

Appendix B

Hybrid Vehicle Do's and Don'ts



DO NOT



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DO NOT leave the key in the ON position with the vehicle OFF for an extended period of time. (The 12-Volt auxiliary battery will quickly discharge.)	DO turn the key OFF or leave the vehicle running (READY light ON) to avoid discharge of the 12-Volt battery.
DO NOT leave the auxiliary battery connected to the vehicle if it will be sitting for over three weeks.	DO disconnect the auxiliary battery if the vehicle will be sitting for over three weeks.
DO NOT charge the auxiliary battery with a regular battery charger.	DO pulse charge the auxiliary battery with Toyota's charger. (It must be recharged at a rate of no more than 3.5A or damage will occur.)
DO NOT tow the Prius with all four wheels on the ground. (Will create electricity.)	DO tow the Prius on a flat bed or with the front wheels off the ground.
DO NOT physically push the Prius around in the shop. (May create electricity.)	DO drive or move the vehicle on rollers when in the shop.
DO NOT shift into neutral with the READY light ON and let the vehicle sit. (High voltage battery cannot recharge in neutral.)	DO keep the vehicle in park.
DO NOT pull the service plug without wearing high-voltage insulated gloves.	DO wear high-voltage insulated gloves whenever working near high-voltage systems.
DO NOT change the oil until you have confirmed that the key is OFF.	DO turn the key OFF before an oil change. (Don't be fooled. You may not hear the engine running even though the car is ON! The engine will turn back ON!)
DO NOT get out of the car until you have confirmed it is in Park.	DO put the vehicle in Park before getting out. (Don't be fooled. You may not hear the engine running even though the car is ON! The car will drive away!)
DO NOT run the vehicle out of GAS! (The HV battery may have to be recharged at a dealership.)	DO turn the vehicle OFF immediately if you run out of gas. Once the vehicle has been refueled, the engine may be able to recharge the HV battery.