

Sleek and sexy Citroën DS4 -by Liana Reiners

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New in South Africa is the Citroën DS4, sporting an eye-catching design, a stylish interior and dynamic driving. With a four-model line-up that includes both petrol and diesel derivatives, the DS4 is sure to appeal to buyers who value individuality, but without compromising on quality and value.

The DS4 was unveiled to the public at the 2010 Paris Motor Show. It combines coupé styling with so-called 2+2 door practicality. The rear door handles are hidden in the frames and are seamlessly integrated into the flowing lines of the body, giving the appearance of a high stance, but sleek, two-door coupé.



Compact yet muscular, with prominent wheel arches to emphasise the big wheels, the DS signature on the bonnet is complemented by a striking LED light signature around the front fog lights. The LED's are illuminated both day and night for added safety. In addition, the profile of the DS4 – featuring a chrome-trimmed waistline surrounding the dark tinted windows – is crowned by a tautly drawn roofline with an integrated spoiler.

Inside there is space for five, with three-full-sized seats in the rear. A large, panoramic windscreen, offering up to 45 degrees of upward vision, not only provides the occupants with outstanding visibility, but creates a bright and welcoming interior with a driver-focused cockpit.

Owners can personalise the interior as the DS4 is available with a choice of three leather combinations, including a two-tone option. Range-topping models can also be order with a "bracelet" design on the seats that hints at the links on the strap of an expensive watch.

Another example of the DS4 driving experience is the ability to select from a range of four polyphonic sounds – Classic, Crystal Symphony, Jungle Fantasy and Urban Rythmik – for alerts and reminders. The colour of the instrument panel lighting is selectable from white to blue.

Moving to the dynamics we find a choice of petrol and diesel engines. The same basic 1,6-litre petrol engine is offered in two power output versions – the normally-aspirated VTi 120 developing 88 kW and the turbocharged THP 200 with 147 kW of power. The HDi 2-litre turbo diesel produces 120 kW of power and 340 Nm of peak torque.

The two VTi 120 models – Style and Style Pack – use five speed manual gearboxes to transmit the power to the front wheels, while the THP 200 and HDi 160 models are fitted with a six-speed manual transmission.

All the DS4 models benefit from a 5-year/100 000km service plan and 3-year/100 000 km manufacturer's warranty, which can be extended to 5-years/100 000 km at extra cost.

The model range and pricing is:

VTi 120 Style:	R254 900
VTi 120 Style Pack	R272 900
THP 200 Sport	R319 900
HDi 160 Sport:	R319 900

