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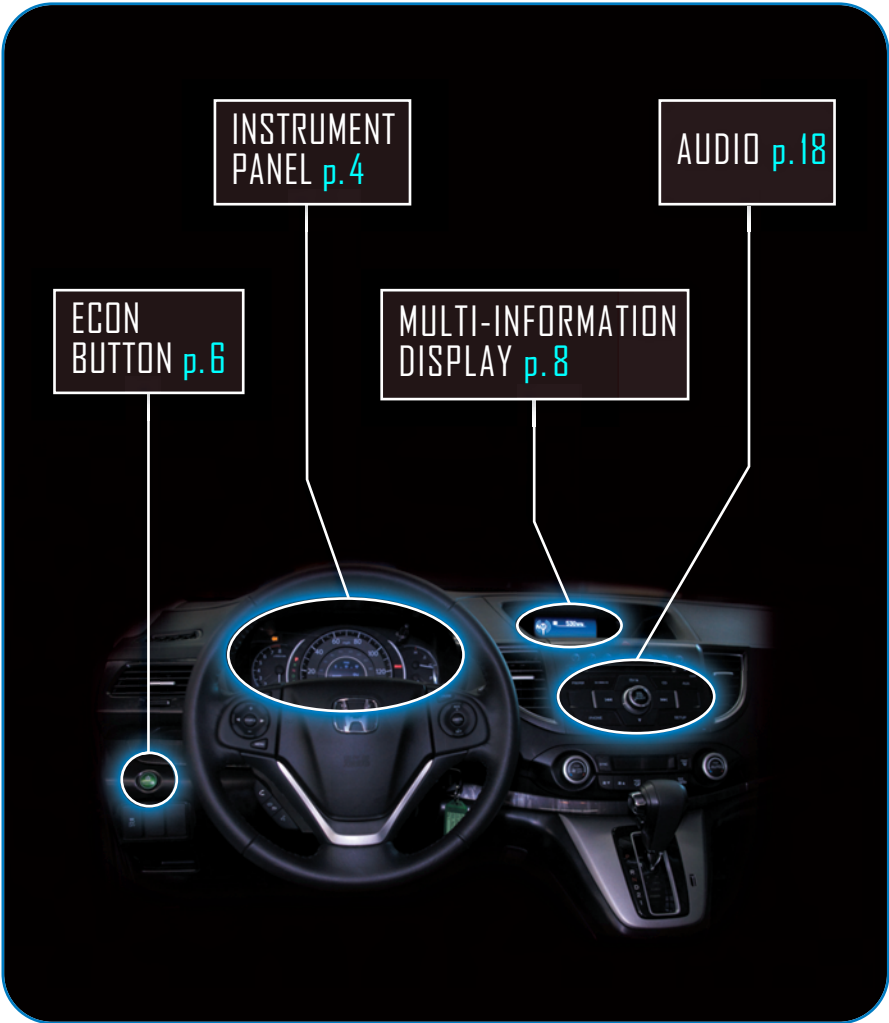
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The Technology Reference Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your new Honda and provide basic instructions on some of its technology and convenience features. This guide covers the CR-V EX, EX-L, and EX-L with Rear Entertainment System (RES).

This guide is not intended as a substitute for the Owner's Manual. For complete information on vehicle controls and operation, please refer to the respective sections in the Owner's Manual.

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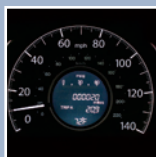
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## AUTO DOOR LOCKS

### Default Lock/Unlock Setting

#### Default Lock Setting

All doors and the tailgate are preset to lock when your vehicle reaches about 10 mph.



#### Default Unlock Setting

Only the driver's door is preset to unlock when you shift into Park (P).



### Programmable Auto Door Lock/Unlock Settings

Below are the options you can choose. See *Auto Door Locking/Unlocking* in your Owner's Manual for instructions on programming these settings.

AUTO DOOR LOCK			AUTO DOOR UNLOCK		
Auto Lock (all doors)	 When you reach 10 mph	 When you shift out of Park	Auto Unlock (all doors)	 When you turn the ignition OFF	 When you shift into Park
Turn off Auto Lock	 Operate manually		Auto Unlock (only driver's door)	 When you turn the ignition OFF	 When you shift into Park
Turn off Auto Unlock	 Operate manually		Turn off Auto Unlock	 Operate manually	

Program how and when the vehicle doors automatically lock and unlock.

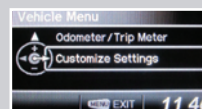
### Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

Press the (+/-) buttons on the steering wheel to scroll through the menu options. Press SOURCE to select an option. See [page 9](#) for more information on the multi-information display and its controls.

#### 1. Press MENU.



#### 2. Select Customize Settings.



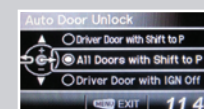
#### 3. Select Door Setup.



#### 4. Select Auto Door Unlock.



#### 5. Select All Doors with Shift to P.



#### 6. Press MENU to exit.



## INSTRUMENT PANEL INDICATORS

Briefly appear with each engine start. Red and amber indicators are most critical. Blue and green indicators are used for general information.



### Malfunction Indicators

If an indicator remains on, there may be a problem; see your dealer

	Charging system		EPS (electric power steering)
	Low brake fluid, Brake system		Malfunction indicator lamp (check engine light)
	Low oil pressure		VSA® (vehicle stability assist)
	SRS (supplemental restraint system)		TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system)
	Transmission (blinking)		E-DPS* (all-wheel drive)
	ABS (anti-lock brake system)		DRL (Daytime running lights)

### Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver

	Parking brake on: Release		Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s)
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	Door/Tailgate open: Close door(s) / tailgate		Low fuel: Refill
	Low tire pressure: Add air		Maintenance Minder™: Make service appointment
	All-Wheel Drive* (blinks): Pull over and idle		

### On/Off Indicators

	PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (next to multi-information display)		Immobilizer Flashes: improperly coded key; use correct key
	SIDE AIRBAG OFF		1st detent: parking lights on 2nd detent: headlights on
	VSA® OFF		Turn signals/hazards on
	CRUISE MAIN on		Fog lights on
	CRUISE CONTROL on		High beams on
	ECON Mode on		

\* if equipped



## ECO ASSIST SYSTEM

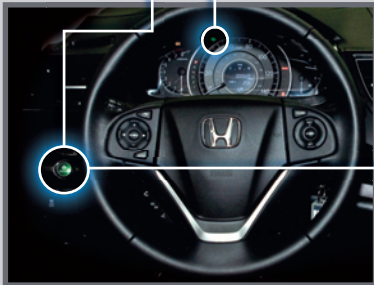
When turned on, performance of the vehicle's engine, transmission, cruise control, and air conditioning system may be affected to achieve maximum fuel economy.

### ECON Button

1. Press **ECON** to turn the system on.



2. The **ECON** mode indicator comes on.



3. Press **ECON** again to turn the system off.



### Ambient Meter

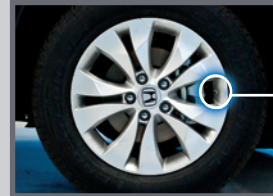
Indicates instant fuel efficiency using color-coded bars.



## TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

### How It Works



Each tire valve stem contains a TPMS sensor.



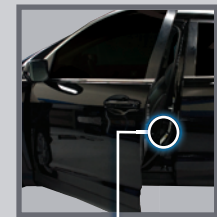
When the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels, the low tire pressure indicator comes on.



If the TPMS indicator appears, there may be a problem with the system. See your dealer.

### What to Do

1. **Visually inspect** the tires for damage.
2. **Use** a tire air pressure gauge to check which tire(s) have low pressure.



3. **Inflate** the tire(s), if necessary, to the recommended pressures listed on the label on the driver's doorjamb.



## MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

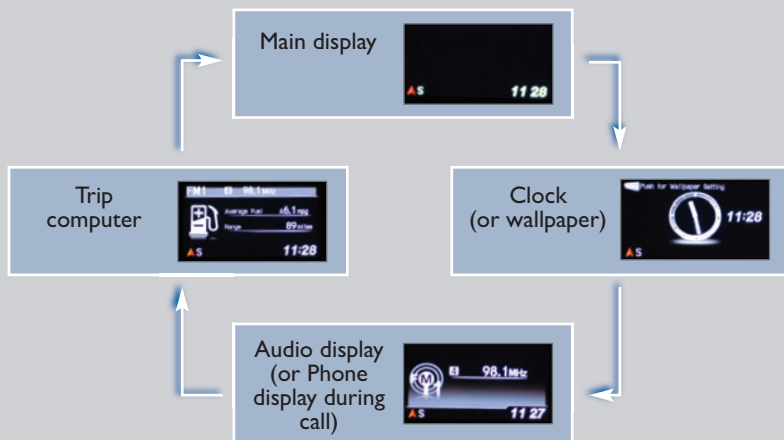
### Accessing the MID



Press the Display button to change the main displays.



### Main Displays



### Steering Wheel Controls

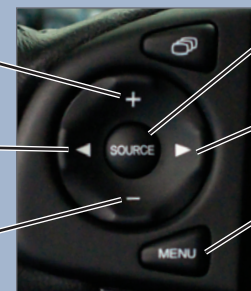
Use the steering wheel controls to navigate through the Vehicle Menu.



**(+) Button:**  
Press to scroll upward.

**(◀) Button:**  
Press to go back to the previous display.

**(-) Button:**  
Press to scroll downward.



**SOURCE Button:**  
Press to enter your selection.

**(▶) Button:**  
Press to go to the next display.

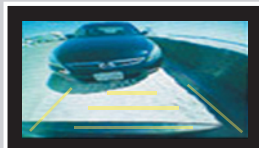
**MENU Button:**  
Press to go to the Vehicle Menu for customization and other settings.

## MULTI-VIEW REAR CAMERA

For added convenience, the area behind your vehicle is displayed to help you navigate while backing up.

### How It Works

- When you shift into Reverse (R), a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown in the multi-information display.
- Yellow parking guide lines also appear to help you judge distance.
- The rearview display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.



### Switching Views

There are three rearview modes: wide (default view), normal, and top down. **Press** the selector knob to toggle between views.



Wide (default)



Normal



Top down



## BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit [handsfreelink.honda.com](http://handsfreelink.honda.com) to check if your phone is compatible.

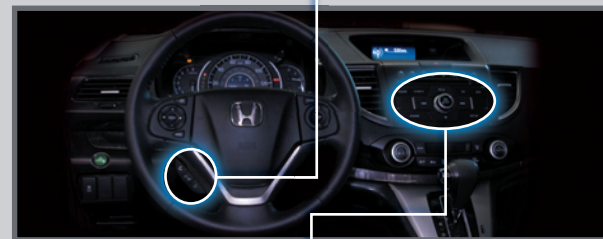
**To prevent driver distraction, certain functions may be inoperable or grayed out while the vehicle is moving. Stop or pull over to perform the function.**

### How to Use HFL

**Pick-Up button:** Answer an incoming call or go directly to the Phone screen.

**Hang-Up/Back button:** End a call, decline an incoming call, or cancel a selection.

**Talk button:** Make a call using a stored voice tag.



Use these two buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

**Audio selector knob:** Rotate to scroll through selections and press to make a selection.



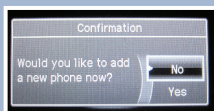
**Back button:** Press to cancel an operation or return to the previous screen.

## Pairing Your Phone

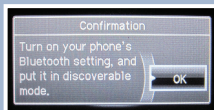
Use this pairing method when no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can only pair your Bluetooth-compatible phone when the vehicle is stopped.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

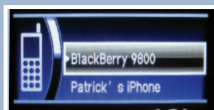
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen. A prompt appears. **Select** Yes.



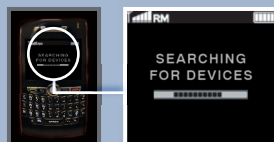
2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode. **Select** OK.



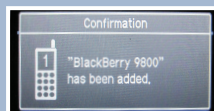
3. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** it when it appears on the list. **Go** to step 4.



*If your phone does not appear:*  
**Select** Phone Not Found, and **search** for HandsFreeLink from your phone. **Connect** to HFL. **Go** to step 4.



4. HFL gives you a four-digit code. **Enter** it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.

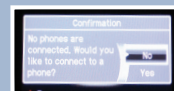


## Pairing Your Phone (continued)

Use this pairing method when a phone has already been paired to the system, or when you want to pair an additional phone.

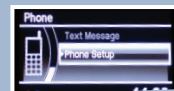
Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen.

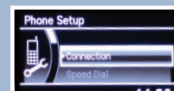


If a prompt appears asking to connect to a phone, **select** No and continue to step 2.

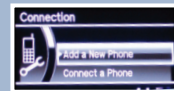
2. **Select** Phone setup.



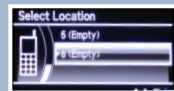
3. **Select** Connection.



4. **Select** Add a New Phone.



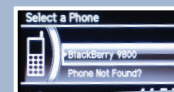
5. **Select** an empty location for the phone.



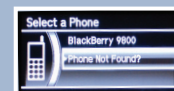
6. Make sure your phone is in Discovery mode, and **select** OK.



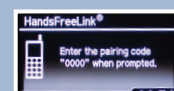
7. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** your phone when it appears on the list.



*If your phone does not appear:*  
**Select** "Phone Not Found?" and **search** for HandsFreeLink from your phone. **Connect** to HFL. **Go** to step 8.



8. HFL gives you a four-digit code. **Enter** it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.

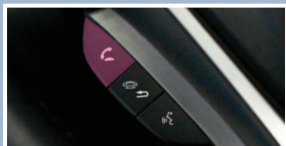


## Dialing a Number

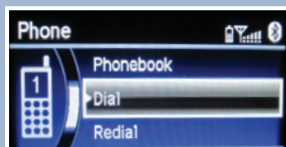
Enter a 10-digit phone number to call. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

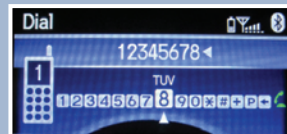
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



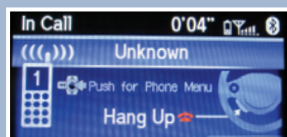
2. **Select** Dial.



3. **Enter** the phone number. **Select** the green Dial icon or **press** the Pick-Up button to call.

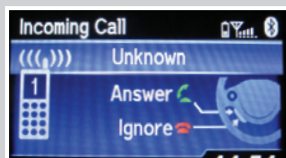


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.

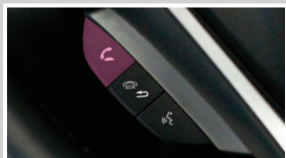


## Receiving a Call

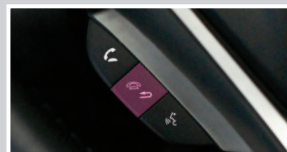
1. A notification is heard and the incoming phone number appears on the multi-information display.



2. **Press** the Pick-Up button to accept the call.



3. **Press** the Hang-Up button to end or decline the call.

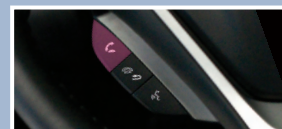


## Using the Phonebook

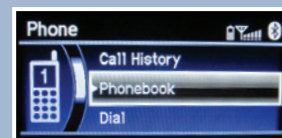
When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

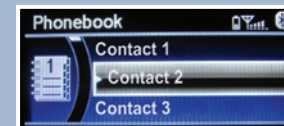
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



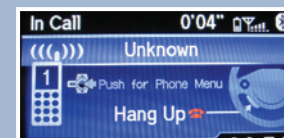
2. **Select** Phonebook.



3. **Scroll** through the list to find the name and number you want to call, and **select** it.



4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.

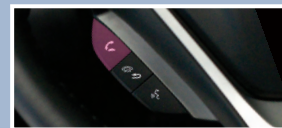


## Using Speed Dial

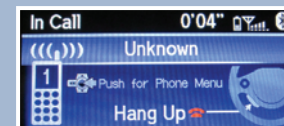
When a speed dial entry is stored with a voice tag, you can make a call using voice commands at any time. See your Owner's Manual for more information.

Press and release the Talk button before you give a command.

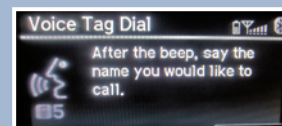
1. **Press** the Talk button. The system asks which name you want to call.



3. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.



2. **Say** the stored voice tag name.





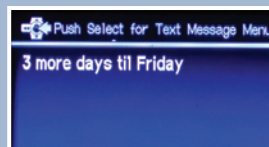
## SMS TEXT MESSAGING

Receive and send text messages from your paired and linked Message Access Profile (MAP)-compatible phone. Visit [handsfreelink.honda.com](http://handsfreelink.honda.com) to see if this feature is compatible on your phone. Standard message rates apply. This feature is limited while the vehicle is moving.

### Receiving Text Messages

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections

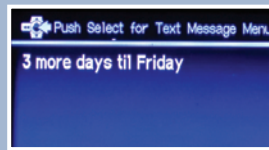
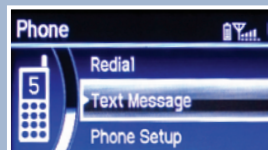
1. A notification appears on the multi-information display. **Select** Yes to open the message.
2. The message is displayed, and the system reads it aloud.



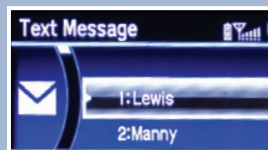
### Displaying Messages

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections

1. **Press** PHONE or the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone menu.
2. **Select** Text Message. The 20 most recent text messages from your phone are displayed.
3. **Select** a message to open it and hear it read aloud.



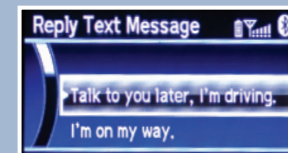
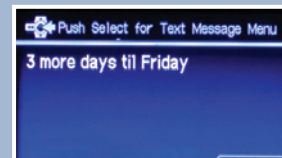
2. **Select** Text Message. The 20 most recent text messages from your phone are displayed.



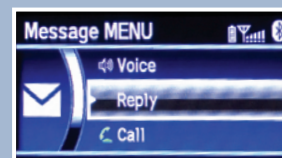
### Replying to Text Messages

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections

1. With the message open, **press** the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.
2. **Select** Reply.
3. **Select** one of the six available reply messages.
4. **Select** Yes to send the message.



2. **Select** Reply.



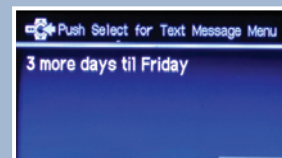
4. **Select** Yes to send the message.



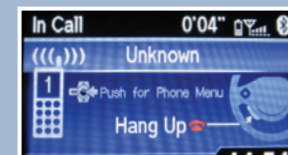
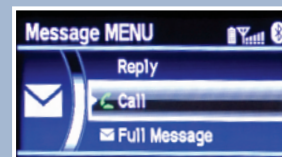
### Calling the Sender

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections

1. With the message open, **press** the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.
2. **Select** Call.
3. HFL begins dialing the number.



2. **Select** Call.





## iPod® OR USB FLASH DRIVE

Play audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash drive through your vehicle's audio system.

### Connecting Devices and Playing Audio Files

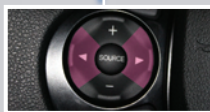
1. **Pull out** the USB adapter cable from the center console.
2. **Connect** the USB connector to your iPod dock connector or flash drive.
3. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until iPod or USB mode appears. Audio begins to play.
4. **Press** the (⏮) or (⏭) buttons to change tracks, or **press** (⏪) or (⏩) on the steering wheel.



2. **Connect** the USB connector to your iPod dock connector or flash drive.



3. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until iPod or USB mode appears. Audio begins to play.



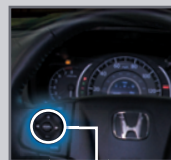
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## BLUETOOTH® AUDIO\*

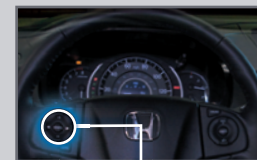
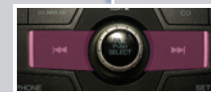
Play stored or streaming audio from your compatible phone through your vehicle's audio system. Visit [handsfreelink.honda.com](http://handsfreelink.honda.com) to check if this feature is available on your phone.

### Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to HandsFreeLink (see [page 12](#)).
2. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until Bluetooth Audio mode appears.
3. From your phone, **open** the desired audio player or app and begin playing. Sound is redirected to the audio system.
4. **Press** the (⏮) or (⏭) buttons to change tracks, or **press** (⏪) or (⏩) on the steering wheel\*.



3. From your phone, **open** the desired audio player or app and begin playing. Sound is redirected to the audio system.



#### Notes:

- Make sure the volume on your phone is properly adjusted.
- You may need to enable additional Bluetooth settings on your phone for playback.
- The play/pause function may not be supported on all phones.

\*not supported on all phones

## PANDORA®

Play and operate Pandora® streaming radio from your iPhone® through your vehicle's audio system. Standard data rates apply.

### Playing Pandora

1. **Pull out** the USB adapter cable from the center console. **Connect** your phone using a USB dock connector.



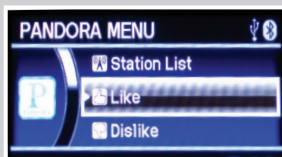
2. **Open** Pandora from your phone. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until Pandora mode appears and streaming begins.



3. **Press** the selector knob to enter the Pandora menu.



4. You can select items such as the Station List, SKIP, Like/Dislike, and Pause/Resume.\*



#### Notes:

- If Pandora is not selected from your phone, iPod music is played.
- Press the Home button on your iPhone to switch from Pandora to iPod. To play Pandora again, you must reopen the app from your phone.
- If you cannot operate Pandora through the audio system, it may be streaming through Bluetooth® Audio. Make sure Pandora mode on your audio system is selected.

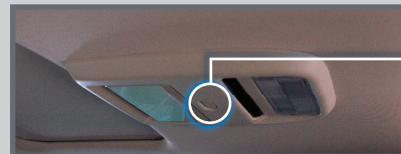
\*Menu functions not available on all phones

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## REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (RES) (if equipped)

With the rear entertainment system and headphones, rear passengers can enjoy a different entertainment source than the front seat occupants.

### Rear Entertainment System



**Press OPEN** to release the screen.



**Extend** the screen until it locks into place.



**Pivot** the earpieces to turn on or off. Wireless headphones only work in the rear seats.



### Operating the RES

1. **Press REAR POWER** in the center console. **Open** the overhead screen.
3. Use the remote control to navigate the DVD or CD.



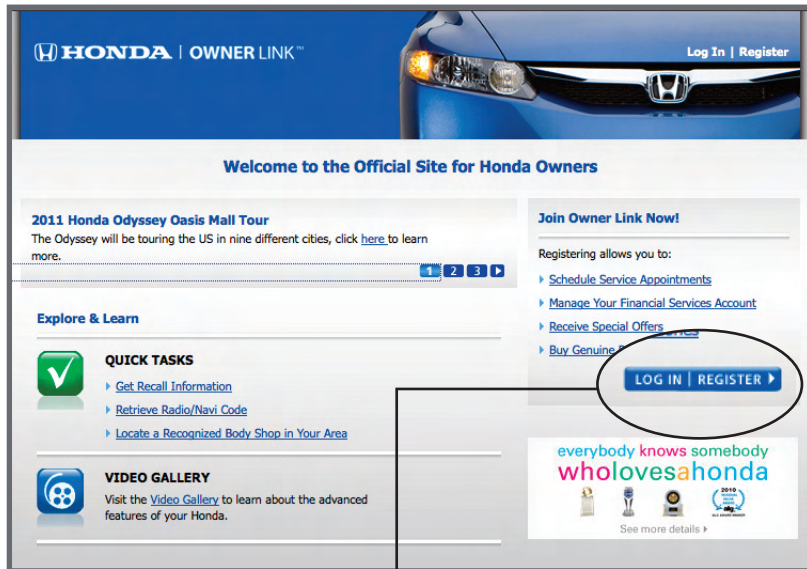
2. **Insert** a DVD or CD in the center console slot. Playback begins automatically.



**Note:** To hear the RES source from all speakers, **press AUX** on the audio panel.

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◆ = required field

Note: Username and password are case sensitive.

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◆ username ◆ password (min. 6 char.) ◆ confirm password

◆ email address

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Your vehicle is equipped with airbags. Airbags do not replace seat belts; they add to the protection offered by seat belts. Airbags can help protect you in some types of collisions, but they do not provide protection in all collisions.

Always make sure you and your passengers wear seat belts, and that young children are properly secured in a child seat or booster in the rear seat. Never place an infant seat in the front passenger's seat as the force of a deploying airbag can seriously injure an infant.

## FUEL RECOMMENDATION

- Only use unleaded gasoline of 87 octane or higher.
- Some gasoline in North America contains MMT, a manganese-based fuel additive. Prolonged and consistent use of gasoline containing MMT can deteriorate your vehicle's performance, fuel economy, and the emissions control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under warranty.
- "TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline" meets a new gasoline standard jointly established by leading automotive manufacturers to meet the needs of today's advanced engines. In most cases, qualifying gasoline retailers will identify their gasoline as having met "TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline" standards at the retail location. This fuel is guaranteed to contain the proper level of detergent additives and be free of metallic additives. This helps avoid build-up of deposits in your engine and emission control system. Because the level of detergency and harmful metallic additives (such as MMT) in gasoline vary in the market, Honda endorses the use of "TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline" where available to help maintain the performance and reliability of your vehicle. For more information, visit [www.toptiergas.com](http://www.toptiergas.com).
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