

ROLLS-ROYCE

Dawn

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

6592 cc	420 kW	149 mm	6.99 km/l	4 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

For a buyer today, Dawn is a pre-owned open-top grand tourer whose quality must be established car by car rather than a new vehicle that can be configured from the current range. The exact singleton derivative is Dawn, documented at price on application in a February 2018 South African road test. Overseas names, specifications and prices are not enough to identify a local car. The assessment should also cover tyres, wheels, door operation, glass, climate control, seating functions and the roof system. Rear access is less convenient than in a four-door model, although the rear seats make it more socially useful than a strict two-seat roadster. The buyer should judge seat comfort, wind management, cabin noise, climate performance and luggage suitability for the journeys envisaged. Bought carefully, Dawn offers an experience the current range does not directly replace: four-seat, petrol-powered, open-top Rolls-Royce touring with a verified connection to the local market. The 2015 launch configuration published 5,285 mm length and a 244-295-litre DIN luggage range; the South African February 2018 evidence aligns instead with the distinct MY17 configuration. The exact…



Body Style	Two-door luxury convertible
Launched	2016
Generation	Discontinued four-seat Goodwood-era convertible. The sourced MY17 configuration is 5,295 mm long, 1,947 mm wide and 1,502 mm high with a 3,112 mm wheelbase and 12.7-metre turning circle. Its boot is stated as 321 litres with the roof raised and 260 litres lowered, so those two conditions should remain distinct; 2,560 kg is DIN unladen mass, not kerb weight.
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Bespoke exterior, roof and cabin finishes varied by commission and must be verified on each car.
OEM Website	https://www.press.rolls-roycemotorcars.com/rolls-royce-motor-cars-pressclub/video/detail/PF0005003/DAWN-SOUTH-AFRICA

02 Variant Pricing & Lifecycle

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
Dawn	Petrol	8-speed automatic	Flagship	**On Request**

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Convertible
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ Engine: 6.592-litre twin-turbo V12
- ✓ Power output: 420 kW @ 5250-6000 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 8-Speed Automatic
- ✓ Gearbox: 8-speed automatic / 8HP95

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Dawn can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Dawn depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Dawn quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Dawn budget.
- ✗ A short Dawn test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Dawn capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"A used-buying option only when condition, history and remaining support justify the price."*

It is not merely a coupe with the roof removed in the eyes of a buyer: the convertible format changes how the car is used, maintained and inspected. A fair review of Dawn should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a rear-wheel drive drivetrain, a rear-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed payload of 480 can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Dawn is specific. Petrol power gives it a reason to be considered, while engine of 6.592-litre twin-turbo V12 and a power output of 420 kW @ 5250-6000 rpm set the boundaries for Dawn. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Dawn. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Dawn. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Dawn

City Driving	Dawn can work in the city for an owner who accepts the size and long doors of a luxury convertible. The urban test for Dawn should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. City use is where the small decisions accumulate for Dawn. Drive the Dawn through the tightest parking area, a steep ramp, a speed hump and stop-start traffic. Pay attention to the steering, sight lines, low-speed response, seat position and climate control rather than relying on a quiet dealership loop for Dawn. A 8-Speed Automatic transmission matters when the cabin or load is full, and a 8-speed automatic / 8HP95 transmission can change the cost of repeated short trips for Dawn
Highway	Coastal salt air, strong sunlight, summer storms and long periods of storage can each affect a convertible differently. For highway buyers, the Dawn needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. The 2016 model year helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort

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Off-Road	The car's elegance is easier to enjoy when every arrival does not become a clearance problem. A listed payload of 480 may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for Dawn. For Dawn, the sensible check is the exact rwd arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for Dawn. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for Dawn
Best For	The best buyer for Dawn can describe a recurring reason for choosing its convertible layout. Then compare a 8-Speed Automatic transmission and a 8-speed automatic / 8HP95 transmission with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

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04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 1 variants of the Rolls-Royce Dawn side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	Dawn
Price (ex-showroom)	On Request
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic
Trim Level	Flagship
Engine	6592 cc (6.6L)
Max Power	420 kW (563 bhp)
Max Torque	820 Nm (605 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	RWD
Fuel Economy	6.99 km/l
Seating	4
Boot Space	321 L
Ground Clearance	149 mm
Kerb Weight	2560 kg

→ **Compare these variants on hagalu.com** (retained specifications, lifecycle status and historical or launch pricing)

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Price on Request

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6592 cc	420 kW · 563 bhp	820 Nm · 605 lb-ft	6.99 km/l	Petrol 8-Speed Automatic

Flagship Trim · Petrol · 8-speed automatic

View retained specs & lifecycle →

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	6.592-litre twin-turbo V12	Engine Code	N74B66A
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	6592 cc
Cylinders	12	Cylinder Layout	V
Valves	48	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Twin Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.0:1	Bore	89 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Axle Layout	Two axles	Low Range	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	Drivetrain	RWD
Paddle Shifters	No	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, rear-wheel drive	Gearbox	8-speed automatic / 8HP95
Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	Gearbox Type	8-speed automatic / 8HP95
Clutch Type	Torque converter	Transmission Speeds	8

DIMENSIONS

Length	5295 mm	Width	1947 mm
Height	1502 mm	Wheelbase	3112 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	149 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	149 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	82 l	Boot/Cargo Space	321 l
Kerb Weight	2560 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	3040 kg
Payload Capacity	480 kg	Towing Capacity	0 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Tank Capacity	82 l	Real-world Mileage	6.38 km/l
Auto Start Stop	No automatic engine stop/start	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	EU6	Highway Mileage	10.10 km/l
City Mileage	4.59 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	522.93 km
Claimed Mileage	6.99 km/l	Combined Driving Range	575 km
Fuel Tank Litres	82		—

SAFETY

Side Airbags	Front side-impact airbags	Child Safety Lock	Not Applicable

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ISOFIX Mounts	LATCH child-seat anchor system	Brake Assist	Dynamic Brake Control
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Engine immobiliser
Traction Control	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	ESP
ABS	Standard	Airbags	6
Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Driver and front-passenger seat-belt warning sensor	Front Parking Sensors	Front Park Distance Control

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Sunroof	Not Applicable	AC Type	Automatic four-zone climate control
Climate Control	Individual front and rear climate controls	Power Windows	Standard
Keyless Entry	Comfort Entry keyless access	Push Button Start	Keyless ignition
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Electric Tailgate	Smart power opening and closing luggage-compartment lid

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

→ See Dawn full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa Compare with rivals →

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