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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 Odyssey EX, EX-L, and EX-L with Rear Entertainment System.

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.

Odyssey EX-L shown on cover

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**if equipped*

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).



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

Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

To program all doors and the tailgate to unlock when you shift to Park:

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



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



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



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



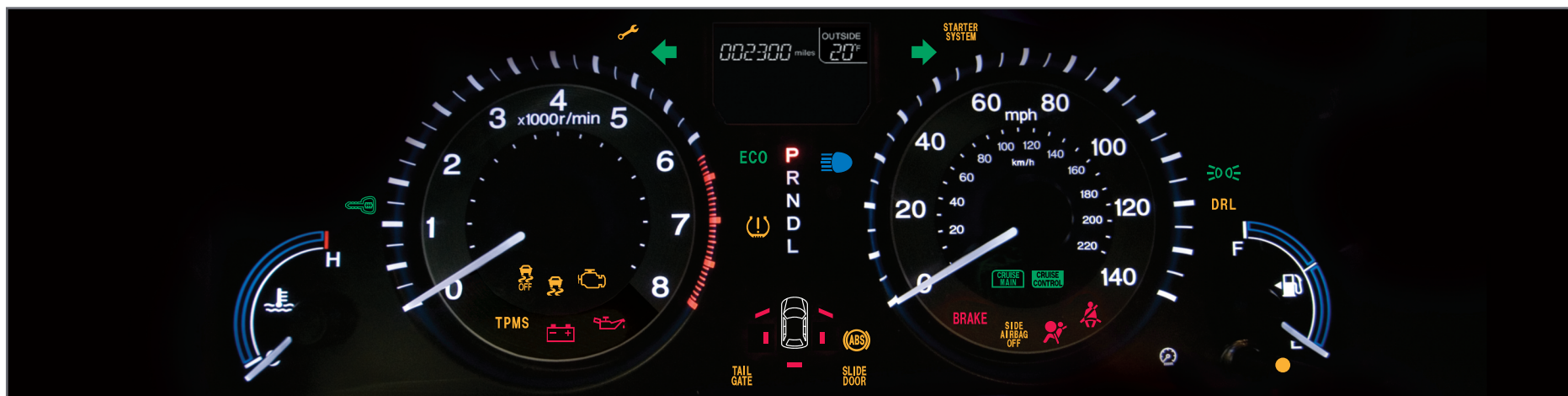
Programmable Auto Door Lock/Unlock Settings

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	<p>When you shift out of Park</p>	Auto Unlock (all doors)	<p>When you turn the ignition OFF</p> <p>When you shift into Park</p>
Turn off Auto Lock	<p>Operate manually</p>	Auto Unlock (only driver's door)	<p>When you turn the ignition OFF</p> <p>When you shift into Park</p>
		Turn off Auto Unlock	<p>Operate manually</p>













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	 DRL (daytime running lights)
 BRAKE Low brake fluid, brake system	 ABS (anti-lock brake system)
 Low oil pressure	 Malfunction lamp (check engine light)
 SRS (supplemental restraint system)	 VSA® (vehicle stability assist)
 TAIL GATE Power tailgate	 TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system)
 SLIDE DOOR Power sliding door	 STARTER SYSTEM Starter system



Maintenance Minder™:
Make dealer appointment



Low tire pressure:
Add air

On/Off Indicators



PASSENGER AIRBAG **OFF**
(located on center panel)



Fuel economy **on**



SIDE AIRBAG **OFF**



Immobilizer
Flashes: improperly coded key;
use correct key



VSA **OFF**



Headlights **on**



CRUISE MAIN **on**



Turn signals/hazards **on**



CRUISE CONTROL **on**



High beams **on**

Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver



Parking brake on:
Release



Seat belt reminder:
Fasten seat belt(s)



Door/Tailgate open:
Close door(s)/tailgate



Low fuel:
Refill

INFORMATION DISPLAY

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

Accessing the Information Display



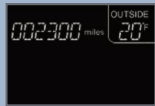
When you start the engine, the display shows your last active selection from the previous drive cycle.



To toggle between the different displays, **press and release** the select/reset knob repeatedly.

Information Displays

Odometer,
Outside
temperature



Fuel range,
Instant fuel
economy



Oil life



Trip meter A/B,
Average fuel
economy



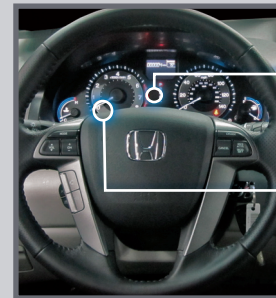
TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

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.

TPMS

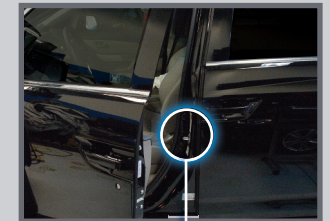
If the TPMS indicator appears, there may be a problem with the system. See your dealer.

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.

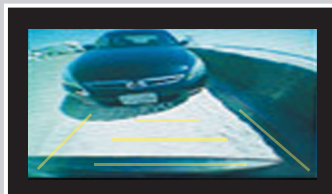


REARVIEW CAMERA (EX-L)

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 center display.
- Yellow parking guide lines also appear to help you judge distance.
- The rearview display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.



Turning the Guide Lines On or Off

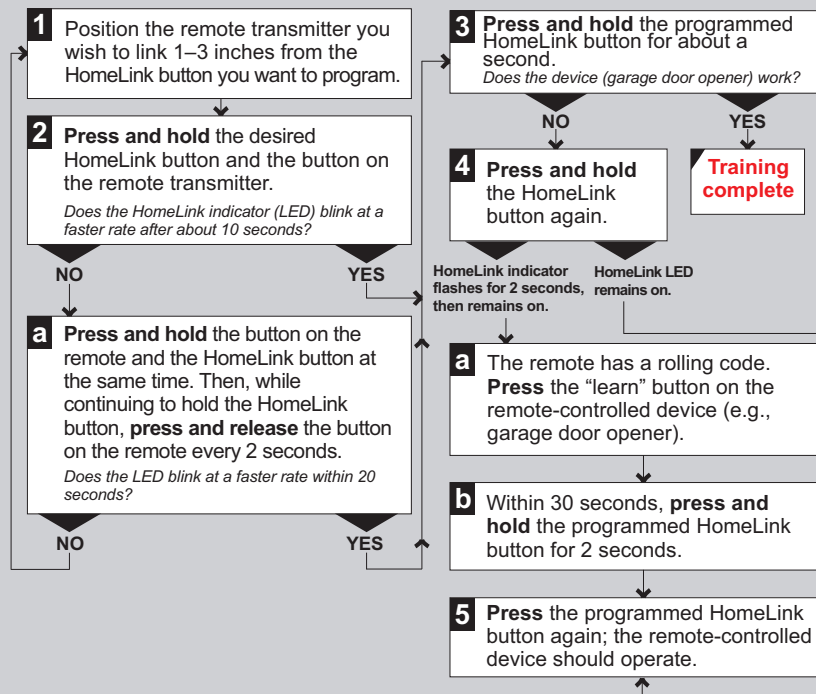
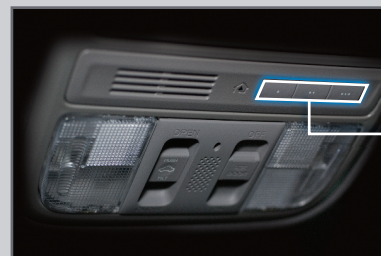
Press and hold RETURN for about 3 seconds.



HOMELINK®

The HomeLink Universal Transceiver 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.

BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

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

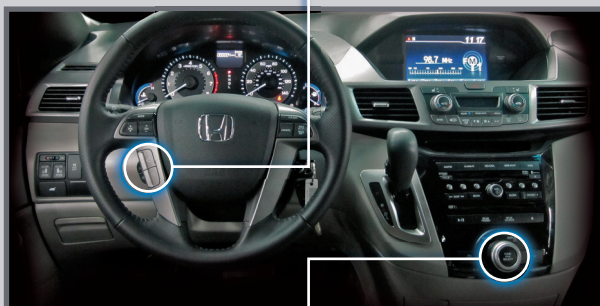
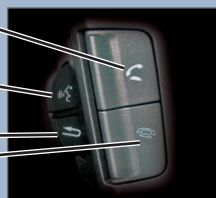
How to Use HFL

Pick-Up button: Go directly to the Phone screen, or answer an incoming call.

Talk button: Use to call speed dial entries with stored voice tags.

Back button: Cancel a selection.

Hang-Up button: End a call.



Use these two buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

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



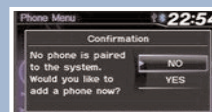
Audio selector knob: Rotate to scroll through selections and press to make a selection.

Pairing Your Phone

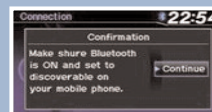
Use this pairing method when no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can only pair your Bluetooth-compatible phone when the vehicle is stopped.

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, and **select** Continue.



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

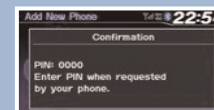


If your phone does not appear:

Select "Phone Not Found?" and **search** for a HandsFreeLink device 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. **Select** OK to complete.



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



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

2. **Select** Phone setup.



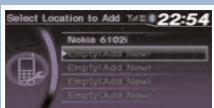
3. **Select** Connection.



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



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



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

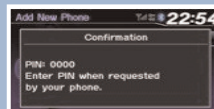


If your phone does not appear:

Select "Find Another Phone" and **search** for HandsFreeLink from your **phone**. **Connect** to HFL.



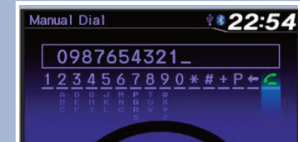
8. HFL gives you a four-digit code. **Enter** it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.



Dialing a Number

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

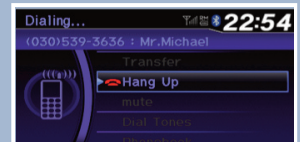
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Enter** the phone number. **Select** the green Dial icon or **press** the Pick-Up button to call.



2. **Select** Dial.

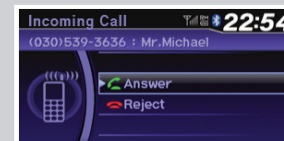


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.



Receiving a Call

1. A notification is heard and the incoming phone number appears on the center display screen.
3. **Press** the Hang-Up button to end or decline the call.



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

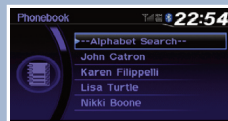


Using the Phonebook

When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

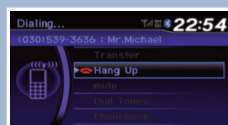
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Scroll** the list to find the name you want to call, and **press ENTER** to begin the call.



2. **Select** Phonebook.



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



Using Speed Dial

Up to 15 numbers can be stored with voice tags*.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

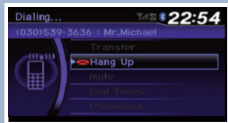
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Scroll** through the list to find the name you want to call, and **press ENTER** to begin the call.



2. **Select** Speed Dial.



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



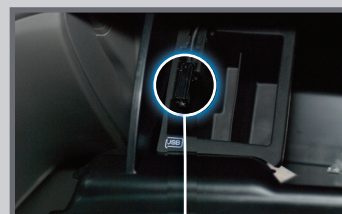
*When a voice tag is stored for a speed dial entry, you can make a call using voice commands. See your Owner's Manual for instructions.

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. **Open** the glove box, and **pull out** the USB adapter cable.
3. **Press** USB/AUX to begin playing.



2. **Connect** the USB connector to your iPod dock connector or flash drive.
4. To change tracks, **rotate** the audio selector knob or **press** the SKIP (⏮) or (⏭) button.



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BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

Play audio files from your compatible phone through your vehicle's audio system. Visit 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 11](#)).
2. Press USB/AUX until "Bluetooth Audio" appears on the screen.



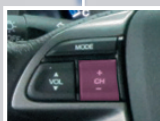
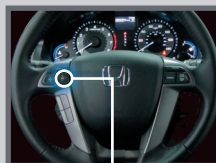
3. From your phone, **open** the desired audio player or app and begin playing. Sound is redirected to the audio system.



NOTE:

- 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.
- Remote audio controls may not be supported on all phones.

4. Press (⏮) or (⏭) on the audio control panel or (+) or (-) on the steering wheel to change tracks.



CD LIBRARY

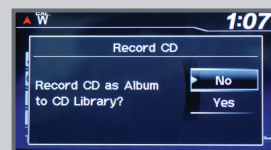
Store up to 18 audio CDs in the system memory.

Recording an Audio CD

1. **Insert** an audio CD.



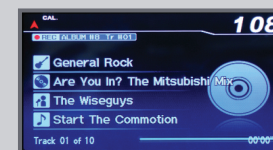
2. The system asks if you want to record the CD to memory. **Select** Yes or No.



3. **Select** the location to store the CD.



4. The CD records. If available, album information is displayed.



NOTE: Albums can only be selected from the CD library if recorded in their entirety. Partially recorded albums may appear, but cannot be played.

Using the CD Library

1. **Press** CD/CDL. The last album recorded begins playing.



To change tracks, **press** the SKIP (⏮) or (⏭) button, or **rotate** the selector knob.

To change albums, **press** the CATEGORY (+) or (-) button.

2. To view the CD library, **press** the selector knob.



3. A list of recorded CDs appears. **Select** the album and track you want to hear.



REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (RES) (EX-L)

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

RES Front Panel Controls



Rear Entertainment System



Pull down the bottom edge of the screen to open it.



Extend the screen until it locks into place.



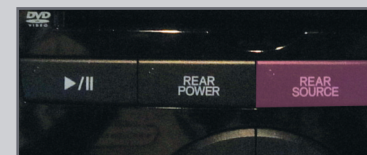
Pivot the earpieces to turn on or off. Wireless headphones work only in the rear seats.



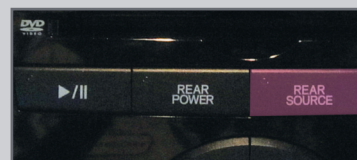
Wired headphones may also be used.

Operating the RES from the Front

1. **Press REAR POWER.** Rear passengers will hear audio through the headphones.
3. **Press REAR SOURCE** again to return to the front audio controls.



2. **Press REAR SOURCE.** Select an entertainment source for the rear passengers.



Operating the RES from the Rear

1. **Press REAR POWER** on the front audio panel. **Open** the overhead screen.
3. **Press** the (▲) (▼) (◀) (▶) buttons to navigate the menu options. **Press ENTER** to select an option.



2. **Press DVD/AUX, CD/CDL, XM, or FM/AM.**



4. The rear control panel can be detached and used as a remote control. **Press** the release button to remove it.



COOL BOX (EX-L)

Store beverages in a conveniently located box to keep them cool.

How It Works



- **Store** up to four 20-ounce bottles or six 12-ounce cans. Keep already cold drinks from becoming warm.
- **Press** COOL BOX to turn it on or off. A green indicator light appears when the Cool Box is on. Cold air from the air conditioning system flows into and circulates within the box.



Usage Tips

- The Cool Box is not a refrigerator or cooler. It does not cool down warm drinks.
- Do not use ice.
- Do not store perishable items inside for an extended amount of time.
- Keep the box closed for best results.
- The box cannot be removed for cleaning.
- Because the air conditioning system is always on when the Cool Box is in use, fuel economy may be slightly reduced.
- If the ignition switch is turned to LOCK (0), the box maintains its temperature for one hour.

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