

# TOYOTA COROLLA

## 160i GSX

### SPECIFICATIONS

POWER	81 kW @ 2 000 rpm
TORQUE	150 Nm @ 4 000 rpm
0 - 100 km/h	19,98 sec
80 - 100 km/h	6,76 sec
TOP SPEED	131 km/h
FUEL INDEX	17,9 l/100 km @100 km/h
PRICE	R171 580



**The all-new Toyota Corolla is simply head and shoulders above any other Corolla before it and is very possibly the best car in the small saloon segment. It looks great thanks to its European styling. It drives great thanks to Vatic engine technology and it tows great thanks to a combination of a fine power plant, a well balanced ride and the suspension to handle the load of 80 odd kilograms of caravan nose weight.**

**T**he 160i motor will easily handle any caravan or trailer inside of its weight limit. In fact, the 160i out performed some 1 800 cc cars in this class. This powerful VVTi (Variable Valve Timing intelligent) motor produces a very handy 81 kW at low rpm, and a somewhat commendable 150 Newtons at 4 000 rpm, which is, in this class a very handy figure indeed.

Build quality in the new Corolla is unlike anything seen before in this segment. The car is genuinely well bolted together and uses quality plastics and switchgear. The dash board layout is simple, yet functional with all major switchgear falling to hand well. Equipment levels in the new Corolla are also up on the old car, whereas the old 160 cars were relatively low spec the new version features the likes of an on-

board computer, radio/CD player, airbag for the driver and passenger and optional leather seats.

The new look of the Corolla is a hint of things to come from Toyota, the front, large headlights are adjustable from inside the cabin via a toggle switch (especially useful when towing at night). The grille is similar to that seen on European and Japanese Toyotas and the side profile and rear end detail promise to be copied and developed in many Toyotas to come in the next few years. In fact, the newly launched Camry has more than a passing resemblance to its smaller stablemate.

The Corolla is also big on practicality. There is a large boot big enough for all your camping goodies (should the wife complain) and the spacious new cabin has more than enough room and storage for the five occupants and all of the

paraphernalia they decide to bring with for the drive to your favourite resort. Well worth consideration is the massive amount of rear passenger room thanks to the general design of the car. The high waist and rooflines make for a large rear cabin compartment, class leading in fact. So, for once there will be more than enough room for the kiddies to play in the back, how long before we see a TV ad with the Pollocks in the back of a Corolla? Time will tell.

In conclusion, the Corolla looks set to dominate this class for years to come (as it has for years past), and it is going to take a massive effort from the likes of Almera, Siena and even bigger cars like Jetta to eclipse the Corolla's attractive credentials. The Corolla has been, is now and certainly looks set to be, South Africa's favourite car.