Sonata Hybrid Receives Best New Car Award from

Good Housekeeping and Car and Driver Magazines

* *Hyundai Motor’s Sonata Hybrid Earns Accolade in the ‘Eco’ Category for Inaugural Awards*
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**January 14, 2016** - Hitting the ground running in 2016, Hyundai Motor announced that its [2016 Sonata Hybrid](http://www.hyundainews.com/us/en/models/sonata-hybrid/2016) was named a winner in Good Housekeeping and Car and Driver’s inaugural [2016 Best New Car Awards](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/travel-products/). Receiving praise for its outstanding fuel economy and refined powertrain, the vehicle received the award in the ‘Eco’ category, besting competitors like the Ford Fusion Hybrid and Toyota Camry Hybrid.

“The Sonata Hybrid not only offers buyers great value at the pump, but it’s also packed with technology and convenience features like integrated Android Auto, blind spot detection, lane-departure and forward collision warnings,” said Jane Francisco, Editor in Chief of Good Housekeeping. “The Sonata had the best gas mileage, delivering an incredibly quiet and relaxing ride in our tests.”

Good Housekeeping worked with Car and Driver, the leading authority on all things automotive to screen a preliminary list of 160 vehicles down to 40 vehicles. Good Housekeeping’s engineers rigorously assessed the vehicles’ criteria on performance, infotainment systems, usability, storage, family friendliness and intuitive design, among other attributes.

“Most hybrids in the mid-size segment lack a sense of connection between the car and the driver,” said Mike O’Brien, Vice President of Product and Corporate Planning at Hyundai Motor America. “The Sonata Hybrid was designed and engineered to offer fuel efficiency, without sacrificing the joys of driving. Receiving this award from both top men’s and women’s publications shows the car’s unmatched ability to exceed the needs of customers from different lifestyles.”

The Sonata Hybrid was redesigned from the ground-up for 2016. Using Hyundai Motor’s 2.0-liter “Nu” GDI four-cylinder engine, a six-speed automatic transmission and a more-powerful 38kW electric motor, the car delivers the same responsive, engaging driving characteristics as the standard Sonata, with a more than 10 percent improvement in fuel economy compared to the 2015 hybrid model. The vehicle offers standout safety and convenience features like hands-free trunk, blind-spot detection, lane-departure warning, leather-wrapped heated steering wheel.

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