

History Snippet of 1st Generation Toyota Tacoma that will work with our Toyota Truck Racks

The **Toyota Tacoma** is a [pickup truck](#) manufactured in the U.S. by the Japanese automobile manufacturer [Toyota](#) since 1995. The first generation Tacoma, model years 1995½ through 2004, was classified as a compact pickup. The second generation was classified as mid-size. The Tacoma was [Motor Trend Magazine's Truck of the Year](#) for 2005.

As of 2015, the Toyota Tacoma is sold in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Panama, Bolivia, Chile, and the French territory of [New Caledonia](#).

First generation (January 1995-August 2004)

The Tacoma was introduced in the US in February 1995 (March 1995 market launch) as a replacement for the [Hilux](#), which prior to this was marketed in the US under the name [Toyota Pickup](#). Compared with the Hilux, the Tacoma is engineered with a greater priority on ride quality, handling, comfort, and safety over ruggedness and payload capacity. The design is intended to better suit the needs of the US and Canadian pickup truck market, where pickup trucks, particularly compact and mid-sized models, are often used as personal vehicles, and less exclusively for commercial, agricultural, and off road use. The name was derived from the [Coast Salish peoples'](#) name for [Mt. Rainier](#) in Washington state.^[2]

Development began in 1989, following launch of the fifth generation Toyota Pickup in late 1988 and concluded in 1994. Design work was done at Caltex Design Research in California from 1990 to 1992, when Kevin Hunter's exterior design proposal was chosen in the autumn of 1991 and in final form, frozen for production in 1992. Patents for the production design were filed in Japan in April 1993 and October 28, 1993 in the United States.^{[3][4]}

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