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What is a Tacoma? The Tacoma is a midsize pickup truck built in the Guanajuato, Mexico assembly plant and sold worldwide by Toyota. On the 2025 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro HV pickup truck, the HV stands for Hybrid Vehicle. This indicates that the truck is powered by a combination of a gasoline engine and electric motor, providing improved fuel efficiency and better performance. This name tag means that the new

Tacoma has features and technologies that push the boundaries and its capabilities.

The Tacoma is a midsize truck, so it's smaller than the full size Tundra, making it more maneuverable and much more fuel efficient. And in the world of Toyota, TRD stands for Toyota Racing Development. TRD is Toyota's in house racing division that's responsible for developing performance parts and accessories, as well as engaging in motorsports and racing activities all around the world.

Toyota's TRD models are known for

their enhanced off road capabilities, with features like upgraded suspensions, front and rear skid plates, and specialized parts designed for sporty driving and off-roading. They undergo rigorous testing to ensure they can handle various terrains and conditions. TRD Pro models in particular, offer more powerful drive trains, upgraded shocks, sport exhaust systems and specialized options.

Here are 7 key reasons to consider the 2025 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro pickup truck:

**Suspension:** TRD models often feature upgraded shocks, including Bilstein shocks in some models, which provide a good balance of on and off road performance. TRD Pro models have special Fox 2.5 inch internal bypass shocks tuned by TRD engineers.

**Underbody:** TRD Off Road trims have real underbody protection with steel skid plates, which offer more protection compared to the felt and plastic covers found in most

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competitors trucks.

**Clearance:** Off Road models generally have more ground clearance than other trims, allowing them to easily navigate rough terrain.

**4x4:** Many TRD models, especially the Off Road trims, come standard with a 4WD on demand traction system, and an electronically controlled 2 speed transfer case, providing additional handling and traction control for all kinds of challenging conditions.

**Fuel Economy:** The 2025 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro 4x4 Hybrid gets 22 MPG in city driving, 24 MPG on the highway and a very respectable 23 MPG in combined driving.

**Off Road Capability:** The TRD Pro is engineered for serious off roading, featuring TRD tuned suspension, FOX shocks, and a multi terrain select system. Plus it has a high clearance front bumper and an aggressive looking stance.

**TRD Pro:** TRD Pro models go even further with specialized features like TRD tuned cat back exhaust systems, suspension lifts, and bright red forged aluminum upper control arms, and include a stabilizer disconnect mechanism and crawl control to enhance their off road power.

The Tacoma TD Off Road edition is known for its special off road suspension, underbody protection, and 4x4 system, while the Tacoma TRD Pro has an even more aggressive suspension system, with specialized parts and a more powerful drive train.

To highlight these special features, this week Toyota sent me a 2025 Tacoma TRD PRO Double Cab Pickup Truck to test drive and review. The base window sticker price for this 4x4 (HV) Hybrid edition is \$63,735. The options on the test truck are: the towing technology package for \$850, the rear differential skid plate for \$355, the trailer ball mount for \$70, the spray-on bed liner for \$575, and the mini tie-down plates for \$45.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP), including the \$1,495 destination charge, is: \$67,125.

After adding in the state and local sales tax, plus the DMV and dealer fees, the out the door and in your driveway total purchase price came to: \$75,516. At just \$484 bucks under \$76 Grand, you get a highly optioned midsize pickup truck that can go just about anywhere; to school, to work, and then off to the 6,800 acre Hollister Hills Off Road Recreation Area State Park on the weekends for a little fun in the sun and all off road.

The 2025 Toyota TRD Pro is the right choice for those seeking a highly capable off road truck with a focus on adventure and performance. It offers a blend of rugged styling, advanced technology and a powerful hybrid drive train; making it a best buy in the midsize pickup truck segment.

So, call, click or visit your local

Toyota dealer for a test drive, and a Bottom Line price review, on the 2025 Toyota Tacoma TRD PRO 4x4 Double Cab (HV) Hybrid Pickup Truck. And remember that the base price for a new Tacoma pickup starts at only \$31,590. Toyota - Let's Go Places.

Be smart, stay safe, and just breathe. Remember, You Are What You Drive, and maybe, just for those reasons alone, you should Drive one, Buy one, Today. Have a great day, drive safely, and enjoy the ride, as the future looks nice and bright - Tony the Car Guy.

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