Toyota Camry likely to continue to be at the top of mid-size sedan buyers' list

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Meanwhile the XLE V6 (\$34,275) includes a 10-speaker JBL audio system with integrated satellite radio, a navigation system and dual-zone automatic climate control are among the additional standard features.

The Camry also comes in two gas-electric hybrid models, the Hybrid LE (\$27,710) that I reviewed earlier this model year and the Hybrid XLE (\$29,235).

Our tester this time around came with the 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that is peppy and fuelefficient.

Unless you have a full complement of passengers and a heavy load in the trunk, it's unlikely you'll ever find the need for more power. But for those who do crave more performance, there's the V6 engine available. During our time with the Camry we averaged about 6.8L/100 km in mostly highway driving.

While it is no sports sedan, the Camry handles well, although the electric power steering is a bit light for my taste.

Every time I climb inside a Camry I'm struck by the spaciousness of the interior and just how each new model is better than the previous one.

This spaciousness and the level of comfort may help explain the popularity of the Camry that continues to sell in big numbers. Just this September, sales of the Camry in Canada jumped 49.4 per cent over the same month last year to 1,756 units.

The back seat area is generous with room for three adults. Interior materials are improved over previous versions but there is still a lot of hard plastic used. The leather seats in the XLE model give the car a more upscale feel.

A 6.1-inch touch screen for the audio is prominent on the centre stack and displays the rear view picture when reverse is selected.

The 60-40 split rear seats fold down to add more cargo space to the 436 litres in the trunk.

The new Camry is more stylish than previous generations, but still a tad conservative looking when compared with midsize sedans like the Ford Fusion,

Hyundai Sonata and even the restyled Honda Accord and Nissan Altima.

This is a car that appeals to an older demographic so styling ^S seems to take a back seat comfort and reliability.

The mid-size sedan market is ≤ a competitive one with several worthy contenders.

Which car buyers select will odepend on personal tastes but of there's no doubt the Camry will of be at the top of the list for many motorists as it has been for more of than 30 years.

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