

MINI family grows with the addition of the Coupé

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The good times keep rolling from MINI with the local introduction of the Coupé – the first two-seater model from the iconic marque.

As the fifth model of the new MINI generation to wear the British brand's badge, the Coupé represents a reinterpretation of the super-compact sports car category. At the same time, the Coupé is also the first MINI to adopt a three-box body structure. Unlike the MINI, MINI Clubman and MINI Convertible, the Coupé is divided into three distinct segments: engine compartment, passenger compartment and boot.



The engines, chassis set-up, weight distribution and aerodynamic properties of the new model all serve the cause of optimum performance. Its distinctive, sporty characteristics are also reflected in a low-slung silhouette and expressively styled so-called helmet roof.

In South Africa, customers have a range of five models with three engine variations to choose from. Outputs stretch from the 90 kW of the MINI Cooper Coupé, to 135 kW for the MINI Cooper S Coupé and all the way up to the sporty MINI John Cooper Works Coupé developing 155 kW. The Cooper Coupé and Cooper S Coupé can be specified with an optional six-speed automatic gearbox as an alternative to the six-speed manual fitted as standard across the Coupé range.



The suspension set-up of the MINI Coupé bestows it with the brand's traditional go-kart driving experience. The customary MINI front-wheel drive, MacPherson struts at the front axle, a multi-link rear axle, powerful brakes and electric power steering ensure agile handling properties. Sports suspension, which brings stiffer damper characteristics and sturdier anti-roll bars, is available as an option, while customers in search of an even sharper racing edge can order John Cooper Works suspension from the accessories range.

To make sure that all of this remains on the road, the Coupé is fitted as standard with dynamic stability control (DSC), while dynamic traction control (DTC) with electronic differential lock control (EDLC) – standard on the John Cooper Works Coupé and optional on all other models – adds even greater assurance on slippery surfaces and additional sports performance under dynamic cornering. In addition, the range of standard safety equipment on board the MINI Coupé includes front airbags and head-thorax airbags, three-point inertia-reel seat belts including belt force limiters and belt tensioners and a tyre defect indicator.

The car's premium character is underlined by an expansive range of standard equipment, which includes speed-sensitive power assistance for the steering, electrically adjustable exterior mirrors, park distance control, height-adjustable seats and an audio system with MP3-compatible CD player and AUX connection.

Prices for the new MINI Coupé are as follows:

MINI Cooper six-speed manual	R264 100
MINI Cooper six-speed automatic with Steptronic	R280 100
MINI Cooper S six-speed manual	R319 000
MINI Cooper S six-speed automatic with Steptronic	R335 100
MINI John Cooper Works six-speed manual	R369 000

