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Why Second Hand Drilling Bits Cost 30-60% Less in South Africa

Need affordable drilling solutions? South Africa's mining sector bought 18,000+ used drill bits last year - but prices vary wildly. A 12-inch tungsten carbide bit ranges from R2,800 to R7,200 depending on condition. Let's break down how to avoid overpaying.

The Price Shock in 2024

After China doubled its coal imports from SA mines, local demand for second hand drilling bits spiked 22%. Yet 68% of buyers overpaid due to:

Hidden wear & tear costs (avg. R1,200/bit repair)

Middleman markups of up to 45%

Import taxes on refurbished EU/US equipment

2025 Price List: What to Expect

We surveyed 9 major suppliers in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Here's what a price per piece looks like for common sizes:

Typical Costs (Rand)

8-inch used PDC bit: R1,850-R3,900

Used tri-cone roller bits: R4,200-R6,750

Refurbished diamond core bits: R12,000+

Case Study: How Kloof Mine Saved R2.1 Million

This Gauteng gold operation bought pre-owned drill bits from certified Chinese refurbishers. They negotiated:

Bulk discount for 120+ pieces

Free shipping via Durban port

6-month performance guarantee

Result? 39% lower drilling costs vs. new equipment.

3 Red Flags When Requesting Quotes

Always ask suppliers:



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"Is this price list inclusive of VAT?"

"Show me the original OEM documentation"

"What's the ROI compared to new bits?"

### Where to Find Verified Suppliers

Top platforms for wholesale deals:

Mascus SA - 550+ listed bits with inspection reports

Tradekey Africa - Direct Chinese refurbisher contacts

Mine Craft Auctions - Monthly equipment sales

### Customs Tip: New Tax Breaks

South Africa's 2024 Mining Charter now offers 15% VAT rebate on second hand drilling equipment for BEE-compliant buyers. Always request a customs clearance letter with your quotation.

Thinking about alternatives? German-made refurbished bits cost 25% more but come with 2-year warranties. For tight budgets, focus on SA-based suppliers offering same-day delivery to Rustenburg platinum fields. Remember: A R5,000 bit that drills 8 wells beats a R3,500 bit needing replacement after 2 uses.

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