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Crafter

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

ZAR 861,200 – 1,406,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Volkswagen Crafter sits in the South African market as a large Volkswagen van platform. 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 deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres. Is about wheelbase, payload, body choice and operator economics, 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 Crafter as a van with diesel 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. The active derivative spread includes 35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB...



Body Style	Van
Generation	Current South African Crafter listing; generation notes should be kept tied to the local model year and confirmed derivative data.
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	Colour availability changes by model year, production batch and dealer stock; check the current colour selector before ordering.
OEM Website	https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/crafter.html

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 861,200 – 1,406,000	11 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Manual	Diesel	Manual	Base	ZAR 861,200
35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Base	ZAR 925,800
35 LCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 994,000
35 MCV Panel Van MWB Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 1,034,600
35 MCV Panel Van MWB 4Motion Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,134,800
35 MCV Panel Van LWB 4Motion Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,215,500
35 LCV Panel Van LWB 4Motion Auto	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,265,500
50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 6MT	Diesel	Manual	Mid	ZAR 1,234,800
50 Panel Van XLWB 6MT	Diesel	Manual	Mid	ZAR 1,320,000
50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 8AT	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,326,300
50 Panel Van XLWB 8AT	Diesel	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 1,406,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Manual (Base Variant)

Johannesburg

ZAR 882,534

Cape Town	ZAR 886,418
Durban	ZAR 879,712
Pretoria	ZAR 881,123

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

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Clear van role for deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres.
- ✓ 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.

Expert Verdict

"Crafter is strongest when its body style and derivative match the buyer's real work."

The Volkswagen Crafter 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 Volkswagen Crafter 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 Crafter should be judged on kerb access, loading height, door opening and traffic fatigue. 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 Crafter, 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 driver comfort, cruise stability, fuel use and service uptime. 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 unsealed depots, construction entrances and rural delivery routes. 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 Crafter is someone who has a clear use case: deliveries, tools, conversions and business kilometres. It suits shoppers who compare practical ownership needs before paying for extra trim or image. For the Volkswagen Crafter, 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 11 variants of the Volkswagen Crafter side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Manual	35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Auto	35 LCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Auto	35 MCV Panel Van MWB Auto
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 861,200	ZAR 925,800	ZAR 994,000	ZAR 1,034,600
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Base	Mid	Mid
Engine	—	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—	—

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SPEC	35 MCV Panel Van MWB 4Motion Auto	35 MCV Panel Van LWB 4Motion Auto	35 LCV Panel Van LWB 4Motion Auto	50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 6MT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,134,800	ZAR 1,215,500	ZAR 1,265,500	ZAR 1,234,800
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Manual
Trim Level	Top	Top	Top	Mid
Engine	—	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—	—

Continued — Variants 9–11

SPEC	50 Panel Van XLWB 6MT	50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 8AT	50 Panel Van XLWB 8AT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,320,000	ZAR 1,326,300	ZAR 1,406,000
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Mid	Top	Flagship
Engine	—	—	—
Max Power	—	—	—
Max Torque	—	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—	—
Seating	—	—	—
Boot Space	—	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—	—

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

**05 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 MCV 103kW Panel
Van MWB Manual**

ZAR 861,200

FUEL

Diesel

Manual

Base Trim · Diesel · Manual

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Manual full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 MCV 103kW Panel Van MWB Auto

ZAR 925,800

FUEL

Diesel

Automatic

Base Trim · Diesel · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

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07 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 LCV 103kW Panel Van
MWB Auto

ZAR 994,000

FUEL

Diesel

Automatic

Mid Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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**08 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 MCV Panel Van MWB
Auto**

ZAR 1,034,600

FUEL

Diesel

Automatic

Mid Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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**09 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 MCV Panel Van MWB
4Motion Auto**

ZAR 1,134,800

FUEL

Diesel
Automatic

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 35 MCV Panel Van MWB 4Motion Auto full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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**10 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 MCV Panel Van LWB
4Motion Auto**

ZAR 1,215,500

FUEL

Diesel
Automatic

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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11 Volkswagen Crafter — 35 LCV Panel Van LWB 4Motion Auto

ZAR 1,265,500

FUEL

Diesel

Automatic

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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12 Volkswagen Crafter — 50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 6MT

ZAR 1,234,800

FUEL

Diesel

Manual

Mid Trim · Diesel · Manual

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13 Volkswagen Crafter — 50 Panel Van XLWB 6MT

ZAR 1,320,000

FUEL

Diesel

Manual

Mid Trim · Diesel · Manual

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14 Volkswagen Crafter — 50 Bus Conversion Ready XLWB 8AT

ZAR 1,326,300

FUEL

Diesel

Automatic

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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15 Volkswagen Crafter — 50 Panel Van XLWB 8AT

ZAR 1,406,000

FUEL

Diesel
Automatic

Flagship Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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