



TOYOTA

Corolla

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1798 cc

ENGINE

103 kW

POWER

130 mm

CLEARANCE

25.6 km/l

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 590,200

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	1 Variants	1 Priced
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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

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

● 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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Buyer Summary

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

Top Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	Not Officially Disclosed	Engine Code	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel Type	Hybrid	Hybrid System	Self Charging Hybrid
Engine Displacement	1798 cc	Cylinders	Not Officially Disclosed
Cylinder Layout	Not Officially Disclosed	Valves	Not Officially Disclosed
Valves per Cylinder	Not Officially Disclosed	Aspiration	Not Officially Disclosed
Fuel System	Not Officially Disclosed	Compression Ratio	Not Officially Disclosed

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	CVT
Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Transmission Speeds	Not Applicable
Transfer Case Guard	Not Available	Gearbox	CVT
Drivetrain Layout	Front-wheel drive	LSD Available	Not Applicable
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Paddle Shifters	Not Applicable	Rear Differential Lock	Not Applicable

DIMENSIONS

Length	4630 mm	Width	1780 mm
Height	1435 mm	Wheelbase	2700 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	130 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
Seating Capacity	5 seats	Doors	4 doors

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Electric Consumption	Not Applicable	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Real-world Mileage	25.6 km/l	Charging Type	Not Applicable
Charging Port Type	Not Applicable	Fuel Tank Litres	43 l
Fuel Tank Capacity	43 l l	Highway Mileage	29.4 km/l
City Mileage	21 km/l	Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable
AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l	Claimed Mileage	25.6 km/l

SAFETY

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

Traction Control	Not Available	Electronic Stability Control	Not Available
ABS	Standard	Knee Airbag	Driver knee airbag
Airbags	Side, curtain, driver, passenger and driver knee airbags	Side Airbags	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Fuel Consumption Combined	25.6	Performance Data Logger	Not Available
Push Button Start	Standard	Variant Role	Mid-to-high value derivative
Rev Matching	Not Available	Skid Plates	Not Available
Boot Space Seats Folded	470 l	Walk Away Auto Door Lock	Smart Entry
Walk Away Lock	Smart Entry	Bed Extender	Not Available
Canopy Fitment	Not Available	Diff Lock	Not Available

+ 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

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