

Toyota Corolla 1.8 Hybrid E210

Date _____ Mileage _____ Price _____ Seller _____

What matters most: One of the most reliable drivetrains available. The main ownership concern is the small 12V auxiliary battery, which can go flat after 1-2 weeks of sitting. A trickle charger solves it.

BEFORE THE VIEWING

Recall status (safety items)

Toyota issued recalls for brake control ECU software (2023-2024) and steering shaft cracking (2023-2024). Contact Toyota with the VIN to confirm all recalls are completed before visiting.

Service records and warranty

Toyota extends the hybrid battery warranty to 10 years if serviced annually at a dealer. Ask for proof of unbroken annual dealer servicing. Oil change interval is every 15,000 km or 12 months.

12V battery replacement history

Ask the seller when the small 12V auxiliary battery was last replaced. Early models (2019-2020) were especially prone to drain. If it has never been replaced after 3+ years, budget for one soon.

AT THE CAR

Tyres and exterior condition

Standard tyre sizes are 195/65 R15 or 225/45 R17 depending on trim. Check tread depth and date codes on the sidewall (four digits, e.g. 2423 = week 24 of 2023). Look for uneven inner-edge wear.

Rear brake disc corrosion

Look at the rear discs through the wheel spokes. Heavy pitting, deep rust ridges, or a visible lip at the disc edge can point to seized pads from regenerative braking underuse. Common on all Toyota hybrids.

Cold start and hybrid system

Start the car cold. It should power up silently on electric first, with the "READY" indicator lighting up. When the petrol engine kicks in, the transition should be smooth with no vibration or clunking sounds.

Coolant levels (two circuits)

This car has two separate coolant systems: one for the engine (reservoir on the left side of the engine bay) and one for the hybrid inverter. Both should be at the correct level. Brown or milky coolant is a warning sign.

DURING THE DRIVE

Hybrid transitions and energy flow

Watch the energy flow display on the dashboard. The battery should charge and discharge smoothly. When the petrol engine starts and stops, transitions should be seamless. Harsh vibration can point to worn motor mounts.

Infotainment stability

Connect your phone via Bluetooth and Apple CarPlay or Android Auto. Use the touchscreen during the drive. Some 2022-2023 models had screens that freeze, go blank, or reboot. A dealer software update usually resolves this.

Braking feel and pedal response

Hybrid braking blends regenerative and mechanical braking. The pedal should feel consistent without grabbing or pulsing. A spongy or inconsistent pedal can point to corroded rear brake components needing attention.

NOTES

THIS CAR AT A GLANCE

Hybrid compact, built since 2019. Among the most reliable cars on sale. Main concerns are a small 12V battery and rear brake corrosion from regenerative braking.

KNOWN WEAK POINTS

12V battery drain

Drains in 1-2 weeks when parked

€100-250

Rear brake corrosion

Pads seize from regen braking underuse

€200-500

EGR valve carbon buildup

Carbon deposits after 150,000+ km

€400-1,200

Infotainment freezes

Screen blanks/reboots, mostly 2022-23

€0-300

Inverter coolant pump

Wear item after 150,000+ km

€300-600

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