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## **San Francisco Environment Department Green Taxi Vehicle Guide**

The San Francisco Environment Department has reviewed the list of the cleanest available vehicles on the market today that fit the needs of taxi companies and taxi drivers. Vehicles selected for this guide include hybrids that are currently approved for use as taxicabs by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

The cleaner vehicles listed in this guide provide environmental benefits and significant savings at the pump. In addition, these cleaner vehicles are made even more attractive because their purchasers potentially would be eligible for Federal tax credits, Bay Area Air Quality Management District incentive funds and, in some cases, private sector company incentives.

The "Green Taxi Vehicle Guide" overview page lists the cleanest available cars by auto manufacturer, model, "green score", range, fuel and purchase costs among other criteria. Following the highlights page, we have developed one page summaries for each vehicle listed on the overview page with specific details on the cost difference between cleaner and traditional vehicles, a breakdown of available incentives and comparisons of fuel cost based on 80,000 miles/year and environmental impacts.

Our sources include the US Department of Energy and the US Environmental Protection Agency web site, [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov), the California Air Resources Boards Cleaner Vehicles Guide, [www.driveclean.ca.gov](http://www.driveclean.ca.gov), the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's (ACEEE) Environmental Guide for Cars and Trucks, [www.greencars.org](http://www.greencars.org), and the IRS web site which lists tax credits currently available for hybrid vehicles, <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=157632,00.html>.

We have used the ACEEE's "Green Score" to rate vehicles listed in this guide. The ACEEE is an independent, non-profit research group dedicated to advancing energy efficiency as a means of protecting the environment and strengthening the economy and is regarded in the industry as the preeminent source for ranking greener cars. The ACEEE annually publishes its "Green Book" where vehicles are analyzed on the basis of a "Green Score," a singular measure that incorporates unhealthy tailpipe emissions, fuel consumption, and the emissions of gases that cause global warming.

We encourage you to purchase vehicles listed in the "Green Taxi Vehicle Guide" as you move forward with your future "green" taxi purchases. Buying more fuel-efficient cars is the single biggest action we can all take to help reduce global warming and to protect public health.

For more information, please contact the San Francisco Taxi Commission at 415-503-2180.