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# Polo Sedan

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

**999 cc**

ENGINE

**70 kW**

POWER

**130 mm**

CLEARANCE

**18.9 L/100**

FUEL ECON

**5 seats**

SEATING

**ZAR 382,600 – 482,900**

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/volkswagen/polo-sedan/>


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## 01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Polo Sedan 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 Polo Sedan 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 Polo Sedan 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,...



<b>Body Style</b>	4-door Sedan
<b>Launched</b>	2018
<b>Generation</b>	AW/BW Polo-based sedan – current generation since 2018
<b>Fuel Types</b>	Petrol
<b>Colours</b>	White Silver, Reflex Silver, Deep Black, Flash Red
<b>OEM Website</b>	<a href="https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/polo-sedan.html">https://www.vw.co.za/en/models/polo-sedan.html</a>

## 02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	<b>ZAR 382,600 – 482,900</b>	5 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
1.6 Base MT	Petrol	Manual	Base	<b>ZAR 382,600</b>
1.6 Tiptronic AT	Petrol	Automatic	Base	<b>ZAR 406,400</b>
1.6 Life MT	Petrol	Manual	Mid	<b>ZAR 415,900</b>
1.0 Life Tiptronic AT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	<b>ZAR 447,000</b>
1.0 Style Tiptronic AT	Petrol	Automatic	Top	<b>ZAR 482,900</b>

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

<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>ZAR 398,191</b>
<b>Cape Town</b>	<b>ZAR 400,639</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>ZAR 396,326</b>

**Pretoria**

**ZAR 397,258**

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

### 03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

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

*"VW quality in a practical sedan package – ideal for families wanting a conventional boot."*

The Polo Sedan 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 Polo Sedan represents genuine value.

<b>City Driving</b>	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.
<b>Highway</b>	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.
<b>Off-Road</b>	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**

Buyers preferring traditional sedan practicality with VW build quality

## 04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 5 variants of the Volkswagen Polo Sedan side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	1.6 Base MT	1.6 Tiptronic AT	1.6 Life MT	1.0 Life Tiptronic AT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 382,600	ZAR 406,400	ZAR 415,900	ZAR 447,000
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Automatic	Manual	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Base	Mid	Mid
Engine	1598 cc (1.6L)	1598 cc (1.6L)	1598 cc (1.6L)	999 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	66 kW (89 bhp)	66 kW (89 bhp)	66 kW (89 bhp)	70 kW (94 bhp)
Max Torque	132 Nm (97 lb-ft)	132 Nm (97 lb-ft)	132 Nm (97 lb-ft)	175 Nm (129 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	13.3 km/l	12.5 km/l	13.3 km/l	18.9 km/l
Seating	5	5	5	5
Boot Space	460 L	460 L	460 L	460 L
Ground Clearance	130 mm	130 mm	130 mm	130 mm
Kerb Weight	1198 kg	1215 kg	1205 kg	1113 kg

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SPEC	1.0 Style Tiptronic AT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 482,900
Fuel Type	Petrol
Transmission	Automatic
Trim Level	Top
Engine	999 cc (1.0L)
Max Power	70 kW (94 bhp)
Max Torque	175 Nm (129 lb-ft)
Drivetrain	FWD
Fuel Economy	18.9 km/l
Seating	5
Boot Space	460 L
Ground Clearance	130 mm
Kerb Weight	1125 kg

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

## 05 Volkswagen Polo Sedan — 1.6 Base MT

ZAR 382,600

ENGINE <b>1598</b> cc	POWER <b>66</b> kW · 89 bhp	TORQUE <b>132</b> Nm · 97 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>13.3</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Base Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6L MPI Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder
Displacement	1598 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	66 kW
Power @ RPM	5250 rpm	Torque	132 Nm
Torque @ RPM	3800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	170 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	130 mm	Wheelbase	2552 mm
Length	4440 mm	Width	1699 mm
Height	1467 mm	Kerb Weight	1198 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1620 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	460 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1522 mm	Rear Track Width	1497 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.3 km/l	City Mileage	10 km/l
Highway Mileage	14 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	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	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard

Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual Air Conditioning	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	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	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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

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

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## 06 Volkswagen Polo Sedan — 1.6 Tiptronic AT

ZAR 406,400

ENGINE <b>1598</b> cc	POWER <b>66</b> kW · 89 bhp	TORQUE <b>132</b> Nm · 97 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>12.5</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6L MPI Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder
Displacement	1598 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	66 kW
Power @ RPM	5250 rpm	Torque	132 Nm
Torque @ RPM	3800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	165 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	6-Speed Automatic (Tiptronic)	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	130 mm	Wheelbase	2552 mm
Length	4440 mm	Width	1699 mm
Height	1467 mm	Kerb Weight	1215 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1640 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	460 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1522 mm	Rear Track Width	1497 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	12.5 km/l	City Mileage	9 km/l
Highway Mileage	13 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	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	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual Air Conditioning	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	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	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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## 07 Volkswagen Polo Sedan — 1.6 Life MT

ZAR 415,900

ENGINE <b>1598</b> cc	POWER <b>66</b> kW · 89 bhp	TORQUE <b>132</b> Nm · 97 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>13.3</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Manual
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Manual

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.6L MPI Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder
Displacement	1598 cc	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	66 kW
Power @ RPM	5250 rpm	Torque	132 Nm
Torque @ RPM	3800 rpm	Fuel System	Multi-Point Injection
Turbocharger	Not Available	Top Speed	170 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	5-Speed Manual	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Not Available	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Clutch Type	Single Plate Diaphragm
Final Drive Ratio	3.909:1	Transmission Type	Manual

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	130 mm	Wheelbase	2552 mm
Length	4440 mm	Width	1699 mm
Height	1467 mm	Kerb Weight	1205 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1630 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	460 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1522 mm	Rear Track Width	1497 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	13.3 km/l	City Mileage	10 km/l
Highway Mileage	14 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	55 l
Emission Standard	Euro 5	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	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	6	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Not Available
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard

Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Manual Air Conditioning	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	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	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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## 08 Volkswagen Polo Sedan — 1.0 Life Tiptronic AT

ZAR 447,000

ENGINE <b>999</b> cc	POWER <b>70</b> kW · 94 bhp	TORQUE <b>175</b> Nm · 129 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>18.9</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

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## ENGINE &amp; PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L TSI Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Turbocharged
Displacement	999 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	70 kW
Power @ RPM	5000 rpm	Torque	175 Nm
Torque @ RPM	2000 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection Turbocharged
Turbocharger	Standard	Top Speed	183 km/h

## TRANSMISSION &amp; DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	7-Speed DSG	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Standard	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

## DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	130 mm	Wheelbase	2552 mm
Length	4440 mm	Width	1699 mm
Height	1467 mm	Kerb Weight	1113 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1540 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	460 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1522 mm	Rear Track Width	1497 mm

## MILEAGE &amp; EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	18.9 km/l	City Mileage	14 km/l
Highway Mileage	20 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	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	4	ABS	Standard
Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard

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

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Single-zone Automatic	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Not Available
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Standard
Rain Sensing Wipers	Not Available	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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## 09 Volkswagen Polo Sedan — 1.0 Style Tiptronic AT

### ZAR 482,900

ENGINE <b>999</b> cc	POWER <b>70</b> kW · 94 bhp	TORQUE <b>175</b> Nm · 129 lb-ft	ECONOMY <b>18.9</b> km/l	FUEL <b>Petrol</b> Automatic
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### ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	1.0L TSI Petrol	Engine Type	Inline 3 Cylinder Turbocharged
Displacement	999 cc	Cylinders	3
Valves per Cylinder	4	Power	70 kW
Power @ RPM	5000 rpm	Torque	175 Nm
Torque @ RPM	2000 rpm	Fuel System	Direct Injection Turbocharged
Turbocharger	Standard	Top Speed	183 km/h

### TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	7-Speed DSG	Drive Type	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	Front Wheel Drive	LSD Available	Not Available
Paddle Shifters	Standard	Transfer Case	Not Applicable
Differential Lock	Not Applicable	Number of Gears	6
Transmission	Automatic CVT	Transmission Type	Automatic
Final Drive Ratio	Available	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	Available

### DIMENSIONS

Ground Clearance	130 mm	Wheelbase	2552 mm
Length	4440 mm	Width	1699 mm
Height	1467 mm	Kerb Weight	1125 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight	1555 kg	Seating Capacity	5
Boot Space	460 l	Towing Capacity	Not Available kg
Front Track Width	1522 mm	Rear Track Width	1497 mm

### MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	18.9 km/l	City Mileage	14 km/l
Highway Mileage	20 km/l	Fuel Tank Capacity	45 l
Emission Standard	Euro 6	AdBlue Tank Capacity	Not Applicable l
Auto Start Stop	Standard	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	6	ABS	Standard
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Electronic Stability Control	Standard	Traction Control	Standard
Hill Descent Control	Not Available	Hill Start Assist	Standard
Child Safety Lock	Standard	ISOFIX Mounts	Standard
Brake Assist	Standard	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Standard
Engine Immobiliser	Standard	Alarm System	Standard

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Climate Control	Single-zone Automatic	Power Windows	All Doors
Keyless Entry	Standard	Push Button Start	Not Available
Wireless Charging	Not Available	Sunroof	Standard
Electric Tailgate	Not Available	Automatic Headlamps	Standard
Rain Sensing Wipers	Standard	Auto Dimming Mirror	Not Available
Power Mirrors	Power Adjustment	Payload Capacity	500

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→ [1.0 Life Tiptronic AT — ZAR 447,000](#)

→ [1.0 Style Tiptronic AT — ZAR 482,900](#)

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