required | Petrol            | Valves per Cylinder   | Available                      |
| Power @ RPM         | 150               | Torque @ RPM          | 400                            |
| Engine Position     | Available         | Engine Oil Capacity   | Available l                    |
| Power               | 150 bhp           | Variable Valve Timing | Available                      |
| Maximum Engine RPM  | Available rpm     | Engine Type Config    | Available                      |
| 0-100 km/h          | Available sec     | Battery Capacity      | Available                      |
| Charging Port       | Available         | AC Charging Time      | Available                      |
| Engine Displacement | Available cc      | EV Range              | Available km                   |

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

|                   |                   |                             |               |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Transmission      | CVT Automatic     | Drive Type                  | 4x2           |
| Drivetrain Layout | Front Wheel Drive | LSD Available               | Not Available |
| Number of Gears   | 6                 | Transmission                | Automatic CVT |
| Differential Lock | Electronic Lock   | Transmission Type           | Automatic     |
| Transfer Case     | Available         | Paddle Shifters             | Available     |
| Final Drive Ratio | Available         | Steering Turns Lock to Lock | Available     |
| Clutch Type       | Available         | Drivetrain                  | Available     |

## DIMENSIONS

|                         |              |                   |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Ground Clearance        | 134 mm       | Wheelbase         | 2735 mm      |
| Length                  | 4678 mm      | Width             | 1802 mm      |
| Height                  | 1415 mm      | Kerb Weight       | 1350 kg      |
| Gross Vehicle Weight    | 1800 kg      | Seating Capacity  | 5            |
| Boot Space              | 495 l        | Towing Capacity   | 1200 kg      |
| Turning Radius          | 5.5 m        | Number of Doors   | 5            |
| Boot Space Seats Folded | 1500 l       | Front Track Width | 1550 mm      |
| Rear Track Width        | 1540 mm      | Load Bed Length   | Available mm |
| Load Bed Width          | Available mm | Front Legroom     | Available mm |
| Rear Legroom            | Available mm | Front Headroom    | Available mm |

|                    |              |                     |              |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Rear Headroom      | Available mm | Front Shoulder Room | Available mm |
| Rear Shoulder Room | Available mm | Max Payload         | Available kg |
| Boot Volume        | Available l  | Doors               | Available    |
| Seats              | Available    | Front Overhang      | Available mm |
| Fuel Tank Capacity | Available l  | Rear Overhang       | Available mm |

## MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

|                          |                   |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Claimed Mileage          | 16 km/l           | City Mileage             | 12 km/l           |
| Highway Mileage          | 16 km/l           | Fuel Tank Capacity       | 47 l              |
| Emission Standard        | Euro 6            | AdBlue Tank Capacity     | Available l       |
| Auto Start Stop          | Available         | Average Fuel Consumption | Available         |
| Claimed Fuel Consumption | Available l/100km | Distance To Empty        | Available         |
| Low Fuel Warning         | Available         | Fuel Efficiency          | Available l/100km |
| Real-world Mileage       | Available km/l    |                          | —                 |

## SAFETY

|                              |           |                       |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Airbags                      | 6         | ABS                   | Standard          |
| Electronic Stability Control | Standard  | Traction Control      | Standard          |
| Child Safety Lock            | Standard  | ISOFIX Mounts         | Standard          |
| Brake Assist                 | Standard  | Tyre Pressure Monitor | Standard          |
| Engine Immobiliser           | Standard  | Central Locking       | Power with Remote |
| Hill Start Assist            | Yes       | Front Parking Sensors | Yes               |
| Rear Cross Traffic Alert     | Yes       | Hill Descent Control  | Yes               |
| Alarm System                 | Available | Side Impact Beams     | Available         |
| Seatbelt Warning All Seats   | Available | Speed Alert System    | Available         |
| Pedestrian Detection AEB     | Available | Safety Rating         | Available         |
| Whiplash Protection          | Available | Lane Change Warning   | Available         |
| AEB                          | Available | BA                    | Available         |
| Brake Override System        | Available | Curtain Airbags       | Available         |
| Driver Airbag                | Available | EBD                   | Available         |
| Engine Immobiliser           | Available | Fatigue Detection     | Available         |
| Hill Hold                    | Available | Passenger Airbag      | Available         |
| Seatbelt Pretensioners       | Available | Side Airbags          | Available         |
| TCS                          | Available | Blind Spot Monitoring | Available         |
| Knee Airbag                  | Available |                       | —                 |

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

|                   |                           |                   |                  |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Climate Control   | Dual Zone Climate Control | Power Windows     | All Doors Auto   |
| Keyless Entry     | Smart Key                 | Push Button Start | Standard         |
| Wireless Charging | Standard                  | Sunroof           | Electric Sunroof |

|                            |                 |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Electric Tailgate          | Not Available   | Valves Per Cylinder              | 4                   |
| Intercooler                | Standard        | Engine Start Stop                | Standard            |
| Gear Shift Type            | Paddle Shifters | Launch Control                   | Not Available       |
| Hill Start Assist          | Standard        | Seat Type                        | Sport Seats         |
| Rear Seat Split            | 60:40           | Voice Command                    | Standard            |
| Tail Lamps                 | LED             | Exhaust Type                     | Dual Chrome Exhaust |
| Stability Control          | Standard        | Ride Mode Selection              | Standard            |
| Ground Clearance Unladen   | 134             | Drag Coefficient                 | 0.27                |
| Automatic Headlamps        | Yes             | Power Mirrors                    | Power Adjustment    |
| Payload Capacity           | 500             | Rain Sensing Wipers              | Available           |
| Auto Dimming Mirror        | Available       | Rear Window Defroster            | Available           |
| Electric Mirror Folding    | Available       | Driver Seat Height Adjustment    | Available           |
| Follow Me Home Headlamps   | Available       | 12V Accessory Socket             | Available           |
| Speed Limiter              | Available       | AC Type                          | Available           |
| Adaptive Dampers           | Available       | Aero Kit                         | Available           |
| Auto Dimming Irvm          | Available       | Boot Opener                      | Available           |
| Chrome Exterior Highlights | Available       | Chrome Grille                    | Available           |
| Climate Zones              | Available       | Door Ajar Warning                | Available           |
| Driver Display             | Available       | Electric Folding Mirrors         | Available           |
| Engine Check Warning       | Available       | Engine Start Button Illumination | Available           |
| Engine Start Stop Button   | Available       | Engine Warranty                  | Available           |
| Exhaust Finish             | Available       | Front Armrest                    | Available           |
| Front Power Outlet         | 150             | Fuel Consumption Combined        | Available           |
| Fuel Lid Opener            | Available       | Glovebox Cooling                 | Available           |
| Headlamp Height Adjust     | Available       | Headlamp Washer                  | Available           |
| Headrest Adjustable        | Available       | Heads Up Display                 | Available           |
| Impact Sensing Door Unlock | Available       | Multi Function Steering          | Available           |
| Panoramic Roof             | Available       | Performance Data Logger          | Available           |
| Push Button Start          | Available       | Rear Defogger                    | Available           |
| Rear Reading Lamps         | Available       | Rear Wing                        | Available           |
| Remote Engine Start        | Available       | Rev Matching                     | Available           |
| Roof Antenna               | Available       | Seatbelt Pre Tensioner           | Available           |
| Seatbelt Reminder          | Available       | Service Plan                     | Available           |
| Service Reminder           | Available       | Side Steps                       | Available           |
| Skid Plates                | Available       | Spare Wheel                      | Available           |

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|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Speed Alert System        | Available | Stabilizer Bar      | Available |
| Steering Mounted Controls | Available | Steering Response   | Available |
| Tachometer                | Available | Telescopic Steering | Available |
| Tilt Steering             | Available | Trip Computer       | Available |
| Tyre Repair Kit           | Available | Vanity Mirror       | Available |
| Voice Command Support     | Available |                     | —         |

## INFOTAINMENT & CONNECTIVITY

|                               |                       |                            |                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Infotainment Screen           | 10.2-inch Touchscreen | Apple CarPlay              | Wireless         |
| Android Auto                  | Wireless              | Bluetooth Connectivity     | Standard         |
| Number of Speakers            | 12 Bose               | Navigation System          | Built-in         |
| Steering Wheel Audio Controls | Audio and Cruise      | FM Radio                   | Yes              |
| AUX Input                     | Yes                   | Digital Instrument Cluster | Yes              |
| USB Ports                     | Available             | Wireless Apple CarPlay     | Available        |
| Voice Recognition             | Available             | Infotainment Screen Size   | Available inches |
| Wi-Fi Hotspot                 | Available             | Audio Controls On Steering | Available        |
| Infotainment Display          | Available             | Rear Usb                   | Available        |
| Premium Audio                 | Available             |                            | —                |

## INTERIOR

|                         |                         |                           |                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Seat Material           | Leather                 | Seat Adjustment           | Driver Electric     |
| Heated Seats            | Front                   | Ventilated Seats          | Not Available       |
| Steering Type           | Electric Power Steering | Steering Adjustment       | Tilt and Telescopic |
| Ambient Lighting        | Multi-color             | Rear AC Vents             | Standard            |
| Front Armrest           | Yes                     | Cup Holders               | 4                   |
| Folding Rear Seats      | Yes, 60:40 Split        | Leather Seats             | Yes                 |
| Interior Colour Options | Black                   | Rear Armrest              | Available           |
| Rear USB Ports          | Available               | Steering Wheel Material   | Available           |
| Instrument Cluster Type | Available               | Driver Lumbar Support     | Available           |
| Door Map Pockets        | Available               | 60 40 Split Seat          | Available           |
| Adjustable Driver Seat  | Available               | Adjustable Front Seat     | Available           |
| Cooled Seats            | Available               | Driver Seat Adjustment    | Available           |
| Fabric Seats            | Available               | Front Headrest            | Available           |
| Memory Seats            | Available               | Passenger Seat Adjustment | Available           |
| Rear Headrest           | Available               |                           | —                   |

## EXTERIOR

|               |               |                       |     |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----|
| LED Headlamps | LED Projector | Daytime Running Lamps | LED |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----|

|                    |               |                         |               |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Fog Lamps          | LED           | Alloy Wheel Design      | 18-inch Alloy |
| Door Handle Finish | Chrome Finish | Exterior Colour Options | Pearl White   |
| Roof Rails         | Available     | Chrome Exterior Finish  | Available     |
| Body Cladding      | Available     | Rear Spoiler            | Available     |
| Roof Type          | Available     | Wing Mirror Type        | Available     |
| Rear Wiper         | Available     | Body Type               | Available     |
| DRL                | Available     | Fog Lights              | Available     |
| Front Fog Lights   | Available     | Led Headlights          | Available     |
| Led Taillights     | Available     | Rear Fog Lights         | Available     |

## DRIVER ASSISTANCE

|                          |                |                              |                  |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Cruise Control           | Adaptive       | Adaptive Cruise Control      | Standard         |
| Lane Keep Assist         | Standard       | Lane Departure Warning       | Standard         |
| Blind Spot Monitoring    | Standard       | Rear Cross Traffic Alert     | Standard         |
| Parking Sensors          | Front and Rear | Rear View Camera             | Standard         |
| 360 Degree Camera        | Not Available  | Autonomous Emergency Braking | Standard         |
| Traffic Sign Recognition | Standard       | Drive Modes                  | Eco Normal Sport |
| Rear Parking Sensors     | Yes            | Driver Fatigue Alert         | Yes              |
| Auto Highbeam            | Available      | Auto Lights                  | Available        |
| Auto Wipers              | Available      | Eco Mode                     | Available        |
| EV Mode                  | Available      | Reverse Camera               | Available        |
| Sport Mode               | Available      | Adaptive Cruise Control      | Available        |
| Park Assist              | Available      |                              | —                |

## OFF-ROAD CAPABILITY

|                      |               |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 4WD System Type      | Part-time 4WD | Approach Angle       | 25 deg        |
| Departure Angle      | 23 deg        | Wading Depth         | 600 mm        |
| Terrain Modes        | Available     | Locking Differential | Available     |
| Underbody Protection | Available     | Ramp Breakover Angle | Available deg |
| Recovery Hooks       | Available     | Hill Descent Control | Available     |
| Ramp-over Angle      | Available deg |                      | —             |

## SUSPENSION & CHASSIS

|                     |                  |                     |             |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Front Suspension    | MacPherson Strut | Rear Suspension     | Multi-Link  |
| Chassis Type        | Monocoque        | Front Spring Type   | Coil Spring |
| Front Anti-Roll Bar | Yes              | Power Steering      | Electric    |
| Steering Column     | Available        | Rear Spring Type    | Available   |
| Rear Anti-Roll Bar  | Available        | Shock Absorber Type | Available   |

## TYRES, WHEELS & BRAKES

|                           |                 |                    |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Tyre Size                 | 235/40 R18      | Wheel Type         | Alloy        |
| Front Brake Type          | Ventilated Disc | Rear Brake Type    | Disc         |
| Front Brake Disc Diameter | 300 mm          | Spare Wheel Type   | Available    |
| Rear Brake Drum Diameter  | Available mm    | Parking Brake Type | Available    |
| Tyre Load Index           | Available       | Tyre Speed Rating  | Available    |
| Wheel Rim Size            | Available       | Brake Type Front   | Available    |
| Brake Type Rear           | Available       | Spare Tyre         | Available    |
| Tyre Type                 | Available       | Front Tyre Width   | Available mm |
| Rear Tyre Width           | Available mm    | Wheel Diameter     | Available in |

## SERVICE & MAINTENANCE

|                            |                      |                       |           |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Service Interval           | 10000 km / 12 months | Approx Service Cost   | Moderate  |
| Battery Warranty           | 24 Months            | Battery Type          | Lead Acid |
| First Service At           | 5000                 | Maintenance Plan      | Available |
| Engine Oil Change Interval | Available            | Service Plan Duration | Available |
| Service Plan Distance      | Available km         | Anti-Rust Treatment   | Available |
| Alternator                 | Available            | Gear Shift Indicator  | Available |

## WARRANTY

|                     |           |                         |                        |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Warranty Years      | 3 years   | Warranty Kilometers     | 100000 km              |
| Roadside Assistance | 3 Years   | Anti-Corrosion Warranty | 5 Years / Unlimited km |
| Basic Warranty      | Available |                         | —                      |

## ENVIRONMENTAL & EMISSIONS

|                         |                 |                          |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| CO2 Emissions           | 135 g/km        | Start Stop System        | Standard     |
| Hybrid System Type      | Not Applicable  | Idle CO2 Output          | 2.0          |
| Fuel Octane Requirement | Unleaded 95 RON | Noise Level              | Available dB |
| Particulate Filter      | Available       | Euro Emission Standard   | Available    |
| Green NCAP Rating       | Available       | Fuel Evaporation Control | Available    |

## USER & REAL-WORLD DATA

|                                |            |                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Real-world City Mileage Min    | 10 l/100km | Real-world City Mileage Max    | 12 l/100km |
| Real-world Highway Mileage Min | 14 l/100km | Real-world Highway Mileage Max | 17 l/100km |
| Owner Review Count             | 19         |                                | —          |

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