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The Advanced Technology Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your new Acura and provide basic instructions on some of the technology items.

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.

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

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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 | SH-AWD*
(Super Handling-All Wheel Drive) |
| Low brake fluid, Brake system | Malfunction indicator lamp
(check engine light) |
| Low oil pressure | VSA
(Vehicle Stability Assist) |
| SRS
(Supplemental Restraint System) | TPMS (blinks)
(Tire Pressure Monitoring System) |
| ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) | EPS
(Electronic Power Steering System) |
| Keyless Access System* | |

*if equipped

On/Off Indicators

- | | |
|---|---|
| PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF
(above audio panel) | Fog lights on |
| SIDE AIRBAG OFF | Headlights on |
| VSA OFF | Immobilizer (flashes): improperly
coded key; use correct key |
| CRUISE MAIN on | Turn signals/hazards on |
| CRUISE CONTROL on | High beams on |

Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver

- | | |
|--|--|
| Parking brake on:
Release | Message indicator:
See MID |
| Seat belt reminder:
Fasten seat belt(s) | Low fuel:
Refill |
| Door/trunk open:
Close door or trunk | Low tire pressure (stays on):
Add air |

KEYLESS ACCESS SYSTEM (Tech model)

Operate certain functions of your vehicle by simply having the remote within operating range.

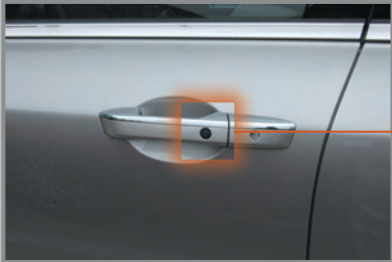
Unlocking the Doors



Grab either one of the front door handles.



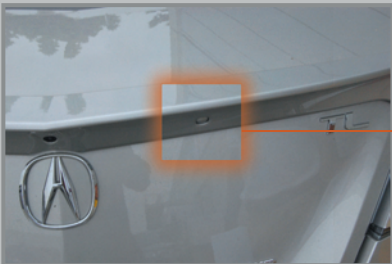
Locking the Doors



Press the door lock button on either front door handle.



Opening the Trunk



Press the trunk release button under the spoiler.



Engine Start/Stop Button

Accessory Mode

Use audio, power sockets, power windows, etc., without turning the engine on.



Press the ENGINE START/STOP button once (without pressing the brake pedal).



Starting the engine



Press and hold the brake pedal*, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.



* For manual transmissions, press and hold the clutch.

Turning the engine off



Shift to Park*, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.



* For manual transmissions, apply the emergency brake.

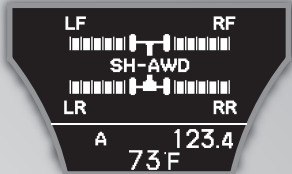
MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

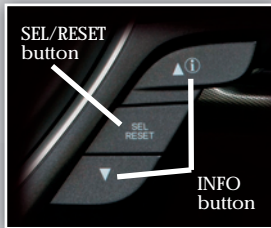
Accessing the MID



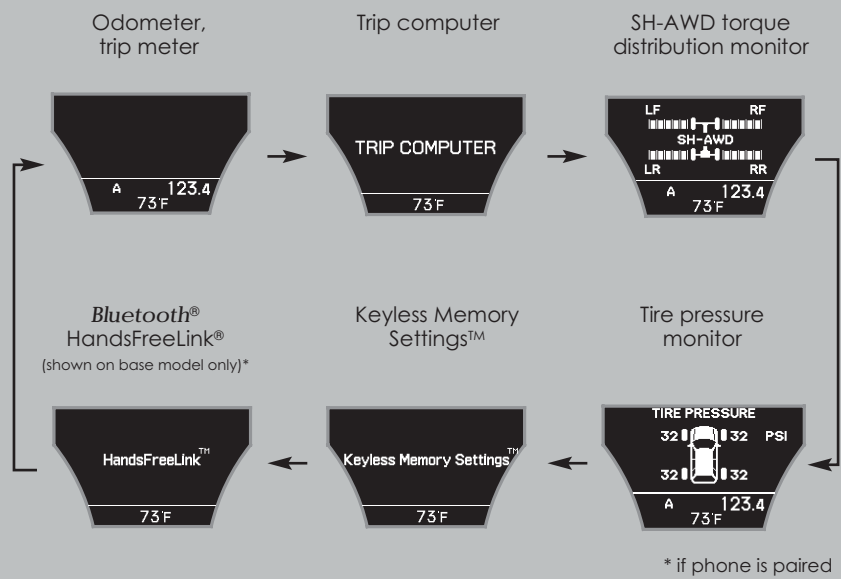
When you start the engine, the MID shows the last active display from the previous drive cycle.



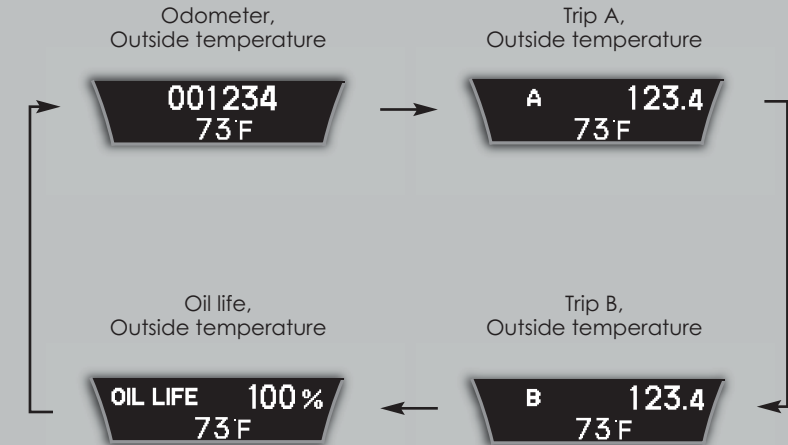
To toggle between the MID main displays, press either Info button (▲/▼).



Main Displays



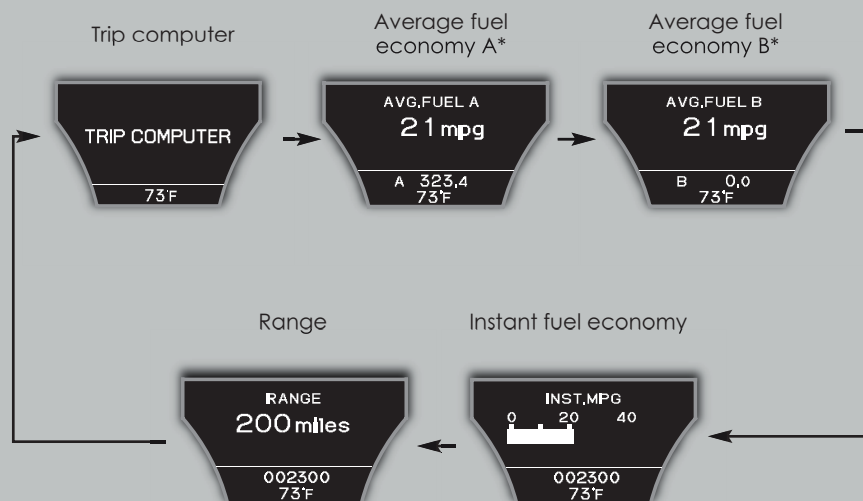
Lower Displays



Trip Computer



While on the Trip Computer display, press the SEL/RESET button to access trip information. Press either Info (▲/▼) button to toggle through the various screens, or the SEL/RESET button for sub-displays.



*sub-displays available

Tire Pressure Monitoring System

Alerts you when one or more of your tires has significantly low pressure. Toggle to the tire pressure monitor display to view pressure readings on the MID.

How it Works



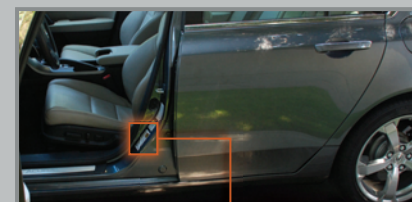
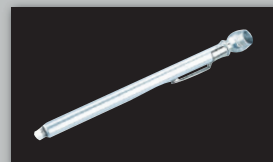
If the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels:

- The low tire pressure indicator comes on.
- A "CHECK TIRE PRESSURE" message appears on the MID, showing which tire(s) have low pressure.



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.



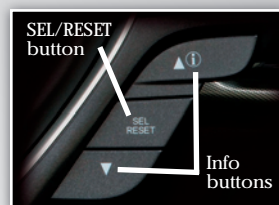
Customizing Settings Using the MID

Five groups of settings can be programmed using the MID*: Meter Setup, Position Setup, Keyless Access Setup (if equipped), Lighting Setup, and Door/Window Setup.

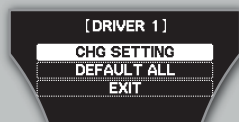
Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting



Press the Info button to toggle to the "Keyless Memory Settings" display, then press SEL/RESET to activate the menu.



1. Select "CHG SETTING."



2. Select "DOOR/WINDOW SETUP."



3. Select "AUTO DOOR UNLOCK."



4. Select "SHIFT TO P."



5. Select "ALL DOORS."



6. Once the setting has been saved, select "EXIT."



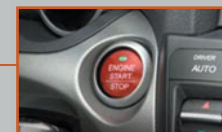
* See "Customize Settings" in your owner's manual for other programmable settings.

KEYLESS MEMORY SETTINGS

Each remote (labeled 1 or 2 on the back) activates its own set of programmable audio, climate, driving position memory, and customized settings (MID).

Checking the Remote

1. Verify that you are using the correct remote by turning the vehicle on.



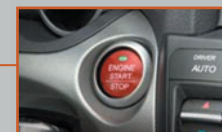
2. Check the MID:

- If you have the correct remote, the driver ID that appears first on the MID will match the ID number on the back of your remote. Go to step 3.

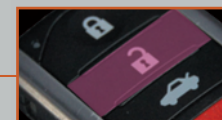


- If the numbers do not match, follow these simple instructions:

- Turn the vehicle off.



- Press the unlock button on your remote.



- Turn the vehicle on again, and check the MID. The driver ID that appears first on the MID should now match the number on the back of your remote.



3. Once you have the correct remote, you can begin to program your Keyless Memory settings.

Tech model shown

Customizing Settings

Some examples on how to program vehicle settings.

Storing Audio and Climate Control Settings

1. Turn the vehicle on.
2. Store your desired stations on the preset buttons and adjust your preferred audio sound levels (BASS, TREBLE, etc.).
3. Set your preferred climate control settings (fan speed, temperature, etc.).
4. Once you turn the car off, your preferred settings are saved and activated by the corresponding remote (1 or 2).



Driving Position Memory System (DPMS)

1. Turn the vehicle on. Shift into Park (P).
2. Adjust your preferred seat and outside mirror settings.
3. Press and hold the SET button until you hear a beep, then release.
4. Press and hold the memory button # corresponding to the remote (1 or 2) you are using until you hear two beeps.



Note: A stored memory position is linked to the corresponding keyless remote (1 or 2). Each item begins to adjust when you unlock the driver's door with the remote and enter the vehicle.

Tech model shown

REARVIEW CAMERA (Tech model)

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, a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown in the navigation display.
- Yellow parking guidelines appear to help you judge distance.
- Adjust the screen brightness by turning the Interface Dial.
- The display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.



REVERSE TILT DOOR MIRRORS

When you shift into Reverse (R), you can tilt either outside door mirror down slightly to improve your view as you parallel park. Shifting out of Reverse returns the tilted mirror to its original position.

How It Works



- To tilt the driver's door mirror, move the mirror selector switch to the left (L) position.
- To tilt the passenger's side door mirror, move the mirror selector switch to the right (R) position.
- To turn the feature off, move the switch to the middle position.



VOICE RECOGNITION

To keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel, use voice commands for hands-free calling, navigation, audio, climate control, and AcuraLink functions. For a full list of commands, say "Info" and "Voice Help."

Key Functions Operational by Voice Command

Control five different systems with the steering wheel buttons and the ceiling microphone.



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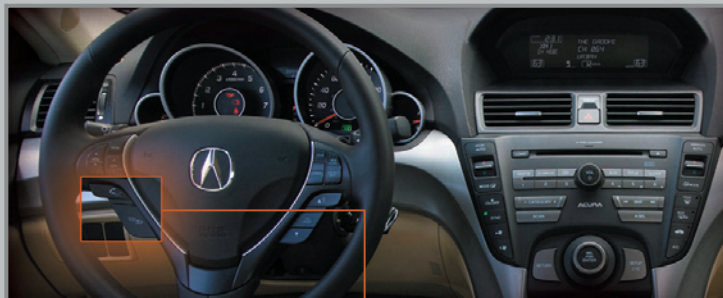
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* voice commands available on Tech model only

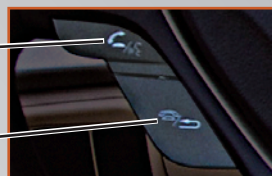
Using the Voice Command System

Base Model



HFL Talk button: Give HFL commands and answer incoming calls.

HFL Back button: Cancel a command and end or decline a call.



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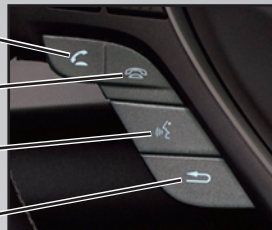


Pick-Up button: Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.

Hang-Up button: End a call or decline a call.

Talk button: Give HFL, navigation, audio, climate control, or AcuraLink commands.

Back button: Cancel a command and return to the previous screen.



Voice Command Tips

- To hear a list of available commands at any time, press and release the Talk button, then say "Help."
- When using the Talk button, wait for a beep, then give a command.
- 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 Talk button before you give a command.

Look for Restaurants Near Your Location

Say a command like "Display restaurant" to see restaurant icons appear on the map.



Make Audio Selections

Say a command like "Radio 97.1 FM" or "CD play track 5" to select that station or song.



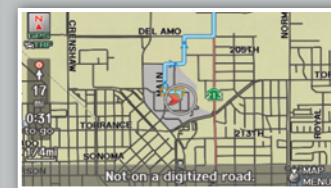
Adjust Vehicle's Climate Setting

Say a command like "Air conditioner on" and "Fan speed 4" to adjust the climate setting.



Get Estimated Distance to Destination

After a destination is entered, say "How far to destination?" to hear the remaining distance.



Commonly Used Voice Commands (continued)

Press and release the Talk button before you give 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)



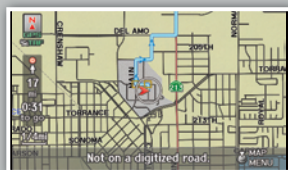
- Find nearest:
 - ATM
 - gas station
 - Mexican restaurant
 - post office
 - bank
 - Acura dealer
 - airport
 - hospital

Display Commands (Accepted on Map screen)



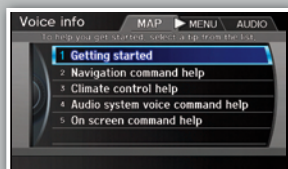
- Display (or hide):
 - ATM
 - gas station
 - restaurant
 - post office
- Display north up/heading up
- Zoom in/out
- Go home
- Display current location

Navigation Commands (Accepted on Map screen after a destination is entered)



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

Help Commands (Accepted on most screens)



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

Press and release the Talk button before you give 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
- iPod/USB/HDD play

Climate Control Commands (Accepted on most screens)



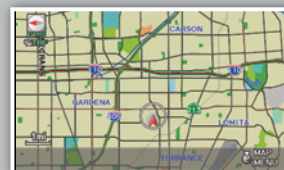
- Air conditioner on/off
- Rear defrost on/off
- Climate control recirculate/fresh air
- Fan speed up/down
- Temperature # degrees (# = 57-87)
- Temperature max hot/cold

Setup Commands (Accepted on Setup screen)



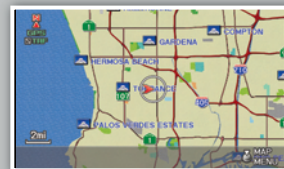
- Brightness up/down
- Volume up/down/min/max/off
- Interface dial feedback on/off
- Guidance prompts min/max/normal

Traffic Commands* (Accepted on Map screen)



- Display traffic
- Display traffic speeds
- Display traffic icons
- Display traffic incidents/list

Weather Commands* (Accepted on map screen)



- Display weather
- Display weather icons
- Display weather warning icons

*subscription required

NAVIGATION (Tech model)

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

Entering a Destination

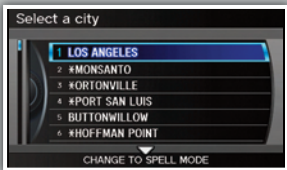
Using Voice Control

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

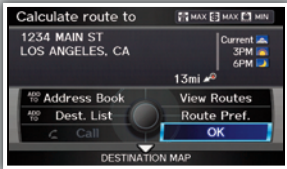
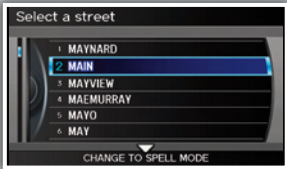
- 1. Say "Display menu" and "Address."
- 4. Say the entire street address number. For example, "1-2-3-4."



- 2. Say "Street" followed by the street name. Do not include the direction (N, S, E, W) or type (St., Ave., Blvd., etc.).
- 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.



- 3. A list of street names appears. Say the number next to the street you want.
- 6. The system calculates the route and displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



Using the "Find Nearest" Command

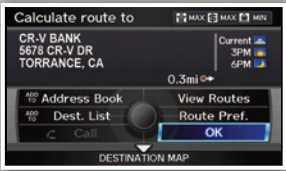
Try these simple steps to find a nearby point of interest, such as a gas station, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

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

- 1. Say "Find nearest ATM."
- 3. Say the number next to the destination you want to select.



- 2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.
- 4. The system calculates the route and displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

Map Screen Legend



Calculated route

Direction of destination

Distance to go

Time to go

Current vehicle location



* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

ACURALINK REAL-TIME TRAFFIC™* (if equipped)

Provides continuously updated info, including traffic speed, incidents, and construction in major metro areas.

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

Displaying Traffic Information

Say "Display traffic" to view highway flow data.



Heavy traffic

Moderate traffic

Free-flow traffic

NOTE: Traffic flow and incident icons are displayed on map scales of 5 miles (8 km) or less.

Incident Icons



Incident



Road closed



Congestion



Weather



Construction

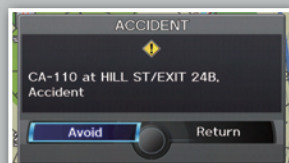
Traffic Rerouting™

The system can automatically provide detours around traffic incidents (if Traffic Rerouting is ON in Setup), or you can calculate a new route manually.

1. Say "Display traffic incidents" to view a list of incidents in your area.



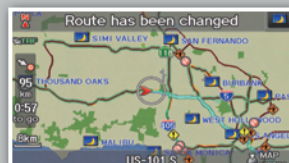
3. Say the number of the incident you wish to avoid, and say "Avoid."



2. Say "On route" to view specific incidents on your route.



4. Say "Reroute," and a new route is calculated.



* Subscription-based service through Sirius XM Radio® (free 90-day trial upon vehicle purchase)

** You can also display this information manually using the Interface Dial from the Map menu.

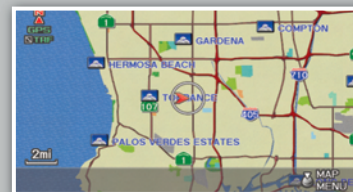
ACURALINK REAL-TIME WEATHER™* (if equipped)

Provides continuously updated weather conditions, warnings, and forecasts in major metro areas.

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

Displaying Weather Icons

Say "Display weather" to view weather icons for each city.



Weather Icons



Clear



Fog



Partly Cloudy



Rain



Cloudy



Snow

NOTE: Weather icons are available on all map scales.

Displaying Weather Information

Say "Information," then "Weather information" for the following options:

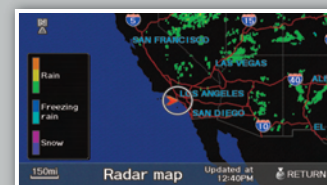
Weather Forecast

Say "Weather forecast" to view a 1-day or 3-day forecast of your current position or city vicinity.



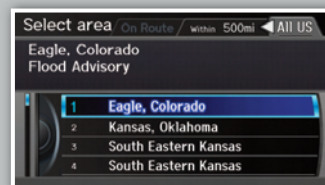
Radar Map

Say "Radar map" to view color-coded rain or snow systems.



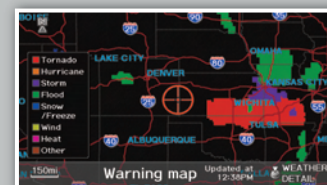
Weather Warning List

Say "Warning list sorted by distance" to view a list of all U.S. weather warnings by distance.



Weather Warning Map

Say "Warning map" to view color-coded severe weather systems.



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ACURALINK® MESSAGES (Tech model)

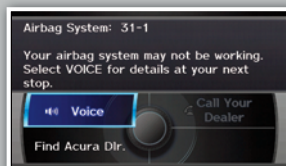
Acura periodically sends you messages on vehicle features, recall and safety information, maintenance reminders, and diagnostic information.

Viewing New Messages

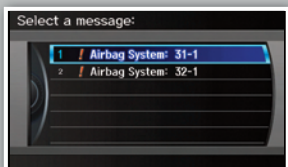
1. When you receive a new message, an envelope icon appears on the map screen.



3. Say the number of the message you want to hear.



2. Say "Messages," and a list of messages appears.

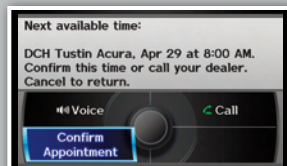
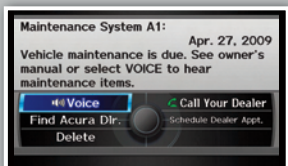


Scheduling a Dealer Appointment

To use this feature, you must register at My Acura (www.myacura.com), and make sure your Bluetooth-compatible phone is paired and correctly set up (see [page 27](#)).

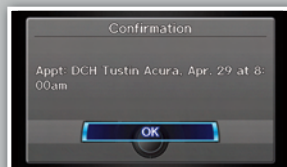
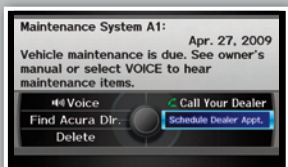
1. Using the Interface Dial, open a maintenance or product update message.
3. The system searches for the next available appointment at your dealer. Select "Confirm Appointment" if you are satisfied with the date.

NOTE: If you are not satisfied with the available date, use the Call option to call your dealer directly.



2. Select "Schedule Dealer Appt."

4. Select "OK" to set the appointment.



BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (Base model)

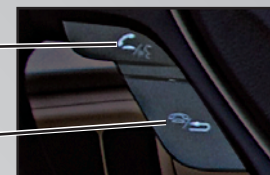
Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if your phone is compatible.

Pairing Your Phone



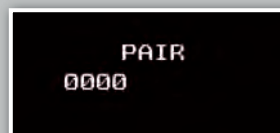
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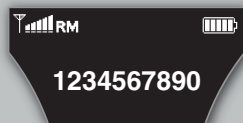
1. Enable "Discovery" or "Search" mode on your compatible phone.
2. Say "Phone setup," then say "Pair."
3. HFL gives you a four-digit code (that also appears on the MID) and begins to search for your phone.
4. Search for a HandsFreeLink device from your phone, and connect to HFL.
5. Enter the four-digit code on your phone when prompted.
6. HFL asks you to name the phone. For example, say "Mary's phone."



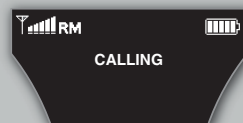
Making a Call

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

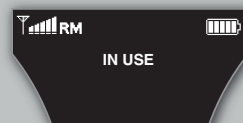
1. Say "Call" and the phone number.



2. Say "Call" or "Dial" to begin the call.



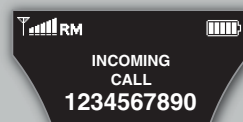
3. The call is connected and heard through the speakers.



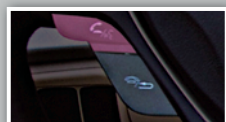
Receiving a Call

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

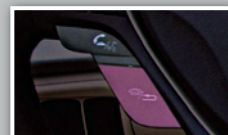
1. A notification is heard, and "INCOMING CALL" and the phone number appear on the MID.



2. Press the HFL Talk button to accept the call.



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



BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (Tech model)

Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's navigation and audio systems. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if your phone is compatible.

Pairing Your Phone

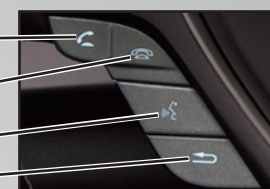


Pick-Up button: Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.

Hang-Up button: End a call or decline a call.

Talk button: Give HFL commands.

Back button: Cancel a command and return to the previous screen.



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

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Cellular Phone screen, and say "Phone setup."



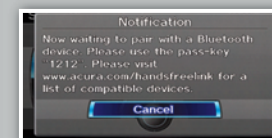
2. Say "Setup Bluetooth phone."



3. Say "Pair phone."



4. HFL gives you a 4-digit pass-key and begins to search for your phone.



5. Put your phone in discovery mode, and search for a HandsFreeLink device.



6. When your phone prompts you, input the 4-digit pass key and connect to HFL.



* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

Making a Call

Dialing a Number

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

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



3. Say the entire phone number and "Dial" to begin call.



2. Say "Dial."



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

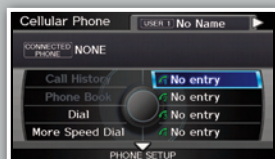


Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

Using the Imported Phonebook*

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

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



3. HFL imports your cellular phonebook if not already imported.



2. Say "Phonebook."



4. Say the number of the entry you want to call.



Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

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Using Speed Dial and Voice Tags

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

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



- 2b. If a speed dial has a stored voice tag, say "Call" and the voice tag name. For example, "Call Mary."



- 2a. Say "Call" and the number of the entry. For example, "Call one." For the complete list of speed dial entries, say "More speed dial."



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



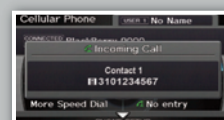
Note: See your owner's manual for instructions on storing speed dial entries and accompanying voice tags.

Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

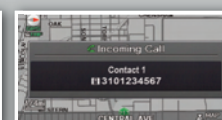
Receiving a Call

1. When you receive an incoming call, you hear a notification and see one of the following pop-up messages.

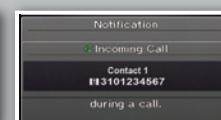
On the Cellular Phone screen



On the navigation map screen



On the audio screen



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



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

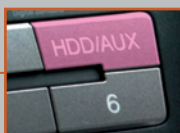


BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

Play audio files from your compatible phone through your vehicle's audio system. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if this feature is available on your phone.

Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink (see [page 27](#)).
2. Press HDD/AUX repeatedly until "Bluetooth Audio" appears.



3. Press "play" on your phone; sound is redirected to the audio system. Make sure the volume on your phone is adjusted.



Skipping Bluetooth Audio Files

There are two ways to skip through audio files*:

- Press (⏮) or (⏭) on the audio control panel.



- Press (+) or (-) on the remote audio controls.



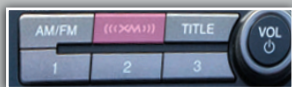
* not supported on all phones

Note Function (Tech model)

Store up to 30 ten-second recordings of songs and song information from XM® Radio (with an active subscription).

Recording Song Samples

1. Press and hold XM for about 2 seconds.



2. To replay stored information, push the interface dial down.



3. Turn the selector knob to select "NOTE," then press ENTER.



4. Turn the selector knob to select a sound file, then press ENTER. The selected recording plays.



HARD DISC DRIVE (HDD) AUDIO (Tech model)

Automatically record CDs onto your vehicle's hard drive (by system default). Songs begin to record once a CD is inserted into the disc slot.

Playing HDD Audio Files

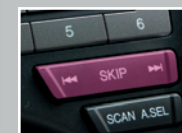
1. Press AUDIO.



2. Press HDD/AUX.



3. The first song of the last recorded album or the last song selected plays. Press (⏮) or (⏭) or (+) or (-) on the remote audio controls to skip through songs.

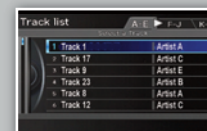


Searching for Music

1. Push the selector up to select MUSIC SEARCH.



3. Select a track and press ENTER to begin play.



2. Select one of the categories.



iPod® or USB Flash Memory

Play audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash memory device through your vehicle's audio system. See your Owner's Manual for a list of compatible devices.

Connecting and Playing Audio Files

1. Open the center console, and pull out the USB adapter cable.



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



3. Press AUX or HDD/AUX to begin playing.



4. Press (▶) or (◀) on the audio control panel or (+) or (-) on the remote audio controls to skip through songs.

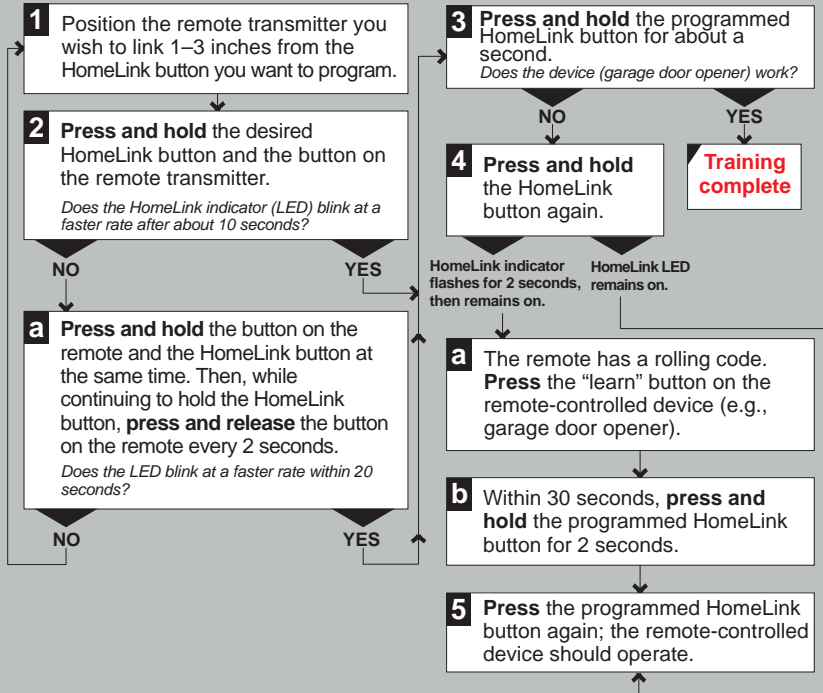


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HOMELINK®

The HomeLink Universal Transceiver built into your vehicle can be programmed to operate up to three remote-controlled devices around your home, such as garage doors, lighting, or home security systems.

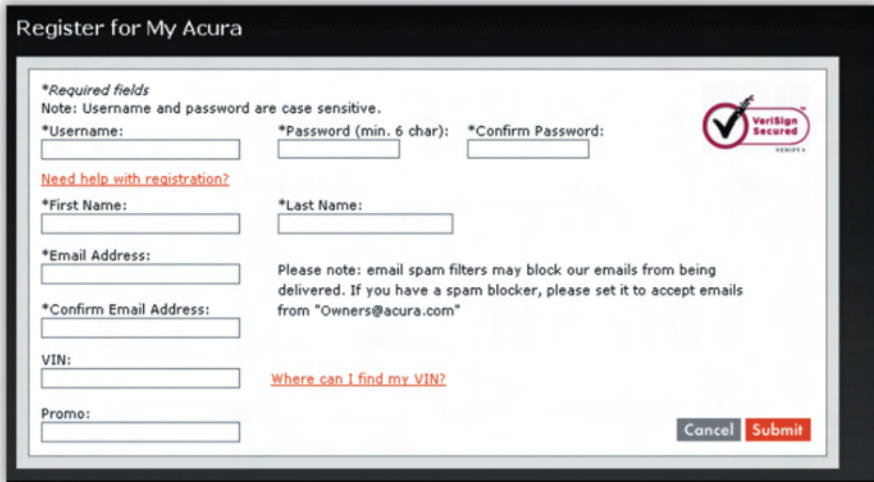
Training a Button



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.

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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.

FUEL REQUIREMENT

- Only use unleaded gasoline of 91 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 emission control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under warranty.
- "TOP TIER 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 "TOP TIER 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, Acura endorses the use of "TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline" where available to help maintain the performance and reliability of your vehicle. For more information, visit www.toptiergas.com.
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