

Toyota Reveals New Pod Concept Car with Exceptional Toyota Parts

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(<u>PRWEB</u>) May 15, 2005 -- Toyota has already unveiled a prototype of its Pod concept car, which has headlights that fade from bright to dull and change color to indicate happy, sad or angry moods, depending on how the driver inside is feeling. In a joint effort with Stanford University in the U.S and an Edinburgh based company Affective Media, carmaker giant Toyota has made another leap into making a car that can read one's feelings.

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The technology can let drivers to communicate with each other, in an effort to prevent road rage. The absence of communication between drivers on the road often led to road rage. An alarm is triggered off to rouse the driver whenever it detects the driver is drowsy, quiet and with flat speech Jones believed that "It would give certain information that would help. If they were in a hurry, the car would work out the safer, faster route instead of, perhaps, a scenic route,"

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