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Need a second hand core drilling rig in South Africa without breaking the bank? You're not alone. Over 65% of mining and construction companies now consider refurbished equipment to cut costs while maintaining productivity. Let's break down current market prices, top suppliers, and how to spot the best deals.

## Why Second Hand Core Drilling Rig Prices Matter in South Africa

South Africa's mining sector contributes 8% to GDP, with companies scrambling to upgrade equipment amid rising operational costs. A new core drilling rig typically costs R1.2M-R3.5M (USD 65,000-190,000). The second hand market offers the same machines at 40-60% discount - if you know where to look.

## 2024 Price Trends: What You'll Pay

Used truck-mounted rigs (2018-2020 models): R450,000-R900,000

Refurbished diamond core drills (100-200m depth): R220,000-R600,000

Auction deals (as-is condition): From R150,000

A Johannesburg contractor recently bought a 2019 Sandvik DE130 for R680,000 - 55% cheaper than new. "We recovered the investment in 8 months through three gold exploration projects," said site manager Thabo Nkosi.

## 3 Smart Ways to Get Accurate Quotations

Major South African suppliers like Babcock International and Mascus South Africa now offer certified pre-owned rigs with warranties. For cross-border deals, Chinese suppliers (Henan YK Drilling) quote 10-15% lower prices, but shipping adds 6-8 weeks delay.

## ROI-Boosting Checklist Before Buying

Verify maintenance logs (minimum 2,000 operational hours/year ideal)

Check compatibility with common South African rock formations

Confirm availability of spare parts in Johannesburg/Cape Town

"We rejected two rigs last month due to incompatible drill bits for Bushveld Complex geology," shared procurement lead Susan van der Merwe from a Platinum belt mining company.

## Supplier Showdown: Local vs International Deals

Local dealers dominate the second hand core drilling rig market with 73% share, but European imports are gaining traction. A 2024 survey shows:

- o German-made used rigs retain 68% resale value after 5 years



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- o Chinese models offer lowest upfront cost (R180,000-R350,000)
- o South African refurbished units come with 6-12 month warranties

With Zambia and Namibia's mining booms creating regional demand, acting fast on quality listings is crucial. A Limpopo-based driller scored a 2021 Epiroc CS14 for R520,000 - R180,000 below market rate - by monitoring Gauteng auctions weekly.

Ready to explore second hand core drilling rig prices in South Africa? Download our free 2024 buyer's checklist (includes sample service contracts and ROI calculator) or contact verified suppliers for real-time quotations.

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