

Most fuel efficient petrol cars in SA (2018)

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The recent fuel price increases have South African motorists cringing at the pumps but if you are in the market for a new car, you'd be wise to choose a car that will consume as little fuel as possible in an effort to save money over time.

We have already compiled a list of the [most fuel efficient diesel cars in South Africa \(2018\)](#) and now it's time to put petrol cars under the spotlight.

It's worth remembering that the amount of fuel you save while driving will depend on a number of critical factors including your driving style, road conditions and mechanical condition of the car, to name a few. The list below is compiled based on manufacturer claimed fuel consumption figures and figures will vary in real-world driving scenarios. Prices are as of June 2018.



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1. Fiat 500 63kW - 3.8L/100km

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The charming Fiat 500 is the breadwinner for Fiat in South Africa and is offered as a hard-top or convertible. The 63kW/145Nm 0.9-litre, two-cylinder turbopetrol engine is particularly efficient with a claimed fuel consumption figure of 3.8L/100km and it can be had in either manual or automatic guise. There are also 3 trim levels to choose from including Pop, Pop Star and Lounge.

Pricing for the Fiat 500 starts at R201,900.

2. Smart ForTwo - 4.1L/100km

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For something a little different, you may want to consider the Smart ForTwo city car. It's offered in three trim levels (Base,

Passion and Proxy) and is powered by a three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol engine with 52kW and 91Nm of torque and mated with a five-speed manual transmission as standard. Fuel consumption is claimed at 4.1L/100km.

If you are looking for a more spacious Smart car, then the ForFour is also offered with fuel consumption claimed at 4.2L/100km. The ForFour also offers a bit more punch with 66kW and 135Nm produced by its A 0.9-litre, three-cylinder turbopetrol engine.

Pricing for the Smart ForTwo starts at R176 434 while the ForFour is priced from R181,478.

3. Fiat Panda - 4.2L/100km

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The quirky Fiat Panda made a comeback in 2017 with four derivatives on offer (including two 4x4 versions) but it's the non-4x4 derivatives that boast the lowest claimed fuel consumption figures at 4.2L/100km. The Panda is powered by the same engine found in the Fiat 500, a two-cylinder, 0.9-litre turbopetrol engine with outputs of 63kW and 145Nm of torque. A five-speed manual transmission is standard.

The Fiat Panda is priced from R204,900.

4. Audi A1 1.0 TFSI S Sportback/three-door - 4.2L/100km

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The Audi A1 is the most premium car to feature on this list. The entry-level, manual A1 Sportback and three-door derivatives are the most frugal, with a claimed fuel consumption figure of 4.2L/100km. Power comes courtesy of a turbocharged 1.0-litre petrol engine offering 70kW and 160Nm of torque.

The Audi A1 three-door is priced from R288,500 while the A1 Sportback is priced from R296,000.

5. Peugeot 208 1.2 Active - 4.3L/100km

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The Peugeot 208 1.2 Active is the most frugal in the 208 range with a claimed fuel consumption figure of 4.3L/100km. This derivative is powered by a naturally aspirated 1.2-litre petrol engine with 60kW and 118Nm and is mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

Pricing for the 208 1.2 Active starts at R224,900.

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