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From the outside, the Prius looks like an eggish hatchback capsule of gayness. However, if you have ever been inside of a Prius then you are fully aware that they are like a little high-tech rocket ship with all sorts of digital displays and LED projections to tell you speed, battery life, rpm, etc. The Toyota Prius is one of the most stereotyped vehicles on the road today. People are always saying how hippies drive them, but if you consider the ads that are put out I meanâ€¦. With that being said those Prius commercials are quite mesmerizing. Pretty big range right? That is because the Prius is purchased for a variety of different reasons by different types of guys:. You better at least drive a tricked out Prius. This tricked out Toyota Prius is looking very sharp and futuristic. If Toyota is smart, which they are, they will probably be taking the Prius down this type of design road in the years to come. Our answer here would probably be a little different about 6 months ago. 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