

Get the Honda's new CR-Z hybrid for less than \$20,000

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The super sporty Honda CR-Z hybrid, which will debut at Honda dealerships across the nation on Aug. 24, comes with a price tag less than \$20,000. The two-door coupe comes with an MSRP of \$19,200 plus a \$750 destination and handling charge, bringing the starting price to just under \$20,000.

The vehicle's lines are reminiscent of the Honda Civic CRX, a car popular with teens and young adults in the 1990s. Honda is likely targeting this same audience with the "not your mom's hybrid" design of the CR-Z. The CR-Z is a two-passenger coupe that comes with a sixspeed manual transmission. The availability of a manual transmission not only speaks to the younger, sportier driver but it is also a first for any



mass-produced hybrid vehicle.

The CR-Z will be available in two models _ the base model as well as the CR-Z EX. Unlike many base models available on the market today, the entry level CR-Z comes well-equipped with an AM/FM/CD/USB sound system, automatic climate control, remote entry, cruise control, and power windows and locks. The CR-Z EX features an enhanced audio system and Honda's Satellite-Linked <u>Navigation System</u> with Voice Recognition.

Although the CR-Z is a 4-cylinder hybrid, the EPA <u>fuel efficiency</u> estimates aren't anything to write home about. The six-speed manual version has a 31-mpg city rating, a 37-mpg highway rating and a combined fuel efficiency of only 34 mpg. The automatic transmission provides a little more fuel efficiency with ratings of 35/39/37 respectively.

For more information about the availability of a 2011 Honda CR-Z, contact your local <u>Honda</u> dealership.

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