What Makes a Car a Green Car?

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If you're concerned about the environment, you may wonder what makes a new or used Honda "green"? While conventional wisdom tells us that fuel-efficient cars are good for the environment, there's more to the story than looking at fuel efficiency estimates. While individual models may vary in their eco-friendly benefits, it's smart to look at the car manufacturer as a whole. Does the car manufacturer share your commitment to protecting the environment? Here are a few ways that Honda Motors is making a difference.

Fuel Efficiency and Emissions

Honda Motors has consistently been recognised for its leadership in the areas of fuel efficiency and emissions and has the awards to prove it. For example, GreenerCars.org's Greenest Cars of 2012 list contains four Honda cars (out of 12) including the Honda Civic Natural Gas, Honda Insight, Honda Civic Hybrid, and Honda CR-Z. In fact, for the last 12 years, Honda cars have been featured on this list of greenest vehicles every year except one.

The Union of Concerned Scientists' Hybrid Scorecard lists the Honda Civic and two other Honda cars (Insight and CR-Z) as high scorers in its list of non-luxury cars. This scorecard helps car buyers understand the environmental benefits of the different hybrid models on the market.

Recycling of Rare Earth Metals

Another way that Honda Motors is helping the earth is through its new metal extraction program. In collaboration with Japan Metals & Chemicals Co, Honda Motors is salvaging rare earth metals from nickel-metal hydride batteries salvaged from used cars. Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Ancaster car owners often require new batteries from their local dealership's Honda service centre. When they turn in their nickel-metal hydride batteries, the rare earth metals can ultimately be salvaged, reprocessed, and recycled into new Honda parts.

Zero-Waste to Landfill Manufacturing

In North America, Honda has improved manufacturing processes with 10 out of 14 manufacturing facilities having reached its zero-waste to landfill goal. What's the big deal? These factories have the capacity to manufacture over three million Acura and Honda cars each year. Less than one half of one percent of manufacturing waste goes into a landfill. Everything else is recycled or reused.

Where to Buy a New or Used Honda

When it comes time to buy a "green" Honda, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Grimsby, Ancaster, Niagara, and Stoney Creek car buyers have plenty of exceptional choices at Sterling Honda. As far as used cars, Hamilton's Sterling Honda features certified used Honda cars. Certification ensures that the pre-owned Honda still meets Honda's high standards. For example, what if you buy a used Honda Civic that has been improperly modified? It may not live up to its promise of fuel efficiency and low emissions. Certification ensures that it does.

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