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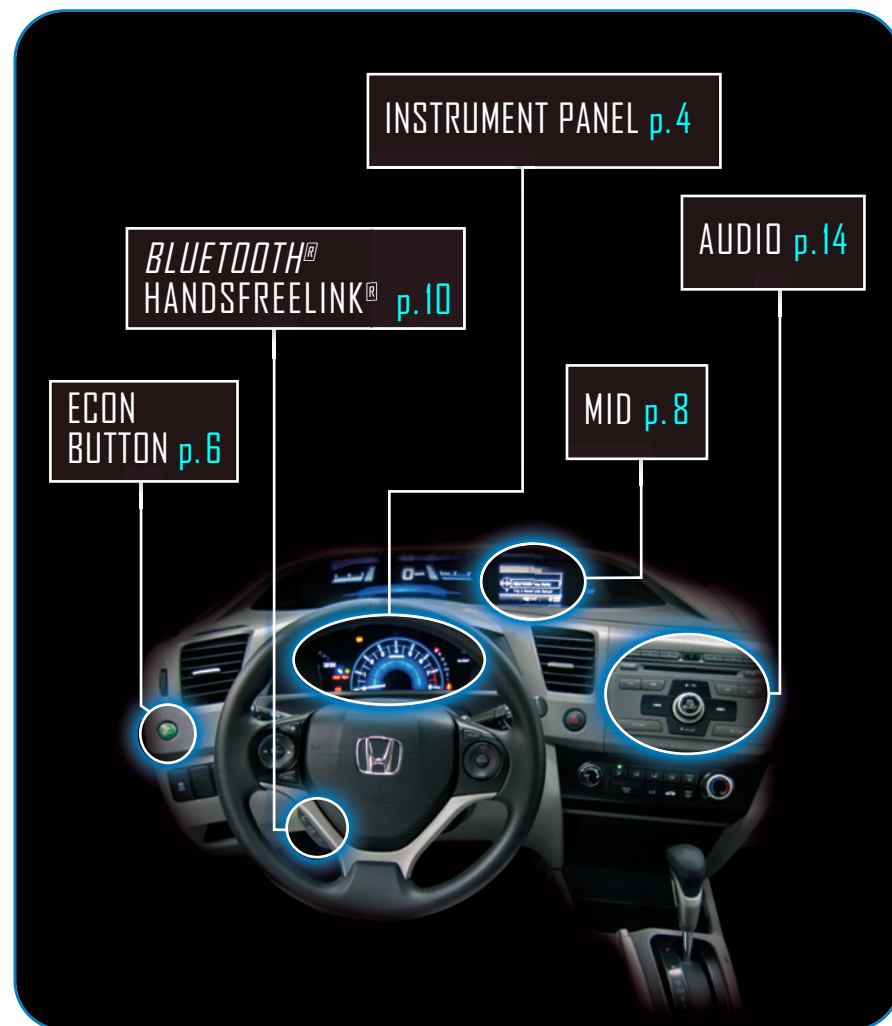
# TECHNOLOGY REFERENCE GUIDE

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 Civic Sedan EX, EX-L, Si and GX trim levels.

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.

*Civic Sedan EX shown throughout guide*

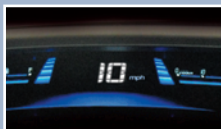
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## AUTO DOOR LOCKS

### Default Lock Setting



The 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) for automatic transmission vehicles.
- **Turn** the ignition switch to LOCK (0) for manual transmission vehicles.

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

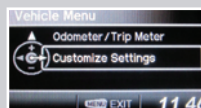
### Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

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

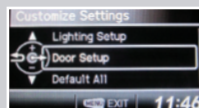
1. **Press MENU.**



2. **Select Customize Settings.**



3. **Select Door Setup.**



4. **Select Auto Door Unlock.**



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



6. **Press MENU to exit.**



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











## 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	 ABS (anti-lock brake system)
 Low brake fluid, Brake system	 EPS (electric power steering)
 Low oil pressure	 Malfunction indicator lamp (check engine light)
 SRS (supplemental restraint system)	 VSA® (vehicle stability assist)
 Transmission (blinking) (automatic transmission)	 Low temperature












### Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver

 Parking brake on: <b>Release</b>	 Seat belt reminder: <b>Fasten seat belt(s)</b>
 Door/Trunk open: <b>Close door(s) / trunk</b>	 Maintenance Minder™: <b>Make dealer appointment</b>

 Low fuel: <b>Refill</b>	 Message indicator: <b>See MID</b>
 Low tire pressure: <b>Add air</b>	 High temperature: <b>Drive slowly or pull over</b>

### On/Off Indicators

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

\* not on Si trim

## ECON BUTTON\*

When turned on, the vehicle's engine performance, transmission, and air conditioning system are adjusted for maximum fuel economy.

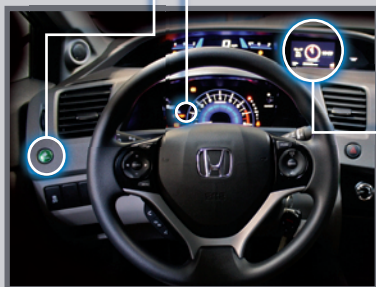
### Turning the ECON Mode On/Off

Helps you further maximize your fuel economy by modifying some vehicle functions.

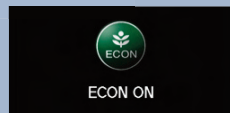
#### 1. Press **ECON**.



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



#### 3. Check the multi-information display for the system status.

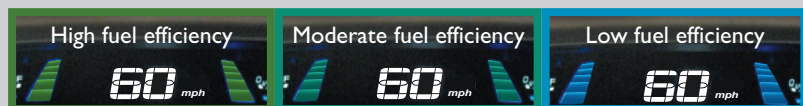


#### 4. Press **ECON** again to turn the system off.

## AMBIENT METER\*

Indicates instant fuel efficiency using color-coded bars.

### Ambient Meter Color-Coded Bars



\* not on Si trim

## TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

### How It Works



Each tire valve stem contains a TPMS sensor.



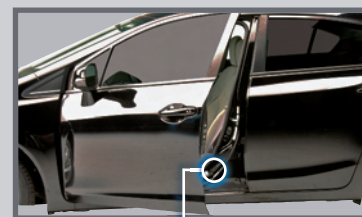
When the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels, the low tire pressure indicator comes on.



If a message also appears on the multi-information display, there may be a problem with the system. See your dealer.

### What to Do

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



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





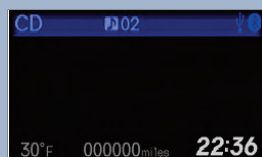
## MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

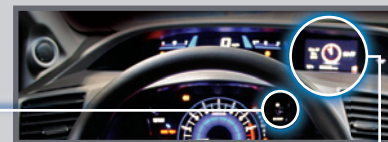
### Accessing the MID



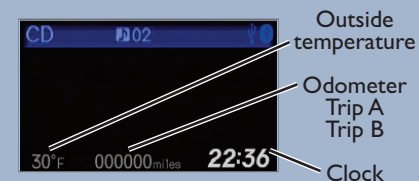
Press the INFO button to change main displays.



### Sub-displays



Press the SEL/RESET button to change sub-displays.



### Main Displays

Main display



Power monitor  
(Si only)



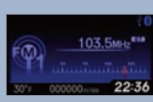
Clock  
(or wallpaper)



Trip computer



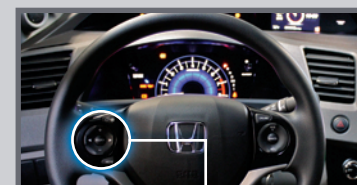
Audio display  
(or Phone  
display during  
call)



A warning or indicator message may appear as necessary. Press the INFO button to clear it.



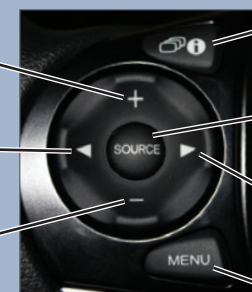
### Steering Wheel Controls



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

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

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



**Display/Information  
Button:**  
Change main displays.

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

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

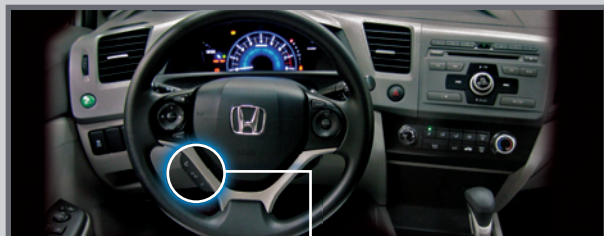
**MENU Button:**  
Press to go to "Vehicle  
Menu" for customization  
and other settings.

## BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

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

**To prevent driver distraction, certain functions may be inoperable or grayed out while the vehicle is moving.**

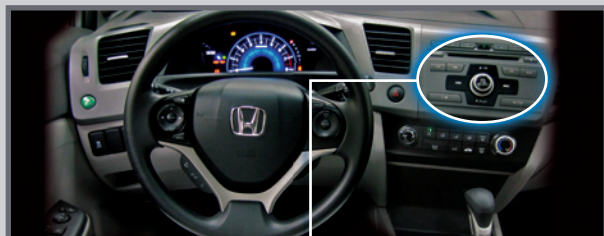
### How to Use HFL



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

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

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



Use these two buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

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

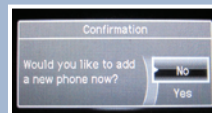


**Back button:** Press to cancel an operation or return to the previous screen.

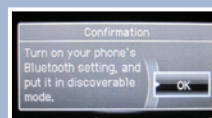
### Pairing Your Phone

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

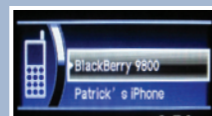
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen. A prompt appears. **Select** Yes.



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

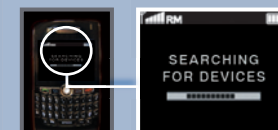


3. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** it when it appears on the screen. **Go** to step 4.

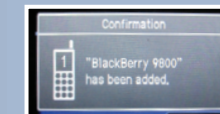


*If your phone does not appear:*

**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.

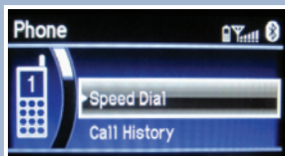


**NOTE:** To pair another phone to HFL (or if the prompts do not appear), you must use the Phone Setup menu. See your Owner's Manual for pairing instructions.

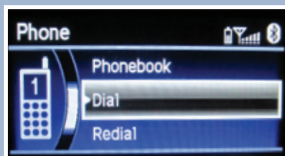
## Making a Call

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

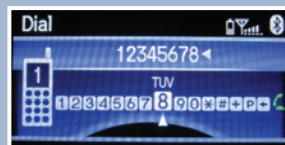
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



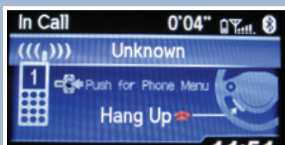
2. **Select** Dial.



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

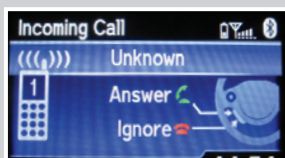


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.



## Receiving a Call

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



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



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

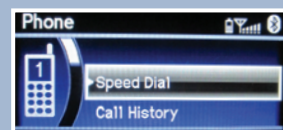


## Phonebook

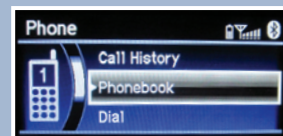
When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

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



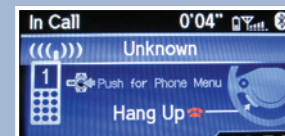
2. **Select** Phonebook.



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



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

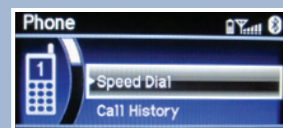


## Speed Dial

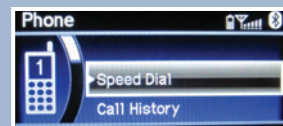
Speed dial entries and accompanying voice tags\* can be stored for quick voice-activated dialing.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

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



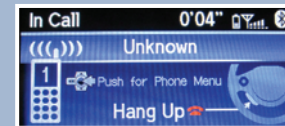
2. **Select** Speed Dial.



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



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. **Pull out** the USB adapter cable from the center console.



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



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



4. **Press** the (⏮) or (⏭) buttons to change tracks, or use the (◀) or (▶) buttons on the steering wheel.



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## BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

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

### Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to HandsFreeLink (see [page 10](#)).

2. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until Bluetooth Audio mode appears.



3. **Press** "play" on your phone; sound is redirected to the audio system.



#### Notes:

- Make sure the volume on your phone is properly adjusted.
- You may need to enable additional Bluetooth settings on your phone for playback.

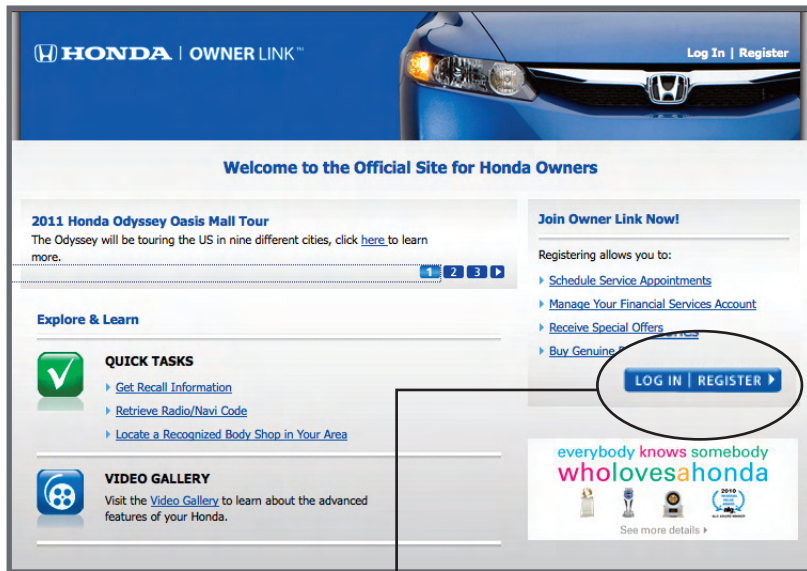
4. **Press** the (⏮) or (⏭) buttons to change tracks, or use the (◀) or (▶) buttons on the steering wheel\*.



\*not supported on all phones

## OWNER LINK

Owner Link allows you to explore features and technologies specific to your vehicle, schedule service appointments, obtain and update maintenance and service records, manage your financial services account, and access other useful information. Register at [www.owners.honda.com](http://www.owners.honda.com) to ensure that you continue to enjoy the experience of owning a Honda.



**REGISTRATION**

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**SUBMIT** **CANCEL**

## 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. For Civic Si models, unleaded gasoline of 91 octane or higher is required. For Civic GX models, compressed natural gas (CNG) is required.
- Some gasoline in North America contains MMT, a manganese-based fuel additive. Prolonged and consistent use of gasoline containing MMT can deteriorate your vehicle's performance, fuel economy, and the emissions control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under warranty.
- "TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline" meets a new gasoline standard jointly established by leading automotive manufacturers to meet the needs of today's advanced engines. In most cases, qualifying gasoline retailers will identify their gasoline as having met "TOPTIER Detergent Gasoline" standards at the retail location. This fuel is guaranteed to contain the proper level of detergent additives and be free of metallic additives. This helps avoid build-up of deposits in your engine and emission control system. Because the level of detergency and harmful metallic additives (such as MMT) in gasoline vary in the market, Honda endorses the use of "TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline" where available to help maintain the performance and reliability of your vehicle. For more information, visit [www.toptiergas.com](http://www.toptiergas.com).
- For further important information on fuel and lubricants for your car and information on gasoline that does not contain MMT, contact your dealer or visit Owner Link at [www.owners.honda.com](http://www.owners.honda.com).