



ROLLS-ROYCE

Dawn

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

6592 cc

ENGINE

420 kW

POWER

149 mm

CLEARANCE

6.99 L/100

FUEL ECON

4 seats

SEATING

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

Dawn occupies a distinctive historical position in South Africa as the modern Rolls-Royce convertible with direct local-market evidence. Rolls-Royce published South Africa-specific Dawn material in 2016 and later confirmed that production ended in 2023. The March 2016 South African launch establishes the local start, while Rolls-Royce's March 2022 global Dawn order-book closure is only an outer bound for the unverified local withdrawal year; production continued into 2023 to complete the backlog. 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. Its appeal starts with the roof-down experience. Dawn combines the ceremonial presence and carefully finished cabin expected of a Rolls-Royce with a more social, open-air character than Wraith or the four-door models. 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. The roof, its mechanism, seals, drainage and surrounding trim all deserve focused attention, because a quiet demonstration...



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-royce-motorcars.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 & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS ✓ Verified South Africa-specific official history ✓ Distinct four-seat open-top grand-touring role ✓ Officially confirmed end of production in 2023	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Discontinued and available only as a pre-owned car ✗ Convertible roof and finishes require careful inspection ✗ Exact historical South African numeric price remains unconfirmed
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Expert Verdict

"A carefully preserved Dawn offers a rare open-top Rolls-Royce touring experience."

Dawn deserves consideration from buyers who specifically want a four-seat Rolls-Royce convertible and will use, maintain and store it accordingly. Its verified South African history and 2023 production end make it historically meaningful, but condition is more important than broad claims of collectability. The right car combines transparent provenance, a coherent commission, a healthy roof system and evidence of specialist care. Buyers who seldom drive roof-down or need four-door practicality should resist the romance; committed open-air tourers may find no direct equivalent in the current range.

City Driving	In the city, Dawn turns routine journeys into open-air occasions when weather and surroundings cooperate. Its long doors, physical presence and valuable finishes require generous parking and careful route choice. Buyers should test home and office access, hotel ramps, security gates and the venues they visit most often. Roof operation, parking assistance and outward visibility must be checked on the individual car. Rear seats add social flexibility, but access is less convenient than in Ghost or Phantom, so Dawn is better for owner-led leisure use than repeated formal passenger duty.
Highway	Dawn's natural long-distance role is scenic paved-road touring. A useful test drive should include sustained travel with the roof raised and, where safe, lowered so the buyer can assess comfort, noise, wind management and climate performance. Luggage needs should be trialled with the actual car before planning extended trips. Tyre age, service status and roof sealing deserve confirmation before intercity travel, while access to qualified support should be considered for remote routes. The car is most convincing when the journey itself matters as much as the destination.
Off-Road	Dawn is not intended for off-road use. Its low convertible body, long doors, roof system and highly finished surfaces are poorly matched to rutted tracks, loose stones and unmanaged rural approaches. A short, maintained gravel driveway may be manageable only after the owner has assessed its gradient, drainage, turning room and surface condition for the specific car. Frequent lodge, farm or construction-site access calls for a different vehicle. Cullinan is the more logical Rolls-Royce format when rougher access is a regular requirement rather than an exceptional circumstance.
Best For	Dawn suits a collector or luxury buyer who will genuinely use its open-top character rather than treat the roof as a novelty. The ideal owner enjoys scenic paved-road touring, social occasions and a more relaxed Rolls-Royce personality, while accepting the care required by a complex convertible. They need secure covered storage, room for long doors and access to appropriate specialist support. Dawn is less suitable for someone prioritising effortless rear-passenger access, rough-road travel or anonymous daily transport, and more suitable for a patient buyer who values provenance and condition over an unsupported rarity claim.

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)

05 Rolls-Royce Dawn — Dawn

Price on Request

ENGINE 6592 cc	POWER 420 kW · 563 bhp	TORQUE 820 Nm · 605 lb-ft	ECONOMY 6.99 km/l	FUEL Petrol 8-Speed Automatic
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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	Hybrid System	Not Applicable
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

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Axle Layout	Two axles	Automatic Shift Paddles	No
Gearbox	8-speed automatic / 8HP95	Drivetrain Layout	Front-engine, rear-wheel drive
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Gearbox Type	8-speed automatic / 8HP95	Paddle Shifters	No
Transmission Speeds	8	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable
Clutch Type	Torque converter	Low Range	Not Applicable

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

Combined Consumption	14.3 l/100km	Highway Mileage	10.10 km/l
Fuel Efficiency	14.3 l/100km	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Range Real World Mixed	522.93 km	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Emission Standard	EU6
Claimed Mileage	6.99 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	82 l
Average Fuel Consumption	14.3 l/100km	Auto Start Stop	No automatic engine stop/start

SAFETY

Seatbelt Pretensioners	Front and rear	Engine Immobiliser	Engine immobiliser
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Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Driver and front-passenger seat-belt warning sensor	Front Parking Sensors	Front Park Distance Control
AEB	Available	Stability Control	Standard
Seatbelt Reminder	Driver and front-passenger seat-belt warning sensor	BA	Dynamic Brake Control
Curtain Airbags	Not Applicable	Driver Airbag	Standard
EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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

+ 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](#)

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