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TOYOTA

Corolla

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1798 cc	103 kW	130 mm	25.6 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 590,200
Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	1 Variants	1 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

In the current South African range the Corolla as a sedan with petrol/hybrid power. A sedan with petrol/hybrid power is not always cross-shopped against the cheapest car in the brand range; it is usually compared with models that solve the same transport problem. Current South African Corolla listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data. 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. The Corolla has a clearer South African buying case when its sedan shape is connected to the work it must do. The useful starting points are a South African price reference of R590,200 and a power output of 103 kW; together they explain more than a badge or a screen size. For a buyer searching the Corolla price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. A sedan body describes the opportunity; Hybrid power and a South African price reference of…



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

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 590,200	1 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.8 HEV XR CVT	Hybrid	CVT	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.

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03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Sedan
- ✓ Fuel type: Hybrid
- ✓ South African price: R590,200
- ✓ Power output: 103 kW
- ✓ Transmission: CVT
- ✓ Gearbox: CVT

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

> *"Corolla deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

That is why the Corolla should be checked against the exact derivative before a buyer assumes a feature is standard. A fair review of Corolla should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a CVT transmission, a CVT transmission and a FWD/ drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Corolla is specific. A FWD/ drivetrain gives it a reason to be considered, while a front-wheel drive drivetrain and a listed payload of 440 set the boundaries for Corolla. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Corolla. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Corolla. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Corolla

City Driving	The final reason to shortlist the Toyota Corolla is practical fit. The urban test for Corolla 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 Corolla. Drive the Corolla 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 Corolla. The for Corolla. Current South African Corolla listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data generation matters when the cabin or load is full, and local history of Model-year updates can affect trim, wheels, screens, safety equipment and colours. Use the latest South African price list when checking a specific vehicle can change the cost of repeated short trips for Corolla

Highway	On highways, look at ride comfort, luggage security, fuel economy and cruising calm. For highway buyers, the Corolla needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Long-distance comfort depends on details that disappear in a short test drive for Corolla. Run Corolla at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a listed payload of 440, the for Corolla. Current South African Corolla listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data generation and local history of Model-year updates can affect trim, wheels, screens, safety equipment and colours. Use the latest South African price list when checking a specific vehicle is more informative than maximum speed for Corolla. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Corolla
Off-Road	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. A FWD/ drivetrain may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor hybrid alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability
Best For	For many shoppers that job is daily commuting, family driving and luggage security. The best buyer for Corolla can describe a recurring reason for choosing its sedan layout. Then compare a South African price reference of R590,200 and a power output of 103 kW with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

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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	CVT
Trim Level	Top
Engine	1798 cc (1.8L)
Max Power	103 kW (138 bhp)
Max Torque	142 Nm (105 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD
Fuel Economy	25.6 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	470 L
Ground Clearance	130 mm
Kerb Weight	1430 kg

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

05 Toyota Corolla — 1.8 HEV XR CVT ZAR 590,200

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1798 cc	103 kW · 138 bhp	142 Nm · 105 lb-ft	25.6 km/l	Hybrid CVT

Top Trim · Hybrid · CVT

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Hybrid	Hybrid System	Self Charging Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1798 cc	Cylinders	4
Cylinder Layout	Inline	Valves	16
Valves per Cylinder	4	Aspiration	Turbocharged
Fuel System	Direct injection	Compression Ratio	10.5:1

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gearbox	CVT	Automatic Shift Paddles	Not Applicable
Differential Type Front	Not Available	Differential Type Rear	Not Available
Clutch Type	Not Applicable	Transmission Type	Continuously Variable Transmission
Number of Gears	Not Applicable	Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable
Gear Shift Type	CVT	Gearbox Type	CVT
Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable	4WD Selector	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4630 mm	Width	1780 mm
Height	1435 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	130 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	43 l	Boot/Cargo Space	470 l
Kerb Weight	1430 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1845 kg
Payload Capacity	440 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Real-world Mileage	25.6 km/l	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
Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km	Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km
Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	43 l

SAFETY

Hill Hold	Not Available	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
Engine Immobiliser	Not Available	ABS	Standard
Airbags	Side, curtain, driver, passenger and driver knee airbags	AEB	Not Available
Blind Spot Monitoring	Standard	Stability Control	Not Available
Side Airbags	Standard	BA	Not Available
Seatbelt Reminder	Not Available	Passenger Airbag	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Wireless Charger	Standard	Load Bed Length	Not Applicable mm
Load Bed Width	Not Applicable mm	Climate Control	Not Available
Power Windows	Not Available	Keyless Entry	Smart Entry
Push Button Start	Standard	Wireless Charging	Standard
Sunroof	Not Available	Electric Tailgate	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Boot Space Seats Folded	470 l l

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

→ See 1.8 HEV XR CVT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa Compare with rivals →

06 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.8 HEV XR CVT — ZAR 590,200

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