

TOYOTA

GR Corolla

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

1618 cc	224 kW	155 mm	11.2 km/l	5 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 816,500 – 876,100

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	2 Variants	2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

First generation GR Corolla launched in SA in 2023. First generation GR Corolla on TNGA-C platform with GR performance upgrades. The GR Corolla is not best understood by one headline number. Its appeal comes from the interaction between a power output of 224 kW, a 6-Speed Manual transmission and a 6-Speed Manual transmission. A proper look at the GR Corolla begins with the local specification, then moves to the owner's week. Here, a South African price reference of R816,500 sits beside engine of 1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol, while a power output of 224 kW sets a practical boundary. For this South African hatchback, the owner should weigh a South African price reference of R816,500 against the route, load and cost of the vehicle. For a buyer searching the GR Corolla price and specifications in South Africa, the interesting part is the trade-off rather than the feature count. A 6-Speed Manual transmission describes the opportunity; a AWD GR-FOUR/ drivetrain and a AWD drivetrain describe the conditions around it. The GR Corolla has a clearer South African buying case when its hatchback shape…



Body Style	Hatchback
Launched	2023
Generation	First generation GR Corolla on TNGA-C platform with GR performance upgrades
Fuel Types	Petrol
Colours	Supersonic Red, White Pearl, Dark Gray
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/gr-corolla

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 816,500 – 876,100	2 Listed Variants

Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.6T Core MT	Petrol	Manual	Top	**ZAR 816,500**
1.6T Circuit MT	Petrol	Manual	Flagship	**ZAR 876,100**

Estimated On-Road Price — 1.6T Core MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	**ZAR 837,298**
Cape Town	**ZAR 841,047**
Durban	**ZAR 834,565**
Pretoria	**ZAR 835,931**

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

03 Pros, Cons & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: Hatchback
- ✓ Fuel type: Petrol
- ✓ South African price: R816,500
- ✓ Engine: 1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol
- ✓ Power output: 224 kW
- ✓ Transmission: 6-Speed Manual

● CONSIDERATIONS

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

Buyer Summary

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

Ownership and cabin detail is not just a brochure exercise: infotainment screen references around 8-inch Touchscreen; airbag coverage around 8; warranty cover listed as 3 years / 100 000 km; service or maintenance cover listed as 3 Years / 45,000 km, and trim-by-trim equipment still matters when comparing monthly cost. A fair review of GR Corolla should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a 6-Speed Manual transmission, a AWD GR-FOUR/ drivetrain and a AWD drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver

City Driving	The urban test for GR 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. The vehicle's a AWD GR-FOUR/ drivetrain is only useful if access and visibility work in practice. City use is where the small decisions accumulate for GR Corolla. Drive the GR 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 GR Corolla. A power output of 224 kW matters when the cabin or load is full, and a 6-Speed Manual transmission can change the cost of repeated short trips for GR Corolla
Highway	In South African use, the GR Corolla has to deal with short urban trips, hot-weather highway running, rougher suburban surfaces and the cost discipline that comes with finance, insurance and tyres. For highway buyers, the GR Corolla needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. A South African price reference of R876,100 helps frame the vehicle's intended workload; do not assume that a larger body automatically brings more reserve or comfort

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Off-Road	A AWD drivetrain may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor petrol alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability. Ground clearance is only one part of the rough-road answer for GR Corolla. For GR Corolla, the sensible check is the exact awd gr-four/ arrangement, tyre specification, load and protection underneath. Stay cautious where the local data does not state clearance or wading depth for GR Corolla. A buyer whose routine includes construction tracks or isolated farm roads should compare a vehicle with documented capability rather than infer it from styling for GR Corolla
Best For	The Toyota GR Corolla is a current South African Hatchback positioned for commuters, students and smaller households who value running costs and easy parking. The best buyer for GR Corolla can describe a recurring reason for choosing its hatchback layout. Then compare a power output of 224 kW and a 6-Speed Manual transmission with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the Toyota GR Corolla side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.6T Core MT	1.6T Circuit MT
Price (ex-showroom)	**ZAR 816,500**	**ZAR 876,100**
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual
Trim Level	Top	Flagship
Engine	1618 cc (1.6L)	1618 cc (1.6L)
Max Power	224 kW (300 bhp)	224 kW (300 bhp)
Max Torque	390 Nm (288 lb-ft)	390 Nm (288 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	11.2 km/l	11.2 km/l
Seating	5	5
Boot Space	217 L	217 L
Ground Clearance	155 mm	155 mm
Kerb Weight	1370 kg	1370 kg

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

05 Toyota GR Corolla — 1.6T Core MT

ZAR 816,500

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
1618 cc	224 kW · 300 bhp	390 Nm · 288 lb-ft	11.2 km/l	Petrol 6-Speed Manual

Top Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6-litre Turbocharged Petrol	Engine Code	Market-specific engine family
Fuel Type	Petrol	Engine Displacement	1618 cc
Cylinders	3	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	12	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	10.5:1	Bore	82.0 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Gear Shift Indicator	Not Applicable	Clutch Type	Not Applicable
Transmission Speeds	6	Gearbox Type	6-Speed Manual
Automatic Shift Paddles	No	Low Range Ratio	Not Applicable
Drive Mode Selector	4WD/off-road drive mode support	Front Differential Lock	Not Applicable
Transmission Type	Manual	Number of Gears	6
Final Drive Ratio	Not Applicable	Gear Shift Type	6-Speed Manual

DIMENSIONS

Length	4360 mm	Width	1850 mm
Height	1455 mm	Wheelbase	2640 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	155 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	125 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l	Boot/Cargo Space	217 l
Kerb Weight	1370 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	1770 kg
Payload Capacity	400 kg	Towing Capacity	1600 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Auto Start Stop	Not Applicable	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Highway Mileage	10.0 km/l	City Mileage	9.2 km/l
Claimed Mileage	11.2 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Fuel Tank Litres	50	Real-world Mileage	11.9 km/l

SAFETY

Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available
Brake Override System	Not Available	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available
Passenger Airbag	8	Hill Hold	Standard
Curtain Airbags	Not Available	Traction Control	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Driver Airbag	8
EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Variant Role	Core range derivative	Climate Zones	Dual-Zone Auto AC
Electric Folding Mirrors	All Doors	Engine Start Button Illumination	Standard
Engine Start Stop	Standard	Engine Start Stop Button	Standard
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km	Front Armrest	Standard
Fuel Consumption Combined	9.5	Boot Space Seats Folded	217 l
Hill Start Assist	Standard	Panoramic Roof	Not Available

+ 13 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 1.6T Core MT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa Compare with rivals →

06 Toyota GR Corolla — 1.6T Circuit MT

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Flagship Trim · Petrol · Manual

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Front Parking Sensors	Not Available	Seatbelt Warning All Seats	Not Available
Brake Override System	Not Available	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Not Available
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Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Driver Airbag	8
EBD	Standard	Engine Immobiliser	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Variant Role	Flagship / premium derivative	Climate Zones	Dual-Zone Auto AC
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Engine Start Stop	Standard	Engine Start Stop Button	Standard
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Compare with rivals →

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Jump to each variant's price and specification record

→ 1.6T Core MT — ZAR 816,500

→ 1.6T Circuit MT — ZAR 876,100

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