

The Prius v Phonebook and iPhone Contact File Upload & Maintenance

If you have > 1000 entries in your iPhone Contacts file you will have trouble syncing that file to the Prius v (mine is a 2012).

Before you give up, see this solution. This process has worked fine for me and is relatively easy to implement without destroying your iPhone Contacts file.

Reasons for the Sync Problem:

- The Prius will only accept 1000 entries per phone
- The iPhone uses PBAP (Phone Book Access Profile) vs OPP (Object Push Profile) – and the PBAP phone Contacts CANNOT be edited via the Navigation System.

Discussion:

As an introduction, consider that I have > 2900 entries in my Contacts file – almost everyone I have met or networked with over many years. My Prius automatically loads 1000 entries and then gives up. Many contacts I want are not present and there is no way to edit the entries via the Navigation System.

The Macro Solution:

- Create a subset of the Contacts file which you want loaded to the Prius Phonebook
- Disable the full Contacts file on the iPhone and enable the subset Contacts file
- With your iPhone on, load this subset file when you next turn on the Prius
- Turn OFF the automatic load feature on the Prius
- On your iPhone, disable the subset Contacts file and enable the full Contacts file.

After executing these steps, your Prius Phonebook, your iPhone and you will be happy partners. Future updates to your subset Contacts file may be reloaded by re-executing the procedure.

Detail Procedure:

In my case, I wanted a subset Contacts file of 50 of the > 2900 folks I speak with regularly. The easiest solution for me was to create a 2nd Gmail account where I will duplicate only those 50 Contacts. The key here is to have a 2nd, smaller file which you can enable or disable (turn on or off) on the iPhone at will. You can do this with any of the service providers available under the iPhone, Settings, Mail/Contacts/Calendars, Add Account feature.

After creating the subset Contacts file, here are the Prius/iPhone steps:

1. Enable the subset Contacts file and disable the full Contacts file on your iPhone.
 - a. Do this using the Settings, Mail/Contacts/Calendars, Accounts feature.

2. In the Prius, hit Setup, Phone, Phonebook, Manage Contacts, Transfer Contacts, Automatically Download Contacts = ON. Hit Save.
3. On the steering wheel, hit Phone, Contacts, Yes (Transfer from Phone). When complete you can use the Prius Phonebook!
4. In the Prius, hit Setup, Phone, Phonebook, Manage Contacts, Transfer Contacts, Automatically Download Contacts = OFF. Hit Save.
 - a. If you fail to do this, when you re-enable your full Contacts file on your iPhone the full file will be reloaded over the subset when next in the car.
5. Now on the iPhone, disable the subset Contacts file and enable the full Contacts file.

Using this procedure you will, unfortunately, need to maintain dual entries for those in the subset Contact and full Contact files and then periodically execute this procedure in the Prius.

But, I am now a happy guy since the tools and technologies are all working together!

Good luck!

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