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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 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.

As with the Owner's Manual, this guide covers all trim levels of the Acura TSX Sedan. 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.



Automatic transmission vehicle shown

Malfunction Indicators

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

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|---|---|
|  Charging system |  Malfunction indicator lamp (check engine light) |
|  BRAKE Low brake fluid, Brake system |  VSA® (Vehicle Stability Assist) |
|  Low oil pressure |  TPMS (blinks) (Tire Pressure Monitoring System) |
|  SRS (Supplemental Restraint System) |  EPS (Electric Power Steering) |
|  ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) | |

Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver.

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

On/Off Indicators

- | | |
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|  PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (above audio panel) |  Headlights on |
|  SIDE AIRBAG OFF |  Turn signals/hazards on |
|  VSA OFF |  Fog lights on |
|  CRUISE MAIN on |  High beams on |
|  CRUISE CONTROL on | |

MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

Accessing the MID

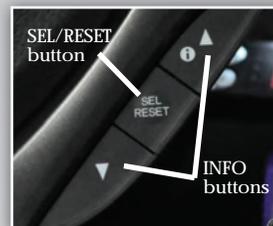


When you start the engine, the MID shows the last active lower display from the previous drive cycle.

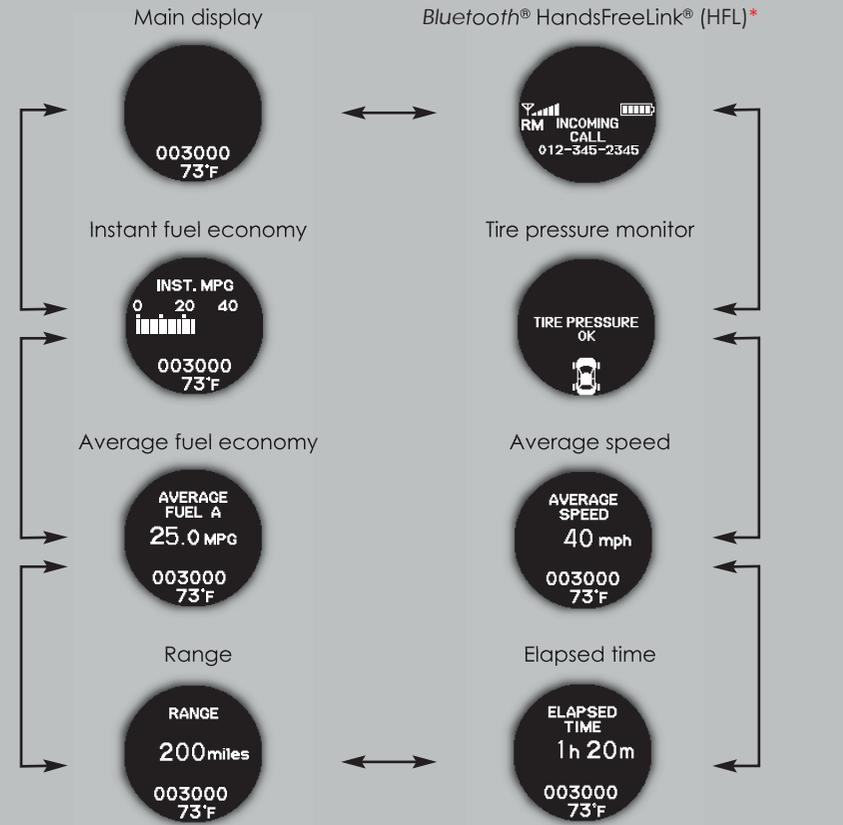


To toggle between the different displays:

- Press either Info button (▲/▼) for the main displays.
- Press the SEL/RESET button for the lower displays.

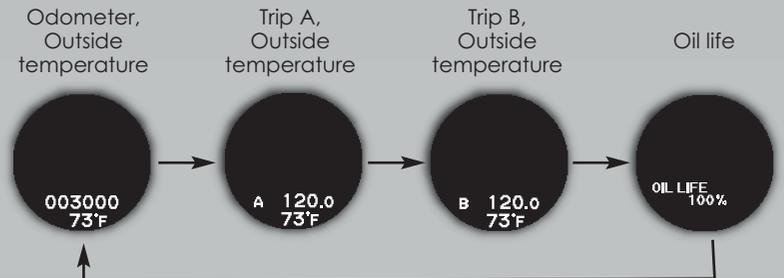


Main Displays



* if a call is active (Base model only)

Lower Displays



Tire Pressure Monitoring System

Alerts you when one or more of your tires have 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.
- The tire icon(s) showing low pressure blinks.



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

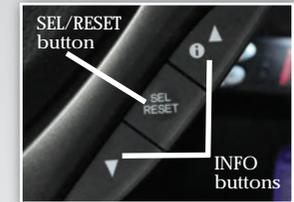
Four groups of settings can be programmed using the MID*: Meter Setup, Position Setup, Lighting Setup, and Door Setup.

Modifying the Auto Door Unlock Setting

As the default setting, only the driver's door unlocks when you shift to Park. Follow the steps below to set all doors to unlock when you shift to Park:



Press and hold either INFO button (▲/▼) to enter customization mode, then press SEL/RESET to enter the menu.



1. Select "CHG SETTING."



2. Select "DOOR SETUP."



3. Select "AUTO DOOR UNLOCK."



4. Select "ALL DOORS with SHIFT TO P."



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



* See Customized Settings in your Owner's Manual for other programmable settings.

DRIVING POSITION MEMORY SYSTEM (DPMS)

Store driver's seat positions into memory for each corresponding keyless remote (1 or 2), which are recalled when you unlock the driver's door with the remote and enter the vehicle.

Programming DPMS

1. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II). Shift into Park (P).



2. Adjust your preferred seat settings.



3. Press the SET button. You will hear a beep.



4. Press the memory button corresponding to the remote (1 or 2) you are using. You will hear two beeps.



Note: Stored positions can also be recalled by pressing memory buttons (1 or 2) on the door.

REVERSE TILT DOOR MIRROR

When you shift into Reverse (R), the passenger's outside door mirror tilts 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 passenger's door mirror, move the mirror selector switch to the right (R) position when in Reverse.
- To turn the feature off, move the switch to the middle or left (L) position.



REARVIEW CAMERA (Technology Package)

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 also 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.



FUEL FILL DOOR

Easy-to-use locking fuel door keeps your fuel cap covered.

Opening the Fuel Fill Door

When you unlock the driver's door with the master door lock switch or the remote transmitter, the fuel door unlocks.



To open, push and release the fuel door in the area shown until it pops open.



Closing the Fuel Fill Door

Push the fuel door until it is flush to the body.



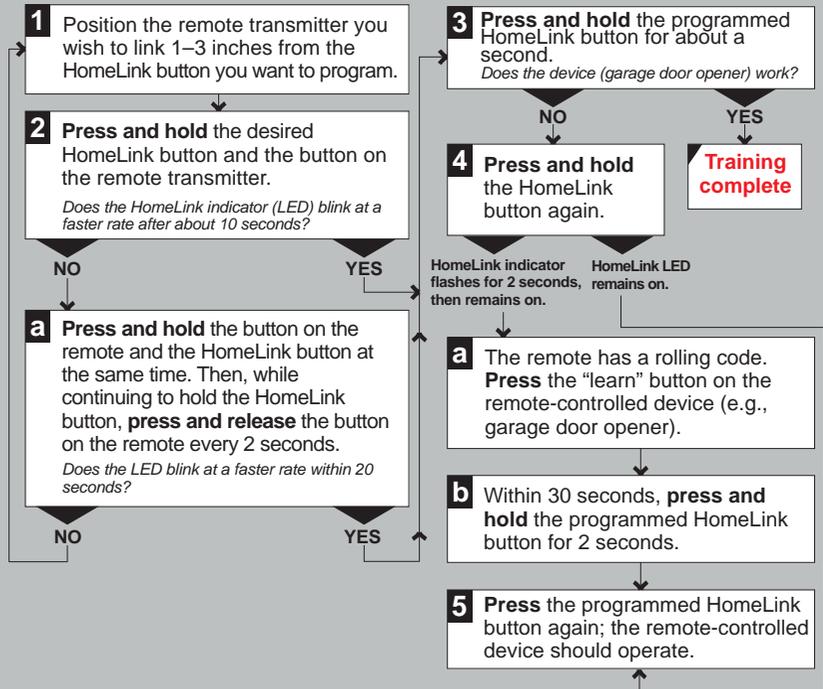
When you lock the driver's door, the fuel door locks.



HOMELINK®

Program your vehicle 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.

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."

Functions by Voice Command

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



Technology Package shown

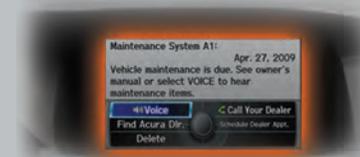
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* Voice commands for these systems are available on Technology Package only.

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.



Technology Package

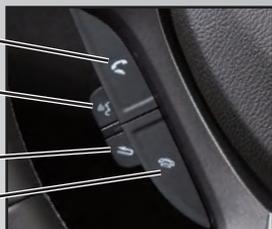


Pick-Up button: Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.

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

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

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



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 say a command.
- When the Talk button is pressed, all available voice commands are highlighted in blue.
- 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 say a command.

Look for Restaurants Near Your Location

Say a command like "Display restaurants" 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.



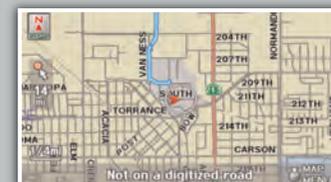
Adjust Vehicle's Climate Setting

Say a command like "Air conditioner on" and "Fan speed 4" to achieve a comfortable 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 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
 - 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 map
- 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 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 1/2 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)



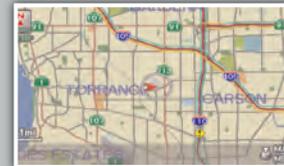
- Air conditioner on/off
- Rear defrost on/off
- Climate control recirculate/fresh air
- Fan speed up/down
- Temperature # degrees (# = 57-87)
- Temperature max hot/cold

Setup Commands (Accepted on Setup screen)



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

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 warning icons

*subscription required

NAVIGATION (Technology Package)

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 Address Using Voice Control

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

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

1. Say "Display menu." Say "Address."
4. Say the entire street address number. For example, "1-2-3-4." If necessary, say "OK" to proceed.



2. Say "Street," then say the street name on the next screen. 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 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 Talk button before you say a command.

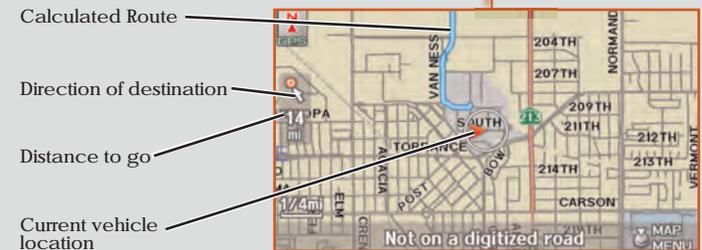
1. From the map screen, say "Find nearest ATM."
3. Say the number next to the destination you want.



2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.
4. The system calculates and displays the route.



Map Screen Legend



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 say a command.

Displaying Traffic Information

Say "Display traffic" to view traffic flow and incident icons.



Incident Icons



Note: Traffic flow and incident icons can only be displayed on map scales of 5 miles (8 km) or less.

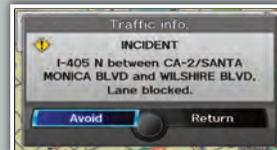
Traffic Rerouting™

When a destination is already set, you can create a detour to avoid traffic incidents or congestion (if Traffic Rerouting is set to ON in Setup).

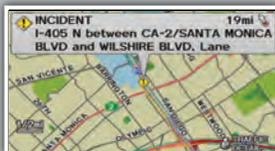
1. Say "Display traffic list" to view a list of incidents on your route.



3. Say "Avoid," and the incident list returns.



2. Say the number of the incident you want to avoid. When the incident appears, say "Traffic detail."



4. Say "Reroute" to set the new route.



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

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 say a command.

Displaying Weather Icons

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



Weather Icons



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 Image 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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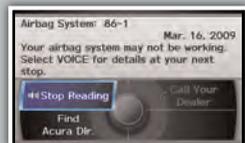
ACURALINK® MESSAGES (Technology Package)

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

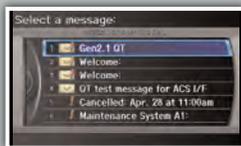
Viewing New Messages

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

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.

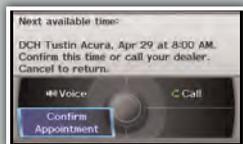
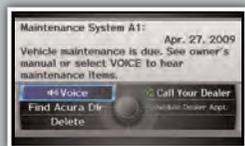


Scheduling a Dealer Appointment

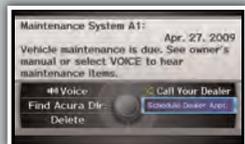
To use this feature, register at My Acura (www.myacura.com), and make sure your compatible phone is paired (see [page 26](#)) and set up for data connection.

1. Using the Interface Dial, open a maintenance or product update message.
3. The system searches for the next available appointment at your registered 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)

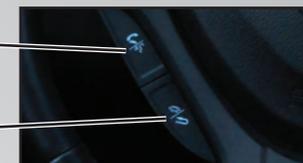
Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if your phone is compatible.

Using HFL



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

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



Pairing Your Phone

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

1. Enable discovery mode on your compatible phone.
4. Search for HandsFreeLink from your phone, and enter the code when prompted. Connect to HFL.

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.



5. HFL asks you to name the phone. For example, say "Mary's phone." The phone is now paired.



Making a Call

Press and release the HFL Talk button before you say 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

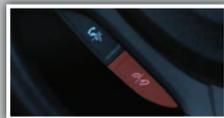
A notification is heard and the following screen appears on the MID:



Press the HFL Talk button to accept the call.



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



HFL Phonebook

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

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."



BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (Technology Package)

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Using HFL

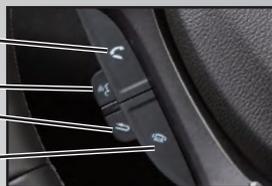


Pick-Up button: Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.

Talk button: Give HFL commands.

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

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

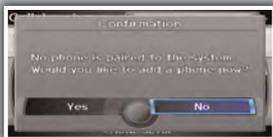


Pairing Your Phone

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.

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

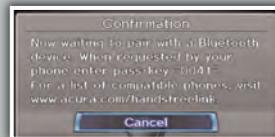
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Cellular Phone screen. A prompt appears asking if you want to add a phone. Say "Yes."



2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode. Search for HandsFreeLink from your phone, and select it when it appears.



3. When your phone prompts you, enter the 4-digit pass-key from HFL.



4. Follow your phone's prompts and connect to HFL.

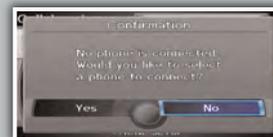


Pairing Your Phone (continued)

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

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

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



If a prompt appears asking if you want to connect to a phone, say "No."

2. Say "Phone setup."



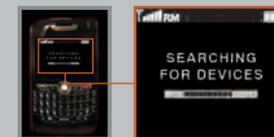
3. Say "Setup Bluetooth phone."



4. Say "Pair phone."



5. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode. Search for HandsFreeLink from your phone, and select it when it appears.



6. When your phone prompts you, enter the 4-digit pass-key from HFL.



7. Follow your phone's prompts and connect to HFL.



Making a Call

Dialing a Number

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

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



2. Say "Dial."



3. Say the entire phone number.



4. Say "Dial" to begin the call.



Using the Imported Phonebook*

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

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



2. Say "Phonebook."



HFL imports your phonebook if it is not already imported.



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



* Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if this feature is available on your phone.

Using Speed Dial and Voice Tags

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

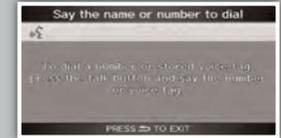
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Cellular Phone screen.



2. Say the number next to one of the first four entries. For example, "One." For the complete list of speed dial entries, say "More speed dial."



If an entry has a stored voice tag, say "Dial by voice tag," followed by the voice tag name and "Dial" from any screen.



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



Note: See your Navigation Manual for instructions on storing speed dial entries and accompanying voice tags.

Receiving a Call

When you receive an incoming call, you hear a notification and see the following pop-up message:



Press the Pick-Up button to accept the call.



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



iPod® or USB Flash Drive

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

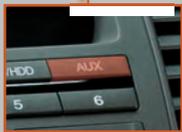
Connecting and Playing Audio

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



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

2. Press AUX until iPod or USB appears.



3. Press (▶) (◀) or (+) (-) to change tracks.



Note: Connect your device only when your vehicle is stopped.

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HARD DISC DRIVE (HDD) AUDIO (Technology Package)

Record CDs onto your vehicle's hard disc drive. Songs are automatically recorded once a CD is inserted into the disc slot.

Playing HDD Audio

1. Press DISC/HDD until HDD appears.



2. The first song of the last recorded album or the last song selected plays. Press (▶) (◀) or (+) (-) to change tracks.



Searching for Music

1. Press AUDIO.



3. Select one of the categories.



2. Push the interface dial up to select MUSIC SEARCH.



4. Select a track and press ENTER to begin playing.



SONG BY VOICE™ (SBV) (Technology Package)

Play songs from your iPod and HDD from most navigation/audio screens by using simple voice commands.

Playing Audio Files Using Voice Commands

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

Using the "Play" Command

Say "iPod search" or "HDD search."



Say "Play" and one of the options on the Search Mode screen. For example, say "Play Artist XYZ."



if exact match found

if exact match not found

The system provides voice feedback and lists possible matches.



Say the number of the corresponding selection you wish to play. For example, say "Four."



The system plays the selection and returns to the Search Mode screen.



Playing Audio Files Using Voice Commands (continued)

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

Using the "List" Command

Say "iPod search" or "HDD search."



Say "List" and one of the options on the Search Mode screen. For example, say "List Artist XYZ."



if exact match found

if exact match not found

A list of tracks from the selected artist displays.



The system provides voice feedback and lists possible matches.



Say the number of the artist. For example, say "Four."



Say the number of your selection. For example, say "One."



The system plays the selection and returns to the Search Mode screen.



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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

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® (see [page 23](#) or [26](#)).
2. Press AUX until "Bluetooth Audio" appears.
3. From your phone, open the desired audio player or app and begin playing. Sound is redirected to the audio system. Make sure the volume on your phone is properly adjusted.
4. Press (▶) (◀) or (+) (-) to change tracks.



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Notes:

- You may need to enable additional Bluetooth settings on your phone for playback.
- Remote audio controls and the play/pause function may not be supported on all phones.
- Operate your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.

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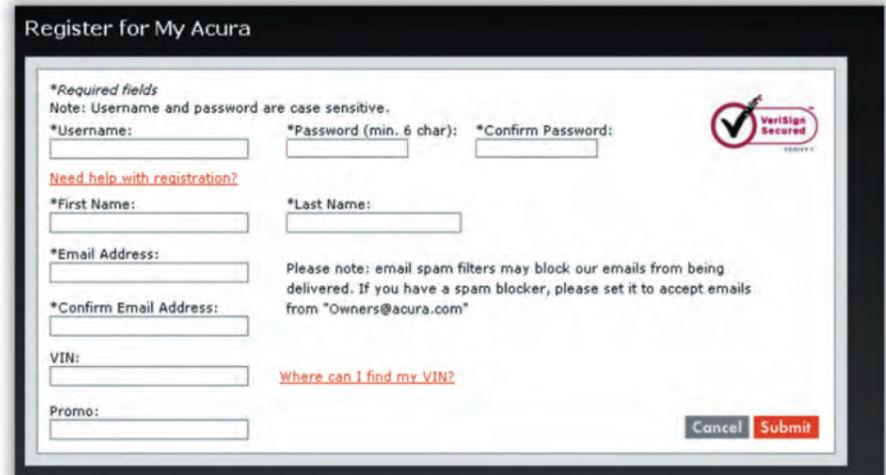
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FUEL REQUIREMENT

- 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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