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COMPACT TRUCK/TACOMA, 4x2

Series Chronology

- 1964** - Stout introduced to U.S.
- 1969** - Hi-Lux compact truck introduced with 1.9L engine.
- 1970** - Hi-Lux receives new engine.
- 1972** - Third generation engine debuts in Hi-Lux.
- 1972** - Second-generation Hi-Lux.
- 1973** - Available with extended cargo-bed.
- 1974** - Wins "Pickup Truck of the Year" from *Pickup, Van & 4WD*.
- 1975** - Third generation, larger engine.
- 1975** - 5-spd manual transmission available.
- 1976** - Pickup name replaces Hi-Lux on U.S.-market trucks.
- 1977 (September)** – one millionth truck produced.
- 1977** - SR5 grade introduced.
- 1979** - Fourth generation.
- 1981** - Receives larger gasoline engine and available diesel engine. SR5 wins "Four Wheeler of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1983** - Last year of 4-speed manual transmission.
- 1984** - 5th generation.
- 1984** - Xtracab, turbocharged gasoline and diesel engines available. SR5 wins "Four Wheeler of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1986** - Last year of diesel engine availability.
- 1989** - Sixth generation, introduction of V6.
- 1989** - Wins "Truck of the Year," *Motor Trend*
- 1989** - SR5 wins "Pickup Truck of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1995** - Seventh generation, introduced as 1995 1/2 model.
- 1995** - Introduction of Tacoma name.
- 1995** - "Import Truck of the Year," *Automundo*.
- 1996** - "Best Compact Pickup in Initial Quality," J.D. Power & Associates. Tacoma Xtra Cab wins "Pickup Truck of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1997** - Minor revision to front styling.
- 1997** - "Best Vehicle in Initial Quality-Compact Pickup segment," J.D. Power & Associates
- 1998** - Addition of passenger-side airbag.
- 1998** - Introduction of Tacoma PreRunner Xtracab. Tacoma Xtra Cab TRD wins "Pickup Truck of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1999** - Tacoma PreRunner adds Regular Cab to model line-up.
- 2000** - Receives daytime running lights as standard on models equipped with ABS
- 2000** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Pickup Trucks
- 2001** - Introduction of PreRunner Double Cab, PreRunner Double Cab V6, S-Runner Xtracab V6 to model line-up, as well as a StepSide bed. Tacoma Double Cab TRD wins "Pickup Truck of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
- 2001** - "Most Wanted Small Pickup," Edmunds.com
- 2001** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Pickup Truck
- 2002** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Score (VSS) award for Compact Pickup Truck
- 2002** - *Consumer Reports* Most Reliable Compact Pickup Truck
- 2002** - Intellichoice named Best Overall Value Compact Pickup Class 2WD
- 2002** - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS) award in the Compact Pickup segment.

2002 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Pickup Truck
2003 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Pickup Truck
2004 - Tacoma receives VSC and TRAC as standard on PreRunner models
2004 - "Consumers' Most Wanted Compact Truck of the Year for 2004," *Consumer Reports*
2004 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Pickup Truck
2005 - Eighth generation compact truck, second generation Tacoma. All-new Tacoma model line – larger, more powerful, more features.
2005 - X-Runner named "Sport Truck of the Year," *Sport Truck Magazine*
2005 - *Motor Trend* "Truck of the Year;" Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 "Best Buys Compact Pickup Truck;" 2005 *Automobile Magazine* "All-Star Pickup," *Forbes* "Best Pickups 2005 – Least Expensive;" *Kelly Blue Book* "2006 Best Resale Value" – Pickup Truck
2006 - *Consumer Guide's* 2005 "Best Buys Compact Pickup Truck"
2006 - Four-cylinder automatic model named "Greener Choices 2006" and "Best of 2006" – American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
2006 - "Best Value in America" for Compact Pickup 2WD – Vincentric
2006 - Edmunds.com names Tacoma "Consumers' Most Wanted Truck" for fifth year in a row.
2006 - IntelliChoice Motorist's Choice Award - Compact Pickup Class 2WD
2006 - "Most Requested New Truck," Autobytel
2007 - "Editor's Choice Award," Cars.com – Commuters category.
2007 - "Editor's Choice Award," Cars.com – Weekend Athletes category.
2007 - "Editor's Choice Award," Edmunds.com
2007 - "Most Wanted Pickup Truck, Compact," Edmunds.com
2007 - ATLAS Award Winner – Compact Pickup Category by Sport Truck Connection
2008 - *Truck Trend Magazine* names Tacoma its "Best in Class 2008: Compact Pickup"
2009 - Minor changes for 2009 model year
2009 - *Kelley Blue Book* "2009 Best Resale Value" – compact pickup category
2009 - Named an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) "TOP SAFETY PICK"
2009 - *U.S. News & World Report* 2009 Best Car for the Money awards - "Best Compact Pickup for the Money"
2009 - "2009 Best Bet," *The Car Book*
2009 - *IntelliChoice.com* "Best Overall Value of the Year" award "Best Truck Value under \$26,000."
2009 – *IntelliChoice.com* "Best overall Value of the Year" award – Compact Pickup Class 2WD
2010 - *Kelley Blue Book* "2010 Best Resale Value" – mid-size pickup category
2010 - *Kelley Blue Book* "2010 Best Resale Value: Top 10"
2011 – IntelliChoice "2011 Best Overall Value" – Compact Pickup segment
2011 – J.D. Power & Associates Vehicle Dependability Study "Most Dependable Midsize Pickup"
2012 - *Kelley Blue Book* "2012 Best Resale Value" – mid-size pickup category
2012 - *Kelley Blue Book* "2012 Best Resale Value: Top 10"
2012 – *US News & World Report* "2012 Best Cars for The Money" for Compact Pickup Trucks
2012 – *Kelley Blue Book* "Total Cost of Ownership Award Mid-Size Pickup Truck" – Tacoma Regular Cab
2013 - *Kelley Blue Book* 5-Year Cost-to-Own Award in Mid-size Pickup Category – Tacoma Double Cab
2014 – *Kelley Blue Book* "2014 Best Resale Value" – mid-size pickup category
2014 – *Kelley Blue Book* "2014 Best Resale Value" – Top 10 Vehicle
2014 - *U.S. News & World Report* "2014 Best Cars for the Money" for Compact Pickup Trucks
2015 – *Kelley Blue Book* "2015 Best Resale Value" – mid-size pickup category
2015 – *Kelley Blue Book* "2015 Best Resale Value" - Top 10 Vehicle
2016 – Ninth-generation truck, second-generation all-new Tacoma is launched in Sept. 2015

Toyota's first foray into the pickup truck market was the Stout, introduced to America in 1964. For 1969, Toyota was determined to develop and sell an all-new light truck worthy of the company that produced the Corolla. Powered by a newly developed four-cylinder 1.9L engine designated 3R, the Hi-Lux was the vehicle Toyota had been looking for. It was somewhat Spartan inside (as trucks were utility vehicles first and foremost at that time), with a metal dashboard, a bench seat and a sturdy cargo area.

Changes were few in the early days of truck production, with a new engine, the 1.8L 8R-C, making its debut in 1970, and subsequently being replaced by the 2.0L 18R-C in 1972.

Designated a 1973 (but released in Spring 1972 - a 1972 1/2), the next generation Hi-Lux looked less utilitarian and began to take on a car-like quality, all the while retaining its Toyota-like tendencies to be strong, reliable and inexpensive to operate. Styling was updated and turn signals originally installed on top of the fenders were now built into the body.

For the official 1973 model year, the Hi-Lux took a large step forward in utility. Now available as an option was a 7 1/2-foot Long Bed model providing Americans with the type of hauling ability that had long been possible with full-size domestic vehicles. The combination of Long Bed models and car-like ride and handling made Toyota's Hi-Lux an immediate strong seller. In 1974, the Hi-Lux was awarded the honor of "Pickup Truck of the Year" from *Pickup, Van & 4WD*.

The year 1975 saw the introduction of the third-generation Hi-Lux. It was now powered by a 2.2L version of the 18R-C, called the 20R, and was also available (for the first time on a Toyota utility vehicle) with a 5-speed manual transmission. In 1976, the U.S.-version of the Hi-Lux lost its name, and was to be called "compact truck" from that point forward. Truck sales were booming world wide, and in September 1977, the one-millionth pickup truck rolled out the factory in Japan.

The SR5 model was introduced in 1979. With its five-speed manual transmission paired with its powerful gasoline engine, the SR5 was intended to appeal to a new type of customer - the sport-truck buyer.

The 1979 model change (the fourth generation) was the most sweeping yet. It resulted in a well-appointed vehicle, with the emphasis toward passenger comfort while retaining its reputation as a true workhorse. Power remained the same with the continuation of the use of the 20R engine for two more years, but in 1981 a legendary engine took its place under the hood of the truck. That was the 22R engine. The 2.4L gasoline 22R was joined by a 2.2L diesel engine in the same year.

The 1984 truck represented the fifth generation, and saw changes that continued to make it more car-like. An Xtracab model provided additional storage space behind the seats, and engines now included turbocharged versions of the diesel and the 22R.

With gasoline becoming more affordable, diesel models of the truck were discontinued in 1986, with the turbocharged gasoline model being discontinued in 1988.

A sixth generation of the truck was introduced in 1988, optionally available with a new V6 engine. Equipped with the V6, the truck was capable of towing 3500 pounds, and was still able to return excellent gas mileage.

From 1988 until 1994, there were very few changes to the truck. Styling was updated regularly and luxury soon became part of the truck equation. Trucks could now be equipped with an Xtracab, sport seats, air-conditioning - even a CD player. The pickup truck was as strong, rugged and versatile as ever, but provided the owner with everything that a luxury car could.

In 1995, Toyota introduced an all-new pickup truck that was designed and built in America - the Tacoma. Tacoma featured an all-new line-up of high-performance engines. A 142-horsepower 2.4L four-cylinder with 160 lb-ft of torque was standard on 2WD models, while 4WD models offered a 150 horsepower 2.7L four-cylinder producing 177 lb-ft of torque. Available on both configurations was a newly developed 190 horsepower 3.4L V6 producing 220 lb.-ft. of torque, which the Tacoma shared with the T100.

A redesigned front suspension offered a coil-spring/double-wishbone configuration, replacing the Hi-Trac torsion bar double-wishbone suspension on the previous generation. The lower arm uses a closed cross-sectional structure that added strength while reducing unsprung weight. Suspension travel on the 4WD models increased from 5.9 inches to 7.7 inches, improving both on- and off-road performance. Tread width on both 2WD and 4WDs also increased. Tacoma continued to use the tried-and-true leaf-type rear suspension with refinements to layout design.

Also for 1995, a standard driver-side airbag, center high-mount stop light and adjustable seatbelt anchors, improved side-view mirrors, along with optional four-wheel ABS were added. Additionally, Tacoma received side door impact beams and three-point, automatic and emergency locking retractor (ALR and ELR) seatbelts in outboard positions, with an ELR seatbelt on the driver's side.

For 1997, Tacoma remained mechanically unchanged, but received a redesigned front-end. Headlights were faired into a new grille, and the whole assembly is more aerodynamic and stylish than before.

The addition of a passenger-side airbag came in 1998, one year ahead of the Federal standard for 1999. For increased safety, the passenger-side airbag could be turned off with the ignition key. But for redesigned sound systems and the addition of new colors, the 2WD Tacoma carried over unchanged.

The Tacoma PreRunner was introduced in mid-year. The new 2WD pickup combined the rugged styling and off-road ability of Toyota's 4WD pickup trucks with the affordability of a 2WD model. For model year 1999, a Regular Cab model with an automatic transmission equipped with the 2.7L four-cylinder was added to the PreRunner line-up.

The 2000 model year also saw the addition of the Tacoma StepSide, a sporty stepside package that added a youthful alternative to the Tacoma lineup.

The 2001 Tacoma entered the new model year with aggressive new styling changes, several new upgrade packages and four new exterior colors. In addition, the Tacoma lineup became more diverse with the addition of the four-door Double Cab and sporty S-Runner 4x2.

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The 2003 Tacoma carried over with no exterior changes. A Child Restraint System lower anchor was made standard for the front passenger seat on Regular and Xtracabs, and for the rear outboard seats on the Double Cabs. Anti-lock brake systems were made standard on all models.

For 2004, Tacoma got Vehicle Stability Control with Traction Control as standard equipment on four-wheel drive and PreRunner models.

For 2005 Tacoma was completely revised, and was offered in three cab types – Regular Cab, Access Cab with new dual access doors and rear jump seats and the four-door Double Cab. The wheelbase on all cab types increased and front and rear track were widened by up to four inches, yielding additional shoulder and hip room.

Flush glass and flush body-to-bumper surfaces intended to reduce both wind noise and aerodynamic drag gave Tacoma a higher-quality appearance. The bed featured a new sheet-molded compound (SMC) deck and walls that were 10 percent lighter than steel, yet tougher and more durable. New TRD Off-Road and Sport Packages became available.

The 2005 Tacoma line introduced a revised 2.7L DOHC four-cylinder engine that produced 168 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque and a new 4.0L DOHC V6 producing 240 horsepower and 282 lb-ft of torque. In both engines, a new electronic throttle control system with intelligence (ETCS-i) helped optimize performance and fuel economy.

Six-speed manual and 5-speed automatic transmissions were offered with the V6, and the four-cylinder models offered a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic. Replacing the sporty S-Runner, the exciting X-Runner model blended concept-truck design with sports car performance from the new V6 and a specially tuned and lowered chassis.

Properly equipped, V6 Tacoma models could tow up to 6,500 pounds, 30 percent more than the 2004 V6 models. Toyota dealers offered a Toyota Racing Development (TRD) supercharger kit for the V6 that boosted output to about 300 horsepower.

Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) system became available for all models, while the Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) and Downhill Assist Control (DAC) systems became available in certain configurations. Double Cab models offered optional side impact air bags and curtain side airbags.

For 2006 Tacoma entered the model year with a Tire Pressure Monitor System standard on all models and advanced airbags on models equipped with bench seating.

The 2007 Tacoma was a carry-over with no exterior changes. All Tacoma models received redesigned head units, larger front seats, freshened instrument panel and chrome plated combination meter perimeter. Rear seats that fully fold flat were made standard on Access Cab models. In addition, walk-in memory became standard on Access Cab Sport Grade seats.

The 2008 Tacoma was carried over unchanged from the 2007 model year.

For 2009, all Tacoma models added several key safety features as standard equipment including the Toyota STAR SAFETY SYSTEM™, front seat-mounted side airbags, curtain side airbags and active front headrests. The Auto-LSD replaced the mechanical LSD in all applications where it was previously available.

Tacoma also received interior and exterior revisions for 2009. All models featured an argent-painted grille, while the TRD Offroad, TRD Sport and Tacoma X-Runner models were distinguished by a new smoked headlamp trim. All models gained restyled LED taillamps, and a new tailgate handle was able to accommodate an available backup monitor on Access Cab and Double Cab models.

Inside, all models featured new front door trim panels, while a lower center stack housed the standard auxiliary audio input jack. Access Cab models received a redesigned rear seat for improved comfort, as well as standard power windows and door locks. The SR5 grade also received new seat fabric for 2009.

The standard audio systems were now satellite radio-ready. The optional JBL audio six-CD system became Bluetooth® compatible and satellite ready, and includes a three-month free trial subscription to XM® Satellite Radio.

After the assortment of interior and exterior revisions the previous model year, the 2010 Tacoma remained unchanged.

For 2011 all Tacomas featured a brake override system as standard equipment. New front grilles were added to the Standard grade, SR5, and models with the TRD Off-Road and Sport packages. Air conditioning was made standard on all Regular Cab models. Integrated satellite radio was included in models with a six-disc changer. An available Convenience Extra Value Package was made available on Double Cab models.

Three low volume models were deleted from the Tacoma lineup and replaced by five new four-cylinder models.

The 2012 Tacoma receives a restyled exterior look and a redesigned, upgraded interior in all models adding comfort, usability and audio/infotainment performance.

The restyled exterior shows a fresh face with a redesigned hood, grille, headlamps and front bumper, among other changes. Inside, Tacoma adds a new center-instrument panel design with a revised gauge cluster, along with a new steering wheel. A redesigned center stack adds new air conditioner/heater controls and power point locations.

The 2012 Tacoma interior also gets a new look with a black high-contrast center console, switch plate covers, dash and upper door trim, while the SR5 grade features a new seat fabric design. Tacoma offers new heavy-duty all-weather flooring in the 2012 Tacoma Access and Double Cab models, while the more specialized TRD Sport and Off-Road models offer new water-resistant fabric protection seats. The TRD Sport Package adds side mirrors with turn-signal lamps for 2012, as well as available chrome-clad 18-inch wheels.

Details that add up to more comfort and function include a larger, higher-resolution display for the available back-up camera (3.3-inch vs. 2.4-inch), a new temperature gauge, available rear-view mirror with compass and HomeLink, vanity lamps added to sun visors, an additional overhead storage compartment and, on Access Cab models, a new rear-console storage box. All models now feature two front-deck “D” rings for added versatility.

Toyota added upgraded audio options for some 2012 Tacoma models. Access Cab models offered a new available six-speaker system with an AM/FM/ Satellite Radio-capable head unit with a single-disc CD player. Built-in Bluetooth® allowed hands-free phone, and a USB port enabled connection of an iPod®, MP3 player or flash drive with music files.

The DoubleCab V6 models offered a more advanced display audio system with the most in-demand connectivity features. These included navigation, Toyota Entune™ services, SiriusXM Satellite Radio (with 90-day trial subscription), HD Radio with iTunes® tagging and text/e-mail-to-voice. This premium infotainment system played through a JBL® GreenEdge audio system with seven speakers. GreenEdge technology helped reduce fuel consumption by lowering the electric power demand on the vehicle.

The Toyota Entune system is a collection of popular mobile applications and data services, with three years of complimentary access. Once a smart phone is connected to the vehicle using Bluetooth wireless technology or a USB cable, Entune's features are operated using the vehicle's controls or, for some services, by voice recognition. Entune includes Bing™ and Pandora®; real-time info including traffic, weather, fuel prices, sports and stocks. Apps available in spring 2012 at no charge include iHeartRadio, MovieTickets.com and OpenTable®.

For 2013 the best-selling compact pickup truck in the U.S. offered a new Limited Package that added a touch of luxury and more sophisticated exterior appearance. The package included 18-inch chrome-clad wheels with 265/60R 18 tires, chrome grille surround and rear bumper along with chrome outside mirrors with integrated turn signal indicators, chrome door handles, and fog lamps. The package also included many interior amenities such as SofTex-trimmed heated front sport seats; four-way adjustable driver's seat; variable speed windshield wipers; metallic tone instrument panel trim; leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls; auto-dimming rear-view mirror with rear camera display and outside temperature gauge; a HomeLink® universal transceiver and much more.

Entering the 2014 model year, Tacoma has now been the best-selling compact pickup truck in the U.S. market since 2008. To carry on this remarkable sales momentum the 2014 Tacoma offers a sporty new SR appearance package, along with four levels of Entune audio. In conjunction with the Entune upgrade, the backup camera display has been moved from the rear-view mirror to the Entune head unit display.

Entune Audio leverages the user's mobile smartphone to provide a richer in-vehicle experience with fully integrated access to navigation, entertainment and information services. The Entune Premium Audio and Entune Premium JBL® Audio systems feature engaging mobile apps, including Bing™, iHeartRadio, MovieTickets.com, OpenTable®, Pandora®, Yelp and Facebook Places plus real-time traffic, weather, fuel prices, sports and stocks. Access to Entune services is complimentary for three years.

The new SR Package, available for the Tacoma PreRunner and 4x4 Access Cab base grade models, lends a sporty look with a color-keyed exterior appearance upgrade, including overfenders, door handles, bumpers, grille surround and mirrors, plus smoked headlight lenses. Models with the V6 engine also get fog lights with the SR package. The available ST Package, meanwhile, introduces a new 16-inch alloy Baja wheel style.

The Tacoma X-Runner sport truck is discontinued for 2014.

PRERUNNER:*

Tacoma PreRunner was developed in conjunction with Toyota Motorsports' successful desert racing truck program. Much of the suspension tuning and development work was done with the assistance of Toyota-driver Ivan "Ironman" Stewart.

PreRunner shared identical exterior styling on all '98 4WD models. PreRunners were available only as Xtracab models with an automatic transmission and with either a four-cylinder or V6 engine. Enhancing PreRunner's off-road ability was an available Toyota Racing Development (TRD) Off-Road package.

The package offered a rugged combination of front and rear Bilstein gas-pressure shock absorbers, locking rear differential on V6 models, progressive-rate front coil springs and rear leaf suspension, modified-camber rear springs, a larger front stabilizer bar, 31x10.5R15 white lettered Goodyear tires, 15x7-inch alloy wheels, black overfenders and special Off-Road graphics.

In 1999, the Tacoma PreRunner added a Regular Cab to its line-up in addition to the PreRunner Xtracab model, and the 2000 model offered standard daytime running lights on all models equipped with ABS.

For 2004, Tacoma PreRunner received Vehicle Stability Control with Traction Control as standard equipment.

For 2008 and 2009, the PreRunner remained in the Tacoma line in both 4x2 and 4x4 form, and as a Regular Cab, Access Cab or Double Cab.

Like the rest of the Tacoma lineup, the 2010 PreRunner remains unchanged from the previous model year.

For 2011 three low-volume PreRunner models were deleted and two new PreRunner four-cylinder models were added to the Tacoma lineup.

*PreRunner changes mirror Tacoma 4x2 changes unless otherwise noted.

With the launch of the all-new 2016 Tacoma, the PreRunner model has been discontinued.

DOUBLE CAB:*

The Tacoma Double Cab delivers the cargo-hauling capability of a pickup truck, the passenger roominess and comfort of an SUV and rugged styling that makes a strong active-lifestyle statement.

Double Cab is offered in SR5 and Limited trim levels with available off-road package in the two-wheel drive PreRunner series with a four or six-cylinder engine. It offers 11 inches of class-leading ground clearance, and a 61-inch cargo bed. It's four, large conventional doors open to a well-appointed and roomy interior, featuring spacious front and rear seating and a 60/40 fold-down rear bench with three-point outboard belts.

The 2003 Double Cab featured CRS lower anchors for rear outboard seats.

For 2008 and 2009, the Double Cab remained available in either 4x2 or 4x4 form.

Like the rest of the Tacoma lineup, the 2010 Double Cab remains unchanged from the previous model year.

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S-RUNNER:*

The S-Runner was offered in a 4x2 Xtracab trim level with a five-speed manual overdrive transmission and powered exclusively by Tacoma's 190-horsepower V6 engine. Performance was enhanced with a low-to-the-ground sports tuned suspension with Tokico gas-pressure shock absorbers and stiffer springs, antiroll bars and bushings. Ground clearance was reduced by two inches from the standard 4x2.

S-Runner boasted a full color-keyed exterior that included the grille, lower valence panel, front and rear bumper, overfenders and outside door handles and mirrors. For an extreme appearance, a dealer-installed Toyota Racing Development (TRD) body kit was available.

The color-keyed exterior was complemented by an aggressive interior feel which included standard amenities such as front sports and power lumbar driver seat, front seat for and aft adjustable headrests, leather steering wheel and shift knob, tachometer with twin trip meters, AM/FM/Cassette audio with six speakers, tilt steering wheel, variable intermittent wipers and a rear console box.

The 2002 Tacoma S-Runner's door badging became color-keyed and there was an addition of a driver's side A-pillar assist grip.

The S-Runner was discontinued for the 2005 model year.

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STEPSIDE:

The StepSide package was available on Regular and Xtracab 4x2 Tacoma models, powered by either four-cylinder or V6 engines for model years 2001-2003. The StepSide's cargo box was a solid steel unit with a sporty image that was enhanced by the use of front fenders, bumper and grille from the Tacoma 4x4.

The StepSide package was discontinued for the 2004 model year.

X-RUNNER*:

The X-Runner, first available in 2005, is offered in a 4x2 Access Cab trim level and powered by a 245-horsepower 4.0L V6 engine. The factory-developed performance truck has an exclusive six-speed manual transmission, specially tuned high-performance chassis and unique 18-inch alloy wheels. The X-Runner suspension uses firmer and shorter springs, and has specially tuned Bilstein gas-pressure shock absorbers. The vehicle also features a rear antiroll bar.

The X-Runner exterior incorporates full-vehicle and color-keyed ground effects, a hood scoop and integrated fog lamps.

The interior features sport seats, a leather steering wheel and shifter, AM/FM radio with six-disc CD changer and six speakers. Other standard features include cruise control and remote keyless entry.

The 2007 X-Runner carries over for the 2008 Model year.

For 2009, the X-Runner received a new smoke headlamp trim.

Like the rest of the Tacoma lineup, the 2010 X-Runner remains unchanged from the previous model year.

The 2011 X-Runner adds a new front grille and, like all Tacomas, adds a brake override system as standard equipment.

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The Tacoma X-Runner sport truck was discontinued for the 2014 model year

What does it mean?

4x2 Truck: 4x2 means that the vehicle has four wheels, two of which are driven.

Tacoma: From the Salish Indian word for the mountain that provided water to their tribe (now known as Mount Rainier). The name suggests images of strength and power.

Tacoma PreRunner: PreRunner is a term that refers to a class of vehicle used to pre-run an off-road race course in order to save the race vehicle for race day. Often, these pre-runner vehicles are heavily modified 2WD trucks.

Double Cab: Double Cab is a Toyota conceived term for a four-door truck.

S-Runner: The term S-Runner is a sport version of the Tacoma PreRunner.

X-Runner: The X-Runner name is derived from its exclusive X-braced reinforced frame that provides enhanced torsional rigidity.

Where is it built?

Compact trucks were built at the Honsha Plant in Toyota City, Japan.

All Tacoma's are built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas (TMMTX) in San Antonio, Texas and Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Baja California (TMMBC) in Baja California, Mexico.

All truck beds are produced at TABC in Long Beach, Calif.

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COMPACT TRUCK/TACOMA, 4x4

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- 1979** - *Pickup, Van & 4WD* "4WD of the Year," *Off-Road* "4WD Vehicle of the Year," *4x4 and Off-Road Vehicles* "Toughest Truck of the Year."
- 1980** - Is best selling Compact 4x4 for the next 14 years.
- 1982** - 4WD model available with 5-speed transmission.
- 1984** - Introduction of auto-locking hubs on 4WD.
- 1985** - Automatic transmission available on 4WD.
- 1989** - "Pickup Truck of the Year," *Four Wheel & Off Road Magazine*.
- 1995** - Introduction of Tacoma name to truck line.
- 1996** - "Pickup Truck of the Year", *Four Wheeler*.
- 1996** - Wins JD Power IQS.
- 1997** - Expanded availability of locking rear differential.
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2012 - Kelley Blue Book’s *kbb.com* “2012 Best Resale Value” – mid-size pickup category
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2012 – *US News & World Report* “2012 Best Cars for The Money” for Compact Pickup Trucks
2015 – TRD PRO Series Tacoma is launched
2016 – Ninth-generation truck, second-generation all-new Tacoma is launched in Sept. 2015

In 1979, Toyota expanded its popular line of pickup trucks to include both two- and four-wheel-drive models. The new four-wheel-drive trucks were an immediate success with both consumers and media alike, being awarded “4WD of the Year” by *Pickup, Van & 4WD*, “4WD Vehicle of the Year” by *Off-Road* and “Toughest Truck of the Year” by *4x4 and Off-Road Vehicles*.

Changes and updates on the 4WD models mirrored their 2WD cousins, with the exception of the drivetrain. When first introduced, the four-wheel drive model was available with only a four-speed manual transmission, but was updated with a five-speed unit in 1982. A “shift on the fly” system, whereby the front hubs could be locked automatically when four-wheel drive was selected, without exiting the vehicle, was introduced in 1984. The next transmission change came in 1985, as a four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission was made available.

Toyota trucks earned their reputation as rugged and reliable workhorses. The combination of four-wheel drive and luxury (power windows, door locks and mirrors, compact-disc player, sunroof, additional seats in the rear of the cab) proved that Toyota trucks were capable of getting almost anywhere in style, and coming safely and reliably home again.

Toyota’s Tacoma line (see 2WD section for detailed product description) saw minor changes and additions for the 1997 model year. Available on all 4WD models, Tacoma’s locking rear differential provides it with ability on tough trails unlike that of any other compact pickup truck. Other changes were to the availability of bucket seats on non-SR5 level Xtracabs and revised striping on SR5 models.

On the inside, all 1998 Tacomas received a passenger-side airbag with cutoff switch for increased occupant safety. Also added were rotary HVAC controls, two additional 12V power outlets and repositioned cupholders.

On the outside, a restyled grille and headlights along with larger front bumper and new overfenders made for a more aggressive appearance. Inspired by Toyota’s successful desert racing program, a special Toyota Racing Development Off-Road Package was equipped with specially valved Bilstein shocks, increased-rate front coil and rear leaf springs and a locking rear differential.

After receiving a redesigned interior and styling upgrades in 1998, the 1999 Tacoma remained relatively unchanged with the exception of several new added-value packages and safety features. The added safety features included new front seatbelts with pretensioners and force limiters as well as a passenger-side airbag cut-off switch.

The 2000 model offered standard daytime running lights on all models equipped with ABS.

For 2001, the Tacoma received a new front fascia that included a vertical grille and raised hood, new multi-reflector headlamps and jeweled tail lamps. Tether anchor brackets have been added to supplement child restraint systems.

The 2002 Tacoma 4x4 carried over unchanged.

The 2003 Tacoma's 4x4 updates and changes mirrored those of Tacoma 4x2. A Child Restraint System lower anchor was made standard for the front passenger seat on Regular and Xtracabs, and for the rear outboard seats on the Double Cabs. Anti-lock brake systems were made standard on all models.

For 2004, Tacoma 4x4 received Vehicle Stability Control with Traction Control as standard equipment.

Toyota introduced an all-new Tacoma pickup truck line for 2005 that was larger, more powerful and more fuel-efficient than before. A stronger, stiffer chassis and new suspension and steering tuning improved off-road performance and on-road ride and handling.

The all-new 2005 Tacoma offered three cab types – Regular Cab, Access Cab with new dual access doors and rear jump seats and the four-door Double Cab. The wheelbase on all cab types increased and front and rear track was widened by up to four inches, yielding additional shoulder and hip room.

The new Tacoma was styled with a stronger appearance, with its big, bold headlights and grille. Flush glass and flush body-to-bumper surfaces were intended to reduce wind noise and aerodynamic drag, and also contributed to Tacoma's higher-quality appearance. The bed featured a new sheet-molded compound (SMC) deck and walls that were 10 percent lighter than steel, yet tougher and more durable. New TRD Off-Road and Sport Packages became available.

The 2005 Tacoma line introduced a revised 2.7L DOHC four-cylinder engine that produced 168 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque and a new 4.0L DOHC V6 that produced 240 horsepower and 282 lb-ft of torque. In both engines, a new electronic throttle control system with intelligence (ETCS-i) helped optimize performance and fuel economy.

Six-speed manual and 5-speed automatic transmissions became available with the V6, and the four-cylinder models offered a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic.

Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) system became available for all models, while the Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) and Downhill Assist Control (DAC) systems became available in certain configurations. Double Cab models offered optional side impact air bags and curtain side airbags.

For 2006 Tacoma entered the model year with a Tire Pressure Monitor System standard on all models and advanced airbags on models equipped with bench seating.

The 2007 Tacoma was a carry-over with no exterior changes. All Tacoma models received redesigned audio head units, larger front seats, a freshened instrument panel and chrome plated combination meter perimeter. Rear seats that fully fold flat were made standard on Access Cab models. In addition, walk-in memory became standard on Access Cab Sport Grade seats.

For 2008, the Tacoma 4x4 was a carry-over.

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Tacoma also received interior and exterior revisions for 2009. All models featured an argent-painted grille, while the TRD Offroad, TRD Sport and Tacoma X-Runner models were distinguished by a new smoked headlamp trim. All models gained restyled LED taillamps, and a new tailgate handle was able to accommodate an available backup monitor on Access Cab and Double Cab models.

Inside, all models featured new front door trim panels, while a lower center stack housed the standard auxiliary audio input jack. Access Cab models received a redesigned rear seat for improved comfort, as well as standard power windows and door locks. The SR5 grade also received new seat fabric for 2009.

The standard audio systems were now satellite radio-ready. The optional JBL audio six-CD system became Bluetooth® compatible and satellite ready, and includes a three-month free trial subscription to XM® Satellite Radio.

After the assortment of interior and exterior revisions the previous model year, the 2010 Tacoma remains unchanged.

For 2011 an all-new T|X and T|X Pro packages were made available on all V6 models equipped with a TRD Off-Road package. The T|X package included TRD 16-inch black alloy bead-lock wheels and 265/70R16 BF Goodrich Rugged Trail tires, Black tube side steps, chrome tailpipe tip and unique exterior badging. The T|X Pro deleted the tube steps but added a TRD cat-back exhaust.

Also for 2011, Regular Cab 4x4 models with automatic transmission came equipped exclusively with bucket seats. Two new 4x4 models were added to the Tacoma lineup, a Regular Cab four-speed automatic four-cylinder and an Access Cab four-speed automatic with a four-cylinder.

The 2012 Tacoma received a restyled exterior look and a redesigned, upgraded interior in all models adding comfort, usability and audio/infotainment performance.

The restyled exterior showed a fresh face with a redesigned hood, grille, headlamps and front bumper, among other changes. Inside, Tacoma added a new center-instrument panel design with a revised gauge cluster, along with a new steering wheel. A redesigned center stack added new air conditioner/heater controls and power point locations.

The 2012 Tacoma interior also received a new look with a black high-contrast center console, switch plate covers, dash and upper door trim, while the SR5 grade featured a new seat fabric design. Tacoma offered new heavy-duty all-weather flooring in the 2012 Tacoma Access and Double Cab models, while the more specialized TRD Sport and Off-Road models offered new water-resistant fabric protection seats. The TRD Sport Package added side mirrors with turn-signal lamps for 2012, as well as available chrome-clad 18-inch wheels.

Details that add up to more comfort and function included a larger, higher-resolution display for the available back-up camera (3.3-inch vs. 2.4-inch), a new temperature gauge, available rear-view mirror with compass and HomeLink, vanity lamps added to sun visors, an additional overhead storage compartment and, on Access Cab models, a new rear-console storage box.

All models now featured two front-deck “D” rings for added versatility.

Toyota upgraded the audio options for some 2012 Tacoma models. Access Cab models offered a newly available six-speaker system with an AM/FM/ Satellite Radio-capable head unit with a single-disc CD player. Built-in Bluetooth® allowed hands-free phone, and a USB port enabled connection of an iPod®, MP3 player or flash drive with music files.

The DoubleCab V6 models offered a more advanced display audio system with the most in-demand connectivity features. These included navigation, Toyota Entune™ services, SiriusXM Satellite Radio (with 90-day trial subscription), HD Radio with iTunes® tagging and text/e-mail-to-voice. This premium infotainment system plays through a JBL® GreenEdge audio system with seven speakers. GreenEdge technology helps reduce fuel consumption by lowering the electric power demand on the vehicle.

The Toyota Entune system is a collection of popular mobile applications and data services, with three years of complimentary access. Once a smart phone is connected to the vehicle using Bluetooth wireless technology or a USB cable, Entune’s features are operated using the vehicle’s controls or, for some services, by voice recognition. Entune includes Bing™ and Pandora®; real-time info including traffic, weather, fuel prices, sports and stocks. Apps available in spring 2012 at no charge include iHeartRadio, MovieTickets.com and OpenTable®.

For 2013 the best-selling compact pickup truck in the U.S. offers a new Limited Package that adds a touch of luxury and more sophisticated exterior appearance. The package includes 18-inch chrome-clad wheels with 265/60R 18 tires, chrome grille surround and rear bumper along with chrome outside mirrors with integrated turn signal indicators, chrome door handles, and fog lamps. The package also includes many interior amenities such as SofTex-trimmed heated front sport seats; four-way adjustable driver’s seat; variable speed windshield wipers; metallic tone instrument panel trim; leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls; auto-dimming rear-view mirror with rear camera display and outside temperature gauge; a HomeLink® universal transceiver and much more.

Entering the 2014 model year, Tacoma was the best-selling compact pickup truck in the U.S. market since 2008. To carry on this remarkable sales momentum the 2014 Tacoma offered a sporty new SR appearance package, along with four levels of Entune audio. In conjunction with the Entune upgrade, the backup camera display was been moved from the rear-view mirror to the Entune head unit display.

Entune Audio leveraged the user’s mobile smartphone to provide a richer in-vehicle experience with fully integrated access to navigation, entertainment and information services. The Entune Premium Audio and Entune Premium JBL® Audio systems featured engaging mobile apps, including Bing™, iHeartRadio, MovieTickets.com, OpenTable®, Pandora®, Yelp and Facebook Places plus real-time traffic, weather, fuel prices, sports and stocks. Access to Entune services was complimentary for three years.

The new SR Package, available for the Tacoma PreRunner and 4x4 Access Cab base grade models, lended a sporty look with a color-keyed exterior appearance upgrade, including overfenders, door handles, bumpers, grille surround and mirrors, plus smoked headlight lenses. Models with the V6 engine also got fog lights with the SR package. The available ST Package, meanwhile, introduced a new 16-inch alloy Baja wheel style.

For 2015 model year Toyota introduced the TRD PRO Series Tacoma from Toyota Racing Development (TRD). Serious off-roaders have long favored the Tacoma as a basis to build their

custom trucks. The 2015 Tacoma TRD Pro Series gives them a head start on their way to the desert. Replacing the limited-edition Tacoma Baja Series that was offered for 2014, the 2015 Tacoma TRD Pro Series adopts much of that model's beefed-up body and chassis features, including 16-inch beadlock style TRD alloy wheels with BF Goodrich LT265/70R16 All-Terrain KO tires.

Suspension mods make the Tacoma TRD Pro Series off-road ready, raising ride height in front, increasing wheel travel and using TRD springs with decreased rate for better ride control over rough terrain. The front suspension, which adds 0.75-inch wheel travel, is upgraded with 60mm-piston Bilstein high-performance shocks with remote reservoirs to increase shock oil capacity for greater heat dissipation and damping sensitivity. The rear suspension is equipped with 50mm-piston Bilstein high-performance shocks with remote reservoirs, and the TRD springs add 1.5-inch to wheel travel.

A TRD Cat-back Exhaust cuts backpressure and adds a sporty growl to the 4.0-liter V6 engine. And then comes the TRD Pro Series styling: black alloy wheels, unique blackout front grille, special TRD badging and a choice of black, white or exclusive Inferno exterior colors. Inside, the TRD shift knob and floor mats add a custom touch.

The all-new ninth-generation Toyota truck/third generation Tacoma was revealed on January 12, 2015. Rebuilt inside and out, the all-new Tacoma featured a new 3.5-liter Atkinson Cycle V6 engine. The new engine (along with the carry-over 2.7-liter 4-cylinder) was paired to a new six-speed automatic transmission with electronic shift delivering quick and easy shifting. The V6 can also be mated to a new six-speed manual transmission. The new powertrain makes the Tacoma more powerful and fuel efficient than ever before.

Inspired by desert racing, CALTY designers in Newport Beach, Calif. and Ann Arbor, Mich. made the new Tacoma all about recreational action and athletic agility. The new Tacoma is available in five grades in both 4x2 and 4x4 configurations. Each grade has its own personality and unique look. Tacoma grades include: the work-ready SR, the iconic SR5, the athletic TRD Sport, tough-as-nails TRD Off-Road, and top of the line Limited.

The new 2016 Tacoma was primarily developed by the Toyota engineering team at Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. Starting with the frame, they added high strength steel to enhance rigidity and overall strength. Ultra-high strength steel was integrated into the body shell using a new hot stamping process that reduces weight.

To create a truck to meet the needs of active drivers on a variety of tamed and untamed surfaces, the suspension was fine-tuned to help deliver a smoother on-road ride, while making it even more capable off-road.

Tacoma off-roading adventures will reach new levels of fun in the TRD Off-Road grade thanks to the addition of incredible technology. A Multi-Terrain Select system allows the driver to choose between different types of terrain such as loose rock, or mud and sand. Each input regulates wheel spin by adjusting throttle and brake pressure to provide maximum traction on almost any terrain.

Additional off-road technology includes Automatic Limited Slip and Locking Rear Differential, Hill Start Assist Control (HAC), Clutch Start Cancel (manual transmission only), Active Traction Control, and Crawl Control. Engaging Crawl Control allows the driver to select a speed of 1-5 mph. The Crawl Control system takes over the acceleration and braking, allowing the driver to focus solely on steering.

What does it mean?

4x4 Truck: 4x4 signifies that the vehicle has four wheels, all four of which are driven.

Where is it built?

Four-wheel-drive compact trucks were built at the Tahara Plant in Tahara, Japan, and all truck beds are produced at TABC in Long Beach, Calif. Compact trucks were built at the Honsha Plant in Toyota City, Japan. Compact trucks were built at the Honsha Plant in Toyota City, Japan.

All Tacomas are built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas (TMMTX) in San Antonio, Texas and Baja California (TMMBC) in Baja California, Mexico. All truck beds are produced at TABC in Long Beach, Calif.

****NOTE: All chronology dates are model year, unless noted otherwise. CY refers to "Calendar Year."****

TUNDRA/T100

Series Chronology

- 1993** - T100 debuts with 3.0L V6 engine.
- 1993** - "Best of What's New," *Popular Science*.
- 1993** - T100 wins J.D. Power "Best Full-Size Pickup."
- 1994** - Introduction of 2.7L 4-cylinder engine.
- 1994** - Automatic transmission available on 4WD.
- 1994** - Driver-side airbag, additional safety items standard.
- 1994** - "Best Full-Size Pickup" in Initial Quality, J.D. Power.
- 1995** - Introduction of 3.4L V6, deletion of 3.0L V6.
- 1995** - Introduction of Xtracab model.
- 1995** - "Best Full-Size Pickup" in Initial Quality - J.D. Power.
- 1997** - Minor option specification changes.
- 1997** - "Top Three Vehicles in Initial Quality-Full-Size Segment," J.D. Power.
- 1998** - Announcement made that T100 will be replaced in 1999 with the all-new Toyota Tundra full-size pickup truck.
- 2000** - Toyota launches all-new Tundra full-size pick-up truck in June 1999
- 2000** - "Best of the Year," MotorWeek – PBS automotive television show
- 2000** - "Best Buy," *Consumer Digest* magazine
- 2000** - "Driver's Choice award – Best Pickup Truck," *MotorWeek* magazine
- 2000** - Motor Trend's "Truck of the Year"
- 2000** - "4 X 4 of the Year," *Four Wheel and Off-Road*
- 2000** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2001** - Minor option specifications changes
- 2001** - "Best Full-Size Pickup," – *Consumer Reports* magazine
- 2001** - Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) – "Good" rating for 40-mile per hour front offset crash test
- 2001** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Score (VSS) award for Large Pickup Truck
- 2001** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2002** - *Consumer Reports* names Tundra "Most Reliable Large Pickup Truck"
- 2002** - Intellichoice named Best Overall Value Full-Size Pickup Class 4x2
- 2002** - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study Best Full-size Pickup
- 2002** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2003** - The Tundra receives minor exterior and interior enhancements, as well as a new V8 Access Cab StepSide model, available as an SR5 or Limited 4x2 or 4x4.
- 2003** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2004** - All-new 2004 Tundra Double Cab model added to lineup.
- 2004** - "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less," pickup truck, *Consumer Reports*
- 2004** - *Consumer Reports* "Most Satisfying" – Pickup Trucks, April 2005
- 2004** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2005** - New 245-hp 4.0L V6 replaces 3.4L V6; V8 gains VVT-i, now with 282 hp.
- 2005** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2005** - Tundra Regular Cab named "Best Truck Value Under \$26,000" – IntelliChoice's Best Overall Value of the Year Award
- 2005** - *Consumer Reports* "Most Reliable" – Pickup Trucks, Regular Cab 4WD on list for "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less" – Pickup Trucks, *Forbes* Best Pickups 2005 – Most Reliable Full-Size Pickup

- 2006** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2006 Recommended Large Pickup Trucks
- 2006** - Six-cylinder automatic model named "Greener Choices 2006" and "Best of 2006" – American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
- 2006** - "Best Value in America" for Full-size Pickup 2WD and 4WD - Vincentric
- 2007** - Introduction of MY07 Tundra CrewMax, Double Cab and Regular Cab at North American International Auto Show.
- 2007** - Tundra Double Cab 5.7L 4WD V8 named *Trailer Boats'* "2007 Tow Vehicle of the Year"
- 2007** - "Truck of the Year," Autobytel
- 2007** - "Most Improved Vehicle," Autobytel
- 2007** - "Editor's Choice," Edmunds.com
- 2007** - "Most Significant Vehicle of the Year," Edmunds.com
- 2007** - "Best Pickup," Playboy
- 2008** - Tundra Crew Max named "Truckin's 2008 Truck of the Year"
- 2008** - Selected as *Motor Trend's* "2008 Truck of the Year"
- 2008** - *Truck Trend Magazine* names Tundra its "Best in Class 2008: Crew Cab Pickup, 2WD"
- 2009** - Gains E85 flex fuel model for 5.7-liter V8 in non-California emission states
- 2009** - *Kelley Blue Book* "2009 Best Resale Value" – full-size pickup category
- 2009** - Named an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) "TOP SAFETY PICK"
- 2009** - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study Best Large Pickup
- 2011** – IntelliChoice "2011 Best Overall Value" – Full-Size Pickup Truck LD
- 2011** – J.D. Power & Associates Vehicle Dependability Study "Most Dependable Large Pickup, Six Years in a Row"
- 2012** - J.D. Power & Associates Vehicle Dependability Study "Most Dependable Large Pickup, Seven Years in a Row"
- 2013** – Tundra receives major redesign for 2014 model year
- 2014** - *Kelley Blue Book* 2014 Best Resale Value" – full-size pickup category
- 2014** – *Kelley Blue Book* 2014 Best Overall Value" – Top 10 vehicle
- 2015** – TRD PRO Series Tundra is launched
- 2015** – *Kelley Blue Book* "2015 Best Resale Value" – full-size pickup category
- 2015** – *Kelley Blue Book* "2015 Best Resale Value" - Top 10 Vehicle

In 1993, Toyota responded to requests from its customers to build a larger pickup truck. Toyota truck buyers are fiercely loyal to their trucks, but for those who needed something larger than the compact trucks that Toyota made, the only choice was to purchase a domestic product. Toyota listened, and in 1993 introduced the T100.

The T100 incorporated all the things loyal Toyota buyers loved about their trucks - reliability, styling, practicality, dependability, ease-of-operation, low maintenance costs - with what they needed in a larger truck. It offered three-across seating (with enough headroom to keep your cowboy hat on without banging the ceiling), a bed large enough to hold a four-foot by eight-foot sheet of plywood flat on the floor (with the tailgate up) and the ability to handle two-tier loading.

The T100 was an immediate success with the media, garnering J.D. Power and Associates' Initial Quality Survey "Best Full-Size Pickup" award. T100 was the first vehicle - car or truck - ever to receive an IQS award in its first year of production. In 1994, Toyota introduced T100 with a four-cylinder engine. The engine was only available in the standard (entry-level) model, and only with a five-speed manual transmission. To further improve its marketability, Toyota gave T100 an optionally available four-speed automatic transmission on 4WD models (the 1993 4WD was available only as a five-speed manual), a standard driver-side airbag and side-door impact protection beams.

In 1995, to address the two highest reasons that customers gave for not purchasing T100 - insufficient power and lack of an extended cab - Toyota endowed the T100 with a 3.4L V6 engine and an Xtracab option. The 3.4L engine produces 190 horsepower and 220 lb-ft of torque, endowing the T100 with better acceleration performance than the small-block V8-equipped Ford F-150 and Chevrolet C1500. The 3.4L engine incorporates a host of technology, including distributorless ignition, twin-firing spark plugs, sequential multipoint fuel-injection and a water-cooled oil cooler.

The Xtracab provides expanded comfort and convenience with the addition of a cab that is 21.7 inches longer, and provides an additional 21.4 cubic feet of storage or passenger space. It offers a 60/40 split bench front seat, forward-facing 50/50 split rear jump seats for three with shoulder belts for the outer seats and a lap belt for the center rear seat. For easy entry to the rear seats, the passenger-side seatback features a "walk-in" mechanism that automatically slides the seat cushion forward when the seatback is released. Amenities such as dual cupholders, change compartments, coat hooks, and integrated storage areas are standard.

For rear passenger comfort, T100 offers 29.6 inches of legroom, and even more hip room in the rear than in the front (60.4 inches versus 59.4 inches). Unlike the upright rear seats in some trucks, T100's rear seats are reclined 15 degrees.

With these changes, T100 stepped toward the mainstream of big trucks. Now able to tow up to 5,200 pounds, with some models offering up to 2,450 pounds of payload, T100 became an alternative to domestic competitors from Ford and Chevrolet.

For 1997, T100 received only minor changes. Aluminum wheels and a power package were available on mid-line models, as were the Tire Upgrade package, tachometer, chrome wheel arch molding, radio prep package and SR5-grade door trim. A larger wheel and tire package with 16-inch wheels was also available.

The premiere of the all-new Toyota Tundra full-size pick-up truck, which was scheduled to replace the T100 when it went on-sale in mid-1999, came in 1998. The Tundra was built exclusively at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana (TMMI) and was the first Toyota vehicle launched in model-year 2000.

The V8-powered 2000 Toyota Tundra went on sale in June of 1999 and had the best sales debut ever of any Toyota or Lexus product. It sold 8,011 units in its first full month of sales, 3,339 more than Tercel in October of 1979, the previous record holder.

For 2001, minor changes were made, such as two new exterior colors and upgrades including a three-in-one AM/FM/cassette/CD with six-disc changer as an option on all SR5 and Limited models. In addition, a TRD Off Road package was now available on all 4x2 and 4x4 V8 models.

A limited-slip differential was made available for 2002 V8 models. New chrome style steel wheels for the (P265/70 R16) SR5 models were newly available.

For 2003, Tundra received minor interior and exterior enhancements, as well as the addition of a new StepSide model, which got a stylish StepSide bed with distinctive tail lamps. The StepSide interior bed width between wheel wells and the bed length remained the same as a regular Tundra bed, while bed depth was increased by nearly two inches. In addition to new 17-inch alloy wheels, which were standard on Limited and available on SR5, the 2003 Tundra had a new two-tiered center console, standard ABS and steering wheel audio controls (Limited).

The Tundra Double Cab, which launched in the fall of 2003, was the new entry to the Tundra lineup for 2004 and featured one of the longest beds and most comfortable rear seats of any full-size four-door half-ton pickup on the market.

The 2004 Tundra Double Cab joined the Regular Cab and Access Cab models in the first import-brand full-size pickup model line. The new Tundra Double Cab is built on a stout ladder frame chassis that is longer than the chassis shared by the two-door Tundra Regular Cab and the four-door Tundra Access Cab. The Tundra Double Cab rides on a long wheelbase of 140.5-inches.

It was available in V8 two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive models in SR5 and Limited grades. At 230.1 inches long, Tundra Double Cab was about four inches longer than the comparable and then-new Ford F150 Super Crew. The Tundra Double Cab conveys a brawny presence due to an additional three inches of overall height and over four inches of overall width. Revised taillights for 2004 distinguish the Tundra Double Cab models, as well.

At 74.3-inches in length, the Tundra Double Cab bed was approximately seven inches longer than the bed in either the Ford F150 Super Crew or Nissan Titan Crew Cab. Its 20.7-inch bed depth was nearly four inches greater than other Tundra models and was one of the deepest of any full-size four-door pickup.

Rear seat passengers got their own heating and air conditioning ducts, and Tundra Double Cab also offered an optional rear seat audio and a rear seat DVD entertainment system with wireless headphones. Each rear seating position also includes a headrest and three-point seatbelts. The 60/40 split-fold-and-tumble seats offer an extra measure of cargo utility for carrying items the owner would prefer not to put in the bed.

For 2005, the full-size Tundra pickup offered more powerful engines. A new 4.0L DOHC V6 produces 245 horsepower and 282 lb-ft of torque, compared to 190 horsepower and 220 lb-ft of torque for the previous 3.4L V6. Output of the i-Force 4.7L V8 increased from 240 horsepower to 282, with peak torque rising from 315 lb-ft to 325 with the addition of a variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-i) system.

The V8 was teamed with a new five-speed automatic transmission. In Tundra V6 models, a new six-speed manual transmission replaces the five-speed manual, and the five-speed automatic is available as an option.

All Tundra models for 2005 were distinguished by new headlights and taillights, and all models featured a redesigned instrument gauge panel and offered a new optional navigation system. The 4x4 Regular Cab V8 SR5 grade model became the base V8 4x4 model. A new high-value 4x2 Regular Cab V8 model featured a bench seat, color-keyed grille, chrome bumper and AM/FM CD stereo with four speakers. The 4x4 Tundra V6 Access Cab models were discontinued. Double Cab models offered a new 60/40 split front bench seat for six-passenger seating, as well as front seat side-impact airbags and side-curtain airbags.

Tundra entered 2006 as a carry-over model.

An all-new 2007 Tundra was introduced at the North American International Auto Show in January 2007 and was available in three cab styles: Regular Cab, four-door Double Cab, and the super-sized four-door CrewMax. This new Tundra was larger and more powerful than its predecessor and was able to tow more than 10,000 pounds.

Powerplant choices included a standard 236 hp 4.0L V6, an optional 271 hp 4.7L V8 or an all-new 5.7L DOHC V8, built in Toyota's Alabama engine plant, that produced 381 hp and

401 lb.-ft. of torque. The V6 and 4.7L V8 deliver their power through a 5-speed automatic transmission while the 5.7L V8 was mated to an all-new electronically controlled 6-speed automatic transmission.

Tundra's all-welded steel body rode on an all-new high-strength steel frame optimized with both C-shaped and closed rails. The truck used heavy-duty brakes with four-piston calipers up front and vented rotors. The result was that the 2007 Tundra had a significantly expanded wheelbase, was four inches wider, five inches taller, and is 10 inches longer than the 2006 version of the truck.

The Tundra full-size pickup truck lineup expanded in 2008, adding 13 new model variations and enhancing standard equipment levels to create a greater value. The 2008 Tundra now offered a choice of 44 model variations in three cab styles. Since its introduction in February 2007, Tundra's share of the half-ton full-size pickup truck segment more than doubled, going from eight to 17 percent.

For 2009, the E85 flex fuel model was available on 5.7-liter 4x4 models in select regions – creating 10 model configurations in all. Two new TRD option packages underscored two sides of Tundra's capability. The TRD Rock Warrior Package added off-road suspension, unique wheels, and a striking black and white exterior color scheme. The TRD Sport Package with a distinctive black and red color-keyed exterior was optimized for on-road performance and featured unique wheels and suspension tuning.

Also for 2009, the base Tundra grade Double Cab and Crew Max models gained a standard chrome grille surround. A bench front seat was a new no-cost option on SR5 grade models. Altogether, the 2009 Tundra offered 45 models in three wheelbases, three cab styles, three bed lengths, three engines, and three trim levels, and with 4x2 and 4x4 drivetrains.

Value is enhanced on all 2010 Tundra models with the addition of standard and optional exterior, mechanical, safety and convenience features including an all-new 4.6-liter i-FORCE V8 engine. The new 4.6-liter V8 engine will be available on all 2010 model year Tundras. With 310 horsepower, 327 lb.-ft. of torque and EPA fuel efficiency estimates of 15 mpg city and 20 mpg highway on 4x2 models, the new engine will deliver the best combination of power and fuel economy of any standard V8 in the full-size pickup segment.

Two new packages for 2010 included the Tundra Platinum Package and Tundra Work Truck. Tundra Work Truck Packages were aimed at commercial truck buyers or those who otherwise require a tough no-frills truck with exceptional cargo and towing capacity. The Platinum Package was aimed at buyers looking for a high level of refinement and convenience, and contains an assortment of high luxury features such as heated and ventilated seats, sunroof, and wood grain trim.

For 2011, the Tundra's 4.0-liter V6 added dual VVT-I and roller rocker arms for improved performance. Tundra also added Trailer Sway Control and a brake override system as standard equipment. For simplified ordering for customers, 10 low volume models were deleted from the lineup.

Tundra carried over unchanged for 2012 model year however, by combining popular equipment, Tundra's option packages were simplified to make it easier for customers to find the right Tundra with the equipment they desire.

Tundra offered detail changes for 2013, further enhancing its value and comfort.

The Platinum Package that was previously available for the Tundra CrewMax Limited model in 2012 became a full model grade. The Platinum Grade offered numerous luxury features, such as heated and ventilated front bucket seats with embroidered headrests and driver's seat two-position memory feature, perforated leather-trimmed seating surfaces, DVD navigation system, power tilt/slide moonroof with sliding sunshade, and wood-grain-style interior trim.

Toyota made its Display Navigation with Entune multimedia package available in CrewMax and Double Cab Tundra grade models late in the 2012 model year, and this became regular option for the 2013 models.

Pickup truck customers who like the rugged design and capability of the Tundra TRD Rock Warrior Package were now able to order it Limited Grade models. Previously, this package had been available only on Tundra Grade models.

For 2014 model year Tundra is newly designed, inside and out, representing the first major change since the 2007 model year. Each Tundra grade now embodies a specific theme through distinct designs that go beyond badging.

The 2014 Tundra received a grade strategy consisting of the hard-working SR, volume-leading SR5, the well-appointed Limited, and two premium grades: the "Platinum," and the all-new "1794 Edition." The new 1794 Edition was a tribute to the ranch, founded in 1794, on which the Tundra plant is located in San Antonio. Tundra was offered in three cab styles, two-door Regular Cab, four-door Double Cab and four-door CrewMax, all available in 4x2 and 4x4.

A new front design integrated the hood and grille for a chiseled image. Designers increased the size of the front fascia and tightened up the surfaces and character lines to visually punctuate Tundra's pulling power and wide stance. The grille had a taller, bolder look, visually connecting the upper intake to the lower bumper. The front lower bumpers were now a three-piece design, allowing for lower replacement costs. In addition, the fenders and wheel wells were squared-off for a wide and sturdy stance.

A new exterior design helped carry the chiseled character lines all the way down the profile, leading to a rugged new bed and tail gate, with an integrated spoiler and "TUNDRA" embossed into the sheet metal, creating a one-piece forged look. Like the front bumper, the rear bumper changed from one piece to three, for lower replacement costs.

The 2014 Tundra also featured new contemporary interior styling focusing on differentiation between grades, while improving the availability of features most important to truck buyers. The new interior variations were thematic and catered to a specific customer with a specific budget. Ergonomic improvements included easier driver access to controls as the reach to the audio and HVAC controls were reduced by 2.6 inches. Overall passenger comfort was improved with a new front and rear (CrewMax) seat design and improved front seat ventilation. In addition, front seats had additional travel, and rear seats were now able to be folded up for additional cargo carrying capability while maintaining a comfortable seating back angle and lowering load height by more than 11 inches.

- All-V8 Lineup for 2015
- New TRD Pro Off-Road Model with Special Suspension and More
- New Optional Integrated Trailer Brake for 5.7-liter Models
- New Rear Under-Seat Tray Storage Added to Select Double Cab Models
- Newly Available Spray-in Bed Liner
- Assembled Exclusively in Texas

After a dramatic redesign for the 2014 model year the Toyota Tundra half-ton full-size pickup truck came back with an encore for 2015. Tundra received more upgrades, including standard V8 power across the board, a new TRD Pro model with special off-road suspension and an available spray-in bed liner. A new rear under seat tray storage was added to select Double Cab models.

The brawnier, more chiseled look of the Tundra presented an ideal platform for the 2015 TRD Pro off-road model. Featuring special blackout TOYOTA grille, TRD Pro bed panel stamping, skid plate, matte satin black badges and black headlight bezels, it takes an aggressive stance on 18-inch TRD black alloy wheels wrapped in exclusive Michelin Off-Road Package tires, and the 5.7-liter V8 with a TRD dual exhaust system.

Beneath the brawn, the Tundra TRD Pro was ready for any terrain with a complete TRD suspension upgrade that raises the front of the vehicle two inches for a level ride height and extends wheel travel at all four corners. The package included larger diameter TRD-tuned Bilstein High-Performance shocks with internal hydraulic bump stops and piggyback external reservoirs.

The Tundra TRD PRO was available in three exterior colors: Attitude Black, Super White or the all-new exclusive color, Inferno.

The 2016 Tundra adds a 38 gallon fuel tank, the largest in its class. Front styling enhancements are also made to the SR5 and 1794 Edition. Additional updates include a new trailer brake controller, standard with the 5.7-liter V8, and the upgraded Entune 2.5 multimedia system.

What does it mean?

Tundra is a term that is applied to the topsoil found in the far north that is home to some of Earth's hardiest plants and animals. The name conveys strength and ruggedness.

Where is it built?

The Tundra is built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas (TMMTX) in San Antonio, Texas. The T-100 was built by Hino Motors, Ltd. in Tokyo, Japan.

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RAV4

Series Chronology

- 1994** - RAV4 introduced in Japan in May.
- 1996** - Introduced in the U.S. in January with 2.0L four-cylinder engine.
- 1996** - "Driver's Choice award - Best Mini-SUV," *Motor Week*.
- 1996** - "Best of What's New," *Popular Science* magazine.
- 1996** - "Best New Products - Silver Award" - Edison American Marketing Assoc.
- 1997** - "Best Small SUV," *Consumer Reports*.
- 1997** - "Automobile of the Year," *Automobile*.
- 1998** - Minor facelift, interior additions.
- 1998** - RAV4 two-door Soft Top begins production
- 1999** - RAV4L Special Edition models receive optional leather interior, special- edition colors introduced.
- 2000** - Two-door RAV4 and soft-top models have been discontinued. RAV4 continues in 2000 available as a four-door model only.
- 2000** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Compact Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2001** - Introduction of all-new, completely redesigned, second-generation RAV4
- 2001** - *Consumer Reports* names RAV4 "Best Small SUV"
- 2002** - RAV4 receives minor exterior enhancements
- 2002** - Intellichoice named Best Overall Value Compact Sport Utility Class under \$20,000
- 2002** - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS) award in the Entry SUV segment
- 2004** - RAV4 receives significant exterior and interior enhancements, safety feature enhancements, and a new 2.4L four-cylinder engine.
- 2004** - RAV4 named "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less," SUVs – *Consumer Reports*
- 2005** - Minor changes to optional Sport Package.
- 2005** - RAV4 (AWD) listed on *Consumer Reports* "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less" – SUVs
- 2006** - Third generation RAV4 introduced
- 2006** - *Edmunds.com* named RAV4 "Consumers' Most Wanted SUV under \$25,000."
- 2006** - "Most Requested New SUV," Autobytel
- 2007** - RAV4 scores "Good" in IIHS front and side safety tests.
- 2007** - Given the "Editor's Choice Award" by Cars.com – Commuters category.
- 2007** - Named "Top Pick" in Small SUV category by *Consumer Reports*.
- 2007** - RAV4 named one of the "Best Cars for Families" by *AAA/Parents Magazine*.
- 2007** - "Best Small SUV," *Car and Driver*
- 2008** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Mid-size Crossover SUV
- 2008** - Among Best Crossovers for "Best Family Cars" Award – *Edmunds.com/Parents Magazine*.
- 2008** - "Best Small SUV," by *Car and Driver* for second consecutive year.
- 2008** - Named "Most Requested New Utility Vehicle" in Autobytel/My Ride 2008 Consumer Choice Awards
- 2008** - AutoPacific and Intellichoice.com's Motorist Choice Awards for Mid-Size Crossover SUV
- 2009** - All-new 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine replaces previous 2.4-liter engine and Sport Appearance package is available for 4WD V6 model
- 2009** - Named an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) "TOP SAFETY PICK"

- 2009** – Named “One of the Best Family Cars of 2009 – Crossover category” by *ParentsMagazine/Edmunds.com*
- 2009** - RAV4 with new 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine named *Consumer Reports* “Top Pick” among small SUV’s in its Annual Auto issue.
- 2010** - *Kelly Blue Book* “2010 Best Resale Value: Top 10”
- 2011** – IntelliChoice “2011 Best Overall Value” Compact Crossover/Wagon
- 2012** – *US News & World Report*, “2012 Best Cars for The Money” for Affordable Compact SUVs (with three rows)
- 2013** – The all-new fourth-generation RAV4 makes its global debut at the 2012 Los Angeles International Auto show and goes on sale in January, 2013.
- 2016** - Toyota reveals new RAV4 Hybrid at 2015 NY Auto Show

Toyota began selling the RAV4 in Japan in May of 1994 and sales were strong immediately. Initial sales estimates were 4,500 units per month, but after 8,000 orders the first month, production was doubled immediately.

RAV4 featured a 2.0L, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine originally used in the second generation Camry. RAV4 was available in two- and four-door body styles, and with either five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmissions. It had a full-time all-wheel-drive system, and offered an optional locking center differential.

RAV4's size, four-wheel drive, wide stance and short front and rear overhangs made for great maneuverability both on- and off-road and in all weather conditions. All RAV4s were designed with safety equipment allowing them to be called passenger cars rather than trucks. Standard equipment includes dual airbags, adjustable three-point seatbelts and enhanced side-impact protection. Four-door models also include child-proof rear door locks.

By combining conventional passenger-car elements with the features of a light, off-road vehicle, Toyota called its RAV4 a “new-concept” SUV. The RAV4 provided Toyota and its customers with an attractive entry into the growing sport utility market.

The 1997 RAV4 saw only minor changes to an already revolutionary product. Changes were limited to revised seat fabric in two-door models, the availability of a power moonroof in four-door models, a standard digital clock and larger front speakers on power-window equipped models.

For 1998, RAV4 saw its first minor changes. Exterior changes included a new grille, front bumper cap, multi-reflector headlamps and jeweled taillights. On the inside, a digital odometer, dual cupholders, revised door panels, a three-spoke steering wheel and new audio systems topped the list. Four door models also received revised seat fabric.

The two-door RAV4 Soft Top was introduced in mid-year. The RAV4 Soft Top was based on the two-door RAV4 and featured a combination front hard top/rear convertible soft top.

The RAV4 Soft Top was built with structural braces in the rocker panels and rear fenders were added to the body of the vehicle for extra support and rigidity.

The U.S.-made top was constructed of double-layered, vinyl-coated polyester with a two-ply substrate and featured durable, lightweight plastic windows. The heavy-duty top was reinforced at

all key stress points and was also kink and wrinkle resistant. In the event of inclement weather, the top offered a water management system that funneled moisture away from the cabin.

For 1999 Toyota once again raised the refinement mark for the mini sport utility segment by offering an optional perforated sport leather interior in its RAV4L Special Edition packaged models. Beginning this year, color-keyed body cladding, mirrors and door handles were standard on RAV4L. Three new special addition colors with matching cladding also became available, including White Pearl Mica, Quicksilver and Black.

RAV4 entered the 2000 model year as a four-door-only model. The two-door Soft Top model had been discontinued.

For 2001, the second-generation RAV4 was completely redesigned, making it a roomier, sportier and more versatile compact SUV. RAV4's overall length, width, height and wheelbase were all increased by approximately an inch or more for greater room, inside and out. The exterior was completely redesigned for a more aerodynamic, aggressive appearance.

The 2001 RAV4 was powered by a lighter, all-new, all-aluminum 2.0L, four-cylinder 16-valve DOHC engine with Variable Valve Timing with intelligence technology (VVT-i). VVT-i helped the engine produce 148 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 142 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. RAV4 became certified as a low emission vehicle (LEV).

The 2002 RAV4 carried over mostly unchanged, except for the increased availability of colors on the "L" model -- Rainforest Pearl, Spectra Blue Mica and Pearl White.

The RAV4 remained unchanged for 2003, with the exception of a newly available Sport Package that added a more aggressive exterior appearance and many interior amenities.

The RAV4 entered 2004 with significant mechanical, exterior and safety changes. Exterior changes included color-keyed back door handle, a new front bumper, headlights, grille, fog lights, tail lamps and spare tire cover designs. RAV4 also received a 2.4L four-cylinder engine producing 161 horsepower and 162 lb-ft of torque. Vehicle Stability Control with Traction Control and Brake Assist became standard, along with Anti-lock Brakes and Electronic Brake-force Distribution. Five new exterior colors were added and first- and second-row side-curtain airbags and front side airbags also became optional.

For 2005, the RAV4's optional Sport Package featured a unique metal mesh grille and silver sport pedals. The JBL 3-in-1 audio system was deleted and the Star Safety System added.

The all-new third generation RAV4 was introduced in December 2005 for the 2006 model year. Completely redesigned, the latest RAV4 featured significantly improved performance, enhanced refinement, and greatly increased size.

The RAV4's new contemporary design was characterized by an aerodynamic sporty shape with wider a stance, trapezoidal grille and four-bulb headlamps.

A new performance-driven Sport grade was also introduced for the 2006 model year and featured unique dark charcoal fabric seats, 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels, sport-tuned suspension, fog lights, black painted roof rails and cross bars and grille, smoked headlamp bezels and color-keyed door handles, fender flares, spare tire cover and mirrors.

RAV4's standard upgraded 2.4L four-cylinder engine with VVT-i came equipped with a gated-shift four-speed automatic and produced 166 horsepower and 165 lb-ft torque. For the first time, a 3.5L V6 engine mated to a gated-shift five-speed automatic transmission became available on all models. The V6 engine generated 269 horsepower and 246 lb-ft of torque.

The 4x4 models featured a new electronically controlled on-demand four-wheel-drive system, while a Limited Slip Differential is standard on all 4x2 models.

With increased overall length, third-row seating also became available for the first time.

The RAV4 also featured more storage for the 2006 model year, with increased center console box capacity, a sunken rear storage compartment with a foldable double-flap lid and a one-push open/close upper storage compartment above the glove box. Two hidden storage compartments under the rear cargo area floor became concealed by a water-repellant foldable deck board on all two-row models.

The 2007 model of the RAV4 was a carryover with no exterior changes. Driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and front and second-row side-curtain airbags with roll-over sensor were now standard. In addition, JBL audio with Bluetooth™ capability and steering wheel mounted controls became optional.

For 2008, RAV4 offered a new finish on the Sport 18-inch alloy wheel, while Black Forest Pearl replaced Nautical Blue as a paint color. Also, an optional immobilizer was standard on Limited-grade vehicles and optional on Base and Sport grades.

The RAV4 received significant enhancements for 2009 including an all-new standard 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine that was more powerful than the previous 2.4-liter engine. All 2009 RAV4 models featured interior upgrades and a comprehensive new Sport Appearance Package became available for the 4WD V6 model. Each RAV4 grade delivered enhanced safety security with the addition of standard front seat active headrests and an engine immobilizer. The Limited grade added a new standard Smart Entry system. The Sport and Limited grades offered a new rear backup monitor. Integrated satellite radio was newly available, and the Sport and Limited grades now offered a new low-cost navigation system. All RAV4 models gained new standard seat fabric, and the Sport grade exclusively offered a new, unique Charcoal leather option.

Externally, the 2009 RAV4 sported new front and rear styling with a restyled grille and front bumper, improved fog light trims and redesigned tail lamps. All models, except the 4WD V6 with the new Sport Appearance Package, received a redesigned rear step bumper with a black protector molding. The Base and Limited grades featured a new 17-inch alloy wheel design, and the Limited also gains new turn signal side mirrors and chrome accents on the grille and overfenders. The Sport grade added a unique rear spoiler.

The Sport Appearance Package available for the 4WD V6 RAV4 model included an exclusive look with a redesigned rear door featuring chrome accents and no spare tire. The package equipped the RAV4 with run-flat tires. Other cues included color-keyed power heated side mirrors with integrated turn signals, a stainless steel exhaust tip, a black leather shift knob with stainless steel insert, chrome interior door handles, parking brake and vent trim, stainless steel doorsills and the choice of an exclusive exterior color, Elusive Blue Metallic. The Sport Appearance Package also included an AM/FM six-disc CD changer with six speakers, MP3/WMA playback capability and integrated XM® Satellite Radio with a one-year service subscription.

For 2010, the RAV4 carried over unchanged with the exception of a few added enhancements. Most notably, the Sport Appearance Package expanded to the 4x2 Sport grade beginning in November 2009. Other minor touches included the Sport grade offering the JBL audio system with steering wheel audio controls and hands-free Bluetooth® capability as an option. Also, a backup monitor system was integrated into the electrochromatic mirror making it an option on the Base grade.

For 2011, a new Extra Value Package was made available for four-cylinder and V6 RAV4 models. It added a tilt-and-slide power moonroof; six-CD audio system with integrated satellite radio (subscription required); steering wheel audio controls; upgraded interior fabric; roof rails; color-keyed door handles; rear privacy glass; 17-inch alloy wheels; daytime running lights, and, on two-row models, a rear cargo area tonneau cover.

All 2012 RAV4 models gained a new standard audio system that were equipped with hands-free phone capability, phone book access and music streaming via Bluetooth® wireless technology, while the Limited Grade offered an available display audio system with navigation and Toyota Entune connectivity services. This new display-type audio system incorporated the latest, most popular multimedia features. These included Toyota Entune services, XM Satellite Radio capability (with 90-day trial subscription), HD Radio with iTunes® tagging and text-to-voice.

The 2013 RAV4 marked the all-new fourth generation of the crossover that started it all. The new RAV4 offered great value through balanced performance and capability, including improved fuel efficiency, class-leading cargo capacity, a dynamic design, class-leading eight standard airbags, and a compelling array of standard features.

The fourth-generation RAV4's all-new design achieved strong proportions while conveying agile and fun character. The dynamic exterior featured a progressive silhouette, with a sleek-sloping roofline and an aggressive character line. The new RAV4's interior had two-row seating for five and a premium look with soft-touch accents and driver-centric controls.

In a significant break with its heritage, RAV4 switched from its side-hinged rear door to a convenient roof-hinged liftgate with a space-saver spare tire stored under the cargo floor.

All RAV4's continued to be equipped with a fuel-efficient 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine but added a new six-speed automatic transmission, and a host of available in-cabin technologies. The all-new RAV4's fuel efficiency was improved from the previous generation. A new Eco mode also promoted more efficient driving for maximum mpg.

Handling was enhanced with a Toyota-first available Dynamic Torque Control AWD. Also available was a Blind Spot Monitor and Rear Cross Traffic Alert.

RAV4 was now available in three trim levels: LE, XLE and Limited, each available in front- or all-wheel-drive. Each grade was well-equipped with standard comfort and convenience features and very few options, offering great value, and a simple ordering process to meet the needs and budgets of a variety of buyers.

Standard on all RAV4 models was Display Audio with a 6.1-in. touchscreen, AM/FM/CD, Bluetooth® connectivity, USB and AUX mini-jack, and six speakers. Display Audio allowed the driver and front passenger to operate the audio system, display HVAC settings, engage available navigation and access the available Entune™ multi-media system.

For 2014 model year, the fourth-generation RAV4 debuted a new Entune® Audio. The RAV4 Limited grade model offered a new Technology Package option that included Blind Spot Monitor with Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Alert and Auto High Beam.

The 2015 RAV4 introduced a new Blizzard Pearl Premium Package for the RAV4 Limited grade. This special package dressed the already stylish RAV4 in Blizzard Pearl paint and new 18-inch machine-finished wheels with black painted pockets.

At the opposite end of the thermometer, new Hot Lava paint joined the lineup. The one-touch power liftgate with driver-selectable memory height settings, standard on the Limited, was now an option for the XLE grade. The XLE received new 17-inch Superchrome alloy wheels for 2015.

On April 2, 2015 Toyota revealed what will become the eighth hybrid vehicle in their model lineup with the unveiling of the RAV4 Hybrid. Launching in November 2015 as a 2016 model, the RAV4 Hybrid is targeted towards young adventure-seeking couples looking for a vehicle that provides utility, versatility, capability and excellent fuel efficiency.

Higher MPG comes without sacrifice as the RAV4 Hybrid delivers more horsepower and better acceleration than the conventional RAV4.

A no compromise vehicle, the RAV4 Hybrid is be offered in two premium grades: XLE and Limited. Both grades are equipped with an Electronic On-Demand All-Wheel-Drive System with intelligence (AWD-i).

The conventional gas version 2016 RAV4 will come in four grades: LE, XLE, Limited and the new SE. Together with the new Hybrid XLE and Limited, all 2016 RAV4 models feature refreshed exterior styling, providing a sleeker, more dynamic appearance.

What does it mean?

RAV4: **R**ecreational **A**ctive **V**ehicle with **4**-wheel drive.

Where is it built?

RAV4s are produced at the Shoki and Takoaka plants in Japan and at the Woodstock plant in Ontario, Canada.

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FJ CRUISER

Series Chronology

2006 - FJ Cruiser introduced as a 2007 model.

2006 - "SUV of Texas," Texas Auto Writers

2007 - "Automotive Excellence Award - Design" - *Popular Mechanics*

2007 - Given the "Editor's Choice Award" by Cars.com – Off-Roaders category.

2007 - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Off-Road Vehicles

2008 - FJ receives standard front seat-mounted side airbags and first- and second-row side curtain airbags for 2008.

2008 - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Off-Road Vehicles

2009 - Named an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) "TOP SAFETY PICK"

2009 – *Intellichoice.com* "Best overall Value of the Year" award – Intermediate Utility SUV segment

2012 - *Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com* "2012 Best Resale Value" – mid-size utility vehicle category

2012 – *Kelley Blue Books' kbb.com* "2012 Top 10 Cars with Best Resale Value"

2014 – *Kelley Blue Book* "2014 Best Resale Value" – Mid-Size SUV

2014 - *Kelley Blue Book* "10 Most Fun SUVs of 2014."

2014 – FJ Cruiser is discontinued after the 2014 model year

The all-new Toyota FJ Cruiser was introduced in March 2006. A stylish and capable vehicle that drew from an incredible off-road heritage, the FJ Cruiser was Toyota's third entry in the mid-size SUV segment. The FJ Cruiser echoed the classic and legendary Land Cruiser FJ40, which provided the foundation for the design, production and sales of the automobile lines that followed the Land Cruiser. FJ Cruiser was available as either a two- or four-wheel drive model. The 4x2 model was available only with a 5-speed automatic transmission, while 4x4 models were available with an electronically shifted five-speed automatic transmission or a six-speed manual transmission. The standard 4.0L V6, 24-valve, double-overhead-cam engine produced 239 horsepower and 278 lb-ft of torque.

Standard features on the 2007 FJ Cruiser included 17-inch black steel wheels, Vehicle Stability Control with Traction Control, anti-lock brake system, dual stage driver and front passenger advanced airbags, air conditioning, AM/FM/CD audio system, power windows and door locks, and white roof.

The 2008 FJ Cruiser was largely carry-over, but was upgraded with standard first- and second-row side-curtain airbags and standard front-seat side airbags for enhanced safety, a vehicle immobilizer, a key cylinder light and a tire-pressure monitoring system. Additionally, an optional off-road package was available. This included rugged 265/75R16 trail tires, unique 16-inch five-spoke alloy off-road wheels, trail-tuned Bilstein gas-pressure shock absorbers, a Cyclone intake air pre-cleaner, a locking rear differential that works in conjunction with A-TRAC, and a multi-information display.

For 2009, safety and luxury was upgraded with standard active headrests, roll over sensor, and driver-side non-lit vanity mirror. Optional equipment now included a backup camera and auto-dimming electrochromic mirror for the convenience package. Daytime running lights became a

stand alone option. Three new exterior colors were also available in non-metallic Black, Silver, and Iceberg White solid finish with an all-white monochromic finish.

The FJ Cruiser received enhanced performance for 2010 with the addition of VVT-i and roller rocker arms to its 4.0-liter V6. The upgrade added 20 horsepower (from 239 to 259) and increased fuel efficiency from 17 to 18 combined mpg. The fuel requirement also changed from premium to regular unleaded.

A new Special Edition Package featured an assortment of performance and convenience enhancement and featured a Sandstorm exterior color (including the roof).

The 2011 FJ Cruiser offers a new trail-oriented Special Edition Package each model year; for 2011, the Special Edition is distinguished by a distinct Army Green exterior color, special green fabric trimmed seating and interior trim and a standard Off-Road Package.

A locking rear differential is now standard with the six-speed manual transmission; it remains available as an option with the automatic transmission.

The 2011 FJ Cruiser offered improved passenger side walk-in, with a front passenger seat that can fold further forward. New folding headrests on the outboard rear seats helped to improve rearward visibility, and heater performance was improved. An available 17-inch alloy wheel design was also new.

A new standard audio system featured an AM/FM CD player with MP3/WMA playback capability, six speakers, XM Radio (includes 90-day trial subscription), auxiliary audio jack, USB port with iPod connectivity, hands-free phone capability and music streaming via Bluetooth® wireless technology. The steering wheel now integrated audio system and Bluetooth controls for added ease of use. A JBL 10-speaker premium audio system, including sub woofer, became newly optional (standard on Special Edition).

With the exception of a new available color on the Trail Teams Package, Radiant Red, the FJ Cruiser for 2012 carried over unchanged.

The 2013 FJ Cruiser again carried over virtually unchanged with the exception of the Trail Teams Package changing its exterior color from Radiant Red to Cement Gray. Daytime Running Lights and the power outside mirrors with illuminated markers were now standard equipment.

In 2013 Toyota announced 2014 would be the final model year of the FJ Cruiser. For a proper farewell to an SUV icon, Toyota unveiled the 2014 Trail Teams Ultimate Edition as a commemorative final special edition of the FJ Cruiser. It was the toughest and most capable FJ ever and paid tribute to the iconic vehicle that ended its production run at the conclusion of the 2014 model year. With limited production, only 2,500 were built.

The FJ Ultimate Edition paid tribute to the iconic Land Cruiser FJ40 of the 1960's, from which the FJ Cruiser drew its rugged DNA, inspiration and design. A unique white painted front grille surround and newly developed "Heritage Blue" paint were reminiscent of the classic FJ40.

Designed and built for rugged off-roading, the Ultimate Edition raised the bar one more time for off-road capability with all new performance upgrades. A race-inspired Toyota Racing Development (TRD) off-road suspension was developed and meticulously tuned for the Ultimate Edition. The new suspension included TRD Bilstein race shocks with increased damping,

articulation and high speed stability. The front shock assemblies were 66mm with new TRD race coil springs, which raised the front of the FJ just enough to level out the stance and improve the approach angle. The rear shocks were 50mm and were equipped with remote reservoirs to decrease damping fade.

The list of new TRD goodies didn't stop there. A newly developed TRD front skid plate, made from one-quarter-inch thick aluminum plate came standard on the Ultimate Edition. The TRD stamped front skid plate not only looked great, but improved approach angle and provided an increased level of underbody protection. TRD 16-inch bead lock wheels with BF Goodrich A/T KO tires, rock rails and roof rack completed the exterior.

Chiseled from nearly a half-century tradition of tough off-road performance provided by the legendary FJ40, the original 4Runner, and 4x4 compact pickups, the FJ Cruiser was developed as a basic, capable and affordable off-roader aimed specifically at serious off-roaders looking to push the limits. Hailed by consumers and critics alike, the FJ Cruiser became an instant classic.

With sales of more than 200,000 units sold since 2006, the FJ rides into the sunset leaving lasting memories of one of the most iconic vehicles in Toyota's rich SUV history.

What does it mean?

FJ Cruiser: The FJ nomenclature refers to the original FJ-series Land Cruiser platform. It gives a nod to the rugged styling and core concept values of the original.

Where is it built?

FJ Cruiser was produced at the Hamura Plant in Hamura, Japan.

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4RUNNER

Series Chronology

- 1985** - (CY 1984 1/2) - 4Runner introduced with 2.4L 4-cylinder engine.
- 1986** - Hi-Trac front suspension added.
- 1986** - Turbo available on SR5 grade.
- 1987** - SR5 trim available on both passenger and truck models.
- 1987** - Minor exterior styling revision.
- 1988** - 3.0L V6 engine available.
- 1989** - Second generation introduced.
- 1989** - 2WD 4Runner available.
- 1990** - Among "Best Buys" - *Consumers Digest* magazine.
- 1990** - "Best Compact SUV in Initial Quality," J.D. Power & Associates.
- 1991** - "Best Compact SUV in Customer Satisfaction," J.D. Power.
- 1991** - "Best Compact SUV in Initial Quality," J.D. Power.
- 1992** - Minor exterior styling revision.
- 1992** - "Best Compact SUV in Customer Satisfaction," J.D. Power.
- 1992** - "Best Compact SUV in Initial Quality," J.D. Power.
- 1993** - "Best Compact Sport Utility," IQS, J.D. Power.
- 1994** - Safety modifications, optional 4-wheel ABS on V6 models.
- 1994** - "Best Compact SUV in Initial Quality," J.D. Power.
- 1996** - Third generation introduced.
- 1996** - 2.7L 4-cylinder and 3.4L V6 engines available.
- 1996** - "Compact 4-Door SUV Best Buy" Runner-up, *Four Wheeler*.
- 1996** - "Most Appealing Compact SUV," J.D. Power.
- 1997** - Introduction of 2WD SR5 model.
- 1997** - "1997 Top Three Vehicles in Initial Quality - Compact SUV," J.D. Power.
- 1997** - "Best SUV," *Consumer Reports*.
- 1997** - "Top 10 Trucks Overall Resale Value After Three Years of Ownership," ADP Autosource Survey.
- 1997** - "1997 Total Quality Award - Medium SUV Segment," Strategic Vision, Inc.
- 1998** - Minor interior changes.
- 1999** - New, standard multi-mode 4WD system on 4Runner Limited, redesigned front fascia and numerous upgrades on all 4Runner models
- 1999** - "Best Compact SUV in Initial Quality," J.D. Power
- 1999** - "Best Compact SUV Segment," J.D. Power
- 2000** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicle
- 2001** - Receives standard-equipped 3.4L V6 engine and automatic transmission, new interior features and three new colors
- 2001** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicle
- 2002** - 4Runner receives minor enhancements.
- 2002** - Intellicochoice named Best Overall Value Compact Sport Utility Class Over \$20,000
- 2002** - Intellicochoice named Best Overall Value Sport Utility Under \$28,000 (SR5 2WD)
- 2003** - Fourth generation 4Runner introduced.
- 2003** - *Truckin's SUV Magazine* "SUV of the Year" award
- 2003** - Recipient of a *Popular Science's* "Best of What's New" award
- 2003** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicle

- 2004** - Optional third-row seat available on Limited and SR5 models, backup camera available with Navigation system.
- 2004** - Named "Most Dependable Midsize Sport Utility Vehicle" by J.D. Power & Associates.
- 2004** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicle
- 2005** - Receives engine, transmission, safety and cosmetic enhancements
- 2005** - Named Edmunds.com Editors' Most Wanted SUV Under \$35,000
- 2005** - *Money Magazine* named 4Runner "Best Mid-Size SUV" in its "Best Car Values 2005" March 2005 issue
- 2005** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 Recommended Midsize SUVs
- 2006** - IntelliChoice Motorist's Choice Award – Intermediate Utility
- 2007** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) in Premium Mid-Size SUV Category
- 2008** - 4Runner gets standard first- and second-row side-curtain airbags, active front headrests and a Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) cut-off switch.
- 2008** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Premium Mid-Size SUV
- 2008** - AutoPacific and Intellichoice.com's Motorist Choice Awards for Premium Mid-Size SUV
- 2009** - Trail Edition package available exclusively for the 4Runner SR5 with V6 and 4WD
- 2009** - "Best Multi-Activity Vehicle in Initial Quality," J.D. Power.
- 2009** – SEMA Show most accessory friendly vehicle award
- 2010** – All-New fifth generation 2010 MY 4Runner launches in November 2009
- 2010** – All-new 4Runner named "Four Wheeler of the Year" by *Four Wheeler Magazine*.
- 2011** – IntelliChoice "2011 Best Overall Value" – SUV segment
- 2011** – J.D. Power & Associates Vehicle Dependability Study "Most Dependable Midsize Crossover/SUV"
- 2014** – *Kelley Blue Book* "2014 Best Overall Value – Top 10 Vehicle
- 2015** – *Kelley Blue Book* "2015 Best Resale Value" - Top 10 Vehicle

In mid-1984, for the 1985 model year, Toyota brought to market a revolutionary new vehicle - the 4Runner. Based on the mechanicals of its rugged and strong-selling four-wheel drive pickup, truck, the 4Runner combined the versatility and go-anywhere ability of 4WD with the comfort and utility found in passenger cars. It had a fiberglass top covering the cargo area. This top could be removed for open-air driving.

The first -generation 4Runner was little more than a pickup truck with a covered rear cargo area. Its emphasis was on utility. With seats in the front only, the rear of the vehicle was intended to be used for cargo (or camping equipment, bicycles, etc.).

The second-generation 4Runner was designed to carry up to five passengers. It included a rear seat (with seatbelts for three occupants) which could be folded flat for additional storage space. The passenger model was available in the SR5 grade, and included a larger fuel tank and more luxurious interior appointments. Both models were powered by the legendary 2.4L 22R four-cylinder engine coupled to a five-speed manual transmission with two-speed transfer case, and all had manual locking front hubs.

In 1986, Toyota added the Hi-Trac independent front suspension to 4Runner, giving it more ground clearance and improved ride quality. In addition to the improved ride, Toyota gave the 4Runner an injection of power with the addition of a turbocharged engine available on SR5 models.

For 1987, the SR5 trim was available on all models, both truck and passenger, but the turbo engine was still confined to passenger models. Slight changes to the grille, headlights, and striping were also new for 1987.

More power was on tap for 1988, as Toyota introduced the 3.0L V6 engine to the 4Runner. Because the V6 was more suited to the off-road environment that the 4Runner was designed for, the turbo model was discontinued, leaving only the V6 and four-cylinder engines.

For the 1990 model year, but introduced in spring of 1989, Toyota unleashed an entirely new breed of 4Runner. Based on the completely redesigned line of pickup trucks, the new 4Runner was muscular and aggressive looking, but still capable of delivering the off-road performance for which Toyota's four-wheel-drive trucks had long been known. The vehicle was now available in either two- or four-door configuration, with either a four- or six-cylinder engine and with either two- or four-wheel drive. The new styling eliminated the removable fiberglass top, making the vehicle quieter and more weather tight. A minor styling revision took place in 1992 for the 4Runner, with flush headlamps and new grille and molding treatments, and leather seats became an option.

In 1994, safety was emphasized and 4Runner received side-impact protection, a center (third) brake light, and the option of four-wheel anti-lock brakes on all V6 models. Fully optioned with a CD-player, eight-speaker stereo, sunroof, leather seats and anti-lock brakes, 4Runner's price was approaching \$30,000 - quite a departure from its beginnings some 10 years earlier as a glorified pickup truck. But 4Runner hadn't forgotten its off-road heritage, and remained as strong a back-country performer as ever.

For 1996, Toyota's most popular SUV received a complete redesign, including all-new engines, chassis, interior and exterior styling, enhanced safety equipment and added utility. It was the first 4Runner to not share either body panels or a frame with Toyota's compact pickup trucks.

Available in two- or four-wheel drive, in base, SR5 and Limited trim, and with two engine choices, there was a 4Runner for everyone. Engine choices were a 2.7L four-cylinder or a 3.4L V6, both multi-cam, multi-valve designs.

The new chassis was stiffer, and was two inches longer to increase wheelbase for a more stable ride. Front suspension was a coil spring with double wishbone design replacing the previous Hi-Trac system, which resulted in greater wheel travel and ride comfort.

Other features on the new 4Runner included a one-piece lift-up tailgate with power window, larger outside mirrors, much increased interior volume with greater head and legroom and a lowered step-in and cargo loading height. For safety, dual airbags were included along with four-wheel ABS, side-door impact beams and ALR/ELR seatbelts front and rear.

For 1997, 4Runner saw only minor changes, including the addition of a 2WD Limited model, revised seat fabric in SR5 models, the ability to order 16-inch alloy wheels on 2WD models and two new Preferred Equipment Packages.

For 1998, minor interior changes were made to 4Runner with the addition of rotary-style HVAC controls, a new four-spoke steering wheel and revised audio head units.

The third generation 4Runner entered its fourth year with more standard features and options than any 4Runner to date. All 1999 4Runners received a redesigned front bumper, valence cover and grille with multi-reflector headlamps with an auto-off function, a new center console with dual cupholders, an overhead console with garage door/sunglass holder, two power outlets in the center cluster and an LCD odometer with digital dual trip meters.

In addition, SR5 grades featured as standard heated outside mirrors and cruise control as well as an upgraded optional Sports Package which included color-keyed bumpers with projector fog lamps, fender flares, a new wheel design and a sporty hood scoop.

The 1999 4Runner Limited model received a new multi-mode 4WD system as standard. The new multi-mode feature is actually a full-time all-wheel-drive system with 2WD capability and can be used in normal driving conditions on all types of roads including dry, hard surfaces such as pavement.

For 2001, all 4Runner models were standard equipped with the 3.4L V6 engine and automatic transmission, Vehicle Skid Control with traction control, multi-mode 4WD and a 2WD/4WD selector switch and a pre-wired trailer hitch harness. The brake booster was changed to hydraulic assisted and the rear differential lock was discontinued. The 2001 4Runner also boasted new interior additions and three new exterior colors.

The 2002 4Runner had equipment and available packages. All 4Runner SR5 models featured standard 15-inch aluminum alloy wheels with P225/70R15 tires, while the SR5 and Limited grades have a new chrome license plate garnish. The Sport Edition was enhanced with perforated aluminum front skid plate, new interior sport fabric, Sport Edition badges and embroidered floor mats. A new Chrome Package is available on the SR5 grade to provide a more upscale appearance. The package includes chrome front grille, side mirrors, door handles, wheel arch moldings, tail lamp garnish, rear license plate garnish, exhaust tip and available 16-inch high-gloss alloy wheels.

The 2003 4Runner was completely redesigned and offered numerous technological advancements and firsts for Toyota. It was larger, roomier, delivered more power, produced increased fuel efficiency and provided improved ride comfort. The all-new 4.0L V6 aluminum engine was Toyota's first all-aluminum engine in a light truck (available in Winter 2002) and delivered 245 hp at 5,200 rpm, with 283 lb-ft torque at 3,400 rpm. 4Runner offered a 4.7L i-Force V8 engine for all models with an output of 235 horsepower at 4,800 rpm and 320 lb-ft of torque at 3,400 rpm. Both engines were LEV-certified. The 2003 4Runner was the world's first use of a Torsen® torque-sensing limited-slip center differential in a mid-size SUV transfer case. Vehicles powered by either the V6 or V8 engines featured the Torsen® technology. The V8 engine was paired with Toyota's first use of an ECT-i five-speed automatic with overdrive in a light truck. All 4Runners came standard-equipped with Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) and 4WD models also get Downhill Assist Control (DAC).

For 2004, an optional third row seat became available on the 4Runner Limited and SR5 models. A backup camera became available with the navigation system.

The 2005 4Runner gained more power for its available V8 engine. Equipping the 4Runner's available 4.7L i-Force V8 engine with the variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-i) system and an electronic throttle control system with intelligence (ETCS-i) increased output from 235 horsepower to 270. Torque rose from 320 lb-ft. to 328 lb-ft. With the V6 engine, a five-speed automatic transmission replaced the four-speed automatic, improving performance and fuel efficiency.

All model grades featured minor trim changes for 2005, plus advanced driver and passenger SRS airbags. The Limited grade's available navigation system used upgraded operating software for better performance and greater convenience. The standard VSC system incorporated an Auto-LSD function, which eliminated the need for a mechanical limited-slip rear differential.

4Runner received freshened exterior styling and minor interior upgrades for 2006. The 4Runner's front fascia received a new grille, bumper, headlamps and fog lamps, while the rear received a new bumper and combination lamp. In addition, the vehicle gained redesigned overfenders and lower cladding and is available in three new colors, Driftwood Pearl, Nautical Blue Metallic and Shadow Mica. Dorado Gold, Stratosphere Mica and Pacific Blue were discontinued.

SR5 models received a chrome grille, door handles and rear license plate garnish. Sport Edition models received a smoked chrome grille and headlamp bezels. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels became standard on the Limited grade.

Power adjustable seats became standard on Sport Edition and SR5 V8 models and available on SR5 V6 models. Memory seats become standard for Limited models. In addition, unique, seat fabric was updated for SR5 and Sport Edition grades. Limited grades received black, wood-grain trim.

The 4Runner carried over for the 2007 model year with no changes.

For 2008, the 4Runner was largely a carry-over vehicle, with these exceptions: It received standard first- and second-row side-curtain airbags, active front headrests and a Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) cut-off switch.

For 2009, Toyota offered two new 4Runner packages, the Trail Edition and the Urban Runner. The Trail Edition package added a locking rear differential, Active Traction Control (A-TRAC), Bilstein shock absorbers and 16-inch alloy wheels. The Trail Edition package distinguished the 4Runner with color-keyed grille, door handles, rear license plate garnish and "Trail Edition" badging, as well as black tubular side steps and tubular roof rack. Seats covered in water-resistant material and charcoal fabric bolsters also came standard. The perforated leather-wrapped steering wheel integrated controls for the standard AM/FM/CD audio system with six speakers, WMA/MP3 CD and iPod® capability, Bluetooth® wireless connectivity, and a detachable TomTom® personal navigation unit. The Trail Edition package was available in Titanium Metallic, Natural White and Shadow Mica.

Adding a new dimension in style, value, and upscale luxury, an Urban Runner package was available on 4Runner Sport Edition models. Standard exterior features included 18-inch six-spoke aluminum alloy wheels, unique rear spoiler, color-keyed grille, Urban Runner badging, XREAS Sport Enhanced Suspension badging, chrome exhaust tip, and black-painted tubular side steps and tubular roof rack with crossbars. The 4Runner Urban Runner was available in only three exterior colors, Black, Titanium Metallic and, new to 4Runner, Blizzard Pearl.

Inside, the Urban Runner audio system featured an integrated portable Tom Tom® personal navigation device. Additional standard interior enhancements included an AM/FM/CD with six speakers and WMA and MP3 compatibility, Bluetooth®, stone Alcantara® fabric seat inserts and dark charcoal bolsters with eight-way power driver seat and four-way power passenger seats, leather-trimmed shift knob, perforated leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls, chrome door handles, and black wood-grain-style interior trim.

Optional Urban Runner equipment included a double deck cargo system with net, HomeLink® universal transceiver, auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass, and a 115-volt AC power outlet.

For 2010, Toyota introduced the all-new fifth-generation 4Runner. The new 4Runner was even more rugged and athletic, and packed with more power and better mileage. A completely redesigned interior and unique cargo area made the newest 4Runner smarter, more comfortable, and more versatile than ever.

The 2011 4Runner added brake override technology as standard equipment.

For 2012, the 4Runner SR5 and Limited grades offered newly available automatic running boards. The 4Runner SR5 and Trail models came with standard SiriusXM™ Satellite Radio capability with a 90-day trial subscription included, USB port with iPod® connectivity and hands-free phone capability and music streaming via Bluetooth® wireless technology.

Standard for the Limited grade, and optional for all other 4Runner models, a new display-type audio system incorporated the most in-demand connectivity features. Those offered included navigation, Toyota Entune™ services, XM Satellite Radio (with 90-day trial subscription), HD Radio with iTunes® tagging and text/e-mail-to-speech. The Toyota Entune system is a collection of popular mobile applications and data services, with three years of complimentary access. Once the smart phone is connected to the vehicle using Bluetooth wireless technology or a USB cable, Entune's features are operated using the vehicle's controls or, for some services, by voice recognition. Entune offers mobile apps for Bing™, iHeartRadio, MovieTickets.com, OpenTable®, and Pandora®. Entune data services include a fuel price guide, sports scores, stocks, traffic and weather.

The 2013 4Runner carried over nearly unchanged with the exception of the SR5 4x4 transfer case changing from a lever type to a switch type and the USB port relocating from the glove compartment to a more convenient location in the lower center console.

The 4Runner received a significant redesign, with a rugged new exterior design, and interior refinements that added comfort and convenience without sacrificing its hallmark performance capability and excellent value.

The Trail grade featured new color-keyed bumpers and overfenders, and it continued to be distinguished by an aggressive hood scoop and silver painted front and rear bumper accents. All grades were now standard with a roof rack.

In addition to the distinctive new grille, the premium Limited's front design stood apart with a chrome-plated grille insert and chrome front bumper that extended to the fog-lamp bezels. The side molding, roof rack and rear bumper were also chrome trimmed. The headlamps also changed from halogen to projector beam, with both the headlamps and redesigned rear combination lamps on all 4Runner grades featuring LED lamps.

Both the SR5 and Trail grades rode on 17-inch alloy wheels with a new wheel design for both, while the Limited continued to ride on 20-inch alloy wheels, which were now painted black prior to machining to add contrast.

Inside, both the SR5 and Trail grade added standard Soft Touch door trim, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel and leather shift knob provided a premium feel and atmosphere.

The SR5 received a new bright and highly visible Optitron instrument panel that housed the speedometer, tachometer, voltage, fuel and coolant temperature gauges, plus a multi-information display that offered multiple functions.

For second-row passengers, a sculpted front seat-back shape provided additional knee space. The second-row seats, which included a center armrest, individually reclined up to 16 degrees in four steps for relaxing passenger comfort. The 40/20/40 second-row seat configuration had a one-touch walk-in function, making access to the third row easier.

The SR5 and Trail grade came standard with comfortable fabric-trimmed seating available in Sand Beige, Graphite or Black. Available SofTex seats offered a soft, rich feel. New for 2014, the SR5 added a standard eight-way power driver seat.

The Limited came standard with a leather-trimmed interior with new ventilated driver and front passenger seats in Sand Beige, Black and a new Redwood color. Front seats were also heated with eight-way power-adjustable driver's seat with power lumbar support and four-way power-adjustable passenger seat. Both front seats were standard with memory settings.

Fresh off its restyle for 2014 that bolstered its rugged good looks, the 4Runner headed into 2015 offering a new TRD Pro edition engineered and equipped for even greater off-pavement capability.

The TRD Pro Series came fortified for trail duty with TRD front springs, TRD Bilstein high-performance shocks with rear remote reservoirs, Nitto Terra Grappler tires and a TRD front skid plate. The TRD Pro Series looked the tough part, too, with 17-inch black TRD alloy wheels, unique front grille, black bumper accents and special badges. Color choices included black, white and, exclusive to this special model, Inferno.

The 2016 4Runner receives the upgraded Entune multimedia systems. In the SR5 and Trail models, the Entune Audio Plus with Connected Navigation (Scout® GPS Link) uses the customer's smartphone to provide navigation functionality through the head unit. All Entune units are upgraded to 2.5 version status, which includes Siri® Eyes Free mode.

What does it mean?

4Runner: Combine "4-wheel drive" and "off-road **Runner**", and you have 4Runner, Toyota's fun-to-drive midsize off-road vehicle.

Where is it built?

All 4Runners are built at the Tahara Plant in Tahara, Japan.

****NOTE: All chronology dates are model year, unless noted otherwise. CY refers to "Calendar Year."****

LAND CRUISER

Series Chronology

- 1950** - Development of Model BJ prototype begins in Japan.
- 1954** - BJ takes on name of Land Cruiser.
- 1955** - F-series 3.8L 6-cylinder engine adopted.
- 1958** - CY September, 1958 - Land Cruiser introduced to U.S.
- 1958** - First hard-top version produced.
- 1961** - Pickup and wagon version of Land Cruiser introduced in Japan.
- 1961-1965** - Land Cruiser is best selling Toyota in U.S.
- 1967** - New station wagon version introduced (FJ55).
- 1968** - 100,000th Land Cruiser sold worldwide.
- 1972** - 200,000th Land Cruiser sold worldwide.
- 1973** - 300,000th Land Cruiser sold worldwide.
- 1975** - 4.2L engine introduced.
- 1980** - Second-generation station wagon introduced (FJ60).
- 1980** - "4x4 of the Year," *Off-Road*.
- 1981** - 1,000,000th Land Cruiser sold.
- 1983** - Last year of FJ40 sales in the U.S.
- 1988** - Minor updates on Wagon.
- 1990** - Named "Best Buy," *Consumer's Digest*.
- 1990** - 2,000,000th Land Cruiser sold.
- 1991** - Third generation station wagon introduced (FJ80).
- 1991** - Full-time four-wheel drive introduced.
- 1991** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumers Digest*.
- 1991** - "Best Full-Size SUV in Customer Satisfaction," J.D. Power & Associates.
- 1992** - Named "Best Full-Sized Sport Utility" in IQS and CSI, J.D. Power.
- 1992** - Among "Best Buys" – *Consumers Digest*.
- 1993** - 4.5L engine introduced.
- 1993** - Named "Best Full-Sized Sport Utility" in IQS, J.D. Power.
- 1993** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumers Digest*.
- 1994** - Among "Best Buys" - *Consumers Digest*.
- 1995** - At mid-year intro, receives updated grille and standard dual airbags and ABS.
- 1996** - "Best Full-Size SUV in Initial Quality" - J.D. Power.
- 1997** - "Luxury SUV Best Buy," *Four Wheeler*.
- 1997** - "Best Overall Truck: Resale Value After Three Years of Ownership" - ADP Autosource Survey.
- 1997** - "1997 Top Three Vehicles in Initial Quality-Full-Size Segment," J.D. Power.
- 1998** - Fifth-generation Land Cruiser is introduced powered by Toyota Division's first-ever V8
- 1999** - "Best Full-Size Sport Utility Vehicle Segment," J.D. Power
- 2000** - Receives Active TRAC, VSC and EBD as standard equipment
- 2000** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Premium Large Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2001** - A DVD-based navigation system is available.
- 2001** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Premium Large Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2002** - *Consumer Reports* "Most Reliable Large SUV"
- 2002** - Intellichoice named "Best Overall Value Full-Size Sport Utility Class"

2002 - Among Consumer Guide's "Recommended Premium Large Sport-Utility Vehicles"
2003 - Receives minor interior, exterior and mechanical changes
2003 - "Most Wanted Large SUV Over \$45,000" Award by Edmunds.com
2003 - Among Consumer Guide's "Best Buy Premium Large Sport-Utility Vehicles"
2004 - Backup camera is now available with Navigation system.
2004 - *Consumer Reports* "Most Satisfying" – Large SUVs, April 2005
2004 - Among Consumer Guide's "Recommended Premium Large Sport-Utility Vehicles"
2005 - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 "Best Buys Premium Large SUVs"
2005 - *Consumer Reports* "Most Reliable Sport-Utility Vehicles."
2006 - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2006 Best Buys Premium Large SUVs
2006 - "Four Wheeler of the Year," *Four Wheeler*.
2007 - Land Cruiser carries over with no exterior changes. Driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and front and second-row side-curtain airbags become standard.
2008 - All-new seventh generation Land Cruiser is introduced for the 2008 model year.
2008 - "4x4 of the Year" *4Wheeler & Off-Road Magazine*
2009 – *Intellichoice.com* "Best overall Value of the Year" award – Utility SUV segment
2014 – *U.S. News and World Report* "Best Large Luxury SUV for Families."

From its humble beginnings in 1950 as a development project based on the design of the Willys Jeep, the Land Cruiser has taken its rightful place as Toyota's flagship four-wheel-drive vehicle.

When the Land Cruiser (then named "Model BJ") was first tested in August, 1951, it climbed to the sixth station on the trail to the top of Mt. Fuji - the first motor vehicle to perform this feat. The first orders for the vehicle were from police and forestry departments because of its off-road abilities. In 1954, when the BJ was formally named Land Cruiser, the vehicle officially entered mass-production, rather than being built on a made-to-order basis. The following year, the original 85-horsepower diesel engine was replaced with a 125-horsepower 3.8L gasoline unit.

The formal introduction of the Land Cruiser to the U.S. came in 1958, and it was the best selling Toyota vehicle in the U.S. from 1961 to 1965. During that time the line-up consisted of soft-top, open, and pickup versions.

In 1965, Land Cruiser moved toward the mainstream U.S. market with the introduction of the five-door station wagon. The wagon was hailed as a vehicle that was competent enough to drive through the back country, yet was comfortable and powerful enough to drive on any public street. Mid-1967 saw the U.S.-sales introduction of a hardtop version of the two-door, sales of which ceased in 1983 (although production ended in 1979).

In 1975, the 3.8L engine was replaced by a larger and more powerful 4.2L version, making the Land Cruiser easier to drive. For the home market (Japan), Land Cruiser has almost always been available with a diesel engine - originally 3.2L, reintroduced at 3.0L in 1976, and updated to 3.2L again in 1979 - but it was never officially available in the U.S.

Since 1980, the U.S.-spec Land Cruiser has only been available in one body style - five-door station wagon. It was replaced in 1991 by a larger, more luxurious vehicle that sported full-time four-wheel drive and a fully independent four-wheel coil-spring suspension.

In 1993, Land Cruiser grew up even further. Now sporting a 24-valve, DOHC inline six-cylinder engine displacing 4.5L, Land Cruiser produced 212 horsepower and 275 lb-ft of torque, and was more than capable of pulling Land Cruiser's 5153 pounds of curb weight.

The 1993 Land Cruiser offered optional leather upholstery, available seating for eight, an available compact-disc player, manually locking front and rear, and an automatic locking center differential.

Updates to the Land Cruiser for 1994 were limited to the addition of CFC-free air-conditioning.

In 1995, Land Cruiser took a large step toward additional passenger safety. Along with a new grille featuring redesigned headlights, the 1995 Land Cruiser included, as standard equipment, both driver- and passenger-side airbags and adjustable shoulder-belt anchors. These additions did nothing to diminish Land Cruiser's off-the-road abilities, though, and it continued as the most refined, most capable four-wheel-drive vehicle on the market.

For 1998, Toyota introduced the fifth-generation Land Cruiser and the first all-new Land Cruiser since 1991.

The new Land Cruiser was larger, heavier, structurally more solid and substantially more powerful than its predecessor. Yet it delivered improved fuel efficiency, lower emissions and considerably quicker acceleration. It also featured the first V8 engine in a Toyota Division vehicle. Its all-new 4.7L 32-valve DOHC produced 230 horsepower, 18 more than its predecessor's inline six-cylinder, and 320 lb-ft of torque, an improvement of 45 over the '97 model.

For 1999 the Land Cruiser featured an independent rear automatic climate control system for added convenience and passenger comfort.

In 2000, Toyota again raised the benchmark in SUV performance and refinement by adding active traction control (Active TRAC), vehicle skid control (VSC) and electronic brake force distribution (EBD) systems as standard equipment. The Land Cruiser also added a six-disc in-dash CD player as standard.

For 2001, the Land Cruiser received a few additions. It featured an available navigation system with a DVD player, standard auto dimming rear view mirror, an integrated compass in the rear view mirror (on models without the navigation system), JBL Premium three-in-one AM/FM/Cassette/CD six-disc in-dash changer with seven speakers with an available Electro Multi-Vision screen with center console six-disc CD player.

The Land Cruiser entered 2002 with additional equipment and improved value. Third-row seats, automatic rear climate control system and HomeLink® became standard features. The only available factory option was a DVD-based navigation system.

Along with an updated front grille, rear bumper, rear turn signals and interior, output by the 2003 Land Cruiser's 4.7L V8 was increased by five horsepower. For the first time, Land Cruiser had rear seat audio and steering wheel audio controls as standard equipment, and a DVD rear seat entertainment system and SRS front and second-row side-curtain airbags became available.

The 2004 Land Cruiser introduced an available backup camera with the navigation system. New side privacy glass color was changed from bronze to dark green.

For 2005, 18-inch wheels became standard.

In 2006, the Land Cruiser received minor changes to the exterior and engine. The 4.7L V8 engine became equipped with VVT-i and ETCS-i to produce 275 horsepower and 332 lb-ft torque. Land Cruiser also gained LEVII status. Adjustable Height Control and Adaptive Variable Suspension became options, while a Tire Pressure Monitor System became standard.

Exterior updates included a new grille, headlights, LED rear combination lamps, a high-gloss finish on the 18-inch wheels and an available rear spoiler. Two new colors included Classic Silver and Pacific Blue.

The 2007 Land Cruiser carried over with no exterior changes. Driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and front and second-row side-curtain airbags become standard.

For the 2008 model year, the Land Cruiser was completely new, with a redesigned frame and chassis that offered superior strength and rigidity while enhancing towing capacity. Front suspension was a traditional double-wishbone design while the rear used a four-link coil-spring system and a solid axle. Brake rotors were vented and measure 13.4 inches up front and 13.6 inches at the rear, with four-piston calipers up front. Gas-pressure shock absorbers were used front and rear. Sitting atop this was a welded steel body that was 2.3 inches longer and 1.2 inches wider than the previous generation Land Cruiser.

The 2008 Series 200 Land Cruiser was powered by an all-new 5.7L (345 cid) DOHC V8 engine, known as the 3UR-FE, that used direct fuel injection, Toyota Direct Ignition, four valves per cylinder and a variable-length intake tract to produce 381 horsepower at 5,400 rpm and 401 lb-ft of torque at 3,400 rpm. And it did this while burning regular 87-octane gasoline and while achieving ULEV II emissions status.

Toyota's AB60F six-speed electronically controlled transmission was employed in the 2008 Land Cruiser. It distributed its power through the newly developed JF2A transfer case to provide fulltime four-wheel drive. This lightweight, compact, chain-driven unit offered a standard 1:1 high ratio for highway travel and a low-range 2.618:1. The transfer case employed a locking TORSEN limited-slip locking center differential.

The 2008 Land Cruiser benefited from Toyota's full line electronic driving aids, including Kinetic Dynamic Suspension System (KDSS), which varied chassis roll stiffness, depending on speed and suspension attitude; Multi-terrain Antilock Braking, which selected the optimal ABS profile depending on the driving surface; Electronic Brake Force Distribution; Active Traction Control (A-TRAC), Vehicle Skid Control (VSC); Hill Assist Control, which aided the driver during uphill starts; and CRAWL, which when activated with the Land Cruiser's transfer case shifted into low range, controlled engine speed and output, along with braking force, to propel the vehicle forward at one of three selected, and very slow, speeds.

The 2008 Land Cruiser's interior was upgraded for additional comfort and security, with Optitron gauges, seats designed to minimize whiplash injury in the event of a collision, and a system of eight airbags in the passenger cabin. These included two dual-stage airbags for the driver and front-seat passenger, two front side airbags, two rear side airbags and two curtain shield airbags. The latter employed a roll-sensing function so that should a rollover occur, the curtain airbags are deployed and the seatbelts for driver, front seat passenger, and the passengers in the outer seats in the second row, are pre-tensioned.

The 2009 Land Cruiser carried over unchanged with the exception of factory privacy glass on side and rear quarter windows.

Land Cruiser added a few enhancements for 2010 model year including the addition of privacy glass on the rear hatch and Safety Connect™ telematics system. The audio system added integrated satellite radio with a 90-day trial subscription to XM Satellite Radio, Bluetooth® and an auxiliary audio jack/USB port. New options included rain-sensing windshield wipers added to the Upgrade Package and a navigation system with XM NavTraffic.

For 2011 Land Cruiser added brake override technology as standard equipment.

Land Cruiser bypassed 2012 model designation due to a January 2012 launch of the 2013 model, which receives significant exterior and interior styling enhancements. Additionally, Land Cruiser will now come with all features as standard equipment, including new driving performance features, and an array of significant safety and convenience features. Among the many popular features that were formerly available as options, but are now standard, are rear-seat DVD entertainment system, color-keyed rear spoiler, rain-sensing windshield wipers, center-console cooler box, headlamp cleaners, leather-trimmed steering wheel, multi-information display, voice and Bluetooth® hands-free controls, leather-trimmed shift lever and heated second row seats. Toyota's Premium Hard Disk Drive (HDD) Navigation with Entune multi-media system and JBL® audio is also standard.

The 2013 Land Cruiser received refreshed exterior styling that included an updated front grille and headlamps with HID low-beams. Additional new features included LED Daytime Running Lights, chrome side molding, redesigned outer side mirrors and tail lamps. The design continued to convey an "Advanced and Rugged" theme with enlarged front and rear fenders. The new grille and headlamps maintained Land Cruiser's steady and confident appearance, while the hood flows gracefully into the grille and beltlines. One new color, Pearl White was added to its palette.

Complementing the freshened exterior, Land Cruiser received an updated interior available in either Sandstone or Black. Additional refinements included perforated leather trim with ventilated front seats, a higher gloss wood grain finish, brighter silver instrument panel ornamentation, chrome-plated air registers and updated meter-cluster lighting. New interior convenience features included a Multi-terrain Monitor with front, side or rear selectable views; a new Multi-information Display; an Eco Driving Indicator light and zone display; a heated steering wheel; Dynamic Radar Cruise Control; an additional power outlet (DC 12V) at the rear of the center console; and a rear cargo deck power outlet that was changed to AC 120V from AC 115V.

After it was refreshed in 2013, the 2014 and 2015 model year Land Cruiser carried over unchanged.

The Land Cruiser receives a major update for 2016 model year. The Land Cruiser body is new from the A-pillar forward. It's a whole new look for this iconic vehicle, with the bumper, grille, projector-beam LED low and high beam headlights, headlight cleaners and integrated Land Cruiser logo, all contributing to the new design signature. The hood's distinctive power bulges convey the potential of the 381-horsepower V8 that lies beneath. Teamed to that power plant for 2016 is the Toyota brand's first 8-speed automatic transmission, which helps enhance acceleration.

The Land Cruiser shows a new signature from behind, as well, thanks to new taillights with light-tube design and LED brake lights, a new full-width chrome molding and a new bumper. A chrome body side molding embossed with the Land Cruiser logo and new-design 18-inch alloy wheels accentuate the Land Cruiser's muscular profile.

Once again, the Toyota Land Cruiser comes in one version: fully equipped and with seating for eight. There are no factory options, and really, none are needed. For 2016, new semi-aniline perforated leather is available in the customer's choice of black or new Terra (brown). The black interior and Terra interiors are accented by Deep Wood trim. The high-quality materials complement a center console redesign that shows a more cohesive appearance and more intuitive controls.

The Land Cruiser's Entune head unit is upgraded, adding Siri® Eyes Free mode and other performance enhancements. When paired with an iPhone, the driver simply pushes a steering wheel button and then speaks requests to Siri. And, new Qi wireless phone charging (for compatible devices) means one less cable to carry.

The luxurious new steering wheel, is heated as before, and also integrates switches for the multi-information display, Dynamic Radar Cruise Control and new Toyota Safety Sense-P system.

The 2016 Toyota Land Cruiser is the first in the model's history equipped with technology designed to help prevent or mitigate collisions and, under certain circumstances, help protect pedestrians in a collision. The new Toyota Safety Sense-P system includes Frontal Collision Avoidance, at speeds below 24 mph (including pedestrian protection); Frontal Collision Mitigation (also for speeds below 24 mph); Lane Departure Alert; Auto High Beams and Dynamic Radar Cruise Control.

For 2016, a new 8-speed automatic transmission replaces the 6-speed unit, with the added ratios allowing a wider ratio spread to help enhance acceleration and fuel efficiency. When the going gets rough, the driver can select manual control for more powertrain control.

What does it mean?

Land Cruiser: Land Cruiser is Toyota's flagship four-wheel drive vehicle. The name was derived from the ability, demonstrated by the very earliest versions of this iconic brand, to literally cruise across rough ground, and implies its go-anywhere ability.

Where is it built?

Land Cruiser is built at the Araco Corporation plant in Toyota City, Japan.

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SEQUOIA

Series Chronology

- 2001** - Introduced with 4.L i-Force V8 engine
- 2001** - *Truckin'* magazine's "2001 SUV of the Year"
- 2001** - *Trailer Boats* magazine's "Tow Vehicle of the Year"
- 2001** - "Most Wanted Large SUV" - Edmunds.com
- 2002** - Selected as one of the top SUVs by the Good Housekeeping Institute
- 2002** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Sport-Utility Vehicle
- 2003** - "Most Wanted Large SUV Under \$45,000" award by Edmunds.com
- 2003** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2004** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Large Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2005** - Receives engine, transmission, safety and cosmetic enhancements
- 2005** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 Recommended Large SUVs
- 2005** - Sequoia SR5 2WD named "Best SUV Value Over \$28,000" – IntelliChoice Best Overall Value of the Year Award
- 2006** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2006 Recommended Large Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2006** - SR5 named "Best Value in America" for Large SUV under \$40,500 - Vincentric
- 2008** - Named AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) Top Rated Overall
- 2008** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Large SUV
- 2008** - Second-generation Sequoia is introduced
- 2008** - "Best New SUV" and "Best in Class" by *Kiplingers Personal Finance Magazine*
- 2008** - AutoPacific and Intellichoice.com's Motorist Choice Awards for Large SUV and Top Overall Winner
- 2008** - *Truck Trend Magazine* names Sequoia its "Best in Class 2008: Full-Size SUV"
- 2009** - Gains E85 flex fuel model for 5.7-liter V8 in non-California emission states
- 2012** – "Best in Class" by *Kiplingers Personal Finance Magazine*
- 2014** – *Kelley Blue Book* "2014 Best Resale Value" – Full-size SUV

The full-size Sequoia is the largest, most versatile SUV in the Toyota lineup. It was powered at introduction by a 4.7L i-Force V8 engine that produced 240 horsepower and 315 lb-ft of torque, the first Toyota truck engine to be EPA-certified as ULEV, or ultra-low-emission. It is offered in both two-wheel and four-wheel drive models, with Toyota's vehicle stability control – VSC - offered as an option.

Sequoia rides on a double-wishbone-type front suspension. The rear suspension, features a five link live axle with coil springs. A four-wheel disc anti-lock brake system is standard on all models.

Sequoia transports eight passengers in three rows of seating and features curtain side air bags. It also features three-point seat belts at all eight passenger positions.

The Sequoia was unchanged for 2002. Fog lamps and remote keyless entry were available as stand-alone options on SR5 models.

The 2003 Sequoia received minor enhancements. Some new equipment that was standard on Limited models and available for SR5 included larger tires on 5-spoke 17-inch alloy wheels with dark chrome finish, electrochromic rearview mirror and steering wheel audio controls. For the first

time, a factory DVD rear seat entertainment system was available. A rear load-leveling suspension system was made available and Brake Assist was made standard.

The 2004 Sequoia carried over with no changes.

For 2005, equipping the 4.7L i-Force V8 engine with a variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-i) system and an electronic throttle control system with intelligence (ETCS-i) increased horsepower from 240 to 280. Torque rose by 13 lb-ft to 328 lb-ft. A five-speed automatic transmission replaced the four-speed automatic.

New advanced dual-stage deployment airbags were added to the driver and passenger seating positions. Curtain side airbags that extend to the second-row became available and included a rollover sensor linked to the standard Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) system. The sensor sends a signal to inflate the side airbags and side-curtain airbags if an imminent rollover is detected.

A new front fascia and grille, standard color-keyed overfenders and redesigned tail lamps with clear-lens covers identified the 2005 Sequoia.

An optional touch-screen DVD navigation system was paired with a JBL premium 2-in-1 AM/FM CD audio system with 10 speakers. A new Limited Luxury Package featured second-row bucket seats and a removable center console, memory driver's seat and exterior mirrors, height-control rear air suspension, wood trim and distinctive Optitron instrumentation.

A new optional Sport Package for the Sequoia SR5 featured height-control rear air suspension, a unique grille design, fog lamps, tubular running boards, front skid plates and five-spoke 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels, plus a JBL 3-in-1 cassette/CD audio system with 10 speakers.

Sequoia entered the 2006 model year as a carry-over model and became available in two new exterior colors, Timberland Mica and Salsa Red Pearl. In addition, cloth bucket seats became standard for second-rows with center console on models with the available Sport Package.

For 2007 Sequoia received a few exterior changes. The SR5 model received a color-keyed grille, while the Limited grade received chrome rear view mirrors. In addition the sport package was replaced by the Appearance Package which features seating for seven, 16-inch sport alloy wheels, fog lamps and skid plate. Super White exterior color replaced Natural White on all models. Driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and front and second-row side-curtain airbags became standard.

In 2008 Toyota launched the all-new second-generation Sequoia. The new Sequoia was equipped with an available powerful new six-speed 5.7L V8 engine that generated excellent fuel efficiency and very low emissions. An all-new platform provided exterior dimensions that were competitive with other vehicles in the Sequoia's class. Inside, highly efficient packaging gave the new Sequoia a very roomy cabin and ample luggage space. The second-row seat was equipped with a sliding-type seat adjuster that allowed the seat to be adjusted for added comfort when the number of passengers was limited. For the third-row seat, an advanced seat-cushion linkage reclining mechanism was adopted that elevated rear passenger comfort to new levels.

A new independent suspension employed upper and lower A-arms at each wheel, tubular shock absorbers, coil springs and a hollow tubular antiroll bar. It provided not only improved chassis dynamics thanks to reduced unsprung weight, but also a turning radius of about 19 feet, the tightest in Sequoia's class. Additionally, increased suspension travel and a newly developed upper front shock-absorber support and lower bushing helped enhance ride quality. Larger tires

and wheels were adopted to complete the chassis equation. Standard were 275/65R18 tires and 18-inch aluminum wheels, while 275/55R20 tires and specially designed 20-inch aluminum wheels were available.

For 2009, 4WD Sequoia models equipped with the 5.7-liter V8 offered a flex fuel model in non-California emissions states. The flex fuel model allowed the Sequoia to run on E85 fuel – an 85 percent ethanol/15 percent gasoline mix.

A new Sport Appearance Package was available for the Toyota SR5 grade 5.7-liter models with 2WD or 4WD. The package included seven-passenger seating, 20-inch alloy wheels with a unique finish, color-keyed sport grille, rear spoiler, fog lamps, power driver's seat, and a black fabric interior. The Sport Appearance Package was available in three colors: Super White, Silver Sky and black.

The 2010 Sequoia receives an assortment of upgrades, most notably the addition of an all-new 4.6-liter V8 engine with a six-speed automatic transmission, replacing the 4.7-liter V8 on SR5 models. The new engine added more horsepower and improved fuel efficiency over the old 4.7 liter engine.

The 2010 Sequoia added a wide array of standard features across all grades, making the Sequoia close to mono spec. Among the many added standard features were a Cold Kit, Tow Package added to the SR5, driver and passenger knee airbags, USB iPod connectivity, Bluetooth® on all standard audio systems, power driver's seat, daytime running lights, fog lamps, running boards, moonroof, roof rack, and rear spoiler.

Three new colors were added: Blizzard Pearl replaces Arctic Frost; Sandy Beach Metallic replaces Desert Sand Mica; and Spruce Mica replaces Timberland Mica.

The Toyota Sequoia full-size sport utility vehicle moved into 2011 with brake override technology as standard equipment and minor interior trim changes. The trailer hitch connector was now the same as on the Tundra full-size pickup truck, and there is a new off switch for the standard Daytime Running Lights.

For 2012 model year the Sequoia added an extra measure of towing safety with the addition of Trailer Sway Control. In addition, a new Blind Spot Monitor was made available on the Sequoia Platinum grade, enhancing driving safety by warning drivers of vehicles traveling in their blind spots.

The 2013 Sequoia became equipped exclusively with Toyota's 381-horsepower 5.7-liter V8 engine as the 4.6-liter V8 was been discontinued. Additional changes included the addition of the available Entune multi-media system and a Toyota-first new Blu-ray rear seat entertainment system, which was standard on the Platinum grade and optional on the Limited.

For 2014, the Sequoia SR5 grade adds the new Entune Audio Plus system, while the Limited gets Entune Premium Audio and the Platinum grade has Entune Premium JBL® Audio.

The 2015 model year Sequoia carried over unchanged.

The 2016 Sequoia received changes focused on safety, convenience and connectivity. In the Limited grade, the new Safety and Convenience Package includes Blind Spot Monitor (BSM), two-position power memory driver's seat and memory outside mirrors.

The Entune Multimedia units in all Sequoia models introduce critical upgrades for 2016. The SR5 grade gets new standard Entune Audio Plus with Connected Navigation (Scout® GPS Link), which uses the customer's smartphone to provide navigation functionality through the head unit. All Entune units are upgraded to 2.5 version status, which adds Siri® Eyes Free mode to existing features and gives iPhone users even more versatility.

On the Entune Premium Audio with In-Vehicle Navigation and Entune Premium JBL Audio with In-Vehicle Navigation, the App Suite adds Slacker Radio and replaces Bing with Destination Search. The premium multimedia units offer 85 percent faster functionality thanks to new dual core processors, and iPhone users can now charge their phone using the USB port while using the Entune App Suite at the same time.

What does it mean?

Named after California's famed giant Sequoia tree to convey strength, longevity and beauty.

Where is it built?

The Sequoia is built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana.

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HIGHLANDER

Series Chronology

- 2001** - Highlander is introduced and is Toyota's second entry in the popular mid-size SUV segment, which includes 4Runner.
- 2001** - *Car and Driver's* "Best Large Sport Utility Vehicle"
- 2001** - *Popular Science's* "2001 Best of What's New" award in the Cars category.
- 2001** - Named one of *Car and Driver's* 5 Best Trucks
- 2002** - Highlander carries over with minor interior improvements.
- 2002** - Winner of 2002 American Automobile Association Auto Guide Award for "SUV under \$25,000"
- 2002** - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Score (VSS) award for Mid-Size SUV (tied with Hyundai Santa Fe)
- 2002** - *Consumer Reports* names Highlander "Best Midsized SUV"
- 2002** - *Consumer Reports* Top Pick for Midsized SUV
- 2002** - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS) award in the Midsize SUV segment
- 2002** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Best Buy Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2003** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Best Buy Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2004** - Highlander receives freshened front and rear styling, increased power and performance, added safety features, and numerous interior enhancements.
- 2004** - "Best Bet" - *The Car Book 2004*
- 2004** - Highlander named "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less," SUVs – *Consumer Reports*
- 2004** - Among *Consumer Guide's* Best Buy Midsize Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2005** - Highlander Hybrid is introduced – world's first 7-passenger hybrid SUV.
- 2005** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 Best Buys Midsize SUV
- 2005** - Highlander 2WD named "Best SUV Value Under \$28,000"- IntelliChoice's Best Overall Value of the Year Award
- 2005** - *Consumer Reports* "Most Reliable " – Sport-Utility Vehicles
- 2005** - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2006 Best Buys Midsize SUVs
- 2006** - "Greener Choices 2006" and "Best of 2006" – American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
- 2006** - "Best Value in America" for Midsize SUV under \$30,000 – Vincentric
- 2006** - "Most Significant New Truck Introduction, Chicago Auto Show," *Consumer Guide*
- 2008** - Second-generation Highlander introduced.
- 2008** - Among Best SUVs for "Best Family Cars" Award – *Edmunds.com/Parents Magazine*.
- 2008** - Named "Best New Crossover" by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*
- 2008** - AutoPacific and IntelliChoice.com's Motorist Choice Awards for Premium Mid-Size Crossover SUV
- 2009** - Highlander gains all-new 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine on 2WD Base models
- 2009** - Named an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) "TOP SAFETY PICK"
- 2009** - *U.S. News & World Report* 2009 Best Car for the Money awards - "Best Midsize Crossover for the Money"
- 2010** – *Kelly Blue Book* "Best Resale Value: Mid-Size Utility Vehicle"
- 2010** – Named "Best In Class" among Large and Midsize Crossovers in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* "2010 Best Values in New Cars & SUV's"
- 2010** – Named *Edmunds.com* 2010 Consumers Top Rated® Vehicle Award winner for SUVs priced from \$25k-\$35k

2010 – Kiplinger’s 2010 Best Value Award

2013 – AutoPacific “Vehicle Satisfaction Award” Premium Mid-Size Crossover SUV

2014 - Third-generation Highlander is launched

2014 - AutoPacific “Vehicle Satisfaction Award” Premium Mid-Size Crossover SUV

The 2001 Highlander gave Toyota a second entry in the popular mid-size SUV segment, which includes 4Runner. Highlander, built with unibody construction, was available with either two- or four-wheel drive and was powered by either an all-aluminum four-cylinder or V6 engine. The 3.0L, DOHC, 24-valve, V6 engine with VVT-i delivered an impressive 220 hp at 5,800 rpm and 222 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. The 2.4L, DOHC, 16-valve, 4-cylinder engine with VVT-i produced 155 hp at 5,600 rpm and 163 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. Both engines carried low emission vehicle (LEV) EPA certification.

All Highlanders were equipped with a four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with snow mode.

The 2002 Highlander featured a new standard center console.

The 2003 Highlander carried over with no changes.

For 2004, Toyota extensively enhanced Highlander, increasing power and performance, adding safety features and offering a new third row seat in specific models. The 2004 Highlander also gained freshened front and rear exterior styling and numerous interior enhancements.

The 2005 Highlander carried over with a few interior and exterior enhancements. Front side airbags and front and second-row roll-sensing side-curtain airbags became available on all models. New standard features for the Highlander included roof rack with cross bars, remote keyless entry, and tonneau cover. A windshield wiper de-icer grid became standard on Limited models and optional on all other models.

The Highlander carried over for 2006.

For 2007 the Highlander carried over with redesigned front headlamps. Four-cylinder models gained LEV2 emission status. Driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and front and second-row side-curtain airbags become standard.

For 2008, Highlander was completely redesigned. It is nearly four inches longer and three inches wider than the 2007 version, with an inch more ground clearance and three inches of additional wheelbase. Power was derived from a new 3.5L quad-cam V6 with dual independent variable valve timing with intelligence (Dual VVT-i) that delivered 270 horsepower and 248 lb-ft of torque at 4,700 RPM. The engine was mated to a five-speed Super ECT (Super Intelligent Electronically Controlled) transmission.

The 2008 Highlander came with Toyota’s Star Safety System™, which included enhanced Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) and Traction Control (TRAC), an antilock brake system (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA). The Highlander Hybrid went a step further by employing a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system designed to enhance handling, traction and braking systems that normally react to vehicle driving conditions by anticipating tire slippage before a skid, slide or wheel spin occurs and making corrections in a smooth, progressive way.

Non-hybrid Highlanders was also equipped with a straight-line steering feature, and all Highlanders also incorporated a corner braking feature. Hill-Start Assist Control, which was designed to help prevent the vehicle from rolling backwards from a stop when traveling up a steep hill, and Downhill Assist Control also were part of the 2008 Highlander package.

Highlander's interior measured more than four inches longer, front-to-back, and was also wider, than that of the previous iteration. This increased space enabled designers and engineers to provide additional room between each of the three rows of seats.

Highlander's total of seven airbags included advanced front driver and front passenger airbags, driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags and a driver's knee airbag. Roll-sensing curtain airbags helped to protect the occupants of all three rows in the event of certain side collisions or vehicle rollovers.

Highlander featured new dual Optitron gauges accentuated in red. The Base and Sport grades featured a center console, shift knob with silver-painted accents and front driver and passenger assist grips on the Sport grade also accented in silver-painted trim. The center console, shift knob and assist grip on the Limited grade feature satin-mahogany wood grain-style trim.

On all models except Base, Highlander featured a standard stand-alone backup camera with a multi-information display that was not tied to a navigation system.

Highlander was available in Base, Sport and Limited grades in both two-wheel and full-time four-wheel-drive models.

For 2009, the value-driven 2WD Base grade Highlander received a new fuel-efficient four-cylinder engine. All other grades carried over unchanged.

The 2010 Highlander carried over largely unchanged. The base grade V6 received an optional backup monitor on the multi-information display and the Base grade four-cylinder received an optional power/tilt slide moonroof.

Toyota has significantly revised its popular Highlander and Highlander Hybrid crossover sport utility vehicles for 2011, adding enhanced styling, new amenities and user technology. Brake override technology was added as standard equipment.

The Highlander's 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine, which was available only in the Highlander Base grade model for 2010, was now also offered in the SE, the most popular grade (2WD only).

Highlander carried over unchanged for the 2012 model year.

The Toyota Highlander and Highlander Hybrid models offer additional value for 2013 with more standard equipment, new option packages and audio systems. A new Highlander Plus model grade replaces the former Tech Package and adds numerous popular features, including a rear back-up camera.

The 2013 Highlander and Highlander Hybrid models featured changes to standard and optional multi-media technology for 2013, with Display Audio made standard on Highlander, SE and Highlander Plus grades; the Highlander Hybrid now included as standard Display Audio with Navigation and the Entune™ multimedia package.

The all-new third-generation 2014 Toyota Highlander mid-size launched early in the 2014 calendar year. The new Highlander featured an all-new exterior design that conveyed both

refinement and strength, complementing a new interior that raised the bar in the mid-size SUV segment. With three-row seating for up to eight, an array of standard features, a host of available in-cabin technologies, and increased cargo capacity, the new Highlander offered a nuanced balance of style, comfort and utility. The total package was capped off with three powertrain choices: a fuel-efficient four-cylinder engine a powerful V6 with a new six-speed transmission that will produce excellent all-around capability, and a V6-powered Hybrid Synergy Drive powertrain for enhanced mileage and fewer emissions.

Coming off its next-generation launch in 2014, the 2015 Highlander carried over virtually unchanged.

The 2016 Highlander carries over virtually unchanged.

What does it mean?

Highlander conveys images of power and ruggedness.

Where is it built?

All Highlanders (including global production and hybrid models) are be built exclusively at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana plant in Princeton, Indiana.

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HIGHLANDER HYBRID

Series Chronology

- 2006** - Highlander Hybrid is introduced and is Toyota's first hybrid SUV and second hybrid vehicle.
- 2006** - *Popular Mechanics* "Automotive Excellence Award" – Energy-Saving category
- 2006** - *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* "Best Crossover Vehicle" – crossover Sport Utility Vehicles category
- 2006** - "Best Value in America" for Midsize SUV over \$30,000 - Vincentric
- 2006** - Intellichoice.com "Best Overall Value of the Year"
- 2007** - Among *MotorWeek* "Drivers' Choice" award winners
- 2007** - Given the "Editor's Choice Award" by Cars.com – Easy Being Green category.
- 2007** - Given the "Editor's Choice Award" by Cars.com – Big Families category.
- 2007** - Named "Top Pick" in Mid-sized SUV category by *Consumer Reports*.
- 2008** - Second-generation Highlander Hybrid introduced.
- 2008** - Named one of the "Top 10 Green Cars" by Kelly Blue Book
- 2009** – *Intellichoice.com* "Best overall Value of the Year" award – Midsize Crossover Segment
- 2009** - Named one of the "Top 10 Green Cars" by Kelly Blue Book
- 2011** - Named "Top Safety Pick" by Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- 2013** – Given *Kelley Blue Book* 5-Year Cost-to-Own Award in Hybrid SUV/Crossover Category
- 2014** – Third-generation Highlander Hybrid is launched

For 2006, Toyota introduced the Highlander Hybrid, the world's first seven-passenger hybrid gas/electric powered SUV. A specially developed version of Toyota's patented Hybrid Synergy Drive powertrain included an enhanced 3.3L V6 engine and produces approximately 270 peak system horsepower. Highlander Hybrid provided better acceleration than the V6 Highlander model yet delivered the best fuel economy in the mid-size SUV segment. In addition, it was rated as a Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (SULEV), one of the most stringent emissions ratings in the industry.

Highlander Hybrid came standard-equipped with front-wheel-drive and offered electric four-wheel-drive with intelligence (4WD-i), which used front and rear electric motors to deliver balanced power to all four wheels. A new Vehicle Integrated Dynamic Management (VIDM) system enhanced the STAR SAFETY SYSTEM® and all-weather capability. The VIDM system acts more quickly and effectively than Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), but was less obtrusive.

The Highlander Hybrid provided the same comfort, safety and versatility as the conventional seven-passenger Highlander. Its exterior styling was freshened with the addition of a new front grille and bumper and rear LED tail lamps, and it rode on standard 17-inch alloy wheels.

The Highlander Hybrid received a few changes for 2007, including redesigned front headlamps and the addition of miles per gallon on the IP display. The two-row model became an option.

The 2008 version of the Highlander Hybrid was, like its conventionally powered sibling, completely new. In addition to the changes noted for the conventionally powered Highlander, the Highlander Hybrid employed the Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system designed to enhance handling, traction and braking systems that normally reacted to vehicle driving conditions by anticipating tire slippage before a skid, slide or wheelspin occurred and making corrections in a smooth, progressive way.

In addition to integrating all of the Highlander's dynamic control systems (VSC, TRAC, BA, EPS, EBD and ABS), the VDIM system also integrated the Highlander Hybrid's Electronic Throttle Control with intelligence (ETC-i) and Electronically Controlled Brakes (ECB). The VDIM system integrated all of these elements with powerful proprietary software to help seamlessly manage the total vehicle dynamic package.

The base-grade Highlander Hybrid exterior featured a front grille with a chrome surround and silver-painted fins, silver-painted rear license plate garnish, blue-tinted headlight and taillight lenses, fixed rear glass, black fog lamp covers, silver-painted lower bumper cover, 17-inch six-spoke alloy wheels, rear spoiler with LED stop lamp and Hybrid Synergy Drive badging. The Highlander Hybrid Limited added 19-inch 10-spoke alloy wheels, light silver-painted roof rails, rear glass hatch, and a power rear door.

Styling featured on the inside of the Highlander Hybrid included a silver and birch-wood grain-style interior trim with chrome door handle accents, Optitron gauges with blue graphics and a power meter with a hybrid system indicator.

The 2008 Highlander's advanced Hybrid Synergy Drive system's 3.3L V6 engine with its high-torque electric drive motor-generator had been extensively upgraded and refined for both power and economy. The Highlander Hybrid engineering team increased output of the Hybrid Synergy Drive powertrain to 270 net horsepower.

The Highlander Hybrid was equipped with a unique instrument panel, including an energy monitor that added new features to assist the driver in maximizing fuel economy.

Activating an EV mode switch located on the front center console allowed the driver to operate in electric-mode for a limited distance at low speeds, or in stop-and-go driving conditions. The resulting benefit was reduced fuel consumption, emissions and noise.

A new ECON drive mode switch located next to the EV Mode switch activated a throttle control program that smoothed out the throttle response. This action limited excessive acceleration thereby helping to enhance fuel economy. A third new fuel saving feature was a Hybrid System Indicator located on the left side of the Optitron combination display. This feature provided the driver with a guideline to reduce fuel consumption.

All Highlander Hybrid models were equipped with four-wheel-drive with intelligence and available in Base and Limited grades.

The 2009 and 2010 Highlander Hybrid carried over unchanged.

The 2011 Highlander Hybrid debuted a more powerful 3.5-liter V6 gasoline engine, along with a standard Tech Audio Package and unique exterior design elements.

Highlander Hybrid carries over unchanged for the 2012 model year.

The Toyota Highlander and Highlander Hybrid models offer additional value for 2013 with more standard equipment, new option packages and audio systems. A new Highlander Plus model grade replaces the former Tech Package and adds numerous popular features, including a rear back-up camera.

The 2013 Highlander and Highlander Hybrid models featured changes to standard and optional multi-media technology for 2013, with Display Audio made standard on Highlander, SE and Highlander Plus grades; the Highlander Hybrid now included as standard Display Audio with Navigation and the Entune™ multimedia package.

Like the gas version of the Highlander, the Highlander Hybrid was all-new for 2014 model year, launching in early 2014 calendar year. The new Highlander Hybrid continued to be powered by Toyota's V6-powered Hybrid Synergy Drive for enhanced mileage and fewer emissions.

Coming off its next-generation launch in 2014, the 2015 Highlander Hybrid carried over virtually unchanged.

The 2016 Highlander Hybrid carries over virtually unchanged.

What does it mean?

Highlander conveys images of power and ruggedness.

Where is it built?

Highlander is built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana (TMMI) in Princeton, Indiana.

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MINIVAN

Series Chronology - Van

- 1984** - Introduction of Van with 2.0L 4-cylinder engine.
- 1985** - Available in both passenger and cargo trim.
- 1986** - New 2.2L engine replaces previous unit.
- 1986** - Minor front and rear styling changes.
- 1987** - "Best Compact Van" in CSI by J.D. Power.
- 1987** - 4WD available on all models.
- 1989** - "Best Compact Van" in CSI by J.D. Power.

Series Chronology - Previa

- 1990** - Full redesign, 1991 Previa introduced with 2.4L 4-cylinder engine.
- 1991** - Named "Best Buy," *Consumer's Digest*.
- 1991** - "Ten Best Cars," *Car and Driver*.
- 1991** - "Design and Engineering Award," *Popular Mechanics*.
- 1992** - Addition of safety features.
- 1992** - "Best Compact Van" in IQS, CSI, J.D. Power.
- 1992** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumers Digest* magazine.
- 1993** - "Best Compact Van" in IQS, J.D. Power.
- 1993** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumers Digest* magazine.
- 1994** - Addition of passenger-side airbag.
- 1994** - Introduction of available supercharged engine.
- 1994** - "Best Compact Van" in IQS, J.D. Power.
- 1994** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumers Digest* magazine.
- 1994** - "Best Overall Value," Intellichoice, Inc.'s *Complete Car Cost Guide*.
- 1995** - "Best Compact Van in Initial Quality," J.D. Power.
- 1996** - Non-supercharged engine discontinued.
- 1996** - "Best Compact Van in Initial Quality" - J.D. Power.
- 1997** - Among "Most Reliable Used Vehicles, Model Years 1989-1995," *Consumer Reports*.
- 1997** - "Top Three Vehicles in Initial Quality - Compact Van Segment," J.D. Power.

SIENNA

Series Chronology

- 1997** - 1998 Sienna is unveiled at Detroit Auto Show in January.
- 1998** - Sienna's first model year.
- 1998** - MotorWeek names Sienna "Best Minivan" – Driver's Choice awards
- 1998** - Among "Best Buys," *Consumer's Digest*
- 1998** - "Most Appealing Compact Van in APEAL," J.D. Power
- 1998** - Named "Top Three Vehicles in Initial Quality, Compact Van," J.D. Power
- 1999** - Sienna adds 5-door CE grade to model line-up and standard daytime running lights
- 1999** - Named "Best Minivan," *Consumer Reports*

1999 - Among "Best Buys," *Consumer's Digest*
1999 - "Best Compact Van in Initial Quality," J.D. Power
1999 - "Best Compact Van Segment," J.D. Power
1999 - "Top Three Vehicles in APEAL, Compact Van," J.D. Power
1999 - "Top Three Vehicles, Minivan," Strategic Vision, Inc.
2000 - Among "Best Picks for Safety," *Money* magazine
2000 - Named "Best Buy Minivan," *Money* magazine
2000 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Minivans
2001 - New front fascia, new interior 50/50 split third bench and new exterior colors
2001 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Minivans
2002 - Symphony package is introduced
2002 - *Consumer Reports* "Most Reliable Minivan."
2002 - Intellichoice named "Best Overall Value" Minivan Class over \$25,000 and under \$25,000.
2002 - J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS) award in the Compact Van segment
2002 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Minivans
2003 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Minivans
2003 - All-new second-generation 2004 Sienna introduced in Spring 2003
2004 - "Best Minivan," "Top Picks for 2004," minivan, "Best Cars for Kids," Sienna CE named "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less," minivans - *Consumer Reports*
2004 - "5 Best Trucks," *Car and Driver* Magazine
2004 - "Most Wanted Cars and Trucks for 2004" minivan category, Edmunds.com.
2004 - "10 Best Cars for Your Buck" minivan category, *Smart Money* Magazine
2004 - Annual Light Truck and SUV Award for "Favorite Van," Sport Truck Connection
2004 - Driver's Choice Award "Best Minivan," *Motor Week*
2004 - "Women's Automotive Satisfaction" minivans and sport utility vehicles category, *Good Housekeeping*
2004 - "Best Cars for Families" minivans category, AAA and *Parents* magazine
2004 - "Consumers' Most Wanted Minivan of the Year for 2004," *Consumer Reports*
2004 - *Consumer Reports* "Most Satisfying," Minivan, April 2005
2004 - Among *Consumer Guide's* Recommended Minivans
2005 - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2005 Recommended Minivans
2005 - *Consumer Reports* "Best Vehicles for \$25,000 or Less," Minivan
2005 - AutoPacific's 2005 Vehicle Satisfaction Award for minivan category
2006 - Among *Consumer Guide's* 2006 Recommended Minivans
2006 - "Best in Class," *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*
2007 - Given the "Editor's Choice Award" by Cars.com, Big Families category.
2007 - Named "Top Pick" in Minivan category by *Consumer Reports*.
2007 - ATLAS Award Winner – Van Category by Sport Truck Connection
2007 - Sienna named one of the "Best Cars for Families" by AAA/*Parents Magazine*.
2008 - AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award (VSA) for Minivan
2008 - Kiplinger's - Best in Class Award Winner
2008 - Among Best Minivans for "Best Family Cars" Award – Edmunds.com/*Parents Magazine*.
2008 - Named "Best Value" in minivan category by Active.com
2008 - Named "Most Satisfying Vehicle" in minivan category by *Consumer Reports*
2008 - Named "Best in Class" by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*
2008 - *Kelley Blue Book* Brand Image Award for "Best Exterior Design" in a minivan
2008 - AutoPacific and Intellichoice.com's Motorist Choice Awards for Minivan
2009 - U.S. News & World Report's 2009 Best Car for the money award
2009 - "Best Bets," *Cars.com*
2009 - "One of the best family minivans," *Parents Magazine* and Edmunds.com

2010 – The Sienna is carried over unchanged from the previous year.
2010 – *Kelley Blue Book* “Best Resale Value: Van”
2010 – Kiplinger’s 2010 Best Value Award
2010 – Edmunds 2010 Lowest True Cost to Own Award
2011 – All-new Third-Generation Sienna is launched
2011 – Named “Top Safety Pick” by Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
2011 – IntelliChoice “2011 Best Overall Value” Minivan segment
2011 – J.D. Power & Associates Vehicle Dependability Study “Most Dependable Minivan”
2012 – “Best in Class” by Kiplingers Personal Finance Magazine
2014 – *Kelley Blue Book* “2014 Best Resale Value – Minivan”
2015 – *Kelley Blue Book* “2015 Best Resale Value” – Minivan category

In 1984, Toyota set out to capture a portion of the rapidly growing minivan market. Toyota designed a rear-drive vehicle powered by a mid-mounted 2.0L four-cylinder engine. Originally available in either Deluxe or LE trim levels, it could be ordered with either a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic. As options, it offered dual air-conditioners with separate controls for front- and rear-seat occupants, seating for up to seven and even an ice maker/cooler box that was cooled by the vehicle's air-conditioner.

In 1985, Toyota offered the Van in both passenger and cargo configuration. In cargo trim, the interior of the vehicle was empty with the exception of two front seats and a full dashboard to allow greater storage space or for the vehicle to be customized. With the exception of a minor freshening to the dash and gauges, there were no other changes made.

In 1986, Toyota endowed the Van with a 2.2L engine. Along with its new-found power, the Van also received luxury upgrades on the passenger model in the form of swivel seats for the front passenger, upgraded door trim and new interior materials and colors.

For 1987, a four-wheel-drive model was added to the Van line-up. Manual transmission models were equipped with a two-speed transfer case, while automatics were simply either in two- or four-wheel drive with their one-speed transfer gearing. Interior richening continued with the addition of optional captain's chairs in the middle-seat position on the passenger Van, while the front passenger seat became optional on the cargo model.

In early 1990 as the Van was replaced by the Previa. Styling was futuristic both inside and out, and a radical departure from the boxy Van. With its 2.4L mid-mounted engine and rear-wheel drive, the Previa drove more like a large car than a mini-van. It was available in both DX and LE trim levels, and could be had with either two- or four-wheel drive (All-Trac). Previa was never available in a cargo configuration, but with its rear seats folded up and out of the way, and its center bench seat removed, Previa was able to swallow up huge amounts of cargo and could even accommodate a four-foot by eight-foot sheet of plywood flat on the floor.

In 1992, Toyota gave Previa a standard driver's-side airbag, side-door intrusion protection, roll-over protection and a Center High-Mount Stop Light (CHMSL), making Previa the first (and at that time, the only) mini-van to meet all applicable passenger-car safety standards.

For 1994, Toyota increased passenger safety even further, including as standard-equipment a passenger-side airbag. To enhance drivability, Toyota gave Previa a supercharger, creating more power.

Fully optioned with the supercharged engine, leather seats, compact-disc player, dual moonroofs and captain's chairs, the Previa was every bit as comfortable as the finest luxury

cars, but exceeded the abilities of a normal car in its ability to carry seven passengers or be instantly transformed into a roomy cargo hauler.

In 1998, Toyota's engineers and designers created the Sienna. Front-wheel drive and riding on a stretched and modified Camry platform, the Sienna also was powered by the same 3.0L V6 used in Camry and Avalon, and was also available with sliding rear doors on both sides.

Interior comfort and ease of use were tops on Sienna's list. Modular, multi-adjustable seats with passenger seatback trays, up to 14 cupholders (depending on seating and door configuration), front and rear powerports, rotary-type HVAC controls, multiple storage compartments and automatic interior lighting with auto-off feature address all the needs of the young family.

This also was the safest minivan ever produced by Toyota, offering ALR/ELR seatbelts on all outboard seating positions, dual airbags, standard ABS and a tire pressure warning system. Sienna met or exceeded all current and foreseeable crash-test criteria worldwide.

For 1999, the recently introduced Sienna added a 5-door CE grade to its model mix as well as an optional power sliding door system for its LE and XLE models and an optional dual Child Restraint Seat. Sienna also received standard daytime running lights and a front passenger seat belt warning system.

For 2001, the strong-selling Sienna carried over with significant improvements. It continued to be offered in CE, LE and XLE grades in the five-door configuration. The four-door model was discontinued. Mechanically, Sienna's engine now received Toyota's VVT-i technology, providing an increase of 16 horsepower and was also certified as a Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) and had an improved EPA fuel economy. For better control on the road during inclement weather, Sienna now offered Vehicle Skid Control.

The exterior received a new front fascia, which included a redesigned grille and front bumper. The LE and XLE models featured an in-glass antenna and four new exterior colors were available. On the inside, the Sienna received a multi-function 50/50 split third row seat and numerous options for specific grades.

The 2002 model Sienna introduced the Symphony special edition for the LE grade, which added a JBL Premium AM/FM/cassette/CD with eight speakers in six locations, on-glass antenna with FM diversity reception, keyless entry, cloth seats with new unique fabric in either gray or oak, captain's chairs in the first two rows, a power six-way driver's seat, carpeted floor mats with Symphony logo and cargo mat, Symphony badge, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, an overhead console with HomeLink®, a roof rack, color-keyed heated power side mirrors, painted bumpers and cladding, and alloy wheels with P215/65R15 tires with a full size steel spare.

For the 2003 model year, Sienna CE grade offered a right-hand power sliding door while the LE grade offered dual power sliding doors. Additional CE grade enhancements included available captain's chairs as part of an Extra Value Package and a tachometer as part of the available right-hand power sliding door.

The all-new second-generation 2004 Sienna was a true American minivan. At launch, more than 90 percent of Sienna's content was sourced from North American suppliers.

The new Sienna rode on an all-new chassis with a wheelbase that was more than five inches longer than the previous-generation Sienna. Both its front and rear tracks were nearly four inches wider, yet its turning diameter had been reduced by more than three feet, nearly one foot tighter than its closest competitor.

Inside, Sienna offered class-leading cargo volume behind the third row, as well as the most passenger volume among front-drive minivans. In total, its interior volume had been increased by nearly 45 cubic feet.

Standard equipment on all models is a 60/40 Split & Stow 3rd Row™ bench seat that folds flat into the floor. Either side of the seat could be stowed separately with a low-effort, one-hand operation. With the entire rear seat stowed and the second-row seats removed, four-by-eight foot sheets of plywood could be loaded flat onto Sienna's floor.

The new Sienna delivered a substantial boost in power, fuel-efficiency, and refinement, thanks to an all-new 230-horsepower V6 engine and an all-new five-speed automatic transmission. Both the engine and the transmission had been built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia's powertrain production facility.

For 2005, Sienna added a power passenger seat to the XLE and XLE Limited grades.

Sienna entered the 2006 model year with freshened exterior and interior enhancements. Its redesigned front fascia included a new grille, fog lamps and headlights, while the rear received new taillamps. Limited models received standard power folding outside mirrors with integrated turn signals and puddle lamps. The Sienna also became available in three new colors, Dark Gray Metallic, Pistachio Metallic and Dark Blue Mica, while Phantom Gray Pearl, Aspen Green Pearl and Stratosphere Mica had been discontinued.

Inside, the Sienna received a universal mini-jack port for portable music player connectivity in all models. CE and LE models received a silver interior trim. XLE and Limited models received Optitron gauges. A memory driver's seat and outside mirror became standard on Limited and optional on XLE models. On LE, XLE and Limited models, the rear entertainment screen had been increased to nine-inches.

For 2007, the Sienna received a new 3.5L V6 engine with VVT-i that produces 266 hp and 245 lb-ft of torque. The 17-inch alloy wheels that were standard on all-wheel drive models and Rampvan and available on XLE and Limited models were redesigned.

For 2008, the Sienna was carried over unchanged from the previous year.

For 2009, the Sienna gained optional 17-inch alloy wheels and additional option package changes for the LE model. The Sienna received two new colors, Super White (replacing Natural White) and Blizzard Pearl (replacing Artic Frost).

The Sienna for 2010 was unchanged from the 2009 model year.

For 2011 Toyota introduced the all-new, third-generation Sienna family van that combined more car-like styling with greater capability and efficiency – and award-winning safety. For the first time, the Sienna was available with a four-cylinder engine, in addition to the V6.

The 2011 Sienna drove more like a sedan than ever, yet still sat up to eight and easily accommodated cargo. With state-of the art features and rewarding driving dynamics, it was a vehicle that current minivan, passenger car and sport utility vehicle owners found satisfying to drive. The 2011 Sienna offered new models, including a sporty SE, and it remained the only minivan available with an all-wheel-drive option.

For 2012 model year the XLE grade added a standard power passenger seat and auto on/off headlights.

The Toyota Sienna family van offers enhanced value for 2013 with new additions in most model grades. The four-cylinder engine has been discontinued, leaving the popular 266 horsepower 3.5-liter V6 as the sole powertrain choice.

For the 2013 model year, most grades of the Sienna gain new amenities and refinements. The popular LE grade adds a standard three-zone automatic climate control system. The system features a cabin air filter, along with individual temperature settings for the driver, front passenger and rear seat passengers. The rear passengers have a separate digital control panel.

The 2013 Sienna Limited and XLE gained a standard Blind Spot Monitor, which was also available as a standalone option on the SE grade. A standard acoustic windshield was also new on Limited and XLE models.

For 2014, Sienna now offered the Blind Spot Monitor as a standalone option for the SE model. Previously for the SE grade, it was available only as part of option packages. The feature, which includes cross-traffic alert, remained standard on the Sienna Limited grade.

The 2015 Toyota Sienna received a significant mid-cycle update debuting refreshed exterior styling packed with added safety, convenience and multi-media features. The 2015 Sienna remained the only van in the market to offer an all-wheel drive option.

Inside, Sienna really shined with an array of upgraded interior appointments and new convenience features, allowing the family hauler to remain kid-friendly, but in a parents rule environment.

After the new and enhanced safety features, the 2015 Sienna also offered the new Driver Easy Speak option. Using the microphone from the Sienna's voice-command multi-media system, Driver Easy Speak conveys your voice through the audio system's rear speakers.

For 2016, the Sienna receives Toyota's across-the-board enhancements to the Entune multimedia head units. The new Connected Navigation Scout® GPS App Link for Entune® Audio Plus uses the customer's smartphone to provide navigation functionality through the head unit. And iPhone® users will be pleased to know that all available head units now integrate Siri® Eyes Free mode.

What does it mean?

Previa: From the Italian word meaning "to preview," or "to look ahead."

Sienna: Derived from the name of a storied city in Italy's Tuscany region (spelled "Siena") and from the name of a color.

Where is it built?

All Previas were built at the Toyota Auto Body Industrial plant in Kariya, Japan.

Beginning with the 2004 model year, Sienna production was moved from Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK) in Georgetown, Kentucky to Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana (TMMI), in Princeton, Indiana.

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VENZA

Series Chronology

- 2009** - All-new Venza introduced in late 2008 as a 2009 model.
- 2009** – AutoPacific Ideal Vehicle Award for premium mid-size crossover SUV
- 2010** – Carryover with standard USB port for auxiliary music source, iPod connectivity and Bluetooth® on all audio units.
- 2011** – Named "Top Safety Pick" by Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- 2015** - Venza is discontinued after the 2015 model year.

The launch of the Venza in late 2008 gave Toyota customer a stylish alternative to the traditional sedan. A versatile five-passenger vehicle for buyers with active lifestyles, Venza couples the styling and comfort of a passenger car with the flexibility of a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

Built exclusively at Toyota Motor Manufacturing (TMMK) in Georgetown, Ky., Venza caters to buyers who are looking for the value and reliability of a Camry, the comfort and upscale refinement of an Avalon, and the utility and flexibility of a Highlander in one very stylish and sporty package. Much of the design of both the interior and exterior was performed by the Toyota Caltex Design Center in Newport Beach, California.

Venza was powered by a new 2.7-liter 16-valve four-cylinder engine with 182-horsepower mated with a six-speed sequential-shift electronically-controlled automatic transmission. It was also available with a 3.5-liter 24-valve V6. The four-cylinder and V6 models were available in front-and All Wheel Drive (AWD) configurations.

All Venzas were equipped with standard driver and passenger advanced airbags, driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags, front and rear side curtain airbags, driver's knee airbag, Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), TRAC, Anti-lock Brake System (ABS), Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA). Venza rides on four-wheel independent MacPherson strut suspension including front and rear stabilizer bars and gas-filled shocks.

Venzas were equipped with an assortment of high-level feature content such as fog lamps, chrome exhaust tip, privacy glass, aluminum alloy wheels, tilt/telescopic adjustable steering wheel, optitron meter, illuminated vanity mirrors, rear seat personal reading lamps, power windows, doors and locks, and cruise control.

For 2010, the Venza was largely carried over with the exception of the audio unit. USB port for auxiliary music source, iPod connectivity and Bluetooth® was not standard on all audio units.

The 2011 Venza saw the addition of Smart Stop Technology to the standard Star Safety System.

For 2012 model year Venza debuted a new three-model grade strategy. Previously, the Venza had been available as a mono-spec model with several option packages. The 2012 Venza was available in LE, XLE and Limited grades, a model line change that aligned the Venza with other Toyota passenger vehicles, making it more convenient for customers. The LE and XLE models were available with all powertrain combinations: four-cylinder, V6, front-wheel drive (FWD) or all-wheel drive (AWD); the Venza Limited came with the V6 engine only, in front-wheel drive or all-

wheel drive configurations.

The 2013 Toyota Venza crossover offered enhanced exterior styling, and added value through several new standard convenience features and updated option packages that included the Entune™ multi-media system.

Venza's aerodynamic shape was tastefully modified with a new upper and lower grille, fog lamps and rear taillights. The updated styling was complemented by a new 19-inch wheel design and three new exterior colors: Attitude Black, Cypress Pearl, and Cosmic Gray Mica.

The 2014 Venza added a few more upgrades, including power-folding outside mirrors for the XLE and Limited grade, and the Limited also gained front and rear parking sonar.

Toyota made refinements inside and beneath the Venza for 2015. Upgraded Entune® audio systems provide more features and convenience, and all models now have a standard backup camera. Power choices continue with a 2.7-liter 4-cylinder engine with 181 hp and a 268-horsepower 3.5-liter V6, though the model line has been streamlined. The Venza LE is now exclusively available with a 4-cylinder engine, still with the choice of front-wheel drive (FWD) and all-wheel drive (AWD). The XLE grade offers a four-cylinder or V6 with FWD or AWD, and the Limited is now available only with the V6 and AWD.

Also new for 2015, the Towing Prep Package is standard for models with the V6 engine. The package equips Venza with an engine oil cooler, larger radiator fan and heavy-duty alternator and allows a 3,500-lb. towing capacity.

After a model cycle than ran for six years, the 2015 model Venza marked its final year of production as Venza has been discontinued.

What does it mean?

Venza is a combination of the words "venture" and "Monza," a city in Northern Italy with a race course named Autodromo Nazionale Monza. The name was chosen because the combination of the words emphasize "venture," outdoor leisure and driving performance.

Where is it built?

Venza is assembled at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK) in Georgetown, Ky. on the same line as Camry. The four-cylinder engine is assembled from the Kamigo plant in Japan. The V6 engine is assembled at TMMK.