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Corolla Cross

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

ZAR 385,000 – 495,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Toyota Corolla Cross is a current South African SUV positioned for buyers who want lower-consumption technology without leaving the SUV format. It is represented locally by 3 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R385 000 to R495 000, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. That makes it useful to read the range as a real buying ladder, not just as one badge on a showroom menu. The South African range uses Petrol and Hybrid power with Manual and Automatic choices. Available engine references include 1.8L Naturally Aspirated Petrol and 1.8L Petrol Hybrid. The published output picture lists power figures around 103 kW and 90 and torque figures around 173 Nm and 142. Drivetrain coverage includes FWD/, which is important when separating daily commuter trims from rough-road or load-focused derivatives. The derivative walk is central to the buying decision. Confirmed local versions include 1.8 Xi Manual, 1.8 XS CVT, and 1.8 XR Hybrid CVT. The lower grades make sense for buyers who want the body style and warranty position at...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	2021
Generation	First generation Corolla Cross built on Toyota's TNGA platform
Fuel Types	Petrol and Hybrid
Colours	White,Black,Silver,Grey,Red,Blue
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/corolla-cross

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 385,000 – 495,000	3 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.8 Xi Manual	Petrol	Manual	Base	ZAR 385,000
1.8 XS CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 420,000
1.8 XR Hybrid CVT	Hybrid	Automatic	Top	ZAR 495,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.8 Xi Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 400,620
Cape Town	ZAR 403,075
Durban	ZAR 398,750
Pretoria	ZAR 399,685

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Clear local range structure
- ✓ Confirmed South African variant coverage
- ✓ Useful price ladder for comparison
- ✓ Powertrain choices documented by derivative
- ✓ Practical body format for its segment
- ✓ Ownership cover can be compared by trim

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Best value depends heavily on trim choice
- ✗ Upper grades need careful price justification
- ✗ Some equipment can vary by derivative
- ✗ Real-world fuel use depends on load and route
- ✗ Tyre and insurance costs should be checked
- ✗ Not every version suits rough-road work

Expert Verdict

"Toyota Corolla Cross is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real SUV use case."

The Toyota Corolla Cross is not a one-line recommendation; it is a range that needs to be matched carefully to the buyer. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R385 000 to R495 000, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. The sensible approach is to start with body style and seating or load requirements, then choose the variant whose price, transmission, drivetrain and equipment fit the weekly routine. That keeps the decision grounded in ownership reality rather than showroom appeal. The fairest verdict on the Toyota Corolla Cross 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 Corolla Cross should be judged by visibility, parking effort, stop-start comfort and the way the available transmissions behave in traffic. An SUV with a sensible seating position can make daily errands easier, but buyers should still check wheel size, camera availability and low-speed ride comfort on the exact derivative they intend to buy. For the Corolla Cross, 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 longer South African routes the Corolla Cross needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Published consumption references around 6.9 l/100km, 6.7, and 4.6 help frame running costs, while output references around 103 kW and 90 help explain overtaking confidence. Buyers who travel with passengers or cargo should compare the loaded feel and not rely only on solo test-drive impressions. 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 gravel roads, farms, construction sites or holiday routes, choose the Corolla Cross derivative with the correct drivetrain and tyre package rather than assuming the body shape alone is enough. Ground-clearance references around 161 mm add context. Two-wheel-drive versions can still be useful on poor surfaces, but serious off-road work belongs to derivatives with the proper traction hardware and underbody tolerance. 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 Toyota Corolla Cross suits buyers who want lower-consumption technology without leaving the SUV format. It is strongest for buyers who already know the body format works for their parking, family, business or leisure needs, and who now need to choose the right derivative by monthly cost, transmission, equipment and practical capability. It is less suited to shoppers who only want the lowest advertised price without checking what changes between trims.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.8 Xi Manual	1.8 XS CVT	1.8 XR Hybrid CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 385,000	ZAR 420,000	ZAR 495,000
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Hybrid
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Top
Engine	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—

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

05 Toyota Corolla Cross — 1.8 Xi Manual

ZAR 385,000

FUEL

Petrol

Manual

Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 1.8 Xi Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Toyota Corolla Cross — 1.8 XS CVT

ZAR 420,000

FUEL

Petrol

Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 1.8 XS CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

07 Toyota Corolla Cross — 1.8 XR Hybrid CVT

ZAR 495,000

FUEL

Hybrid
Automatic

Top Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 1.8 XR Hybrid CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

08 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.8 Xi Manual — ZAR 385,000

→ 1.8 XS CVT — ZAR 420,000

→ 1.8 XR Hybrid CVT — ZAR 495,000

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