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16 Abstract

This survey examined the views of U.S. motorists concerning hybrid vehicles, both in terms of their current vehicles and future vehicles. The survey yielded completed responses from 1,002 owners of a hybrid and 1,038 owners of a non-hybrid.

The main findings related to **current owners of a hybrid** are as follows:

- The main reason given for owning a hybrid is the environmental impact; females are more concerned than males about this aspect of hybrid ownership.
- Only a small percentage of respondents report any hybrid-specific problems.
- About 4/5 intend to buy a hybrid again for their next vehicle; about 1/3 of them intend to buy a plug-in hybrid.
- Out of those that do not intend to buy a hybrid for their next vehicle, about 1/6 are planning to get an electric vehicle.

The main findings related to **current owners of a non-hybrid** are as follows:

- The most frequent reasons given for not getting a hybrid as the current vehicle are not considering hybrids at all and the initial cost.
- About 1/3 of respondents intend to buy a hybrid for their next vehicle.

In looking ahead to the future, this report also contains a table that summarizes 14 aspects of 12 different fuel sources (including hydrogen) that will likely influence driver acceptance.

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