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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

# ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

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 as a substitute for the Owner's Manual. For complete information on vehicle controls and operation, please refer to the respective sections in the Owner's Manual.

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



## Malfunction Indicators







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

 Charging system	 SH-AWD®* (Super Handling-All Wheel Drive system)
 Low brake fluid	 Malfunction lamp (check engine light)
 Low oil pressure	 VSA® (Vehicle Stability Assist)
 SRS (Supplemental Restraint System)	 TPMS (blinks) (Tire Pressure Monitoring System)
 ABS (Anti-lock Brake System)	 Brake System

\*if equipped

## Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver.

 Parking brake on: Release	 Message indicator: See MID
 Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s)	 Low fuel: Refill
 A/T temperature: Pull over and let engine idle	 Low tire pressure (stays on): Add air

## On/Off Indicators

 PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (above audio panel)	 Fog lights 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

# MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

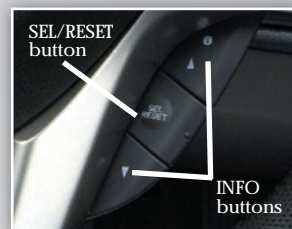
## Accessing the MID



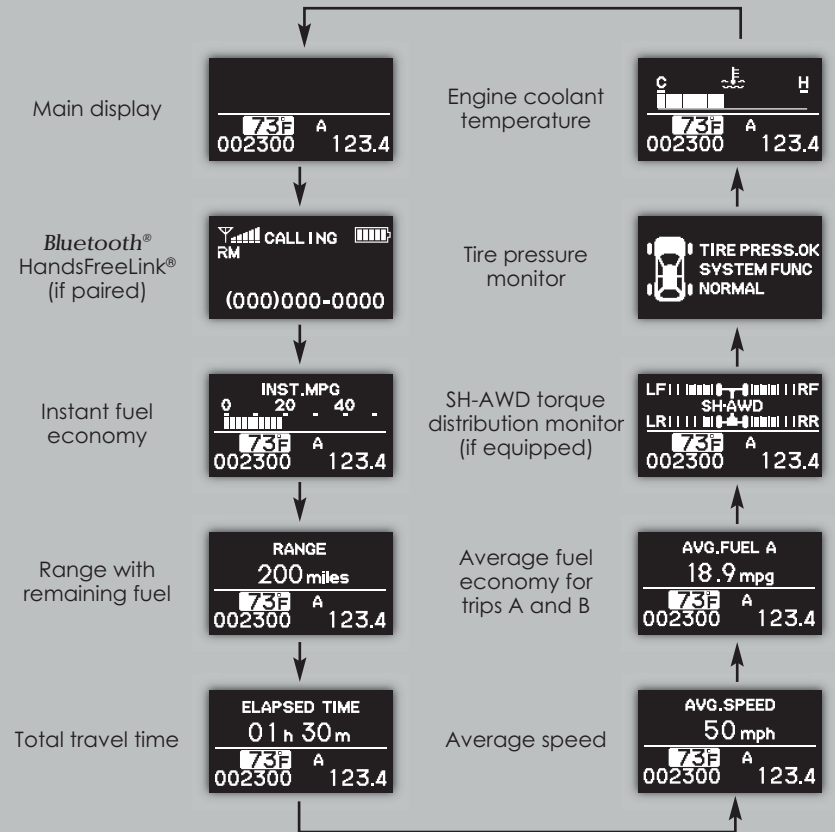
When you start the engine, the MID shows the last active lower display from the previous drive cycle. Press either Info button (▲/▼) to show the last active main display.



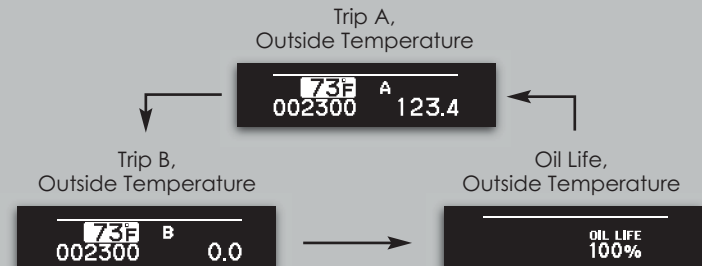
To toggle between the different displays, press either Info button (▲/▼) for the main displays and press the SEL/RESET button for the lower displays.



## Main Displays



## Lower Displays



## Tire Pressure Monitoring System

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

### How it Works

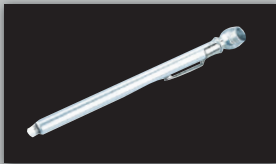
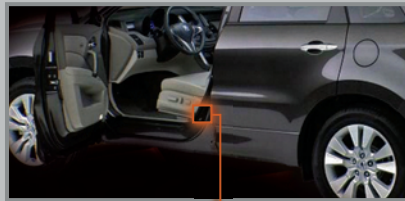


- If the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels:
- The low tire pressure indicator comes on.
  - A "CHECK TIRE PRESSURE" message appears on the MID, showing which tire(s) have low pressure.



### What to Do

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



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



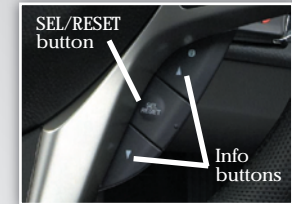
## Customizing Settings Using the MID

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

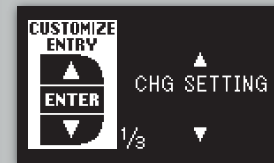
### Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting



Press and hold either Info button (▲/▼) to enter customization mode, then press SEL/RESET to activate 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 "Customize Settings" in your Owner's Manual for other programmable settings.

# KEYLESS MEMORY SETTINGS

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

## Remote Verification

1. Verify that the remote you are using is linked to the vehicle by pressing the lock and unlock buttons at the same time. The LED light on the remote blinks once to indicate that it is linked or twice if it is unlinked.

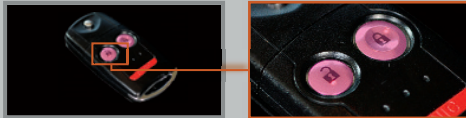


2. When you use the remote to unlock the vehicle, the ID number on the back of the remote should match the memory button illuminated on the driver door panel. Go to step 3.



- If the numbers still do not match after the remotes have been linked, follow these instructions:

- Press the lock button on your remote, then press the unlock button.



- Whichever memory button is illuminated on the driver door panel should now match the number on the back of the remote.



3. Once the remotes are linked, you can begin to program your Keyless Memory Settings.

## Customizing Settings

### Driving Position Memory System (DPMS)

1. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II). Shift into Park (P).
3. Press the SET button. You will hear a beep.



2. Adjust your preferred seat and outside mirror settings.
4. Press the memory button corresponding to the remote (1 or 2) you are using. You will hear two beeps.



Note: Each group of settings is activated by the corresponding remote transmitter (1 or 2). When activated, each item begins to adjust when you open the driver's door to enter the vehicle.

## 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 position or left (L) position.



# REARVIEW CAMERA

For added convenience, the area behind your vehicle is displayed to help you navigate while in Reverse (R).

## How It Works

- When you shift into Reverse, a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown in the monitor, along with helpful parking guide lines.
- The display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.

### Models without navigation



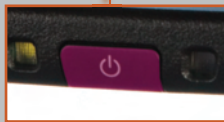
### Models with navigation



## Turning the Guide Lines On or Off

### Models without navigation

Press and hold the power button for 3 seconds. Repeat to turn back on.



### Models with navigation

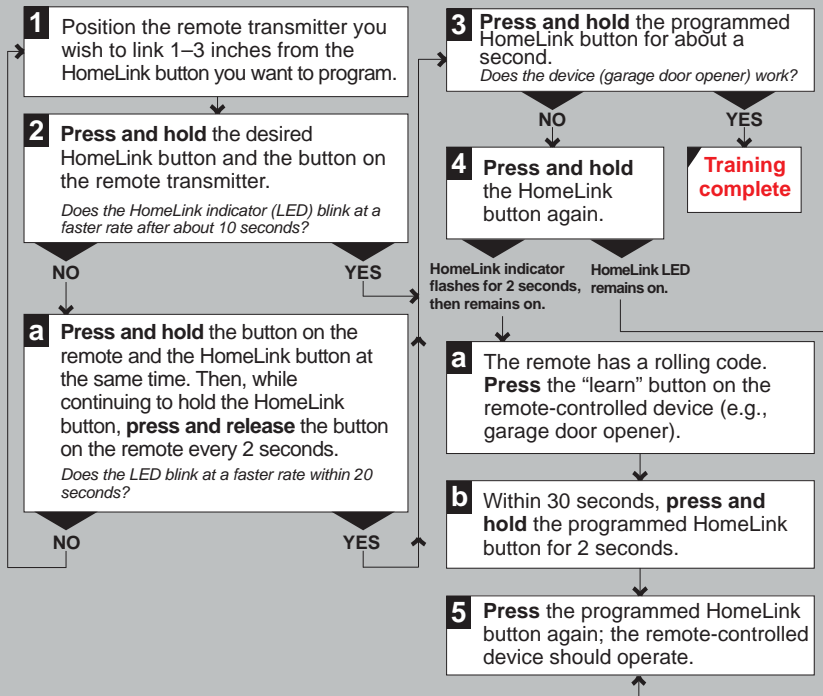
Press and hold CANCEL for 3 seconds. Repeat to turn back on.



# HOMELINK®

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

## Training a Button



If you have any problems programming HomeLink, see the owner's manual included with the device you are trying to program, call HomeLink at (800) 355-3515, or visit [www.homelink.com](http://www.homelink.com).

# VOICE RECOGNITION

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

## Functions by Voice Command

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



**HFL Talk button:** Give HFL commands or answer incoming calls.

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

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

**HFL Back button:** End or decline a call, go back to a previous command, or cancel an operation.



## Voice Command Tips

- Press and release the HFL or Navi Talk button, wait for a beep, then give a command.
- For a list of available HFL commands, press and release the HFL Talk button and say “*Hands-free help*.”
- For a list of available navigation commands, press and release the Navi Talk button and say “*Help*.”
- 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.

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



## Commonly Used Voice Commands

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

### Locate Points of Interest

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



Say a command like “Display gas stations” to see gas station icons appear on the map.



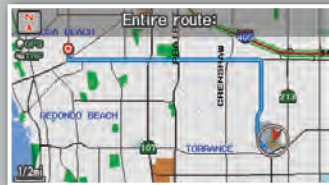
Press and release the Navi Talk button before you give a command.

### Get Navigation Route Information

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



Say “Display entire route” to see the routing method the system mapped for your destination.



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

### Make Audio Selections

Say a command like “Radio 97.1 FM” to select that station.



Say a command like “CD play track 1” to hear that song on a currently inserted CD.



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

### Adjust the Vehicle's Climate Setting

Say a command like “Air conditioner on” to adjust the climate setting.



Say a command like “Fan speed 4” to adjust the fan speed.



## Commonly Used Voice Commands (continued)

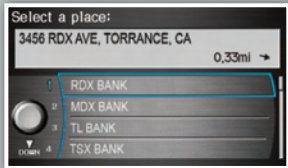
Press and release the Navi Talk button before you give a command.

### General Commands (Accepted on most screens to change displays)



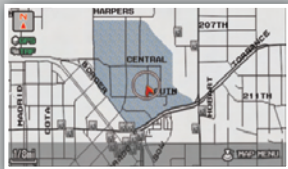
- Display map
- Display menu
- Display audio screen
- Display Information
- What time is it?

### 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)



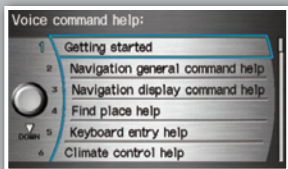
- Display/show:
  - ATM
  - gas station
  - restaurant
  - post office
- Display north up/heading up
- Zoom in/out
- Go home
- Display current location

### 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 Navi Talk button before you give a command.

### Audio Commands (Accepted on most screens)



- Radio on
- Radio # FM/AM
- Radio preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- XM channel #
- XM preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- CD play
- CD play track #
- CD skip forward/back
- Auxiliary (AUX) play

### Climate Control Commands (Accepted on most screens)



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

### Setup Commands (Accepted on Setup screen)



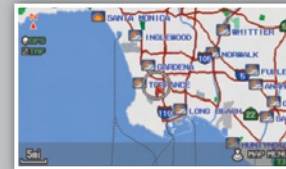
- Brightness up/down
- Volume up/down/min/max/off
- Interface dial feedback on/off
- Guidance prompts min/max/normal

### Traffic Commands\* (Accepted on Map screen)



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

### Weather Commands\* (Accepted on Map screen)



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

\*subscription required

# NAVIGATION (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 Using Voice Commands

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

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

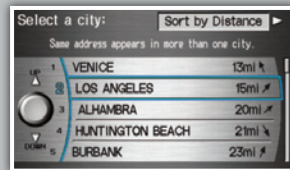
1. Say "Display menu." Say "Address."
4. Say the entire street address number. For example, "1-2-3-4."



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.).



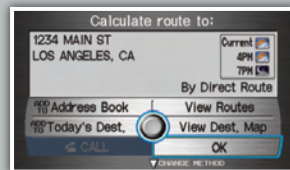
5. If the street address is in more than one city, a list of city names appears. Say the number next to the city you want to select.



3. A list of street names appears. Say the number next to the street you want to select.



6. The system displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.

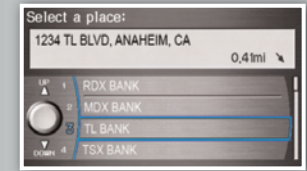


## Using the "Find Nearest" Command

Find a nearby point of interest, such as a gas station, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

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

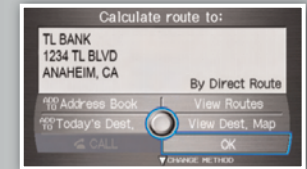
1. From the map screen, say "Find nearest ATM."
3. Say the number of the destination you want to select.



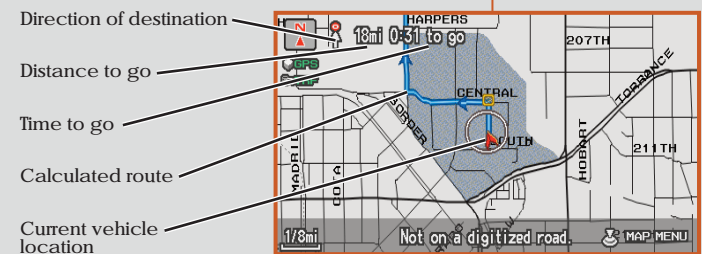
2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.



4. The system displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



## Map Screen Legend



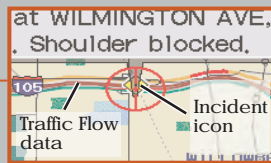
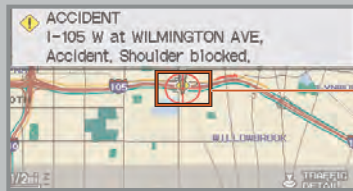
## ACURALINK REAL-TIME TRAFFIC™\*

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

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

### Displaying Traffic Information

Say "Display traffic" to view highway flow data.



Heavy traffic

Moderate traffic

Free-flow traffic

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

### Incident Icons



Incident



Road closed



Congestion



Weather

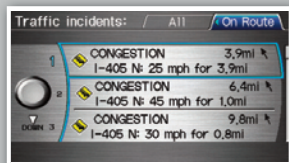


Construction

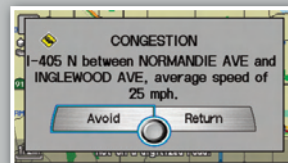
### Traffic Rerouting™

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

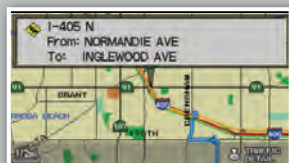
1. Say "Display traffic incidents" to view a list of incidents on your route.



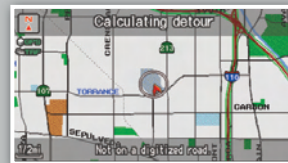
3. Say "Avoid."



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



4. The system calculates a new route.



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## ACURALINK REAL-TIME WEATHER™\*

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

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

### Displaying Weather Icons

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



### Weather Icons



Clear



Fog



Partly Cloudy



Rain



Cloudy



Snow

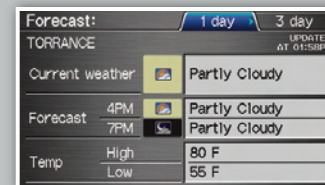
NOTE: Weather icons are available on all map scales.

### Displaying Weather Information

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

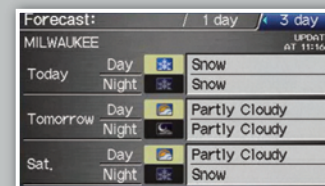
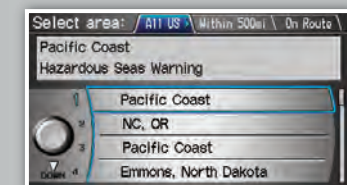
#### Weather Forecast

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



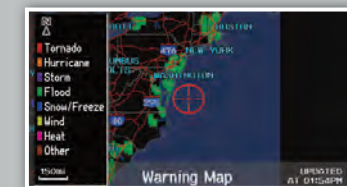
#### Weather Warning List

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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# BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK®

Allows you to place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit [www.acura.com/handsfreelink](http://www.acura.com/handsfreelink) to check if your phone is compatible.

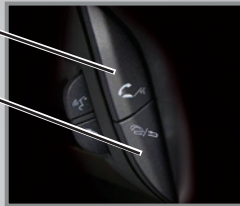
## Using HFL



Technology Package shown

**HFL Talk button:** Give HFL commands or answer incoming calls.

**HFL Back button:** End or decline a call, go back to a previous command, or cancel an operation.



## Pairing Your Phone

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

1. Enable "Discovery" or "Search" mode on your compatible phone.
2. Say "Phone setup," then say "Pair."



4. Search for HandsFreeLink from your phone, and enter the code when prompted. Connect to HFL.



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 give a command.

1. Press the HFL Talk button.



2. Say "Call" or "Dial" and the desired phone number.



3. Say "Call" or "Dial" to continue.

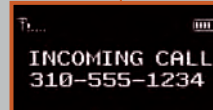


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle's speakers.



## Receiving a Call

1. A notification is heard and the incoming phone number appears on the MID.



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



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



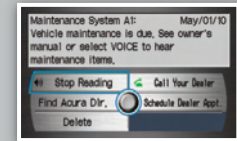
# ACURALINK MESSAGES (Technology Package)

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

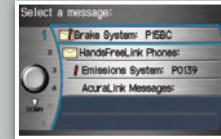
## Viewing New Messages

Press and release the Navi Talk button before you give 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.

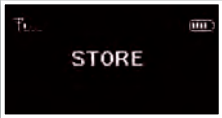


## HFL Phonebook

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

Press and release the HFL Talk button before you give 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."

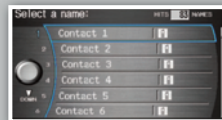
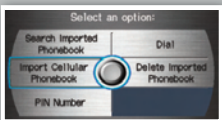


## Cellular Phonebook\* (models with navigation)

Import your entire cell phone's address book to the navigation system.

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

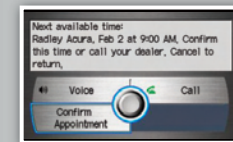
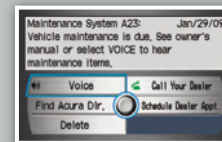
1. Say "Display Information." Say "Cellular phone."
2. Say "Import Cellular Phonebook."
3. HFL begins to import your contacts to the system.
4. To call a contact, say "Search Imported Phonebook" and select the name and number.



## Scheduling a Dealer Appointment

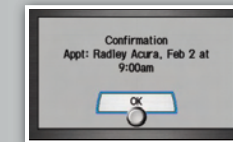
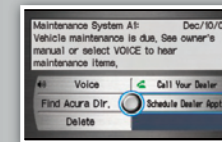
To use this feature, register at My Acura ([www.myacura.com](http://www.myacura.com)), and make sure your Bluetooth-compatible phone is paired (see [page 22](#)) and set up for data connection.

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.



2. Select "Schedule Dealer Appt."

4. Select "OK" to set the appointment.



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

\*not available on all phones

# BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

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

## Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to **Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink** (see [page 22](#)).
2. Press CD/AUX or DISC/AUX until "Bluetooth Audio" appears.



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



- 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 and remote audio controls may not be supported on all phones.

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4. Press **(▶▶)** or **(⏮)** on the audio control panel, or **(+)** or **(-)** on the remote audio controls to change tracks.



# iPod® or USB Flash Drive

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

## Connecting and Playing Audio Files

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



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



3. Press CD/AUX or DISC/AUX until iPod or USB mode appears and begins to play.



4. Press **(▶▶)** or **(⏮)** on the audio control panel, or **(+)** or **(-)** on the remote audio controls to change tracks.



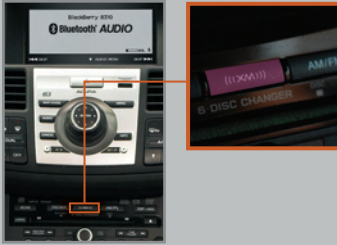
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# Note Function (Technology Package)

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

## Using the Note Function

1. To record a song sample, press and hold XM for about 2 seconds.



3. Turn the interface dial to select "NOTE," then press ENTER.



2. To replay stored information, press AUDIO, and then push the interface dial down.

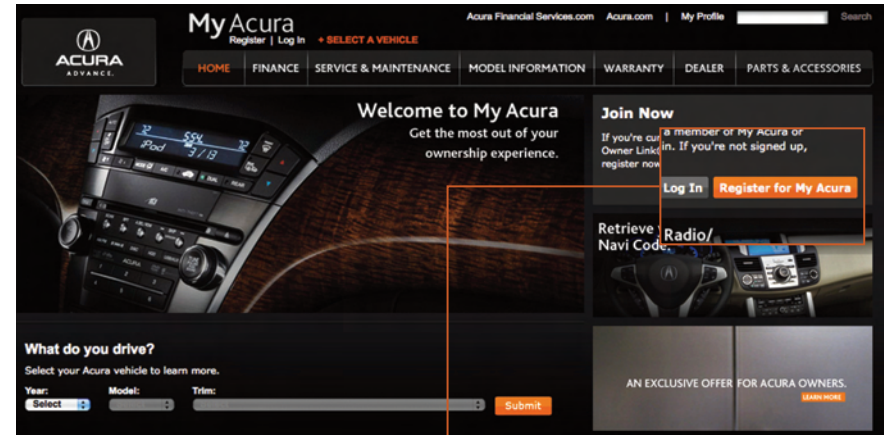


4. Turn the interface dial to select a sound file, then press ENTER. The selected recording plays.



# REGISTER AT [WWW.MYACURA.COM](http://WWW.MYACURA.COM)

My Acura enhances your ownership experience by allowing 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 for My Acura

*\*Required fields*  
 Note: Username and password are case sensitive.

\*Username:  \*Password (min. 6 char):  \*Confirm Password:

[Need help with registration?](#)


\*First Name:  \*Last Name:

\*Email Address:  Please note: email spam filters may block our emails from being delivered. If you have a spam blocker, please set it to accept emails from "Owners@acura.com"

\*Confirm Email Address:

VIN:  [Where can I find my VIN?](#)

Promo:





## SAFETY REMINDER

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Your vehicle is equipped with airbags. Airbags do not replace seat belts; they add to the protection offered by seat belts. Airbags can help protect you in some types of collisions, but they do not provide protection in all collisions.

Always make sure you and your passengers wear seat belts, and that young children are properly secured in a child seat or booster in the rear seat. Never place an infant seat in the front passenger's seat, as the force of a deploying airbag can seriously injure an infant.

## FUEL REQUIREMENT

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- 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](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 My Acura at [www.myacura.com](http://www.myacura.com).

### NOTICE

Avoid driving with an extremely low fuel level. Running out of fuel could cause the engine to misfire, damaging the catalytic converter.