

2019 Yaris Offers An Ideal Blend of Value, Fun

TORONTO: The 2019 Toyota Yaris sedan offers an exceptional blend of efficiency, fun, comfort and safety all at a reasonable price. Is this combination too much to ask of an entry subcompact vehicle? The new Yaris answers with a resounding “No!”

The Yaris sedan will be offered in two grades for 2019, including the sporty and well-equipped entry grade, and the new premium XLE grade. Premium, on a Yaris? That’s right. The XLE takes Yaris up a notch with, automatic LED headlights, rain-sensing wipers and illuminated entry.

For 2019, all Yaris sedans will feature a new sport-inspired front grille with a honeycomb insert design. Exterior styling accents include upscale piano black accents and chrome trim. XLE grade also sports a new rear lip spoiler. Every grade is fitted with a roof-mounted, color-keyed shark fin antenna for standard satellite radio. Power outside mirrors come standard, while the XLE is equipped with power outside heated mirrors with LED turn-signal indicators.

Safety is a priority on every Toyota, and that’s why all Yaris sedans comes standard with an Active Safety System and Low-Speed Pre-Collision System. The Yaris features a high-compression 1.5-litre engine that boasts up to 5.8 L/100 km on the high-

way (Estimated rating with automatic transmission).

The Yaris sedan will be offered in six colors that include Vapour White, Stealth Black Metallic, Stone Grey Metallic, Pulse Red Metallic, Intense Blue Metallic and the all-new Ceramic. The new Yaris will go on sale in the fall of 2018.

When the direct-injection 1.5-litre engine is paired with the available 6-speed automatic transmission, the Yaris boasts an impressive estimated 7.3 L/100 km in the city, 5.8 L/100 km on the highway and 6.6 L/100 km combined. When paired with the six-speed manual gearbox offering, the Yaris provides an estimated 7.8 L/100 km in the city, 6.0 L/100 km on the highway and 6.8 L/100 km combined.

The sporty sedan is a blast to drive, thanks in large part to the engine and transmission offerings.

The 1.5-litre DOHC four-cylinder engine pumps out 106 horsepower and 103 lb.-ft. of torque for plenty of pep to power onto highway onramps and seamlessly navigate workday traffic.

The standard manual transmission features a compact, lightweight design with a short-throw shift for smooth, quick gear changes. The available automatic transmission aids in smooth starts while offering quick, precise



shifts at higher speeds.

The electronic power steering is designed for smooth, effortless operation. For more spirited driving, Sport Mode provides improved torque feel at the flip of a switch. Stopping duties are handled by ventilated discs up front and drum brakes in the rear. The braking system is tuned with a progressive feel when cornering, as the pedal offers a cushioned feel that gets progressively more rigid as G-force rises.

Upping the ante on interior comfort and features, every Yaris features a 7.0-inch touchscreen multimedia system with remote interface, steering wheel con-

trols and Bluetooth connectivity. The touchscreen also displays the standard backup camera. Belting out tunes in the cabin is a six-speaker sound system. An integrated AM/FM antenna, auxiliary audio jack and USB port with iPod connectivity are standard.

New for 2019, Dynamic Radar Cruise control start is standard on all grades.

Every Yaris is fitted with Push button start and power windows with driver-side auto up/down. A standard 60/40-split rear seat easily expands carrying capacity and versatility.

Every Yaris is equipped with an Active Safety System that in-

cludes Dynamic Stability Control (DSC), Traction Control System (TCS), Brake Assist (BA), Electronic Brake-Force Distribution (EBD), Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) and a Brake Over-Ride System (BOS).

The Yaris is also fitted with a Low-Speed Pre-Collision System, which scans the road ahead for potential vehicle collisions. If the system detects a potential frontal collision, an audio/visual alert and braking assistance are designed to automatically activate.

Should the driver not respond, this system may automatically apply the brakes.

200 Desjardins Vehicle Charging Stations In Quebec, Ontario

LÉVIS, QC: Desjardins Group has announced the installation of 200 charging stations for electric vehicles in its network of Desjardins caisses in Quebec and Ontario in partnership with Hydro-Québec.

“Desjardins Group is determined to tackle the issue of climate change head on. By adding 200 charging stations, we’re helping the transition to clean energy and the socioeconomic development of communities in a very practical way.

“Our caisses are mobilizing to provide widespread access to charging stations for electric vehicle users travelling in Quebec and Ontario,” said Guy Cormier, President and CEO of Desjardins Group.

“Collaborations like the one between Desjardins and Hydro-Québec are a constructive way to address major collective challenges like climate change.”

The partnership builds on Hydro-Québec’s public charging network—the Electric Circuit—and highlights Quebec’s expertise in the move to electric transportation.

Even the technology behind the charging stations was designed by a Quebec company.

For nearly six years, the Electric Circuit has been expanding across Quebec, growing constantly to meet the increasing needs of current and future electric vehicle driv-

ers. By joining this partnership, Desjardins is creating the conditions to achieve our goal of making a real contribution to a sustainable, responsible economy.

“This partnership with Desjardins Group will help us take a big leap forward and send a clear message to anyone thinking of buying an electric vehicle: the public charging infrastructure is on the way. An electric vehicle is now a realistic option,” said Éric Martel, CEO of Hydro-Québec.

The 200 charging stations will be installed across Quebec and eastern Ontario by 2021, mainly on caisse properties. There will be stations:

- from Chapais in Nord-du-Québec

to Havre-St-Pierre on the Côte-Nord

- From Windsor, Ontario to the Îles-de-la-Madeleine

The arrival of these 200 stations will enhance the Electric Circuit network with over 100 new standard 240-volt stations and 60 quick charge 400-volt stations. In the coming months, we’ll clarify where these two types of charging stations will be installed as the deployment plan is developed.

This is one more step in the transition to a low-carbon economy. If we want the energy transition to succeed, it must be a collective effort. If we work together we can make it happen. - CNW-Telbec



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