
Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
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AoBfrost wrote on Sun, 05 August 2007 22:48 Well yes it is a toyota, but you could say it isnt also, because most toyota cars are made in the USA, scion and a few other toyotas are all made in japan 100% you could say it's high quality like all japanese technology is, i'm not saying US built cars are bad, but you know, theres always the feeling when you buy something, if it's made in japan you feel better about it....unless your a ford/chevy addict who likes American built cars....I dont trust chrystler though, their cars are made of cheap Chinese materials....

lol, "most".

It's a public image thing, and they're only building 2-3 models in the US. It really doesn't matter, there's a reason why Toyota builds its foreign plants in rural areas with no union background - Toyota employees have little to no benefits and are paid an average of \$30/h less than their domestic counterparts, the only exception to that rule is the NUMI plant in California, but I don't even think they're building 'true' Toyota products there (Pontiac Vibes are manufactured there, Matrix and Corollas in Canada), etc.

I don't give a shit about the other Japanese brands, it's Toyota, it's bullshit green halo (the only company that deserves one is Honda - Toyota is starting to Americanize itself to a certain extent) and questionable business practices that piss me off...

And there's nothing special about Lexus, apart from the fact that they have xenon headlamps they all successfully fail to stand out anywhere.

Oh by the way, water leaks in Corollas and earlier models had oil sludging issues, but nobody knows about that because barely of their recalls are publicized by the media. Some Tundras and Camrys also got major (camshafts, transmissions) component failures...

Also, expect resale value of Toyotas to drop over the next couple of years, because they're, along with Hyundai and Nissan, filling the void left by domestic automakers in fleet sales (they've cut them by significant numbers).

My money's on General Motors (although their CUVs are way to monstrous to be even called CUVs... I mean, in terms of size, because they do look great) and Ford (I was able to witness a surge in their local sales thanks to the Edge, and seeing as most new Fords are based on its design language I guess things will work out for them), we're starting to see some bold moves from Chrysler but today we got the news that Home Depot's former CEO would be in charge... The guy's a bean counter, this really, really isn't a good sign.

Hyundai deserves some respect, they've improved so much in the last 3 years... Only thing they should fix is the design of a number of their cars.

Yeah...

I can only tell you what I think of the Scion xB because that the only one I was able to ride (they're

not for sale here, government regulations prevent the TC from coming here (we're know to have the toughest safety regulations along with Europe, but results are not published to my knowledge), so...) - it's not a bad car, it feels dynamic but cheapo, not exactly sound proof, either, but the engine doesn't have that agricultural feel/sound that the Corolla, Yaris and Prius have.
