

EXTERIOR

CIVIC SEDAN TOURING



TOYOTA COROLLA XSE



CAPLESS FUELING SYSTEM

Filling up at the pump is simple and clean, thanks to Civic's capless fueling system. Drivers no longer need to worry about forgetting to put the cap back on after refueling, as the innovative capless mechanism opens and closes as you insert and retract the nozzle. Corolla lacks such convenience, using a traditional screwcap.

HONDA LANEWATCH™ BLIND-SPOT DISPLAY

Civic drivers enjoy heightened awareness and confidence courtesy of LaneWatch™. A passenger-side mirror-mounted camera displays a video feed on the Display Audio to keep the driver's sight more in line with the road ahead. While Corolla features a blind spot warning, it lacks the stronger, attention-grabbing quality of Civic's video display.

ELEGANT EXTERIOR TOUCHES

The understated character of Civic is highlighted with alluring flashes of chrome. From the fog light shroud and exterior door handles, to the mirror accent, window trim moulding, and lower rear bumper garnish, the shimmering metal brings Civic to life. For all the changes made to Corolla, there's little to attract the eye beyond its busy design.

UNDER THE HOOD



MORE HORSEPOWER AND TORQUE

Civic's turbo 1.5L 4-cylinder engine provides 174 hp, plus 162 lb.-ft. of torque that's available from a low 1,700 rpm. While Corolla's larger, naturally aspirated Dynamic Force 2.0L 4-cylinder engine makes a comparable 169 hp, it doesn't develop its full 151 lb.-ft. of torque until 4,500 rpm.



VARIABLE-RATIO, DUAL-PINION STEERING

Civic's Variable Ratio Electric Power-Assisted Rack-and-Pinion (EPS) can modify the steering ratio for improved steering feel and manoeuvrability. It determines the appropriate amount of assist based on the driver's physical steering input and adjusts accordingly with an electric motor to tighten steering when making evasive maneuvers and relax it at lower speeds for easier parking. Toyota, meanwhile, doesn't even list Corolla's steering ratio.

MAINTENANCE MINDER™

To help owners keep their vehicle in proper working order, Civic displays "Maintenance Due Soon" and "Maintenance Due Now" messages in the cluster. Using sensors and algorithms that take driving conditions and driver habits into account, Maintenance Minder improves the accuracy of the maintenance schedule. Owners who log mostly highway miles, for example, won't be prompted to change their oil unnecessarily early. Corolla's system leaves much more to chance, as it only bases maintenance needs on the kilometres driven.



“...[T]here's nothing else out this year that's going to steal the car's title belt. But here we are anyway with an even better Civic.”

“[Corolla's] base engine is weak, even for an entry-level car, and most rivals are generally more fun to drive.”



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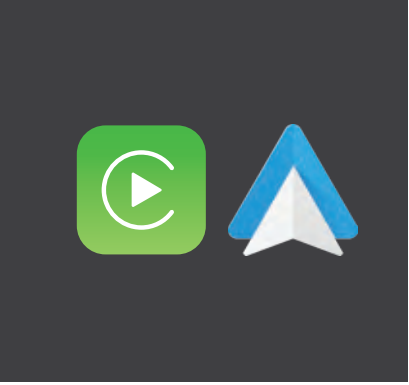
MORE PREMIUM, FUNCTIONAL INTERIOR

Civic's thoughtfully designed interior is elevated by the premium materials for a look and feel that's as attractive as it is durable. Corolla's redesigned interior still includes plenty of hard plastics, along with other average-quality materials. In addition to better quality, Civic also offers more hip and shoulder room, as well as passenger volume.



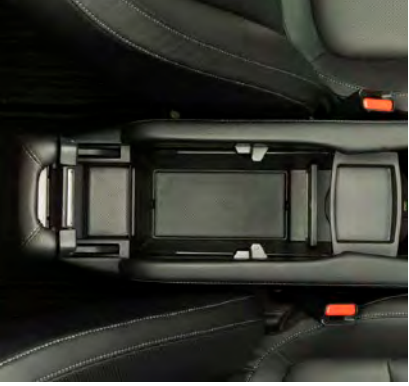
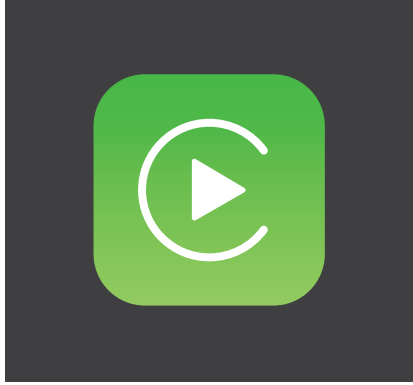
LEATHER-TRIMMED SEATING SURFACES

Civic's sport-minded seats boast leather trim. Their rich look and feel, as well as their rugged design, maximizes the seats' longevity. Corolla may tout its SofTex® as a premium imitation leather, but the surface material doesn't compare to the real thing that comes on the Civic.



APPLE CARPLAY®/ANDROID AUTO™ COMPATIBILITY

Civic delivers seamless smartphone functionality and optimum personalization via standard Apple CarPlay®/Android Auto™ compatibility. Corolla's audio system works with Apple CarPlay® but currently lacks Android Auto™ support.



MULTIFUNCTIONAL CENTRE CONSOLE

Boasting an overall capacity of 7.2L, Civic's multifunctional centre console provides a wealth of easily accessible storage space, and its reconfigurable design meets a variety of owner needs. Corolla's smaller centre console lacks much of Civic's customizability.



“ The design is current and there's certainly nothing wrong with it, but it'll never end up on a poster in some aspiring teenager's bedroom. ”

VERSATILITY

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POWER FRONT-PASSENGER SEAT

Civic extends power adjustability to both front-seat occupants with an 8-way power driver's seat and 4-way power front-passenger seat. Even in its most well-appointed trim level, Corolla pairs an 8-way power driver's seat with a 4-way manual front-passenger seat.



MULTI-ANGLE REARVIEW CAMERA WITH DYNAMIC GUIDELINES

Civic drivers will appreciate the utility of a multi-angle camera that allows easier observation of hard-to-see areas, affords drivers more comprehensive sightlines, and features dynamic guidelines that pivot based on the steering-wheel angle to aid reversing manoeuvres. Corolla's rearview camera lacks the multi-angle capability, and its guidelines are fixed.



CARGO CONVENIENCE

Civic features trunk-mounted release levers so owners can quickly drop the rear seats while they're loading from the rear. Corolla only offers push-button releases atop the rear seatbacks, meaning drivers need to step away from their trunk-loading to access the additional space they require.



416 L

VOLUMINOUS TRUNK

Civic Touring owners enjoy a generous 416L of trunk space, and the large opening facilitates loading and unloading of cargo. Corolla XSE's trunk volume is just 371L, a 45-litre difference that means fewer groceries, one less piece of furniture, or one less backpack.



371 L

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Inside, the new Corolla feels less roomy than the previous model, and since it sits lower, the 2020 version isn't as easy to get into or out of.

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HONDA CIVIC SEDAN TOURING



Corolla's peppy 2.0L 4-cylinder engine delivers better fuel efficiency than Civic.

Corolla rides on the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA), which critics have praised for its superb driving dynamics.

The sporty XSE trim outfits Corolla drivers with paddle shifters.

Corolla conveniences include an 8-way power driver's seat, heated front seats and outboard rear seats, and power moonroof.

Drivers enjoy infotainment tech like an 8-inch display screen with Apple CarPlay[®] connectivity.

Every Corolla comes standard with Toyota Safety Sense 2.0 with Pedestrian Detection and Daytime Bicycle Detection.

Corolla's 0.1L/100 km fuel-economy advantage is negligible and is ultimately negated by the fact that the engine provides less power and torque than Civic's turbo 1.5L. Civic's torque is also more usable than Corolla's, as its peak arrives much lower in the powerband.

Civic's chassis has also won plenty of praise, including a 10Best award from Car and Driver. In addition to these accolades, Civic's variable-ratio, dual-pinion EPS and Agile Handling Assist further enhance its considerable handling prowess and leave Corolla drivers wanting.

While paddle shifters are a welcome addition for driver engagement, Corolla's XSE enhancements are largely cosmetic. Civic Touring also features paddle shifters and gives owners more substance by providing more power than Corolla as well as a lot more driving excitement.

Such features indeed deserve praise. Which is why Civic also features them, along with features Corolla lacks, including a 4-way power front-passenger seat, multifunctional centre console, and more. In addition, the angle of Corolla's rear seats lacks Civic's ergonomic design, making Corolla less convenient at its core.

Corolla fails to include Android Auto[™] compatibility found on Civic. Civic buyers can use either the embedded navigation system, or app-based navigation such as Google Maps[™] or Waze[™] via Apple CarPlay[™]/Android Auto[™].

Civic's standard Honda Sensing[™] suite¹ includes useful technologies Corolla lacks. Pedestrian detection is also included as part of the Forward Collision Warning (FCW) and the Collision Mitigation Braking System[™] (CMBS[®]), and Honda Sensing adds RDM to provide even greater protection.

TOYOTA COROLLA: IN SUMMARY

Even though the 2020 Corolla makes a bold statement, addressing some of the drawbacks found in previous models, its new architecture and attractive appointments are unable to close the gap with Civic when it comes to creating a well-rounded, highly desirable sedan. On the performance front, Corolla fails to deliver excitement that rivals its Honda counterpart, whether through engine power or features that enhance handling and engage the driver. Corolla's redesign also cuts corners in the quality of material used on both the interior and exterior, opting for hard plastics and disregarding upscale flourishes such as the chrome found on Civic. For all the attention paid to its new body structure and well-rounded safety systems, the 2020 Corolla is saddled with uninspiring dynamics and an overall lack of imagination, signalling that Civic will retain its status as Canada's best-selling car.

¹Excluding Si. Low-Speed Follow (LSF) not applicable on M/T models. See honda.ca for additional information and disclaimers.