



LEXUS

RZ

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

Not Applicable	280 kW	200 mm	Not Applicable	5 seats
ENGINE cc	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL CON L/100	SEATING

ZAR 1,682,600 – 1,977,600

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/lexus/rz/>

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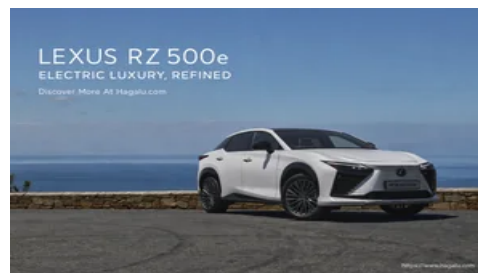
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Lexus RZ occupies a specific place in the South African range: it is designed for a premium-EV buyer with dependable home or workplace charging who wants Lexus refinement and DIRECT4 all-wheel drive. The current range contains 4 confirmed derivatives, priced from R1 682 600 to R2 628 500. Those figures are recommended vehicle prices checked on 2026-07-17; finance interest, registration, insurance, paint, dealer accessories and optional plans can change the amount a buyer ultimately pays. The derivative list is RZ 600e F SPORT, RZ 550e F SPORT, RZ 500e EX, RZ 500e SE. Reading that list as a price ladder is more useful than treating every version as the same vehicle, because powertrain, drivetrain, seating, tyres and cabin equipment can alter both the weekly experience and the ownership budget. Every current RZ derivative uses battery-electric drive and DIRECT4 all-wheel drive. The 500e grades produce 280 kW, the 550e F SPORT produces 300 kW, and Lexus now lists the 600e F SPORT at the top of the local range. This engineering spread should define the shortlist before colour or monthly...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2026
Generation	Updated dedicated battery-electric Lexus RZ range launched locally in 2026
Fuel Types	Electric
Colours	Aether Metallic bi-tone, Atomic Blue, Classic White, Graphite Black, Sonic Chrome and Sonic Iridium
OEM Website	https://www.lexus.co.za/vehicles/rz

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 1,682,600 – 1,977,600	3 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
RZ 550e F SPORT	Electric	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 1,977,600
RZ 500e EX	Electric	Automatic	Base	ZAR 1,682,600
RZ 500e SE	Electric	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,860,400

Estimated On-Road Price — RZ 550e F SPORT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 2,012,331
Cape Town	ZAR 2,019,564
Durban	ZAR 2,007,276
Pretoria	ZAR 2,009,803

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS ✓ Current South African derivative and price coverage ✓ Clear powertrain and trim choices ✓ Detailed derivative specifications ✓ Buyer role is easy to define ✓ Strong safety and convenience coverage ✓ Useful city and highway ownership fit	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Upper grades materially increase finance cost ✗ Tyre and insurance costs vary by derivative ✗ Real energy use changes with route and load ✗ Optional equipment can obscure base price ✗ A short showroom route is not enough ✗ The flagship is not automatically best value
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Expert Verdict

"Choose the RZ by required capability and total ownership cost, then select the trim."

The Lexus RZ is convincing when the chosen derivative solves a defined ownership problem. Start with the correct body and powertrain, compare neighbouring grades at the same finance assumptions, and pay extra only for capability or equipment that will be used repeatedly. The price range of R1 682 600 to R2 628 500 is broad enough that a disciplined trim decision matters.

City Driving	In city use, Silent low-speed travel, strong regenerative response and zero tailpipe emissions suit urban driving, but the RZ is still a wide premium SUV. Home charging and a parking bay that can accept a wallbox are more important than public-charger proximity alone. Parking dimensions, camera coverage, low-speed ride and transmission response should be tested on familiar roads. Heat, potholes, steep ramps and short trips can expose a poor derivative choice more quickly than a smooth demonstration route.
Highway	On South African highways, The RZ has ample overtaking performance, yet route planning must account for temperature, speed, elevation and charging reliability. The 22 kW onboard charger improves AC flexibility, while rapid-charge stops should be planned with backup sites. A useful test includes a merge, an overtake and rough tar at cruising speed with realistic passenger load. Seat support, wind noise, spare-wheel provision and range between fuel or charging stops deserve equal weight with peak output.
Off-Road	For gravel and rough-road use, DIRECT4 supports traction on wet tar and maintained gravel, but the RZ is not a low-range off-roader. Battery protection, tyre profile, charging access and recovery planning matter on remote routes. Buyers should distinguish occasional maintained gravel from genuine off-road work. Tyre construction, sidewall depth, driven wheels, underbody exposure and recovery access are more meaningful than SUV styling or an adventurous trim name.
Best For	The Lexus RZ best suits a premium-EV buyer with dependable home or workplace charging who wants Lexus refinement and DIRECT4 all-wheel drive. It rewards a buyer who defines passenger, route, luggage, charging, towing and terrain needs before choosing a trim. It is less suitable when selected mainly for badge or styling without a realistic running-cost and space check.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the Lexus RZ side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	RZ 550e F SPORT	RZ 500e EX	RZ 500e SE
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,977,600	ZAR 1,682,600	ZAR 1,860,400
Fuel Type	Electric	Electric	Electric
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Flagship	Base	Top
Engine	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Max Power	300 kW (402 bhp)	280 kW (375 bhp)	280 kW (375 bhp)
Max Torque	Front 268.6; rear 268.6	Front 268.6; rear 268.6	Front 268.6; rear 268.6
Drivetrain	AWD DIRECT4	AWD DIRECT4	AWD DIRECT4
Fuel Economy	Not Applicable km/l	Not Applicable km/l	Not Applicable km/l
Seating	5	5	5
Boot Space	522 L	522 L	522 L
Ground Clearance	200 mm	200 mm	200 mm
Kerb Weight	2145-2165 kg	2080-2100 kg	2100-2115 kg

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

05 Lexus RZ — RZ 550e F SPORT

ZAR 1,977,600

ENGINE Not Applicable cc	POWER 300 kW · 402 bhp	TORQUE Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Automatic
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Flagship Trim · Electric · Automatic

View live price & EMI →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

0-100 km/h	4.4 sec	Engine	Dual electric e-Axles
Engine Type	Dual electric e-Axles	Displacement	Not Applicable cc
Cylinders	Not Applicable	Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Power	300 kW	Torque	Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm
Fuel System	Battery Electric	Turbocharger	Not Applicable
Top Speed	180 km/h	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Drivetrain Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Gearbox Type	Single-speed electric drive	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	AWD DIRECT4	Transmission Speeds	1 km/h
Transmission	Single-speed electric drive	Low Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Turning Circle M	5.6	Turning Circle	5.6
Tare Mass Kg	2145-2165 kg	Cargo Volume	522
Payload Kg	475-495 kg	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Length Mm	4805 mm
Height Mm	1635 mm	Ground Clearance Mm	200 mm
Ground Clearance Min	200 mm	Ground Clearance Max	200 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Fuel Type	Electric
City Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Claimed Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
AC Charging Power	22	Emission Standard	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Highway Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
Fuel Efficiency	Not Applicable l/100km	Fuel Tank Litres	Not Applicable
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Combined Consumption L 100km	Not Applicable l/100km

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Standard Rear door	Alarm System	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor
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Engine Immobiliser	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor	Electronic Stability Control	Standard
Traction Control	Standard,,	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Front Parking Sensors	Standard Front + Rear,Intelligent Clearance Sonar,Rear Cross Traffic Alert + Braking	Hill Start Assist	Standard
AEB	Standard	BA	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Push Start	AC Type	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Seatbelt Reminder	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Stability Control	Standard	Valves Per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Air Conditioning	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor	Climate Control	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Power Windows	All/ All One Touch	Keyless Entry	Standard Smart Entry
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic (Dimming)

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

→ [See RZ 550e F SPORT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 Lexus RZ — RZ 500e EX

ZAR 1,682,600

ENGINE Not Applicable cc	POWER 280 kW · 375 bhp	TORQUE Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Automatic
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Base Trim · Electric · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

0-100 km/h	4.6 sec	Engine	Dual electric e-Axles
Engine Type	Dual electric e-Axles	Displacement	Not Applicable cc
Cylinders	Not Applicable	Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Power	280 kW	Torque	Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm
Fuel System	Battery Electric	Turbocharger	Not Applicable
Top Speed	180 km/h	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	Single-speed electric drive	Drivetrain Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Gearbox Type	Single-speed electric drive	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	AWD DIRECT4	Transmission Speeds	1 km/h
Transmission	Single-speed electric drive	Low Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Turning Circle M	5.6	Turning Circle	5.6
Tare Mass Kg	2080-2100 kg	Cargo Volume	522
Payload Kg	540-560 kg	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Length Mm	4805 mm
Height Mm	1635 mm	Ground Clearance Mm	200 mm
Ground Clearance Min	200 mm	Ground Clearance Max	200 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Fuel Type	Electric
City Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Claimed Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
AC Charging Power	22	Emission Standard	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Highway Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
Fuel Efficiency	Not Applicable l/100km	Fuel Tank Litres	Not Applicable
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Combined Consumption L 100km	Not Applicable l/100km

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Standard Rear door	Alarm System	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor
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Engine Immobiliser	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor	Electronic Stability Control	Standard
Traction Control	Standard,,	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Front Parking Sensors	Standard Front + Rear,Intelligent Clearance Sonar,Rear Cross Traffic Alert + Braking	Hill Start Assist	Standard
AEB	Standard	BA	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Push Start	AC Type	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Seatbelt Reminder	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Stability Control	Standard	Valves Per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Air Conditioning	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor	Climate Control	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Power Windows	All/ All One Touch	Keyless Entry	Standard Smart Entry
Wireless Charging	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Standard Power and Handsfree

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

→ [See RZ 500e EX full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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07 Lexus RZ — RZ 500e SE

ZAR 1,860,400

ENGINE Not Applicable cc	POWER 280 kW · 375 bhp	TORQUE Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm	ECONOMY Not Applicable km/l	FUEL Electric Automatic
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Top Trim · Electric · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

0-100 km/h	4.6 sec	Engine	Dual electric e-Axles
Engine Type	Dual electric e-Axles	Displacement	Not Applicable cc
Cylinders	Not Applicable	Valves per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Power	280 kW	Torque	Front 268.6; rear 268.6 Nm
Fuel System	Battery Electric	Turbocharger	Not Applicable
Top Speed	180 km/h	Compression Ratio	Not Applicable

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

4WD Selector	Not Applicable	Drivetrain Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	AWD DIRECT4
Gearbox Type	Single-speed electric drive	4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable
Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
Drivetrain	AWD DIRECT4	Transmission Speeds	1 km/h
Transmission	Single-speed electric drive	Low Range	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Turning Circle M	5.6	Turning Circle	5.6
Tare Mass Kg	2100-2115 kg	Cargo Volume	522
Payload Kg	525-540 kg	Loadbox Width Mm	Not Applicable mm
Loadbox Length Mm	Not Applicable mm	Length Mm	4805 mm
Height Mm	1635 mm	Ground Clearance Mm	200 mm
Ground Clearance Min	200 mm	Ground Clearance Max	200 mm

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Fuel Type	Electric
City Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Claimed Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
AC Charging Power	22	Emission Standard	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Highway Mileage	Not Applicable km/l
Fuel Efficiency	Not Applicable l/100km	Fuel Tank Litres	Not Applicable
Real-world Mileage	Not Applicable km/l	Combined Consumption L 100km	Not Applicable l/100km

SAFETY

Child Safety Lock	Standard Rear door	Alarm System	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor
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Engine Immobiliser	Siren/ Intrusion Sensor,Glass Break Sensor,Tilt Sensor	Electronic Stability Control	Standard
Traction Control	Standard,,	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Front Parking Sensors	Standard Front + Rear,Intelligent Clearance Sonar,Rear Cross Traffic Alert + Braking	Hill Start Assist	Standard
AEB	Standard	BA	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Standard	Driver Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Push Button Start	Push Start	AC Type	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Seatbelt Reminder	Front + Rear/ Buzzer + Light
Stability Control	Standard	Valves Per Cylinder	Not Applicable
Air Conditioning	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor	Climate Control	Auto Dual zone,Humidity Sensor
Power Windows	All/ All One Touch	Keyless Entry	Standard Smart Entry
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Panoramic (Dimming)

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→ [See RZ 500e SE full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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→ RZ 500e EX — ZAR 1,682,600

→ RZ 500e SE — ZAR 1,860,400

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