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BUYER'S GUIDE TO THE **TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID**



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To make a decision on your next vehicle, you need to fully understand the features and specifications of your top choices. Where can you go to do that? Well, this eBook, *Buyer's Guide to the Toyota Highlander Hybrid*, is a simple way to familiarize yourself with this efficient SUV. While the SUV does come with a traditional, gas-powered V6, we'll be looking specifically at the hybrid version of the 2021 Highlander, which places a tremendous emphasis on fuel economy.

When you look past the MPG rating, the hybrid Highlander is similar to Highlanders of the past thanks to its premium safety features, roomy cabin, and user-friendly infotainment system.

HYBRID PERFORMANCE FOR THE TOYOTA HIGHLANDER

Hybrid powertrains are making their way into more and more models within the Toyota lineup. What's interesting is these hybrid motors don't have to sacrifice much power to bring you high-end fuel economy.

Highlander Engine and MPG Rating

The hybrid Highlander powertrain pairs a 2.5L combustion engine with support from an electric motor. The combustion engine makes 186 horsepower and 175 lb-ft of torque. When you couple that output with the power of the electric motor, the Highlander is able to peak at a system net horsepower of 243.

You can enjoy the hybrid setup in either front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive configuration. These configurations return almost identical efficiency, with the front-wheel drive format reaching an EPA-estimated 36 city MPG/35 highway MPG and an EPA-estimated 35 city MPG/35 highway MPG for all-wheel drive.¹

With the gas-powered V6, the Highlander registers as an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle. If you choose the hybrid powerplant, your SUV will bump up to a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle!

Other Performance Notables

There's a certain practicality and reassurance to the Toyota Highlander performance that will quickly endear it to growing families. In addition to front- or all-wheel drive options, you can select Dynamic Torque Vectoring all-wheel drive or an Electronic On-Demand all-wheel drive system.

The hybrid motor is paired with an Electronically Controlled Continuously Variable Transmission (ECVT) sporting sequential shift mode to ensure a smooth ride. Also, you have the chance to bring along a small boat or trailer as you prep your Highlander for a long weekend adventure. The hybrid Highlander reaches a maximum towing capacity of 3,500 pounds and features Trailer-Sway Control, a system designed to keep your boat or trailer steady as you maneuver along highways or one-lane roads.

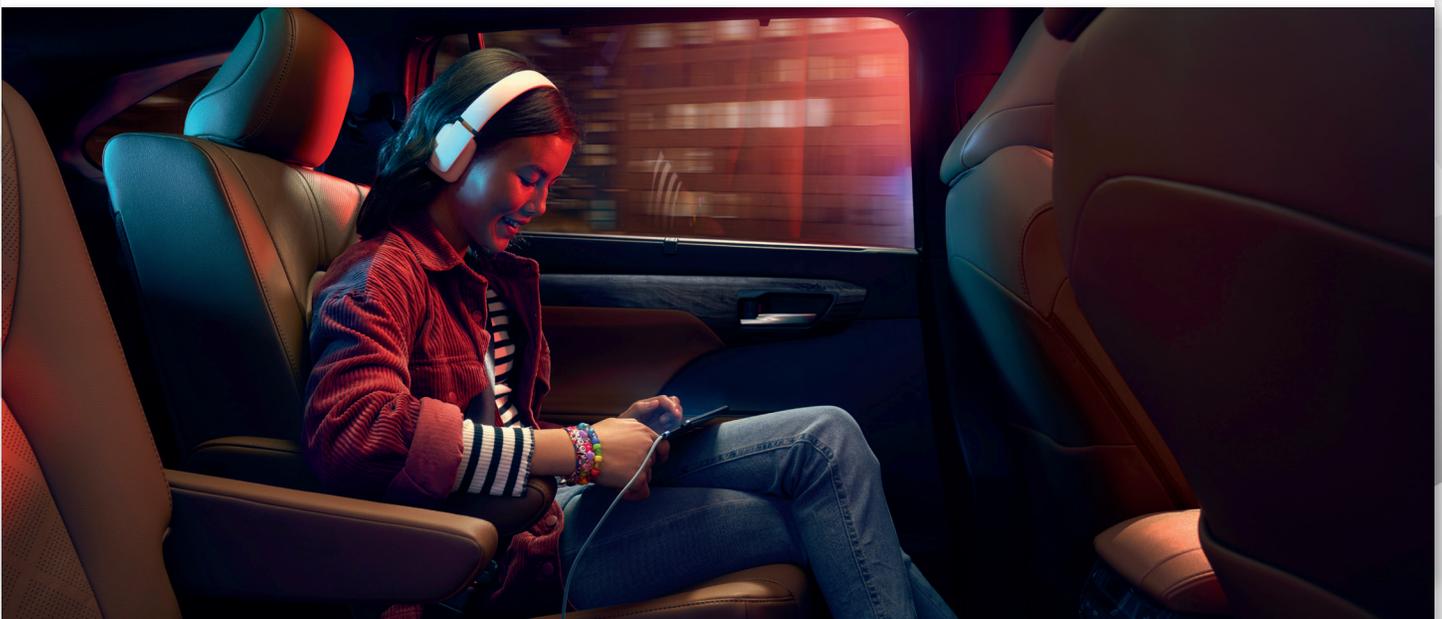
ROOM INSIDE THE TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID

Able to seat as many as eight passengers when you have the cabin properly configured, the Toyota Highlander is an easy choice for families needing a third row. The overall interior is highly versatile, too, making it simple for you to adjust space as needed.

Take a look at the cargo capacity, for example. Behind the third row of seats, you can make use of 16 cubic feet of space. If you fold just the third row flat, cargo capacity grows to 48.4 cubic feet. Finally, folding the second and third rows results in a generous 84.3 cubic feet of total cargo capacity.

So how much room will you and your family have to stretch out? It depends on where you sit, but each row delivers a comfortable amount of legroom, headroom, and horizontal space. Those in the front seats will benefit from 41.2 inches of headroom, 42 inches of legroom, 59 inches of shoulder room, and 57.2 inches of hip room.

Move to the second row and you'll find 39.4 inches of headroom, 41 inches of legroom, 58.7 inches of shoulder room, and 57 inches of hip room. Finally, passengers in the third row can enjoy 36.1 inches of headroom, 27.7 inches of legroom, 55 inches of shoulder room, and 45.6 inches of hip room.



ABUNDANT SAFETY FEATURES

Safety is a staple of the Toyota brand. If you've driven any Toyota Highlander models over the last few years, you'll know they're loaded with driver-assistance technologies. For 2021, these technologies are again present, pairing with other built-in safety protocols to ensure the protection of you and your family.

Driver-Assistance Features

Standard on every Toyota Highlander Hybrid trim is the acclaimed Toyota Safety Sense™ 2.5+ system. With this advanced, autonomous suite in place, your SUV will always be looking out for your wellbeing. One of the technologies included in Toyota Safety Sense™ 2.5+ is the Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Detection, which will alert you of a possible front-facing collision. In addition to the alert, your SUV can automatically brake if needed.

Another technology is Dynamic Radar Cruise Control. More advanced than traditional cruise control systems, this setup will accelerate or decelerate to help you maintain a certain distance from the vehicle in front of you.

Two more technologies that work in unison are the Lane Departure Alert system and the Lane Tracing Assist system. Essentially, this pairing works to keep you in your respective lane, whether you're driving on the highway or a one-lane, rural road.

Finally, automatic high beams give you increased visibility when driving at night, while Road Sign Assist keeps you informed on changing road conditions such as the speed limit.





Additional Safety Features

A range of other safety features are baked into the Toyota Highlander Hybrid and are categorized under the Star Safety System™ suite. These features are more subtle than the driver-assistance technologies previously discussed, yet still serve a vital role in your overall safety.

Many of them are devoted to traction and on-road poise, such as controlled braking, enhanced vehicle stability control, and traction control. The rest of the features that make up the Star Safety System™ include:

- Anti-lock Brake System
- Brake Assist
- Electronic Brake-force Distribution
- Smart Stop Technology®

IN-CABIN TECHNOLOGY & NICETIES

As you'll see in the next section, there are a host of hybrid trim levels for the 2021 Toyota Highlander. The trim level you choose is going to play a large role in the infotainment setup you have access to. While higher trims will offer more premium technology, the Highlander offers a strong feature list even at the base trim level.



Infotainment

By choosing the standard hybrid trim for the Highlander, you can look forward to an 8-inch touchscreen display, Bluetooth® wireless technology, plus the inclusion of Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™. What's special about these last two features is that they effortlessly pair your smartphone to the touchscreen display. Once paired, you can wirelessly access applications that exist on your smartphone directly on your touchscreen. Anything from pulling up your favorite playlist to getting navigational instructions to a new restaurant is a cinch.

Moving up to the fully loaded Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited results in a few enhanced in-cabin technologies. The touchscreen grows to 12.3 inches, for example. There's also the addition of a premium 11-speaker JBL® sound system touting a subwoofer and an amplifier.

In the end, any trim is going to equip your Toyota Highlander Hybrid with a range of features worth celebrating.

Additional Interior Features

There are other features found in the Highlander Hybrid for 2021 that will make your daily commute or a lengthy road trip more enjoyable. For example, there's a multi-information display behind the steering wheel that can measure either 4.2 inches or 7 inches in size. The peak hybrid trim for the Highlander receives a 10-inch color Head-Up Display that includes features such as Road Sign Assist, navigation, a hybrid system indicator, and more.

If your phone is starting to run low on battery, just place it on the Qi-compatible wireless charging pad. Finally, here are a few of the optional materials you can expect in the cabin of the Toyota Highlander:

- Ornamental dash trim
- Faux wood door trim
- Leather-trimmed shift knob and steering wheel
- Leather-trimmed front and second-row seats
- Heated and ventilated front seats

CHOOSING YOUR TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID TRIM

There are four distinct offerings when you begin to consider the trim level list of the 2021 Toyota Highlander Hybrid. Each trim delivers the same performance from the hybrid powerplant, yet offer their own arrangement of style, safety features, in-cabin technology, and overall luxuriousness.

To start, there's the Hybrid LE, a savvy choice for many given its long list of standard features. If you want, you can move up from there by choosing the Hybrid XLE trim or the Hybrid Limited trim. Lastly, there's the fully loaded Hybrid Platinum trim, which dazzles with its elegant interior and emphasis on comfort.

THE TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID DOES IT ALL

With a hybrid powertrain that still delivers responsive and strong performance, the 2021 Toyota Highlander Hybrid is a highly attractive three-row SUV. No matter the size of your family, this model will deliver comfort, practicality, and safety. We hope this free eBook delivered some helpful insight. If you have further questions about the Highlander, you can reach out to the accommodating team at your local Toyota dealership!



*EPA-estimated 21 city/29 hwy/24 combined mpg for 2021 Highlander; 20 city/27 hwy/23 combined for 2021 Highlander AWD; 36 city/35 hwy/36 combined mpg for 2021 Highlander Hybrid. Use for comparison purposes only. Your mileage will vary for many reasons, including your vehicle's condition and how/where you drive. See www.fueleconomy.gov.