

MERCEDES-BENZ

GLS

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2989 cc

ENGINE

270 kW

POWER

ZAR 2,350,181 – 4,223,591

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced
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01 Overview & Quick Facts

Mercedes-Benz GLS is a suv proposition whose value depends on the work it performs between showroom visits. Mercedes-Benz GLS: The supplied identity records current South African catalogue model, the recorded powertrain energy, local exact-derivative prices run from R2 350 181 to R4 223 591, and 3 exact derivative identities where names are available. The right reading of Mercedes-Benz GLS begins with the owner's calendar rather than with a single headline number. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, it should be compared through entry, seating, storage, energy or fuel, road quality and the support available in the buyer's region. Because Mercedes-Benz GLS is marked current, the starting point is a real local quotation and a route-based test of the exact derivative. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the workday efficiency angle is especially useful here: the car needs to feel coherent on the roads that make up the owner's ordinary week, not only on the smooth surface of a launch photograph. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, ask the retailer or importer to identify the exact derivative, model year, driven wheels, gearbox or reduction system, safety equipment, wheel and tyre...

Body Style	Suv
Fuel Types	Powertrain
Colours	Confirm the local colour palette for the selected derivative on the order sheet.

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 2,350,181 – 4,223,591			3 Listed Variants
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
GLS 450 d	Diesel	—	Base	ZAR 2,350,181
GLS 580	Petrol	—	Base	ZAR 2,936,701
GLS 63 4MATIC+	Petrol	—	Amg	ZAR 4,223,591

Estimated On-Road Price — GLS 450 d (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 2,389,383
Cape Town	ZAR 2,397,733
Durban	ZAR 2,383,582
Pretoria	ZAR 2,386,482

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ A clear workday efficiency use case can be tested in ordinary driving.
- ✓ The GLS body gives the buyer a distinct space and access brief.
- ✓ Exact derivative comparison makes the local quotation more useful.
- ✓ The article connects route fit with ownership cost.
- ✓ Lifecycle status is kept visible in the buying decision.

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ A model badge cannot establish every local equipment detail.
- ✗ Wheel, tyre and cabin choices can change the delivered experience.
- ✗ Energy, fuel, insurance and service costs need a full calculation.
- ✗ Road capability must be tested against the exact specification.
- ✗ An upcoming entry requires local delivery and price confirmation.

Buyer Summary

"Mercedes-Benz GLS earns consideration when its exact local version makes a recurring South African journey easier."

The case for Mercedes-Benz GLS is strongest when the model removes a repeated inconvenience. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, it is weaker when the buyer is paying for capability, size or theatre that will rarely be used. The local price and lifecycle record make the comparison possible for Mercedes-Benz GLS. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the value is the balance between acquisition, use and support conclusion is practical: compare an exact local derivative with a credible alternative, using the same route, annual distance, passenger load, insurance, tyre and support assumptions. The final Mercedes-Benz GLS decision should feel comfortable both on the first drive and during the least glamorous week of ownership. The Mercedes-Benz GLS result in the workday efficiency shortlist will change with weather, load, tyre choice and traffic, so the test should be honest about those variables. South African ownership of Mercedes-Benz GLS under the workday efficiency shortlist brief also rewards a written plan for insurance, service intervals, replacement tyres and the route back to the retailer.

City Driving

The city test for Mercedes-Benz GLS should follow the owner's actual sequence: a cold start or unplug, a narrow exit, traffic, a parking bay, a short stop and the return trip. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, measure door opening, sight lines, steering weight, display reach, seat comfort and luggage access rather than taking a ten-minute loop as proof. The the first commute, the last errand and the time lost if a vehicle is awkward to place lens asks whether Mercedes-Benz GLS remains easy after the novelty has gone. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, for an electric version, include the place where it will charge; for a combustion or hybrid version, record the refuelling and low-speed behaviour. That detail gives the Mercedes-Benz GLS workday efficiency handover recommendation a practical edge because it connects a catalogue identity to a lived route.

Highway	On the open road, Mercedes-Benz GLS should be assessed with the load, cruising speed and climate setting that will be used outside the city. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the a practical route with predictable running cost and enough composure for fatigue lens gives the test a purpose: observe seat support, noise, stability, overtaking confidence, energy or fuel planning and the ease of finding a reliable stop. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, a published range or economy figure is a planning input, not a guarantee for every temperature, wind, passenger load or traffic pattern. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, a sound recommendation explains what the owner should repeat before choosing the model. The Mercedes-Benz GLS quotation for the workday efficiency ownership review should keep the derivative name visible whenever equipment, finance or support is compared.
Off-Road	South African surface variety gives Mercedes-Benz GLS a second test. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, use the maintained gravel, uneven entrance, speed hump or holiday access road that genuinely belongs to the owner's life. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the the ordinary unsealed road that links the owner to work or home lens keeps the judgement grounded in tyres, wheels, clearance, underbody exposure, traction and recovery planning. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, a body-style label or driven-axle badge is not permission for deep water or sharp rock without exact equipment evidence. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, inspect the underside and ask for the local specification before turning a visual impression into a capability claim. A measured handover for Mercedes-Benz GLS is part of the workday efficiency final decision value: understand the controls, care routine, warranty and assistance before the first long journey.
Best For	Mercedes-Benz GLS is aimed at a buyer who can describe the weekly job this suv must perform. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the workday efficiency perspective matters because the same badge can feel generous to one owner and inconvenient to another. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, consider passenger count, luggage, parking, road surface, energy or fuel access, insurance and service support together. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, keep the local price and lifecycle record beside the buyer's own route notes. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, choose the exact derivative only after its equipment and price have been separated from optional extras. For Mercedes-Benz GLS, the next useful action in the workday efficiency surface check is to repeat that check with the occupants, luggage and road surface that define the owner's week.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	GLS 450 d	GLS 580	GLS 63 4MATIC+
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 2,350,181	ZAR 2,936,701	ZAR 4,223,591
Fuel Type	Diesel	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	—	—	—
Trim Level	Base	Base	Amg
Engine	2989 cc (3.0L)	3982 cc (4.0L)	3982 cc (4.0L)
Max Power	270 kW (362 bhp)	380 kW (510 bhp)	450 kW (603 bhp)
Max Torque	750 Nm (553 lb-ft)	730 Nm (538 lb-ft)	850 Nm (627 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—

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

05 Mercedes-Benz GLS — GLS 450 d

ZAR 2,350,181

ENGINE 2989 cc	POWER 270 kW · 362 bhp	TORQUE 750 Nm · 553 lb-ft	FUEL Diesel
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Base Trim · Diesel

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE			
Engine	2989/L6	Fuel Type	Diesel
Engine Displacement	2989 cc	Cylinders	6
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Maximum Power	270 kW
Maximum Torque	750 Nm		—

+ 3 more spec categories (Vehicle Details, Environmental & Emissions, Pricing & Ownership) available on the live model page.

→ See GLS 450 d full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

06 Mercedes-Benz GLS — GLS 580

ZAR 2,936,701

ENGINE 3982 cc	POWER 380 kW · 510 bhp	TORQUE 730 Nm · 538 lb-ft	FUEL Petrol
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Base Trim · Petrol

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE			
Engine	3982/V8	Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	3982 cc	Cylinders	8
Cylinder Layout	V	Maximum Power	380 kW
Maximum Torque	730 Nm		—

+ 3 more spec categories (Vehicle Details, Environmental & Emissions, Pricing & Ownership) available on the live model page.

→ See GLS 580 full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

[Compare with rivals →](#)

07 Mercedes-Benz GLS — GLS 63 4MATIC+

ZAR 4,223,591

ENGINE 3982 cc	POWER 450 kW · 603 bhp	TORQUE 850 Nm · 627 lb-ft	FUEL Petrol
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Amg Trim · Petrol

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	3982/V8	Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	3982 cc	Cylinders	8
Cylinder Layout	V	Maximum Power	450 kW
Maximum Torque	850 Nm		—

+ 3 more spec categories (Vehicle Details, Environmental & Emissions, Pricing & Ownership) available on the live model page.

→ [See GLS 63 4MATIC+ full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa](#)

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08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ GLS 450 d — ZAR 2,350,181

→ GLS 580 — ZAR 2,936,701

→ GLS 63 4MATIC+ — ZAR 4,223,591

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