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GR Corolla

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

1618 cc

ENGINE

224 kW

POWER

155 mm

CLEARANCE

11.2 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 816,500 – 876,100

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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2 Variants

2 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Gr Corolla is a practical vehicle offering reliable performance in its segment. Engineered for South African driving conditions with attention to durability and real-world usability. The modern powertrain delivers adequate performance for daily commuting, weekend adventures, and practical family transport. Interior design prioritizes comfort and functionality. Build quality is solid with proven reliability backing every vehicle sold in South Africa. New car pricing is accessible for target buyers. The vehicle attracts owners seeking dependable transport without premium complexity. The Gr Corolla represents a genuine evolution in its segment, balancing practical daily usability with longer-term ownership satisfaction. In South Africa's diverse driving conditions—from metropolitan congestion to regional highways to occasional rough tracks—this vehicle delivers competence across the spectrum. Market positioning places the Gr Corolla as a practical sedan for buyers prioritizing daily comfort and efficiency. Reliability underpins ownership satisfaction—this vehicle won't surprise you with premature failures or component issues. Ownership costs align with realistic expectations. Service intervals are reasonable. Parts availability is reliable. Dealer networks exist where you need them. For five-year ownership, total cost of ownership—including fuel, maintenance, insurance,...



Body Style	5-door 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

Starting From	ZAR 816,500 – 876,100	2 Variants Available
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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 & Expert Verdict

<p>● STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reliability is demonstrated through proven engineering and market operation. ✓ Service costs remain reasonable through dealer and independent networks. ✓ Fuel economy sits within realistic ranges for segment class. ✓ Interior space accommodates family use across most configurations. ✓ Resale values develop as market recognizes vehicle positioning. ✓ Safety features include modern systems addressing real-world hazard scenarios. 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Depreciation follows segment patterns, with steeper loss during initial ownership years. ✗ Interior materials prioritize function over premium perception. ✗ Styling appears understated compared to visually aggressive competitors. ✗ Technology features may lag premium competitors in sophistication. ✗ Off-road capability remains basic for adventure-focused buyers.
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Expert Verdict

"220 kW of WRC DNA in a 5-door family body – one of the decade's best driver's cars."

The Gr Corolla is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing daily driving comfort. It delivers genuine capability without requiring premium pricing or exotic maintenance. Resale values develop as market recognition grows. The used market becomes increasingly active as ownership examples accumulate. For buyers seeking dependable, honest transport, the Gr Corolla represents genuine value.

City Driving	Urban driving reveals competent engineering. Visibility is adequate for metropolitan traffic navigation. Parking assistance systems help genuinely in tight spaces. Air conditioning operates properly in South African summer heat. The driving position commands authority without excessive height. Interior layout remains intuitive through extended city driving. Audio systems integrate smartphone connectivity. Climate control maintains comfort in traffic-heavy commutes. Steering is responsive enough for urban maneuvers. Fuel consumption in city traffic remains predictable and manageable. The vehicle functions reliably through daily metropolitan use, delivering comfort during extended urban residence.
Highway	Highway driving confirms engineering integrity. At 120 km/h cruising, engine operation is relaxed and refined. Road noise remains controlled through wind and tire sound management. Fuel economy stabilizes within predictable consumption ranges. The transmission settles into efficient cruising operation. Comfort extends across multi-hour driving periods. Seating provides proper support without requiring frequent adjustment. Climate control maintains consistent cabin temperature. The ride quality balances bump compliance with directional stability. Highway safety systems function predictably without intrusive interventions. Extended highway driving confirms the vehicle's suitability for regional travel between major centers.
Off-Road	Off-road access ranges from basic to moderate depending on configuration. Ground clearance handles typical farm gates and low obstacles. Gravel roads present no challenge for standard variants. Basic farm tracks are traversable for most configurations. Rough terrain requires appropriate driving technique rather than extreme capability. The vehicle functions adequately for recreational off-road scenarios without specialization for rock crawling.

Best For

Performance enthusiasts wanting WRC-derived thrills with everyday practicality

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	Manual	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](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 Toyota GR Corolla — 1.6T Core MT

ZAR 816,500

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

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	G16E-GTS	Engine Type	Inline 3 Turbocharged
Displacement	1618 cc	Cylinders	3
Compression Ratio	9.8:1	Power	224 kW
Torque	390 Nm	Fuel System	Direct Injection
Turbocharger	Yes	Top Speed	250 km/h
0-100 km/h	4.6 sec	Power @ RPM	6500 rpm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-Speed Manual	Drive Type	AWD
Drivetrain Layout	AWD	LSD Available	Front and Rear Torsen LSD
Differential Lock	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	No	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	155 mm	Wheelbase	2640 mm
Length	4360 mm	Width	1850 mm
Height	1455 mm	Kerb Weight	1370 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1770 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	217 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Turning Radius	5.3 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	11.2 km/l	City Mileage	13.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	10.0 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	50 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Available l
Auto Start Stop	Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

SAFETY

Airbags	8	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard

Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Hill Descent Control	Not Available
Hill Start Assist	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Dual-Zone Auto AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	Push Button Start	Standard
Wireless Charging	Standard	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Standard
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Stabilizer Bar	Front and Rear
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km	Service Plan	3 Years / 45,000 km

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 1.6T Core MT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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Auto Start Stop	Available	Average Fuel Consumption	Available
Claimed Fuel Consumption	Available l/100km	Distance To Empty	Available
Low Fuel Warning	Available	Fuel Efficiency	Available l/100km

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Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 1.6T Core MT — ZAR 816,500

→ 1.6T Circuit MT — ZAR 876,100

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