



HYUNDAI

EX-8 Dropside

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

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3907 cc ENGINE	103 kW POWER	200 mm mm CLEARANCE	Applicable FUEL CON L/100	3 seats SEATING
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ZAR 656,500
Ex-Showroom Starting Price


<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/hyundai/ex-8-dropside/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Hyundai EX-8 Dropside sits in the South African market as a Hyundai dropside truck. It is not a car to understand only by its badge; it makes more sense when viewed through the job it is expected to do. For many shoppers that job is deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres. Favours open-load work and side access, so the strongest buying case comes from matching the body style, fuel type and grade to the week the vehicle will actually live through. In the current South African range the EX-8 Dropside as a van with diesel power. That combination gives the buyer a useful starting point. A bakkie buyer will think about payload, towing and surface durability. An SUV buyer will care about seating comfort, visibility and long-trip luggage space. A van or bus buyer will look harder at door openings, uptime and passenger or cargo layout. The same model badge can therefore mean different things to a private owner, a fleet manager and a small-business operator. Buyers should check the latest South African price list for the available derivatives,...



Body Style	Van
Generation	Current South African EX-8 Dropside listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data.
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	Colour availability changes by model year, production batch and dealer stock; check the current colour selector before ordering.
OEM Website	https://www.hyundai.co.za/new-vehicles

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 656,500			1 Variants Available
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
3.9D Dropside 5MT	Diesel	Manual	Mid	ZAR 656,500

Estimated On-Road Price — 3.9D Dropside 5MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 675,378
Cape Town	ZAR 678,647
Durban	ZAR 672,965
Pretoria	ZAR 674,171

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Clear van role for deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres.
- ✓ Useful body style for South African ownership conditions.
- ✓ Derivative choice can be matched to budget and use.
- ✓ Straightforward comparison when fuel type and gearbox are checked carefully.
- ✓ Good fit for shoppers who prioritise practical ownership over image.
- ✓ Can support clean model pages when prices and specs stay current.

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Final equipment can vary by derivative and model year.
- ✗ Colour and accessory availability may differ by dealer stock.
- ✗ Some buyers may need a more specialised grade for towing, payload or rough-road use.
- ✗ Full confidence still depends on the latest local price list and specification sheet.
- ✗ Running costs depend heavily on route, load and driving style.

Expert Verdict

"EX-8 Dropside is strongest when its body style and derivative match the buyer's real work."

The Hyundai EX-8 Dropside is a sensible shortlist item when its practical role is clear. It should not be bought only because of badge familiarity or a high equipment count. The better approach is to compare the exact grade, price, drivetrain and ownership terms against the job it must do every week. The fairest verdict on the Hyundai EX-8 Dropside is therefore use-case driven. It can be a strong South African choice when the buyer chooses the correct derivative for the intended mix of city driving, freeway work, passengers, cargo and rough-road exposure. It becomes less convincing when bought only for styling or badge appeal without checking the practical numbers and ownership costs that will matter after delivery.

City Driving

In city use, the EX-8 Dropside should be judged on kerb access, loading height, door opening and traffic fatigue. A good daily vehicle must be easy to place in traffic, comfortable in heat, and simple to live with when parking, loading people or dealing with short trips. For the EX-8 Dropside, city use also means potholes, tight shopping-centre ramps, speed humps, heat-soaked traffic and short trips where fuel use can rise. The most comfortable derivative is the one that combines the right gearbox response, seating position and parking support with tyre sizes that do not punish everyday surfaces.

Highway

On highways, look at driver comfort, cruise stability, fuel use and service uptime. Long South African trips expose weak seats, noisy cabins and engines that work too hard, so cruising comfort and range matter as much as headline equipment. A buyer who drives between provinces or carries family on holiday should also consider noise, seat support, spare-wheel arrangements, overtaking response and how confidently the vehicle holds speed when loaded. Those details often separate two trims that look similar on paper.

Off-Road	For rough-road use, check unsealed depots, construction entrances and rural delivery routes. A raised body or tough badge is useful only when the tyres, clearance, drivetrain and load rating support the roads the owner actually drives. Where rougher roads are part of ownership, the buyer should check tyres, underbody clearance, approach to traction control and recovery practicality before relying on the body style. If the route is mainly tar, comfort and running costs should take priority over unused off-road image.
Best For	The best buyer for the EX-8 Dropside is someone who has a clear use case: deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres. It suits shoppers who compare practical ownership needs before paying for extra trim or image. For the Hyundai EX-8 Dropside, the best buyer is someone who can match the vehicle to a known routine instead of shopping only by advertised price or exterior style.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the Hyundai EX-8 Dropside side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	3.9D Dropside 5MT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 656,500
Fuel Type	Diesel
Transmission	Manual
Trim Level	Mid
Engine	3907 cc (3.9L)
Max Power	103 kW (138 bhp)
Max Torque	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	Rear-wheel drive
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable km/l
Seating	3
Boot Space	Not Applicable L
Ground Clearance	200 mm mm
Kerb Weight	Not Applicable kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Hyundai EX-8 Dropside — 3.9D Dropside 5MT

ZAR 656,500

ENGINE 3907 cc	POWER 103 kW · 138 bhp	TORQUE Not Applicable Nm	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Diesel Manual
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Mid Trim · Diesel · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Power	138 bhp	Maximum Torque	Not Applicable
Maximum Power	103 kW	Cylinders	4
Engine Cylinders	4	Engine Config	3.9-litre turbo diesel
Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable	Max Torque Nm	Not Applicable Nm
Engine Torque Nm	Not Applicable Nm	Engine Valves	Not Applicable
Torque @ RPM	Not Applicable	Max Power kW	103 kW

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Differential Type Front	Not Available	4WD Selector	Not Applicable
Axle Layout	4x2	Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable
Transmission	Manual	Low Range	Not Applicable
Gearbox Type	Manual	4WD Engagement	Not Applicable
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Drivetrain	Rear-wheel drive
Transmission Speeds	5 km/h	Transfer Case Guard	Not Available

DIMENSIONS

Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm	Length Mm	6620 mm
Height Mm	2355 mm mm	Gross Vehicle Mass Kg	7800 kg
Ground Clearance Max	200 mm mm	Ground Clearance Min	200 mm mm
Ground Clearance Mm	200 mm mm	Ground Clearance	200 mm mm
Wheelbase	3850 mm	Length	6620 mm
Width	2100 mm	Width Mm	2100 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Emission Standard	Not Applicable	Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
Fuel Type	Diesel	Fuel Tank Litres	100
Fuel Economy Combined	Not Applicable	Range Wltp	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Electric Consumption	Not Applicable	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
AC Charging Power	Not Applicable	Average Fuel Consumption	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Traction Control	Standard	Brake Override System	Not Available
AEB	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available

Front Parking Sensors	Standard	Knee Airbag	Not Available
BA	Not Available	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
ABS	Standard	Airbags	Not Available
Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Climate Control	Not Available
Power Windows	Not Available	Keyless Entry	Not Available
Push Button Start	Not Available	Wireless Charging	Wireless
Sunroof	Not Available	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	AC Type	Not Available
Adaptive Dampers	Not Available	Engine Warranty	4

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

→ [See 3.9D Dropside 5MT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 3.9D Dropside 5MT — ZAR 656,500

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