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Driving and Maintenance Tips for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles



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You can improve the gas mileage of your hybrid or plug-in vehicle by following these tips.

- Read the owner manual. Advanced vehicles can vary significantly. The manufacturer knows how to get the best mileage out of your specific vehicle.
- Use the economy mode. Many hybrid and electric vehicles come with an “economy mode” to improve fuel economy. The economy mode may limit performance to save fuel.
- Avoid hard braking. Anticipate stops and break moderately. Braking too quickly can cause your vehicle to use the friction brakes rather than the regenerative braking system.
- Use accessories wisely. Accessories like heating and air conditioning can lower the fuel economy of hybrids and electric vehicles significantly
- Keep the battery charged. This helps plug-in hybrids use as much electricity and as little gasoline as possible, and it extends the range of all-electric vehicles.

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