



The 2017 Ford Fusion Energi (Platinum model shown) plug-in hybrid offers a choice of gasoline and electric propulsion with the ability to charge the battery direct from the power grid.

Fusion plug-in takes Ford to the luxury level

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The 2017 Ford Fusion Energi Platinum will appeal to the luxury sedan buyer with an enviro conscience.

The Fusion is primarily a

competitively priced mid-size sedan. But with the toptrim Platinum it moves up a luxu step with thick cocoa hued and double stitched leather instrument panel and door trim, pleated leather seating,

12-speaker Sony sound system and natural wood trim.

There are a growing number of plug-in hybrids, mostly CUVs, but there are very few luxury plug-in five-seat sedans like the Mercedes-Benz

C350 and S550. Yes there are the Kia and Hyundai plug-ins, but as good as they are, they don't match the Fusion Energi on luxury appointments.

On the environmental side, the name Energi in Ford-

speak means a plug-in hybrid.

It combines the best of a pure electric/battery car plus the advantage of being a hybrid. The difference here is you have an engine/motor

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