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Corolla

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1798 cc

ENGINE

103 kW

POWER

130 mm mm

CLEARANCE

25.6 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 590,200

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/toyota/corolla/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Toyota Corolla sits in the South African market as a Toyota sedan mainstay. It is not a car to understand only by its badge; it makes more sense when viewed through the job it is expected to do. For many shoppers that job is daily commuting, family driving and luggage security. Speaks to comfort, resale confidence and calm ownership, so the strongest buying case comes from matching the body style, fuel type and grade to the week the vehicle will actually live through. In the current South African range the Corolla as a sedan with petrol/hybrid power. That combination gives the buyer a useful starting point. A bakkie buyer will think about payload, towing and surface durability. An SUV buyer will care about seating comfort, visibility and long-trip luggage space. A van or bus buyer will look harder at door openings, uptime and passenger or cargo layout. The same model badge can therefore mean different things to a private owner, a fleet manager and a small-business operator. Buyers should check the latest South African price list for the available...



Body Style	Sedan
Generation	Current South African Corolla listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data.
Fuel Types	Petrol/Hybrid
Colours	Colour availability changes by model year, production batch and dealer stock; check the current colour selector before ordering.
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/corolla

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 590,200			1 Variants Available
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.8 HEV XR CVT	Hybrid	Automatic	Top	ZAR 590,200

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.8 HEV XR CVT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 608,282
Cape Town	ZAR 611,353
Durban	ZAR 606,002
Pretoria	ZAR 607,142

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS ✓ Clear sedan role for daily commuting, family driving and luggage security. ✓ Useful body style for South African ownership conditions. ✓ Derivative choice can be matched to budget and use. ✓ Straightforward comparison when fuel type and gearbox are checked carefully. ✓ Good fit for shoppers who prioritise practical ownership over image. ✓ Can support clean model pages when prices and specs stay current.	● CONSIDERATIONS ✗ Final equipment can vary by derivative and model year. ✗ Colour and accessory availability may differ by dealer stock. ✗ Some buyers may need a more specialised grade for towing, payload or rough-road use. ✗ Full confidence still depends on the latest local price list and specification sheet. ✗ Running costs depend heavily on route, load and driving style.
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Expert Verdict

"Corolla is strongest when its body style and derivative match the buyer's real work."

The Toyota Corolla is a sensible shortlist item when its practical role is clear. It should not be bought only because of badge familiarity or a high equipment count. The better approach is to compare the exact grade, price, drivetrain and ownership terms against the job it must do every week. The fairest verdict on the Toyota Corolla 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 should be judged on easy control, boot access, rear visibility and predictable costs. A good daily vehicle must be easy to place in traffic, comfortable in heat, and simple to live with when parking, loading people or dealing with short trips. For the Corolla, 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 highways, look at ride comfort, luggage security, fuel economy and cruising calm. Long South African trips expose weak seats, noisy cabins and engines that work too hard, so cruising comfort and range matter as much as headline equipment. 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 rough-road use, check poor city surfaces, gravel shoulders and long-distance detours. A raised body or tough badge is useful only when the tyres, clearance, drivetrain and load rating support the roads the owner actually drives. 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 best buyer for the Corolla is someone who has a clear use case: daily commuting, family driving and luggage security. It suits shoppers who compare practical ownership needs before paying for extra trim or image. For the Toyota Corolla, the best buyer is someone who can match the vehicle to a known routine instead of shopping only by advertised price or exterior style.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	1.8 HEV XR CVT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 590,200
Fuel Type	Hybrid
Transmission	Automatic
Trim Level	Top
Engine	1798 cc (1.8L)
Max Power	103 kW (138 bhp)
Max Torque	142 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	Front-wheel drive
Fuel Economy	25.6 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	470 l L
Ground Clearance	130 mm mm
Kerb Weight	1430 kg

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

05 Toyota Corolla — 1.8 HEV XR CVT

ZAR 590,200

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1798	103	142	25.6	Hybrid
cc	kW · 138 bhp	Nm · 105 lb-ft	km/l	Automatic

Top Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Fuel System	Not Applicable	Cylinders	Not Applicable
Engine Valves	Not Applicable	Engine Torque Nm	142 Nm
Engine Power kW	103 kW	Engine Type Config	Not Applicable
Compression Ratio	Not Applicable	Engine Cylinders	Not Applicable
0-100 km/h	Not Applicable sec	Top Speed	Not Applicable km/h
Turbocharger	Not Applicable	Power	138 bhp

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
Drivetrain	FWD/	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable
4WD Engagement	Not Applicable	Axle Layout	Front-wheel drive
Low Range	Not Applicable	Transmission	Automatic
Differential Type Front	Not Available	4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable
4WD Lo Range	Not Applicable	4WD Selector	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Turning Radius	Not Applicable m	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Fuel Tank Capacity	43 l l
Seats	5	Ground Clearance	130 mm mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm mm	Length	4630 mm mm
Width	1780 mm mm	Height	1435 mm mm
Kerb Weight	1430 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight	1845 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Fuel Efficiency	3.9 l/100km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Claimed Mileage	25.6 km/l	City Mileage	21 km/l
Highway Mileage	29.4 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	43 l l
Emission Standard	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	Fuel Economy Combined	25.6
Fuel Tank Litres	43 l	Fuel Type	Hybrid

SAFETY

Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available	Airbags	Side, curtain, driver, passenger and driver knee airbags
ABS	Standard	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available

Traction Control	Not Available	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Hill Start Assist	Not Available	Child Safety Lock	Child-seat support
ISOFIX Mounts	Standard	Brake Assist	Not Available
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Not Available

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Remote Central Locking	Smart Entry	Rear Diff Lock	Not Available
Intelligent Keyless Entry	Smart Entry	Load Bed Cover	Not Available
Load Bed Light	Not Available	Climate Control	Not Available
Load Bed Steps	Not Available	Loadbox Depth Mm	Not Available mm
Power Windows	Not Available	Loadbox Rope Hooks	Not Available
Loadbox Tiedown Brackets	Not Available	Keyless Entry	Smart Entry

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

→ See 1.8 HEV XR CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa

Compare with rivals →

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