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2006 MODELS APPROVED FOR USE AS NEW YORK CITY TAXICABS

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today announced the authorization of the following model year 2006 vehicles for hack-up as New York City medallion taxicabs. These vehicles are the only vehicles permitted for hack-up as New York City Medallion Taxis, provided they meet all TLC Rules & Regulations:

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| 2006 Toyota Sienna CE | 2006 Ford Crown Victoria – Stretch |
| 2006 Ford Escape – Hybrid | 2006 Mercury Mariner - Hybrid |
| 2006 Toyota Prius – Hybrid | 2006 Toyota Highlander – Hybrid |
| 2006 Honda Accord – Hybrid | 2006 Honda Civic – Hybrid |
| 2006 Lexus RX400H | |

The above-named vehicles do not require approval letters from Safety & Emissions.

These vehicles must meet **all TLC Rules** and specifications, including those listed below:

1. All seating must be either leather or vinyl. If the front seats are equipped with airbags, provisions must be in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.
2. All flooring must be either vinyl or rubber.
3. The vehicle must be painted taxi yellow. (Dupont M6284 or equivalent)
4. All privacy glass must be replaced with standard tint and must have a light transmittance of 70% or more.
5. For hack-ups of the Toyota Sienna Minivan -- An exit warning system approved by the TLC must be installed on the rear of the vehicle. Should the TLC change the design of the warning light system in the future, you will be required to install such a device.
6. Rear air conditioning/heating control(s) must be accessible and identifiable to passengers.
7. If the vehicle is equipped with a roof rack, the center slides must be removed.
8. All other required taxi accessories must be installed to comply with the specifications in Chapter 3 of the TLC Rules.
9. Power seats, power doors, 4-wheel drive and stability tracking devices are not approved components for use in medallion taxi packages. The only exception to this is for stability tracking in the case of approved hybrid-electric vehicles.
10. Vehicles must have less than 500 miles traveled at the time of initial hack-up.