

Compact, Economy, Small Car Hybrid Review Comparison

<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Honda</i>	<i>Toyota</i>	<i>Honda</i>	<i>smart car**</i>	<i>MINI**</i>	<i>Volkswagen**</i>
Model	Insight Hybrid	Prius Hybrid	Civic Hybrid	ForTwo (gasoline)	Cooper (gasoline)	Jetta TDI (clean diesel)
Release Date	2010 (spring '09)	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Price*	\$20,000	\$20,900	\$21,073	\$11,990	\$18,550	\$22,857
MPG (city/hwy)	40/41	48/45	40/45	33/41	26/34	29/40
Edmunds Rate: internal/consumer (10 highest)	<i>NR / NR</i>	7.8 / 9.3	7.8 / 9.3	<i>NR / 9.2</i>	7.5 / 9.3	7.2 / 9.3
Safety:* crash test rating, brakes, airbags	<i>– Not yet tested –</i> Traction control (EX only), ABS, Brake Assist; driver, passenger & side airbags	★★★★ Vehicle Stability Control, ABS, Brake Assist; driver, passenger, knee and side airbags	★★★★¾ Vehicle stability assist, ABS; driver, passenger, side airbags; auto day lights, security system	★★★¾ Electronic stability control, traction control, ABS; driver, passenger, advanced air bag system	★★★★½ Electronic stability control, all-season traction control, ABS; 6 airbags, crash sensor; auto-bright lights	★★★★★ Vehicle Stability Control, ABS, Brake Assist; driver, passenger (on/off), knee, side airbags; auto headlights
Air Pollution / Greenhouse Gas Scores (10 highest)	<i>Not finished testing</i>	9.5 / 10	9.5 / 10	7 / 9	7 / 8	6 / 8
Performance	98 hp @ 5800 rpm	Gas: 76 hp @ 5000 rpm Elec: 67 hp @ 1200 rpm	110 hp @ 6000 rpm	70 hp @ 5800 rpm	172 hp @ 4000	140 hp @ 4000 rpm
Standard Extra Features*	Auto climate control, speed volume control; EX only: MP3, 6 spkr	Rear deck spoiler, push button start, electronic shift lever, digital gauges	Auto climate control, USB connection, XM ready radio, 6 spkr	No standard convenience features.	6-Speed Manual Transmission, brake hill holder, rear spoiler, park distance control,	6-speed automated manual transmission, Compass, Sirius satellite radio, 6 CD player,
Quick Review	Affordable, great fuel economy, seamless hybrid powertrain, tight backseat, road noise, no cruise control.	Outstanding fuel economy, generous interior space; less powerful than others.	Offers performance and fuel efficiency, roomy interior, available in sedan or coupe.	Does <i>not</i> feel compact inside, roomy. Fits into the smallest of spaces! Zippy and spunky. Not good for highway travel.	Stellar fuel economy for a gas engine, sharp handling, cool retro styling, fussy controls	Diverse selection of strong engines, upscale look, impressive cargo capacity, below average fuel economy, small backseat

*Standard features and base prices only. Check your local listing for actual prices.

** Smart ForTwo and Mini Cooper are gasoline-powered cars, not a hybrid cars; Volkswagen Jetta TDI is not a hybrid vehicle, but a clean diesel with comparable mpg.

Resources:

US Environmental Protection Agency, <http://epa.gov/otaq/ld-hwy.htm>
 Greencar.com, Car Greenhouse and Pollution Scores, www.greencar.com
 Edmunds.com - various vehicle reports, car reviews and comparisons
www.safercar.gov, Crash Test Ratings