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There are some awesome classic muscle cars out there that can be bought for the same amount of money people pay for a new Prius.

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It seems like everywhere you look, a Toyota Prius is within your sights. Since its introduction in 1997, the Prius has become a popular car among those looking for affordable and environmentally friendly cars. The 2022 year model Prius offers 56 combined mpg at a base price of \$24,525 and the top-end model starts at \$32,820. The Prius offers all the creature comforts that one would be looking for in a new car, including safety, comfort, cargo space, and functionality.

The Prius may seem tempting for a hybrid at this price point, but what if you were able to purchase an awesome muscle car for around the same price? Imagine driving around in a nice new Prius, and then, that Prius is transformed into a powerful, classic, beautiful muscle car.

One that pumps adrenaline through your veins and turns heads while you are cruising down Main Street. The choice is not hard. You don't have to look too far to find a classic muscle car that meets your needs, satisfies your desires, and is one of the many cars that can be yours for the price of a new Prius.

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1974 Dodge Challenger - \$20,300



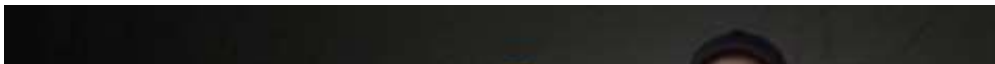
The 1974 Challenger offered two V8 engine options. One had a 318cid pushing 150hp and the other was a high performance 360cid with 245hp. There were 15 color options available from the factory, but luckily, today, a new paint job is easy to come by if you are looking to update or customize the car to your liking. The Challenger has all the classic looks of a muscle car at an affordable price.





The affordability of the Challenger makes this a great option over a new Prius. The difference in cost leaves a little room to customize the car if you choose, or leave it as a classic muscle car or your dreams. This car will definitely grab your attention as well as everyone who sees it.

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1972 Chevrolet Chevelle SS - \$23,400



The base model Chevelle SS is another classic muscle car that is within the same price range as a Prius. This model came with a 350cid and with all the much-desired SS trim. This is one of those cars that you see and instantly know what it is.





Sure, the Prius gets better gas mileage and may have all the bells and whistles that new cars have, but it doesn't have the sweet rumble of a Chevy 350 under the hood. For roughly the same cost as the Prius, you could be driving in style in this classic Chevelle.

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2002 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am WS6 - \$15,000



If you are looking for a muscle car that's a little newer but still a classic, look no further than the Firebird Trans Am WS6. At this price you have lots of room for customizing or restoring with what's left from your "Prius money". If you are looking for a convertible to ride in style, you'll pay about \$8,100 more and still be under the cost of a new base-model Prius.



This model boasts a powerful 346cid with 325hp. The stylish lines of this newer muscle car will make you stand out in a crowd, and the sound of the exhaust will definitely set you apart from the others. This is a great muscle car option for the same price as the new hybrid.

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1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 - \$29,200



The Mustang is one of the iconic muscle cars that is still around today. The 1971 Mach 1 can be purchased for around the same price as that new Prius but gets you way more muscle for your money. The style and history of a Mustang alone is well worth the trade of cost from the Prius to the Mustang.





The Mach 1 starts with a 302cid option at this price, and it gives you all the style of the Mach 1 package, including the iconic body stripes. This car will turn heads even when it's just parked in your driveway.

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1968 Chevrolet Camaro - \$24,400





The Camaro is another great muscle car that can be bought for the price of a Prius. This car has been competing with the Mustang since its introduction in 1966. The Camaro at this price will get you a 327cid engine pushing out 275 horsepower and the classic style that might draw you away from that Prius.



If you decide to purchase a Camaro instead of a Prius, you will definitely be noticed driving around town. Cruising down the street, exhaust rumbling, in a time machine that takes you back to the 60s. Something you won't get out of a new Prius.

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1978 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am - \$19,300





The Firebird Trans Am is well known for its part in the "*Smokey and the Bandit*" film from 1977. This price point won't get you *that* car, but it can get you into the same family. With one of the bigger engines on this list, 400cid engine, this car screams muscle.



This muscle car has a history in movies, TV shows, and on the racetrack in the Trans-Am Series and others. This classic muscle car will get you more bang for your buck if you are looking for pure muscle over fuel-efficient hybrid model cars. You may not get a combined 56 mpg, but you will look cool burning fuel.

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1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7 - \$25,500



The Cougar XR-7 may not be as well-known as some of the other cars on this list, but it packs some muscle with its 390cid engine and 320hp. It has some classic lines that should make most gearheads jealous. According to Hagerty, the Cougar was originally available with 18 color options, so you have plenty of options to choose from, or you can just get it repainted.





That's another benefit to buying a muscle car over a brand-new Prius, they are very customizable. Whether you want to keep the original Dark Aqua Metallic or repaint it white with blue stripes, the choice is yours, and you won't be voiding any warranty like you would on a new car.

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1971 Dodge Charger - \$20,800





The Charger is also an excellent option for a muscle car purchase over a Prius. The long sleek body lines make it look fast even while it's just sitting in the grocery store parking lot. There were several models to choose from, but the SE and 500 are well-equipped with 318cid engines and just under the price of a new Prius.



Since this muscle car option is a little less than the Prius, you have an opportunity to add some upgrades to give it a little more muscle. Maybe wheel and tire upgrade coupled with some suspension work to give it a nice muscle car stance? If given the option between a new hybrid or a power packing Charger, the choice is clear.

1984 Oldsmobile Hurst \$17,000



If an older muscle car isn't your speed, then this 80s variety muscle car is right up your alley. It may have a boxier style, but the muscle is still there with its 307cid engine. A plus to a newer muscle car is the technology had evolved a bit from the 60s and 70s. Add some luxury and safety features along with some beefier drivetrain, and you've got yourself a nice little muscle car for a great price, well under the Prius price tag.





This car might seem unassuming, but you get small hints that some muscle lies under that boxy body. Maybe that's what draws you to the car. Maybe you don't want to stand out in the crowd, but when the crowd starts moving, you roar to life and muscle past them. This may be the perfect muscle car for anyone wanting to use their Prius money for something a little more unique and stronger.

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1972 Pontiac GTO - \$24,700





The Pontiac GTO is certainly nothing to sneeze at. This car came with a huge 455cid engine pumping out 300hp. The GTO is another classic muscle car with sleek lines and pure muscle under the hood. The performance package got you a bunch of stickers and badges that let people know you were driving something special, but as with all muscle cars, you don't need a sticker to tell someone how awesome your car is. They just need to look, listen, and ride.



Looking at the car, it screams muscle. Listening to the car, you can hear the roar of the engine and the rumble of the exhaust. Ride in the car, and you will feel the epic power of 455 cubic inches of pure muscle. If you are looking for a muscle car for the same price as a Prius, you might not need to look much further than the GTO.



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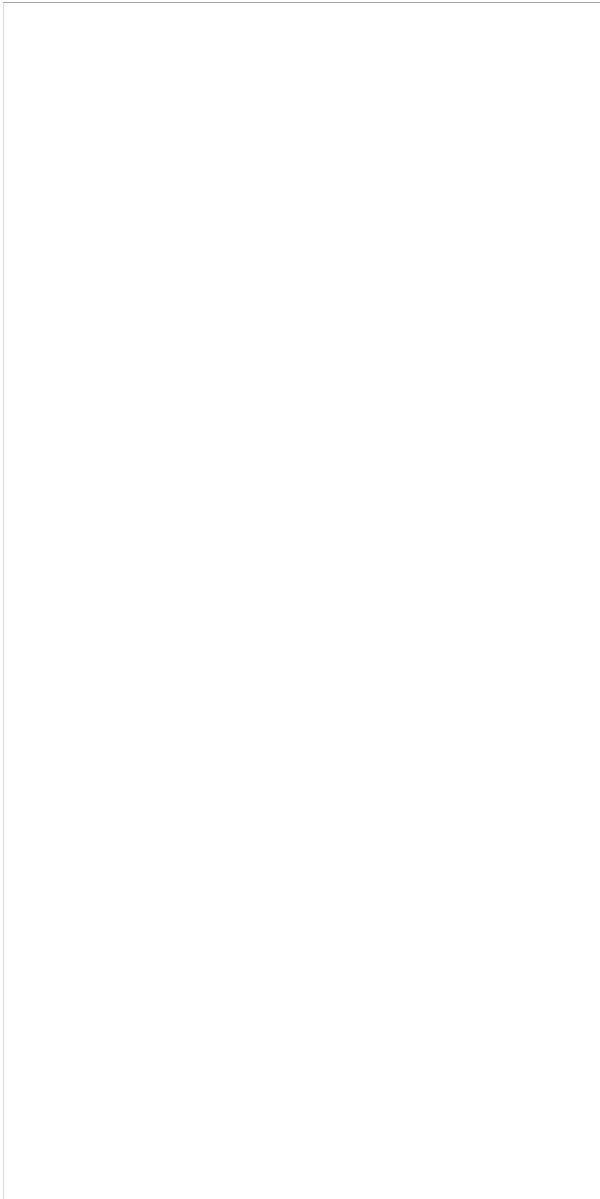


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