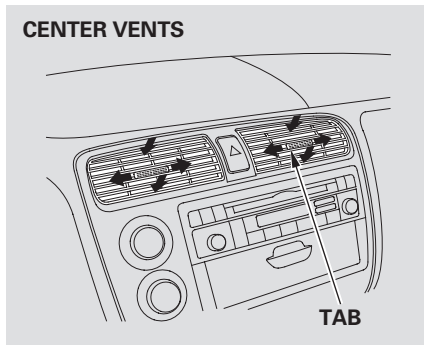


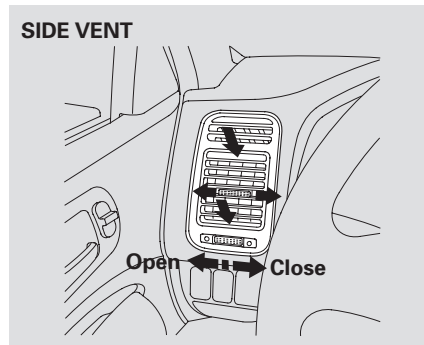
Heating and Cooling (Automatic System)

The heating and cooling system in your Honda has full heating, ventilation, and air conditioning capabilities. In combination with the air conditioning, the system regulates the interior temperature you select. The system also adjusts the fan speed and air flow direction automatically depending on the set temperature.



The direction of air flow from the vents in the center and each side of the dashboard is adjustable.

To adjust the air flow from each vent, move the vent up-and-down and move the tab side-to-side.



The side vents can be opened and closed with the dials underneath them.

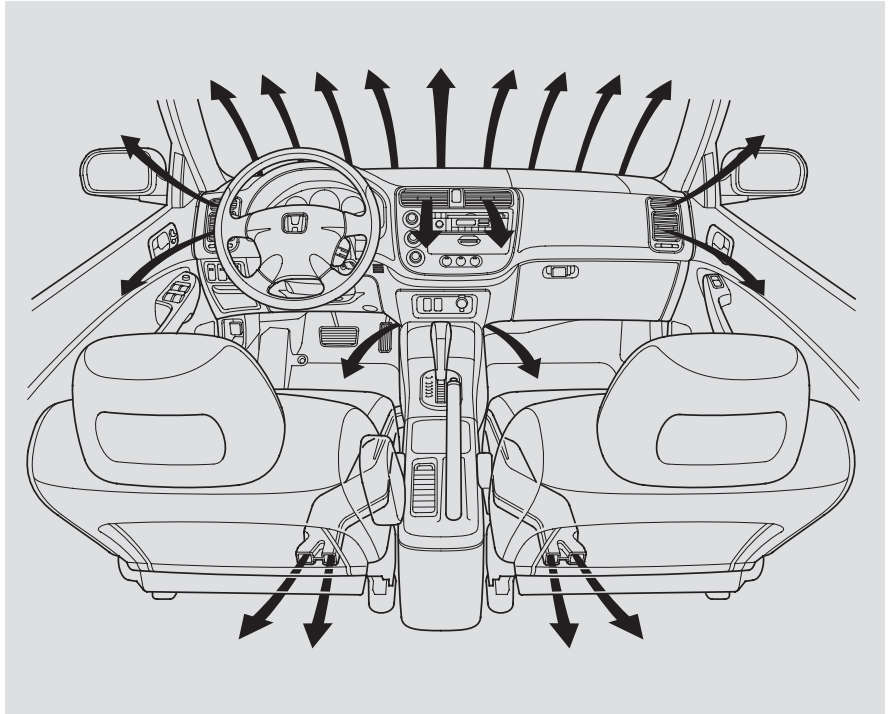
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The heating and cooling system draws air through the exterior vents at the bottom of the windshield. Keep these vents clear of leaves and other debris.

The engine must be running for the heater and air conditioning to generate hot and cold air. The heater uses engine coolant to warm the air. If the engine is cold, it will be several minutes before you feel warm air coming from the system.

Ventilation

Your car has a flow-through ventilation system. Air enters the car through vents in front of the windshield. It circulates through the interior then exits through vents near the rear window. This system provides fresh air even when the car is standing still. To bring in outside air, select the Fresh Air mode. Set the fan at a comfortable speed.

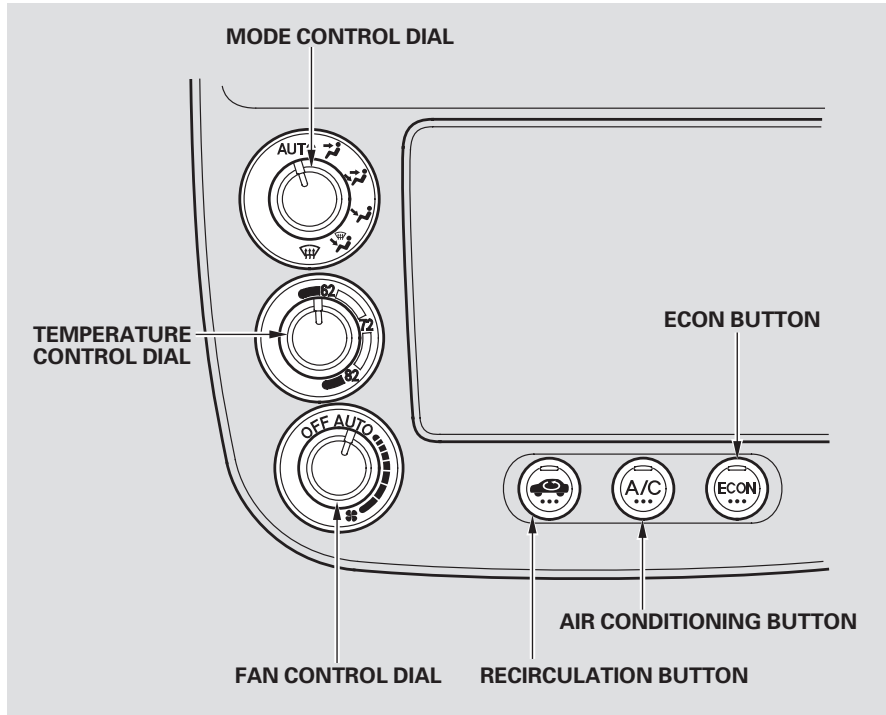


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Automatic Operation

To use the heating and cooling system in automatic mode, set the system as follows.

1. Set the fan control dial to AUTO.
2. Set the mode control dial to AUTO.
3. Set the desired temperature by turning the temperature control dial. Turning this dial clockwise increases the temperature of the air flow.
4. Select Fresh Air mode. The indicator in the button should be off.
5. Turn on the A/C by pressing the button for cooling and dehumidifying. The indicator in the button lights.



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To heat or cool the interior faster, select Recirculation mode and set the temperature control dial to the upper or lower limit.

The system runs of full cooling or heating only. It does not regulate the interior temperature. When the temperature is set between the lower and upper limits, the system regulates the interior temperature to the set value.

Turning the fan control dial to OFF shuts the heating and cooling system completely off. Keep the system completely off only for short periods. To keep stale air and mustiness from collecting, you should have the fan running at all times.

When the system is in full AUTO mode, the Auto Idle Stop function will not be activated.

Manual Operation

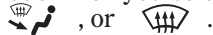
You can manually set the system controls for ventilation, air conditioning, heating, air flow direction, and fan speed in various combinations.

ECON Button

When you press the ECON button with the fan speed control dial on, the Auto Idle Stop works only if the outside temperature is above 41°F (5°C). The indicator in the button lights when the ECON is on. With the ECON on, you can get better fuel economy. You can select the ECON mode with the A/C on or off.

In this mode with A/C on, you may feel a slight reduction in cooling efficiency. If you want more cooling, select AUTO (see page 110).

The system turns off the ECON



Air Conditioning (A/C) Button

Pressing the A/C button turns the air conditioning ON and OFF. The indicator in the button lights when the A/C is ON.

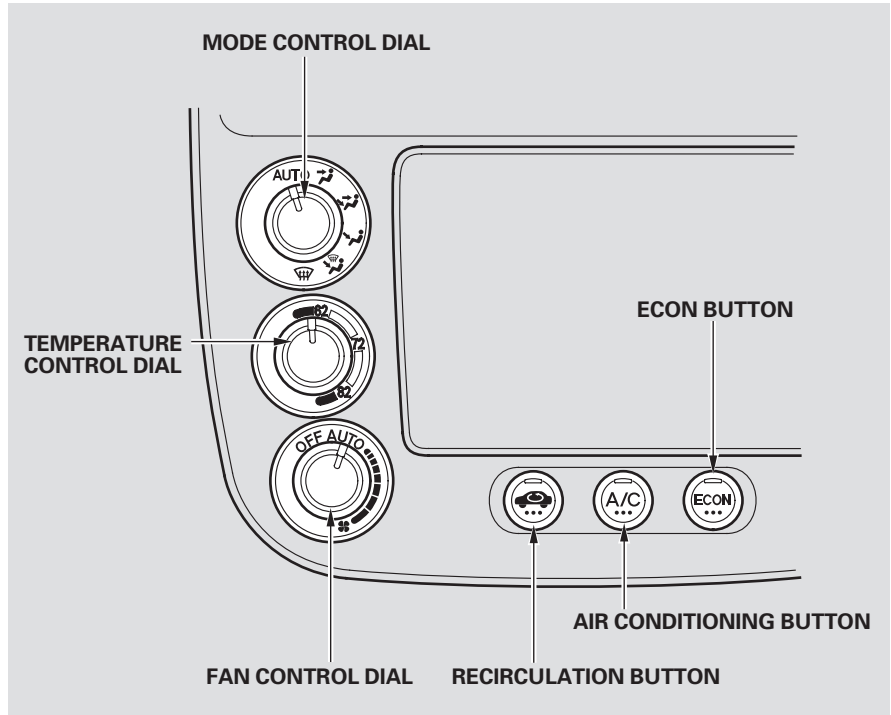
When you turn the A/C off, the system cannot regulate the inside temperature if you set the dial below the outside air temperature. With A/C on, use the temperature control dial to adjust the temperature of the air flow to a comfortable setting.

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Air conditioning also removes moisture from the air as it operates. You can use it to defog the windows quickly in cool or damp weather. Used in combination with the heater, it also makes the interior warm and dry.

Air conditioning places an extra load on the engine. Watch the engine coolant temperature gauge (see page 71) when using the A/C in heavy traffic or driving up long hills. If the reading reaches near the red mark, turn off the air conditioning until the gauge reads normally.



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Recirculation Button

This button controls the source of the air going into the system. When the indicator in this button is lit, air from the car's interior is sent through the system again (Recirculation mode). When the indicator is off, air is brought in from outside the car (Fresh Air mode).

Use Recirculation mode to heat or cool the interior more quickly, or to keep out smoke and dust. Leaving the system in the Recirculation mode with the A/C off can cause the windows to fog up. Switch to Fresh Air mode as soon as the interior reaches a comfortable temperature or the outside smoky, dusty condition clears.

Fan Speed

You can manually select the fan speed by turning the fan speed control dial. Turning this dial clockwise increases the fan speed, which increases air flow.

When the dial is set to AUTO, the system controls the fan speed automatically.

When the fan speed control dial is off, the Auto Idle Stop works under certain conditions (see pages [163](#) and [171](#)).

Mode Control Dial

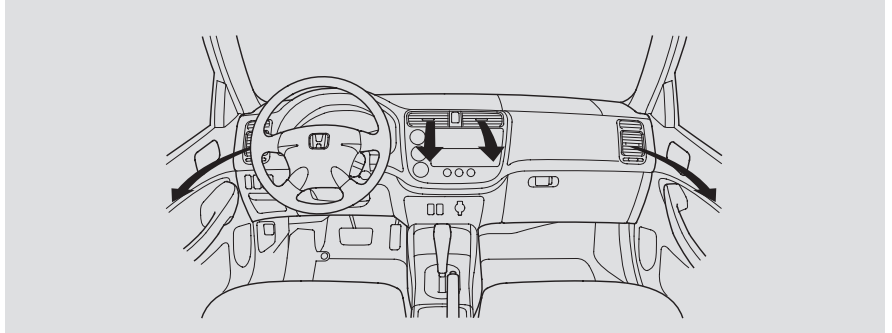
Use the MODE control dial to select the vents the air flows from. Some air will flow from the dashboard corner vents in all modes.


In AUTO mode, the system controls the air flow direction automatically between the dashboard vents and the floor vents.

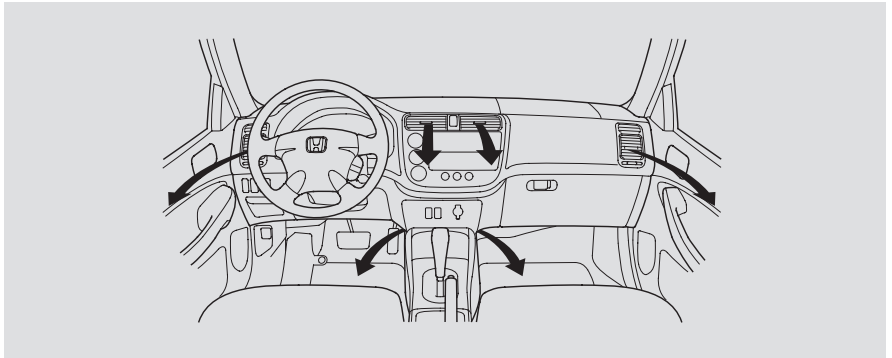
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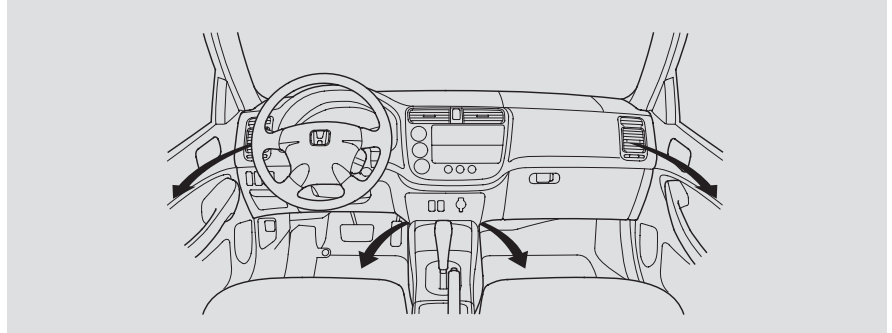




 The main air flow is divided between the dashboard vents and the floor vents.

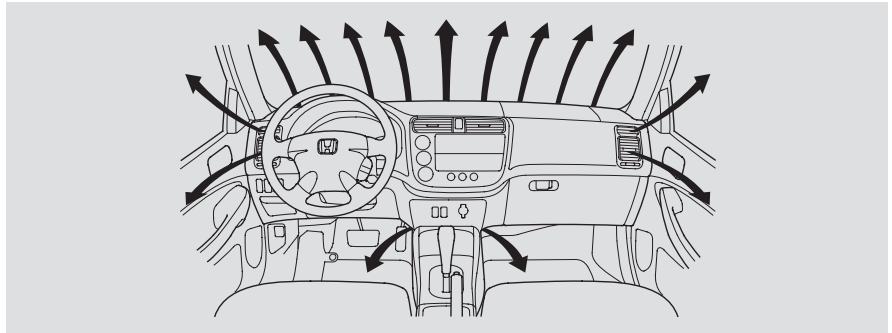


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 The main air flow comes from the floor vents. When you select , the system automatically switches to Fresh Air mode.







 The main air flow is divided between the floor vents and defroster vents at the base of the windshield. When you select , the system automatically switches to Fresh Air mode, turns on the A/C, and turns off the ECON mode.

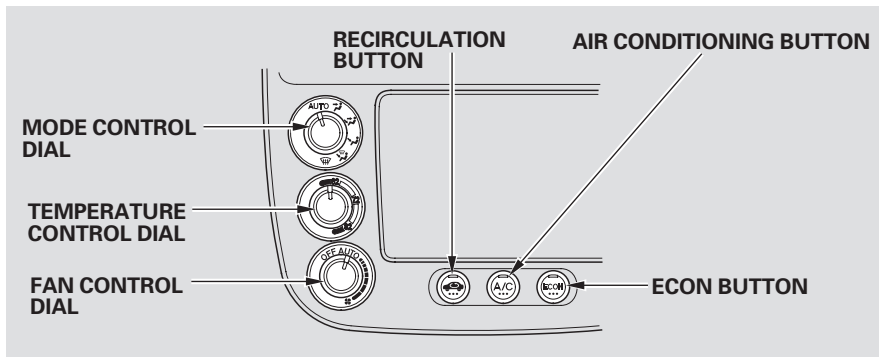
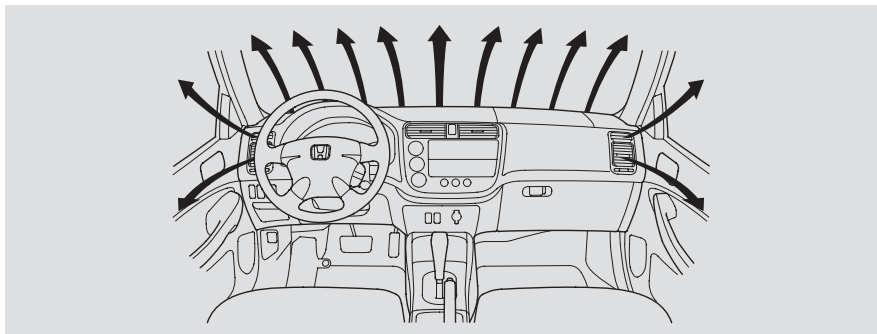


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The  directs the main air flow to the windshield for faster defrosting or defogging. It also overrides any MODE selection you may have made. When you select , the A/C turns on automatically and the system selects Fresh Air mode and turns off the ECON mode. To defrost or defog more quickly, turn the temperature control dial to 82°F ~ 86°F (28°C ~ 30°C). Select  and set the fan speed to high. To turn off defrost or defog, turn the mode control dial to another mode. When you switch to another mode from , the A/C stays on. Press the A/C button to turn it off.

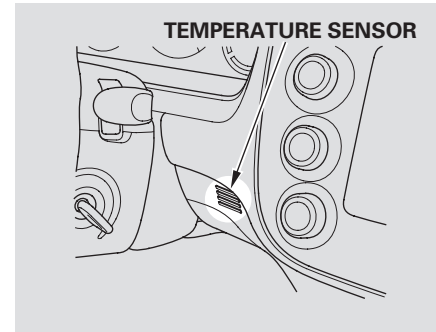
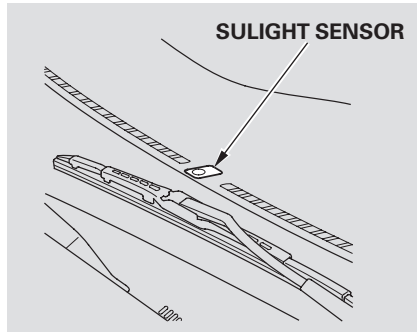
If there is actual frost on the windows, first select the Recirculation mode. If the windows are fogged, select the Fresh Air mode. Warmed air will then flow from the windshield and side defroster vents.



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When you select  or , the Auto Idle Stop function will not activate.

Sunlight Sensor/Temperature Sensor



To regulate the interior temperature, the system has two sensors. A sunlight sensor is located in the top of the dashboard and a temperature sensor is next to the steering column. Do not cover the sensors or spill any liquid on them.