

THE 2018 HONDA FIT OR THE 2018 TOYOTA PRIUS

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If you are looking for a car that fills the role of both economy and family vehicle, then most buyers head for the compact car class. Traditionally, these automobiles are known to be very fuel efficient, have practical maintenance and upkeep requirements, are easier to park, and can offer some forms of utilitarian usage as well.

Compact cars also come in gas and hybrid models which further adds to the ability to find the exact vehicle for your needs. Honda and Toyota have been leaders in the market when it comes to advancements in quality and options in the compact car category, for many years. We will be exploring two of the top new compact vehicles coming to the market, the 2018 Honda Fit and the 2018 Toyota Prius.

OVERALL VALUE

Both vehicles are hatchback models with seating room for 5 passengers, and offer plenty of legroom, while the Honda Fit offers slightly more headroom in comparison to the Toyota Prius. The Honda Fit also comes standard with an anti-theft system and has a MSRP value that is \$4,000 less than the MSRP value of the Toyota Prius in most instances. Making it the obvious choice for consumers looking for the best value for their dollars.

PERFORMANCE

While both vehicles offer 4 cylinder front wheel drive, and come with base 1.5L engines, the Honda Fit also offers a 6 speed manual transmission model.

When it comes to overall speed and acceleration there is no comparison between the two vehicles. The Toyota Prius engine is 99hp @ 4400 rpm and the Honda Fit comes equipped with a 130hp @ 6600 rpm engine, giving it the edge in power, while also providing better handling than the Prius thanks to its smooth ride and sharp handling. A feature that has helped it rise to the top of the class.

The Honda Fit also has a larger fuel capacity with its 10.6 gallon tank in comparison to the Toyota Prius' 9.5 gallon tank.

SAFETY & FEATURES

Both vehicles feature a hatchback allowing for ample space for those awkward items that will not fit in traditional trunks, and the Honda Fit offers a low load flow to further enhance storage capability. But the Honda Fit also touts new sensor

features like a lane assist mitigation that offers a warning when a driver veers out of lane, and collision-mitigation braking sensors available on the LX and Sports model.

The 2017 version of the Honda Fit received a five star safety rating from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Association, and there is no reason to believe the 2018 model won't follow suit in that category once the rankings are released.

It is clear that the 2018 Honda Fit is indeed one of the best compact cars on the market. But don't just take our word for it, feel free to come down to our Honda dealership for a test drive so you can see for yourself.