Cars.com Lists Best 2014 Hybrids for the Money

CHICAGO, April 14, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the leading online resource for buying and selling new and used vehicles, has named its editors' picks for the best hybrid cars for the money. Experts looked at hybrids of all shapes and sizes to determine which offer shoppers the most bang for their buck in each of the different segments.

"Gas prices remain historically high, and one of the most successful ways that drivers have adapted to this is by embracing hybrid technology," said Joe Wiesenfelder, Cars.com's Executive Editor. "It is important for shoppers to understand the payoff, or lack thereof that hybrids can offer. Not every hybrid model saves money in the long run because high sticker prices can sometimes offset savings at the pump."

Cars.com experts compiled the list based on an efficiency-cost rating, taking the EPA's combined fuel mileage rating divided by the base price of the car. A high mpg rating and low price creates a high efficiency-cost rating. "The ultimate goal of this list is the help shoppers pay the least for the most mileage," said Wiesenfelder.

Segment	Vehicle	MSRP	Combined City/Highway MPG
Subcompact Car	2014 Toyota Prius c	\$19,890	50
Compact Car	2014 Honda Civic Hybrid	\$25,425	45
Midsize Hatchback	2014 Toyota Prius	\$25,010	50
Midsize Sedan	2014 Ford Fusion Hybrid	\$27,095	47
Full Size Hatchback	2014 Ford C-Max Hybrid	\$25,995	43
Full Size Sedan	2014 Toyota Avalon Hybrid	\$36,365	40
SUV/Crossover	2014 Nissan Pathfinder Hybrid	\$35,970	26
Luxury Compact Sedan	2014 Acura ILX Hybrid	\$29,795	38
Luxury Midsize Sedan	2014 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid	\$37,085	45
Luxury Full Size Sedan	2014 BMW ActiveHybrid 740 Li	\$85,225	25
Luxury SUV	2014 Lexus RX 450h	\$47,320	30

[&]quot;Shoppers often assume that a hybrid means a compact car," said Wiesenfelder. "People looking for luxury cars or even large family haulers can now find hybrid options too. Automakers have caught on and realize that there is demand for hybrids that can accommodate drivers with a wide array of capacity needs and budgets."

For more information on hybrids or any of the cars on this list, visit www.Cars.com or the KickingTires blog.

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