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# TECHNOLOGY REFERENCE GUIDE

This Technology Reference Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your 2014 Honda Ridgeline and provide basic instructions on some of its technology and convenience features.

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

As with the Owner's Manual, this guide covers all trim levels of the Ridgeline. Therefore, you may find descriptions of equipment and features that are not on your particular vehicle.

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\*if equipped











## 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. See your Owner's Manual for more information.



### Malfunction Indicators







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







 Charging system	 Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS)
 Low brake fluid	 Variable Torque Management 4WD (VTM-4)
 Low oil pressure	 Malfunction lamp (check engine light)
 Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)	 Vehicle Stability Assist® (VSA)
 Daytime Running Lights (DRL)	 Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)*

\*vehicles without navigation

### Condition Indicators










Action is needed by driver

 Parking brake on: <b>Release</b>	 Seat belt reminder: <b>Fasten seat belt(s)</b>
 Door/Tailgate open: <b>Close door(s)/tailgate</b>	 Back window open: <b>Close back window</b>
 In-Bed Trunk open: <b>Close trunk</b>	 Low fuel: <b>Refill</b>

 Low tire pressure: <b>Add air</b>	 Maintenance Minder™: <b>Make dealer appointment</b>
 VTM-4 (blinks): <b>Pull over and let engine idle</b>	 A/T Temperature: <b>Pull over and let engine idle</b>
 Message indicator*: <b>Press Info button</b>	 Immobilizer (blinks): <b>Use other vehicle key and see dealer</b>

\*vehicles with navigation

### On/Off Indicators

 PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (located on center panel)	 Bed lights <b>on</b>
 SIDE AIRBAG OFF	 Exterior lights <b>on</b>
 VSA <b>OFF</b>	 Turn signals/hazards <b>on</b>
 CRUISE MAIN <b>on</b>	 High beams <b>on</b>
 CRUISE CONTROL <b>on</b>	

## INFORMATION DISPLAY

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

### Accessing the Information Display



When you start the engine, the display shows your last active selection from the previous drive cycle.



To toggle between the different displays, press and release SELECT repeatedly.

Press TRIP/RESET to switch between Trip A and B readings.

### Information Displays

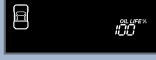
Outside temperature, Odometer, Trip meter



Outside temperature, Instant and average MPG, Trip meter



Oil life



Outside temperature, Instant MPG, Fuel range, Trip meter



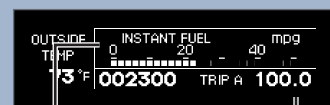
## MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Displays various information and messages to help you maintain your vehicle. *Available on vehicles with navigation.*

### Accessing the Multi-Information Display



When you start the engine, the MID shows your last active selection from the previous drive cycle.

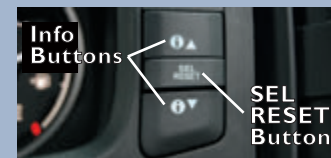


Upper display

Lower display

To toggle between the different displays:

- Press either Info button for the upper display.
- Press SEL/RESET to view lower displays.



### MID Lower Displays

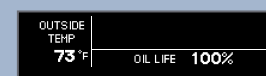
Odometer, Trip A



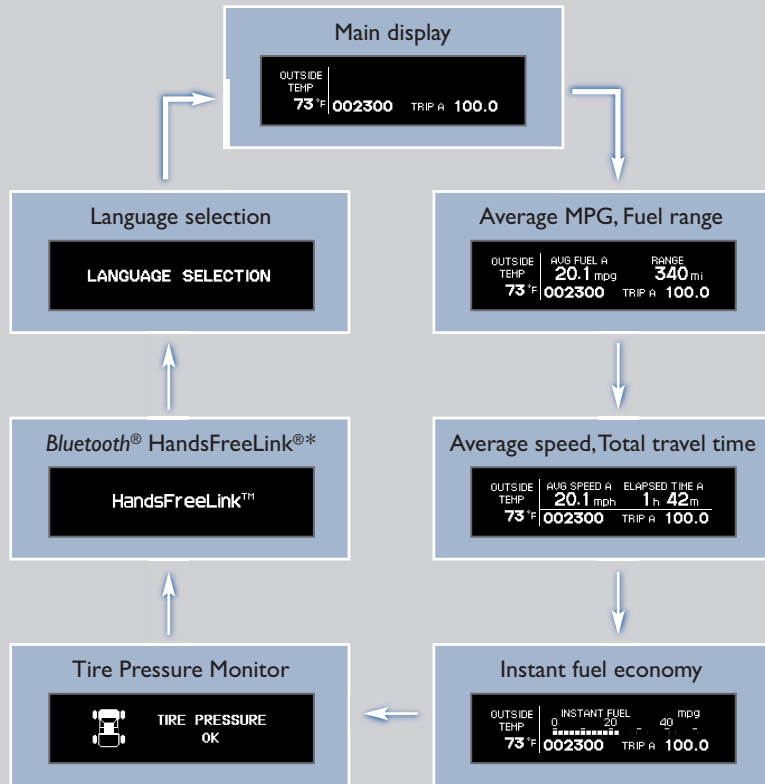
Odometer, Trip B



Oil life



## MID Upper Displays



*\*vehicles with navigation*

## TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

### How It Works



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

**Note:** On vehicles with MID, a message also appears on the display. Press the Info button on the steering wheel to view the tire pressure monitor.

**TPMS**

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

*\*on vehicles without MID*

### What to Do

1. Visually inspect the tires for damage.
2. Use a tire air pressure gauge (or check the MID) 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.



## AUTO DOOR LOCKS

### Default Lock/Unlock Setting

#### Default Lock Setting

All doors 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 different programmable options you can choose. See *Auto Door Locking/Unlocking* in your Owner's Manual for instructions on programming these settings.

AUTO DOOR LOCK			
Auto Lock			
	When you reach 10 mph	When you shift out of Park	
Turn off Auto Lock			
	Operate manually		

AUTO DOOR UNLOCK			
Auto Unlock (all doors)			
	When you turn the ignition OFF	When you shift into Park	
Auto Unlock (only driver's door)			
	When you turn the ignition OFF	When you shift into Park	
Turn off Auto Unlock			
	Operate manually		

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

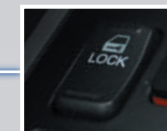
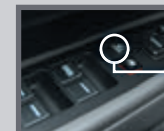
### Modifying the Auto Door Unlock Setting

To program all doors to unlock when you shift to Park:

1. Close the driver's door. Shift into Park.



3. Press and hold the unlock side of the master lock switch for about 10 seconds. In that time, you will hear three clicks.



2. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II).



4. Within 20 seconds, turn the ignition switch to LOCK (0).



## REARVIEW CAMERA

For added convenience, the area behind your vehicle is displayed to help you navigate while in Reverse (R).

### How It Works

- When you shift into Reverse, a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown, along with helpful parking guidelines on models without navigation.
- The display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.

#### Vehicles without navigation



Press and hold the power button for 3 seconds to turn the guidelines off. Repeat to turn back on.

#### Vehicles with navigation



Press ZOOM (▲/▼) to adjust the screen brightness.

## VOICE RECOGNITION

To keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel, use the Navi Talk or HFL Talk button to say voice commands to operate certain vehicle features. *Available on vehicles with navigation.*

### Voice Control System

The voice control system uses the steering wheel buttons and the ceiling microphone.

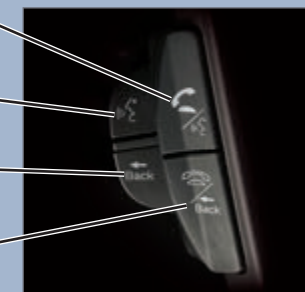


**HFL Talk button:** Give HFL commands or answer incoming calls.

**Navi Talk button:** Say navigation, audio, and climate control commands.

**Navi Back button:** Cancel a command or return to the previous screen.

**HFL Back button:** End a call, go back to the previous command, or cancel an operation.



### Voice Command Tips

- Press and release the HFL or Navi Talk button, wait for a beep, then say a command.
- For a list of available HFL commands, press and release the HFL Talk button and say "Hands-free help."
- For a list of available navigation commands, press and release the Navi Talk button and say "Help." For a full list of commands, say "Information" and "Voice command help," or see your Navigation Manual.
- Speak in a clear, natural voice.
- Reduce all background noise.
- Adjust the dashboard and side vents away from the microphone in the ceiling.
- Close the windows.



## Commonly Used Voice Commands

Here are some examples of commonly used voice commands. Try some of these to familiarize yourself with the voice command system.

Press and release the Navi Talk button before you say a command.

### General Commands

(Accepted on most screens to change displays)

- Display map
- Display menu
- Information
- Display audio screen
- What time is it?



### Find Place Commands

(Accepted on Map screen)

- Find nearest:
  - ATM
  - gas station
  - Mexican restaurant
  - post office
  - Honda dealer
  - airport
  - hospital
  - bank



### Navigation Commands

(Accepted on Map screen)

- How long/far to the destination?
- Display destination map
- Display entire route



### Display Commands

(Accepted on Map screen)

- Display (or hide):
  - ATM
  - gas station
  - restaurant
  - post office
- Display north up/heading up
- Zoom in/out
- Go home
- Display current location



Press and release the Navi Talk button before you say a command.

### Audio Commands

(Accepted on most screens)

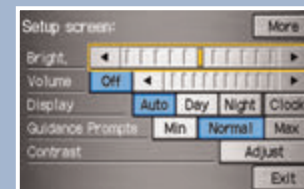
- Radio on
- Radio # FM/AM
- Radio preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- XM channel #
- XM preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- CD play
- CD play track #
- CD skip forward/back
- Auxiliary (AUX) play



### Setup Commands

(Accepted on Setup screen)

- Brightness up/down
- Volume up/down/min/max/off
- Guidance prompts min/max/normal



### Climate Control Commands

(Accepted on most screens)

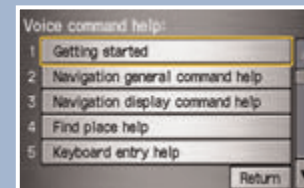
- Air conditioner on/off
- Rear defrost on/off
- Climate control recirculate/fresh air
- Fan speed up/down
- Temperature # degrees (# = 57-87)
- Temperature max hot/cold



### Help Commands

(Accepted on most screens)

- Help (list of available commands for current screen)
- Voice command help (from INFO screen - list of all available navigation, audio, and climate control commands)





## NAVIGATION

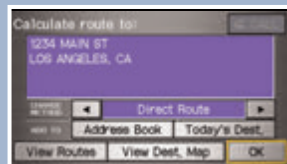
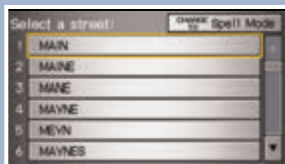
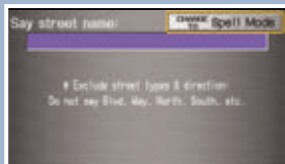
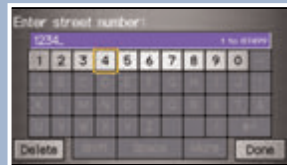
Real-time navigation system uses GPS and a map database to show your current location and help guide you to a desired destination. *Available on vehicles with navigation.*

### Entering a Destination Using Voice Commands

Set a destination using a street address. For other destination options, see your Navigation Manual.

Press and release the Navi Talk button before you say a command.

1. Say "Display menu." Say "Address."
2. Say "Street," then say the street name on the following screen. Do not include the direction (N, S, E, W) or type (St., Ave., Blvd., etc.).
3. A list of street names appears. Say the number next to the street you want to select.
4. Say the entire street address number. For example, "1-2-3-4." If necessary, say "Done" to proceed.
5. If the street address is in more than one city, a list of city names appears. Say the number next to the city you want to select.
6. The system displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.

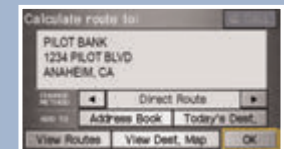
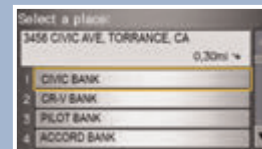


### Using the Find Nearest Command

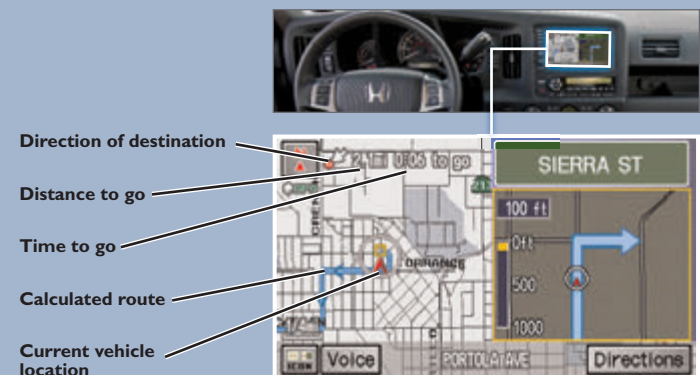
Find a nearby point of interest, such as a gas station, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

Press and release the Navi Talk button before you say a command.

1. From the map screen, say "Find nearest ATM."
2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.
3. Say the number next to the destination you want to select.
4. The system displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



### Map Screen Legend



## BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

Make and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit [handsfreelink.honda.com](http://handsfreelink.honda.com) to check if this feature is compatible with your phone. *Available on vehicles with navigation.*

### How to Use HFL



**HFL Talk button:** Give HFL commands or answer incoming calls.

**HFL Back button:** End a call, go back to the previous command, or cancel an operation.



### Pairing Your Phone

You can pair your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.

Press and release the HFL Talk button before you say a command.

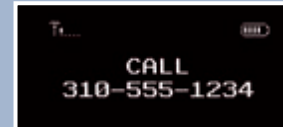
1. Enable discovery mode on your phone.
2. If no phone has been paired before, the system gives you instructions.  
If you are pairing an additional phone, say "Phone setup," then say "Pair."
3. HFL gives you a four-digit code that also appears on the MID.
4. Search for HandsFreeLink from your phone, and enter the code when prompted. Connect to HFL.
5. HFL asks you to name the phone. For example, say "Mary's phone." The phone is now added.



### Making a Call

Press and release the HFL Talk button before you say a command.

1. Say "Call" or "Dial" and the desired phone number.



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

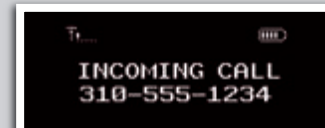


2. Say "Call" or "Dial" to continue.



### Receiving a Call

A notification is heard and the following screen appears on the MID.



Press the HFL Talk button to accept the call.



Press the HFL Back button to end or decline the call.

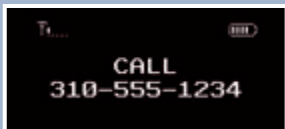
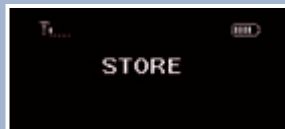
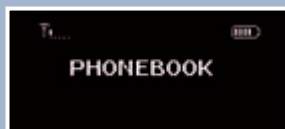


## HFL Phonebook

Store up to 50 names and their phone numbers, which can be used as speed dials.

Press and release the HFL Talk button before you say a command.

1. Say "Phonebook."
2. Say "Store."
3. Say the name of the contact, and then the phone number.
4. To call a contact once an entry is stored, say "Call Mike."

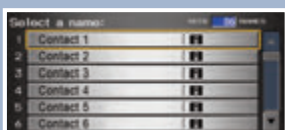
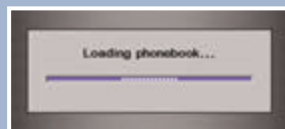
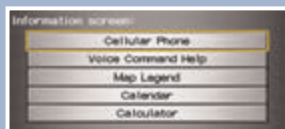


## Cellular Phonebook\*

Import your entire cell phone's address book to the navigation system.

Press and release the Navi Talk button before you say a command.

1. Say "Display Information." Say "Cellular Phone."
2. Say "Import Cellular Phonebook."
3. HFL begins to import your contacts to the system.
4. To call a contact, say "Search Imported Phonebook" and select the name and number.

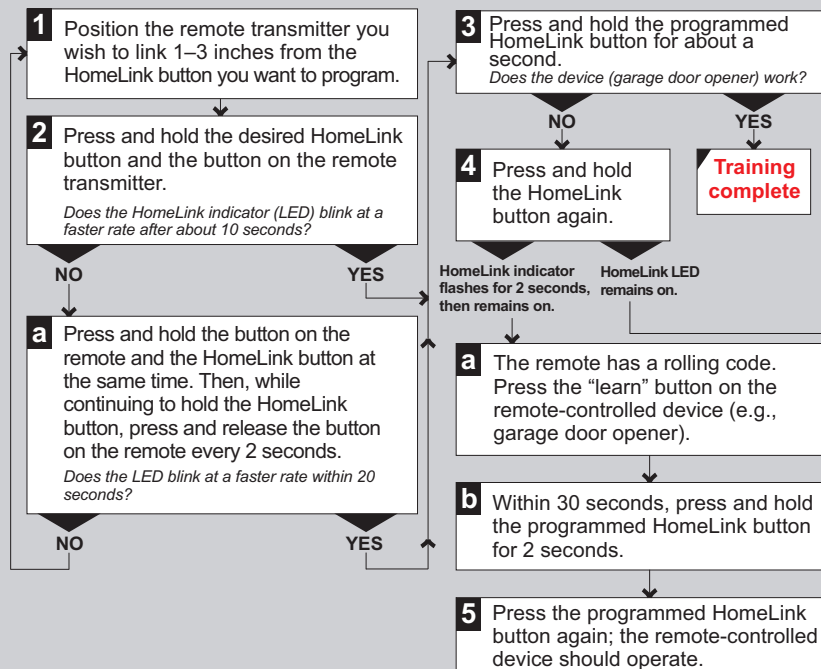


\*not available on all phones

## HOMELINK®

Program your vehicle to operate up to three remote-controlled devices around your home, such as garage doors, lighting, or home security systems. Available on RTL.

## Training a Button



If you have any problems programming HomeLink, see the owner's manual included with the device you are trying to program, call HomeLink at (800) 355-3515, or visit [www.homelink.com](http://www.homelink.com).

## HONDA OWNERS

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## SAFETY REMINDER

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. See your Owner's Manual for more information.

## FUEL RECOMMENDATION

Use of unleaded gasoline of 87 octane or higher is recommended.

- Honda recommends TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline where available.
- Do NOT use gasoline containing more than 15% ethanol.
- Do NOT use gasoline containing methanol.
- Do NOT use gasoline containing MMT.
- See your Owner's Manual for more information.

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 emission control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under your new vehicle warranty.

TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline (recommended) never contains MMT and has detergent additives to keep your engine clean. For further information on fuel and lubricants for your car and information on gasoline that does not contain MMT, contact your dealer or visit [owners.honda.com](http://owners.honda.com).