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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 Civic Sedan.

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.

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\* if equipped

## AUTO DOOR LOCKS

### 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 8-9](#) for more information on the i-MID and its controls.

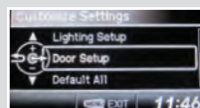
#### 1. Press MENU.



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

\*IGN OFF for manual transmission vehicles

## INSTRUMENT PANEL INDICATORS

Briefly appear with each engine start. Red and amber indicators are most critical. Blue and green indicators are used for general information. See your Owner's Manual for more information.



### Malfunction Indicators

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

	Charging system		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)		TPMS (blinks and stays on) (tire pressure monitoring system)
			Low temperature

### Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver

	Parking brake on: Release		Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s)
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	Door/Trunk open: Close door(s) / trunk
	Low fuel: Refill
	Low tire pressure: Add air

	High temperature: Drive slowly or pull over
	Message indicator: See <b>i-MID</b>
	Immobilizer (blinks): Use other vehicle key

### On/Off Indicators

	PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (next to i-MID)		Exterior lights on
	VSA OFF		Turn signals/hazards on
	CRUISE MAIN on		Fog lights* on
	CRUISE CONTROL on		High beams on
	ECON* on		

\* if equipped

## ECO ASSIST™ (if equipped)

When turned on, performance of the vehicle's engine, transmission, cruise control, and air conditioning system are adjusted to achieve maximum fuel efficiency.

### Turning ECON Mode On/Off

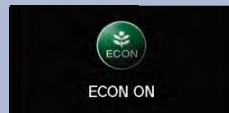
1. Press **ECON**.



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



3. Check the i-MID for the system status.

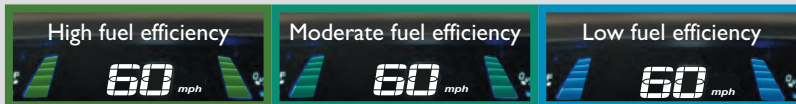


4. Press **ECON** again to turn the system off.



### Ambient Meter

Indicates instant fuel efficiency using color-coded bars.



This feature can be turned off in the Customize Settings Menu. See your Owner's Manual for more information.

## TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

### How It Works



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



If a message also appears on the i-MID 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.



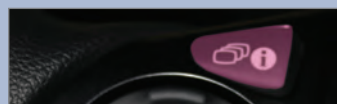
3. **Inflate** the tire(s), if necessary, to the recommended pressures listed on the label on the driver's doorjamb.



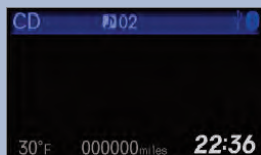
## INTELLIGENT MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (i-MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

### Accessing the i-MID



Press the INFO button to change main displays.



### Sub-displays

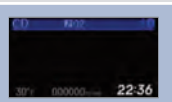


Press the SEL/RESET button to change sub-displays.



### Main Displays

Main display



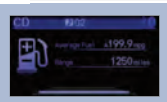
Power monitor  
(Civic Si only)



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.



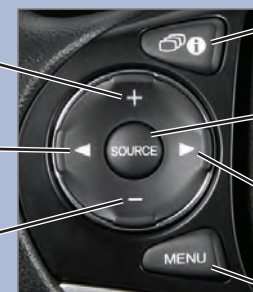
### Steering Wheel Controls



**(+) 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.

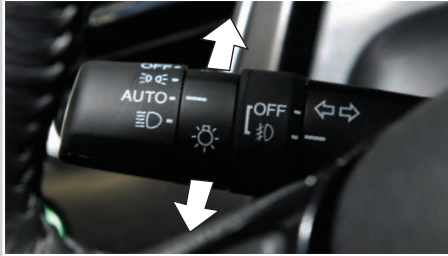


## ONE-TOUCH TURN SIGNAL

Use this quick and convenient method to signal a lane change.

### How It Works

- Lightly push the turn signal lever up or down for a three-blink sequence.
- For a continuous signal, push the lever up or down until it locks into place.



## AUTO HEADLIGHTS WITH WIPER INTEGRATION (if equipped)

For your convenience, your vehicle's headlights automatically turn on when you activate the windshield wipers.

### How It Works

- Make sure your headlights are in the AUTO position.
- Turn on your windshield wipers. The headlights also turn on.
- When you turn off the windshield wipers, the headlights turn off shortly after.



## REARVIEW CAMERA

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



## 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.

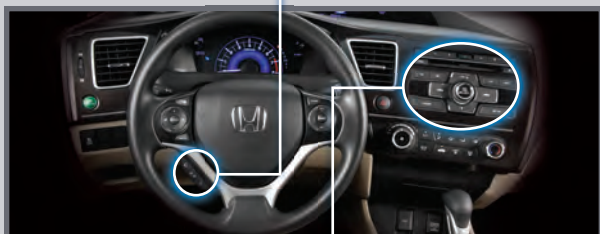
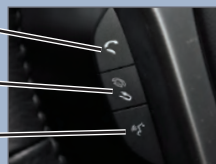
**To reduce the potential for driver distraction, certain functions may be inoperable or grayed out while the vehicle is moving. Stop or pull over to perform the function.**

### 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 buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

**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.

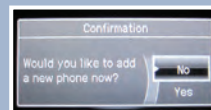
**PHONE button:** Go directly to the Phone screen.

### Pairing Your Phone

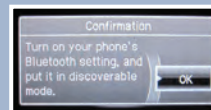
Use this pairing method when no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can pair your compatible phone only when the vehicle is stopped.

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

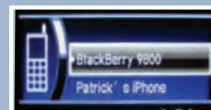
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen. A prompt appears. **Select Yes.**



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

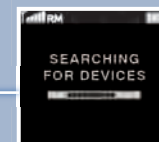


3. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** it when it appears on the list.

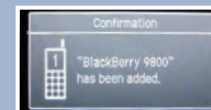


*If your phone does not appear:*

**Select** Phone Not Found, and **search** for HandsFreeLink from your phone. **Connect** to HFL.



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





## 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.

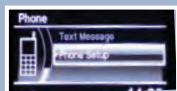
Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

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

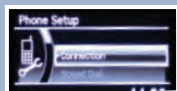


If a prompt appears asking to connect to a phone, **select** No.

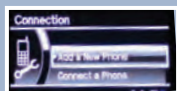
2. **Select** Phone setup.



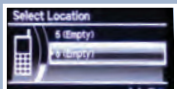
3. **Select** Connection.



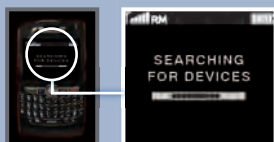
4. **Select** Add a New Phone.



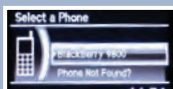
5. **Select** an empty location for the phone.



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



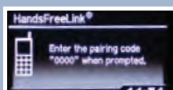
7. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** your phone when it appears on the list.



*If your phone does not appear:*

**Select** "Phone Not Found?" 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.

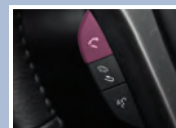


## Dialing a Number

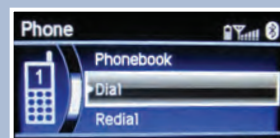
Enter a 10-digit phone number to call. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

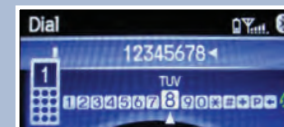
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



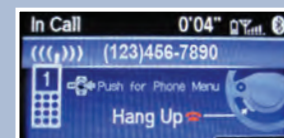
2. **Select** Dial.



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

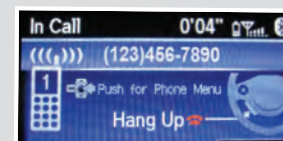


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.

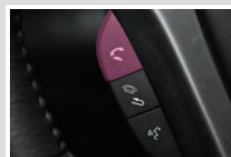


## Receiving a Call

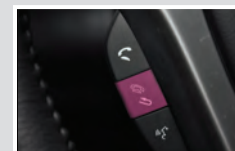
A notification is heard and the following screen appears:



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



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

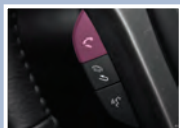


## Using the Phonebook

When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

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



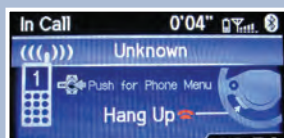
2. **Select** Phonebook.



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.

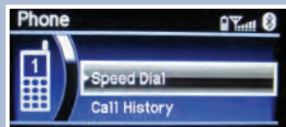


## Using Speed Dial

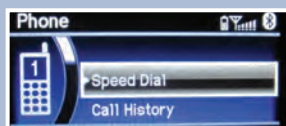
Store up to 15 numbers for quick calling.

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

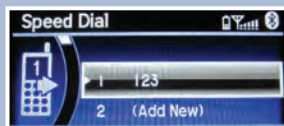
1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



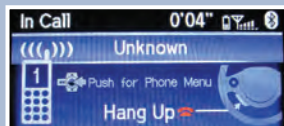
2. **Select** Speed Dial.



3. **Scroll** through the list to find the entry you want to call, and select it using the Pick-Up button.



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



When a speed dial entry is stored with a voice tag, you can make a call using voice commands at any time. Press the Talk button and follow the prompts. See your Owner's Manual for more information.

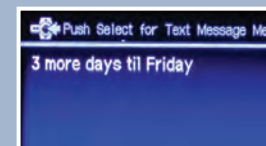
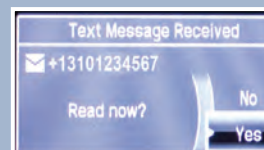
## SMS TEXT MESSAGING

Receive and send text messages from your paired and linked compatible phone. Visit [handsfreelink.honda.com](http://handsfreelink.honda.com) to see if this feature is compatible on your phone. Standard message rates apply. This feature is limited while the vehicle is moving.

## Receiving Text Messages

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

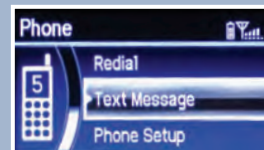
1. A notification appears on the multi-information display. **Select** Yes to open the message.
2. The message is displayed, and the system reads it aloud.



## Displaying Messages

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Select** a message to open it and hear it read aloud.



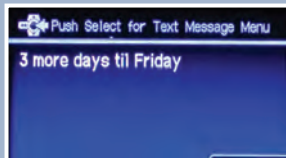
2. **Select** Text Message. The 20 most recent text messages from your phone are displayed.



## Replying to Text Messages

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

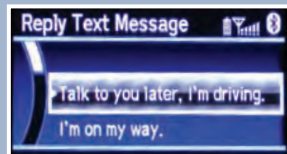
1. With the message open, **press** the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.



2. **Select** Reply.



3. **Select** one of the six available reply messages.



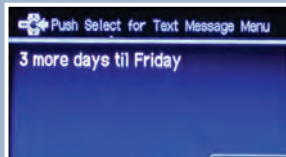
4. **Select** Yes to send the message.



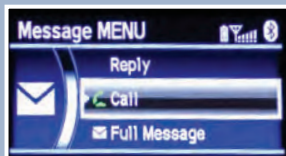
## Calling the Sender

Use the selector knob to make and enter selections.

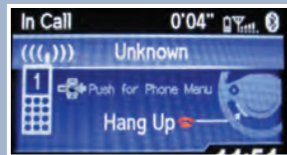
1. With the message open, **press** the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.



2. **Select** Call.



3. HFL begins dialing the number.



## iPod® OR USB FLASH DRIVE

Play audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash drive through your vehicle's audio system.

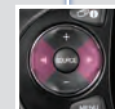
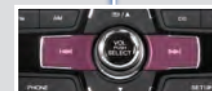
## Connecting Devices and Playing Audio

1. **Pull out** the USB adapter cable from the center console.
3. **Press** (⏮) (⏭) or (⏪) (⏩) to change tracks.



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

2. **Press** SOURCE or AUX until iPod or USB mode appears.



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

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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

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® (see [page 13](#)).
2. Press SOURCE or AUX until Bluetooth Audio mode 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.



#### 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.

## PANDORA®

Play and operate Pandora streaming radio from your iPhone® through your vehicle's audio system. Standard data rates apply.

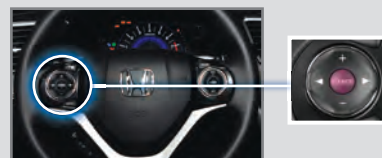
### Playing Pandora

1. Pull out the USB adapter cable from the center console.
3. Press the selector knob to enter the Pandora menu.

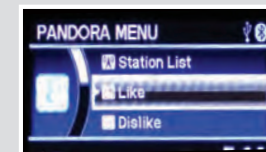


Connect your phone using a USB dock connector.

2. Open Pandora from your phone. Press SOURCE or AUX until Pandora mode appears and streaming begins.



4. You can select items such as the Station List, SKIP, Like/Dislike, and Pause/Resume.\*



#### Notes:

- If Pandora is not selected from your phone, iPod music is played.
- Press the Home button on your iPhone to switch from Pandora to iPod. To play Pandora again, you must reopen the app from your phone.
- If you cannot operate Pandora through the audio system, it may be streaming through Bluetooth® Audio. Make sure Pandora mode on your audio system is selected. If Pandora still does not operate, you may have to reconnect the cable.
- Connect your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.

\*Menu functions not available on all phones.  
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## OWNER LINK

Owner Link allows you to explore features and technologies specific to your vehicle, obtain and update maintenance and service records, and access other useful information. Register at [owners.honda.com](http://owners.honda.com) to ensure that you continue to enjoy the experience of owning a Honda. For added convenience, Owner Link can also be accessed on a mobile device.



## 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 Natural Gas 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 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, 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 [owners.honda.com](http://owners.honda.com).