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Land Cruiser 79

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

3956 cc

ENGINE

202 kW

POWER

235 mm

CLEARANCE

13.0 L/100

FUEL ECON

5 seats

SEATING

ZAR 706,200 – 870,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/toyota/land-cruiser-79/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Land Cruiser 79 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 Land Cruiser 79 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 Land Cruiser 79 as a premium vehicle for buyers prioritizing premium refinement. 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,...



Body Style	Pickup / Bakkie
Launched	1984
Generation	70 Series LC79 – bakkie/pickup variant of the legendary 70 Series
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	White, Sandy Beige
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/land-cruiser-70

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 706,200 – 870,000	4 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.8 GD Single Cab MT	Diesel	Manual	Base	ZAR 706,200
4.0 V6 Single Cab MT	Petrol	Manual	Mid	ZAR 780,000
2.8 GD Double Cab MT	Diesel	Manual	Base	ZAR 801,000
4.0 V6 Double Cab MT	Petrol	Manual	Mid	ZAR 870,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.8 GD Single Cab MT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 725,674
Cape Town	ZAR 729,093
Durban	ZAR 723,162
Pretoria	ZAR 724,418

* 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

"The legendary workhorse bakkie – built for Africa's harshest conditions."

The Land Cruiser 79 is the practical choice for buyers prioritizing premium experience. 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 Land Cruiser 79 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

Commercial operators, farmers, safari companies and serious overlanders

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 4 variants of the Toyota Land Cruiser 79 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.8 GD Single Cab MT	4.0 V6 Single Cab MT	2.8 GD Double Cab MT	4.0 V6 Double Cab MT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 706,200	ZAR 780,000	ZAR 801,000	ZAR 870,000
Fuel Type	Diesel	Petrol	Diesel	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual
Trim Level	Base	Mid	Base	Mid
Engine	2755 cc (2.8L)	3956 cc (4.0L)	2755 cc (2.8L)	3956 cc (4.0L)
Max Power	130 kW (174 bhp)	202 kW (271 bhp)	130 kW (174 bhp)	202 kW (271 bhp)
Max Torque	450 Nm (332 lb-ft)	381 Nm (281 lb-ft)	450 Nm (332 lb-ft)	381 Nm (281 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	4WD	4WD	4WD	4WD
Fuel Economy	10.5 km/l	13.0 km/l	10.5 km/l	13.0 km/l
Seating	3	3	5	5
Boot Space	Not Available L	Not Available L	Not Available L	Not Available L
Ground Clearance	235 mm	235 mm	235 mm	235 mm
Kerb Weight	1850 kg	1850 kg	2050 kg	2050 kg

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

05 Toyota Land Cruiser 79 — 2.8 GD Single Cab MT

ZAR 706,200

ENGINE 2755 cc	POWER 130 kW · 174 bhp	TORQUE 450 Nm · 332 lb-ft	ECONOMY 10.5 km/l	FUEL Diesel Manual
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Base Trim · Diesel · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1GD-FTV	Engine Type	Inline 4 Diesel
Displacement	2755 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Power	130 kW
Torque	450 Nm	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Top Speed	165 km/h	0-100 km/h	12.5 sec
Power @ RPM	3400 rpm	Torque @ RPM	1600 rpm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-Speed Manual	Drive Type	4WD
Drivetrain Layout	4WD Part-Time	LSD Available	Standard
Transfer Case	Standard	Paddle Shifters	No
Number of Gears	6	Transmission	Automatic CVT
Differential Lock	Electronic Lock	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	235 mm	Wheelbase	3085 mm
Length	5275 mm	Width	1855 mm
Height	1855 mm	Kerb Weight	1850 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	2800 kg	Seating Capacity	3
Boot Space	Not Available I	Towing Capacity	3500 kg
Turning Radius	6.4 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	10.5 km/l	City Mileage	9.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	12.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	87 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	32 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	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Standard	Child Safety Lock	Not Available
ISOFIX Mounts	Not Available	Brake Assist	Standard
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Hill Start Assist	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Not Available	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Stabilizer Bar	Front
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 90,000 km

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

→ [See 2.8 GD Single Cab MT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 Toyota Land Cruiser 79 — 4.0 V6 Single Cab MT

ZAR 780,000

ENGINE 3956 cc	POWER 202 kW · 271 bhp	TORQUE 381 Nm · 281 lb-ft	ECONOMY 13.0 km/l	FUEL Petrol Manual
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1GR-FE	Engine Type	V6
Displacement	3956 cc	Cylinders	6
Valves per Cylinder	24	Power	202 kW
Torque	381 Nm	Fuel System	Multi-Point EFI
Top Speed	175 km/h	0-100 km/h	9.5 sec
Power @ RPM	5600 rpm	Torque @ RPM	4400 rpm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-Speed Manual	Drive Type	4WD
Drivetrain Layout	4WD Part-Time	LSD Available	Standard
Transfer Case	Standard	Paddle Shifters	No
Number of Gears	6	Transmission	Automatic CVT
Differential Lock	Electronic Lock	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

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MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.0 km/l	City Mileage	11.0 km/l
Highway Mileage	15.5 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	87 l
Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Available I
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	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Standard	Child Safety Lock	Not Available
ISOFIX Mounts	Not Available	Brake Assist	Standard

Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Hill Start Assist	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Not Available	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Not Available
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Stabilizer Bar	Front
Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 90,000 km

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ZAR 801,000

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Transfer Case	Standard	Paddle Shifters	No
Number of Gears	6	Transmission	Automatic CVT
Differential Lock	Electronic Lock	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

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Ground Clearance	235 mm	Wheelbase	3085 mm
Length	5270 mm	Width	1855 mm
Height	1855 mm	Kerb Weight	2050 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	3100 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	Not Available I	Towing Capacity	3500 kg
Turning Radius	6.4 m	Number of Doors	5

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

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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

SAFETY

Airbags	2	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard

Hill Descent Control	Standard	Child Safety Lock	Not Available
ISOFIX Mounts	Not Available	Brake Assist	Standard
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Not Available	Engine Immobiliser	Standard
Hill Start Assist	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual AC	Power Windows	All Doors
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Engine Warranty	5 Years / 150,000 km	Service Plan	5 Years / 90,000 km

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Emission Standard	Euro 4	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Available I
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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→ 2.8 GD Double Cab MT — ZAR 801,000

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