The Advanced Technology Guide is designed to help you get started with some of the technology features for your vehicle.

For complete information and instructions on all vehicle controls and operation, please refer to the respective sections in the Owner’s Manual.

Since this guide covers all trim levels of the Acura MDX, you may find descriptions of equipment and features that are not on your particular vehicle.
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**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 display from the previous drive cycle.

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

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### Main Displays

- Odometer, trip meter
- Trip computer
- SH-AWD Torque Distribution Monitor
- Keyless Memory Settings™
- Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® (shown on base model only)*
- Tire Pressure Monitor

* if phone is paired

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### Lower Displays

- Trip A, Odometer
- Trip B, Odometer
- Oil Life, Odometer
- Outside temperature, Odometer

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Trip Computer

While on the Trip Computer display, press the SEL/RESET button to access trip information and to toggle through the various screens. Press either INFO (▲/▼) button to return to the Trip Computer main display.

Trip computer

Average fuel economy A, Range

Average speed, Elapsed time

Average fuel economy B, Range

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 along with a "CHECK TIRE PRESSURE" message on the MID showing which tire(s) have low pressure.

What to Do

Inflate the tire(s) to the recommended pressures listed on the label on the driver’s doorjamb.
Customizing Settings Using the MID

Six groups of settings can be programmed using the MID*: Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) Setup (if equipped), Meter Setup, Position Setup, Lighting Setup, Door/Window Setup, and Wiper 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:

1. Select “CHG SETTING.”
2. Select “DOOR/WINDOW SETUP.”
3. Select “AUTO DOOR UNLOCK.”
4. Select “SHIFT TO P.”
5. Once the setting has been saved, select “EXIT.”

* See Customized Settings in your owner’s manual for other programmable settings.

Checkpoint

1. Verify that you are using the correct remote by inserting the key in the ignition switch and turning to ON (II).
2. Check the MID:
   - If you have the correct remote, the driver ID that first appears on the MID will match the ID number on the back of your remote. Go to step 3.
   - If the numbers do not match, follow these simple instructions:
     - Remove the key from the ignition switch.
     - Press the unlock button on your remote.
     - Insert the key into the ignition switch, turn to the ON (II) position, and check the MID. The driver ID that first appears on the MID should now match the number on the back of your remote.
3. Once you have the correct remote, you can begin to program your Keyless Memory Settings.
Customizing Settings

Some examples on how to program vehicle settings:

- **Storing Audio and Climate Control Settings**
  1. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II).
  2. Store your desired stations on the preset buttons and adjust your preferred audio sound levels (BASS, TREBLE, etc.).
  3. Set your preferred climate control settings (fan speed, temperature, etc.).
  4. Once you turn the car off, your preferred settings are saved and activated by the corresponding remote (1 or 2).

- **Driving Position Memory System (DPMS)**
  1. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II). Shift into Park (P).
  2. Adjust your preferred seat, steering wheel, and outside mirror settings.
  3. Press and hold the MEMO button until you hear a beep, then release.
  4. Press and hold the memory button # corresponding to the remote (1 or 2) you are using until you hear two beeps.

- **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, along with helpful parking guide lines, shows on a monitor. It automatically turns off when you shift out of Reverse.

**Adjusting the View Mode (Base Model)**

- **Turning the Guide Lines On or Off**
  Press and hold the power button for about 3 seconds.

- **Turning the Rearview Monitor On or Off**
  Press and release the power button within 3 seconds of shifting into Reverse.

**Adjusting the View Mode (Tech/Advance)**

- **Turning Guide Lines On or Off**
  Switching Views

There are 3 rearview modes. Press ENTER to toggle between views. Turn the Interface Dial to adjust the screen brightness.

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

*See Customized Settings in your owner’s manual for other programmable settings.*
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 five different systems with the steering wheel buttons and the ceiling microphone.

- **NAVIGATION**
- **ACURALINK**
- **BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREE LINK®**
- **CLIMATE**
- **AUDIO**

*Voice commands for these systems are available on Tech/Advance 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.

**Tech/Advance Package**

- **Pick-up button**: Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.
- **Hang-Up button**: End a call or decline a call.
- **Talk button**: Give HFL, navigation, audio, climate control, or AcuraLink commands.
- **Back button**: Cancel a command and return to the previous screen.

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 give a command.
- 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.

- **Look for Restaurants Near Your Location**
  Say a command like “Display restaurants” to see restaurant icons appear on the map.

- **Adjust Vehicle’s Climate Setting**
  Say a command like “Air conditioner on” and “Fan speed 4” to achieve a comfortable climate setting.

- **Make Audio Selections**
  Say a command like “Radio 97.1 FM” or “CD play track 7” to select that station or song.

- **Get Estimated Distance to Destination**
  After a destination is entered, say “How far to destination?” to hear the remaining distance.
Commanly Used Voice Commands (continued)

Press and release the Talk button before you give 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
- 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)

**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

**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
- Interface dial feedback on/off
- Guidance prompts min/max/normal

**Traffic Commands** [Accepted on Map screen]
- Display traffic
- Display traffic speeds
- Display traffic incidents/list
- CD play
- CD play track #
- CD skip forward/back
- Auxiliary (AUX) play

**Weather Commands** [Accepted on map screen]
- Display weather
- Display weather icons
- Display weather warning icons

*subscription required
NAVIGATION (Tech/Advance 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 Control

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

1. Say “Display menu” and “Address.”
2. Say “Street” followed by the street name. Do not include the direction (N, S, E, W) or type (St., Ave., Blvd., etc.).
3. A list of street names appears. Say the number next to the street you want.
4. Say the entire street address number. For example, “1-2-3-4.”
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.
6. The system calculates the route and displays the “Calculate route to” screen. Say “OK” to set the route.

* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

Using “Find Nearest” Command

Try these simple steps to find a nearby point of interest, such as a gas station, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

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

1. Say “Find nearest ATM.”
2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.
3. Say the number you want to select.
4. The system calculates the route and displays the “Calculate route to” screen. Say “OK” to set the route.

* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

Map Screen Legend

- Calculated Route
- Direction of destination
- Distance to go
- Current vehicle location
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 give a command.

- **Displaying Traffic Information**
  
  Say “Display traffic”™ to view highway flow of data.

  ![Traffic Map]

  **Incident Icons:**
  - Incident
  - Road Closed
  - Congestion
  - Weather
  - Construction

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

- **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 in your area.
  2. Say “On route” to view specific incidents on your route.
  3. Say the number of the incident you wish to avoid, and say “Avoid.”
  4. The system notifies you that your route has been changed.

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

ACURALINK REAL-TIME WEATHER™ (if equipped)

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

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

- **Displaying Weather Icons**
  
  Say “Display weather”™ to view weather icons for each city.

  ![Weather Icons]

  **Weather Icons:**
  - Clear
  - Partly Cloudy
  - Cloudy
  - Rain
  - 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.

  - **Radar 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 (Tech/Advance Package)

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

Viewing New Messages
1. When you receive a new message, an envelope icon appears on the map screen.
2. Say “Messages,” and a list of messages appears.
3. Say the number of the message you want to hear.

Scheduling a Dealer Appointment
To use this feature, you must register at My Acura (www.myacura.com), and make sure your Bluetooth-compatible phone is paired and correctly set up (see Pairing Your Phone).

1. Using the Interface Dial, open a maintenance or product update message.
2. Select “Schedule Dealer Appt.”
3. The system searches for the next available appointment at your dealer. Select “Confirm Appointment” if you are satisfied with the date.
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.

BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (Base Model)

Allows you to place and receive phone calls through your vehicle’s audio system. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if your phone is Bluetooth-compatible.

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

1. Enable “Discovery” or “Search” mode on your Bluetooth-compatible phone.
2. Say “Phone setup.”
3. HFL searches for your phone, and you must search for a Bluetooth device from your phone. When HFL finds your phone, your phone prompts you to connect to HFL.
4. HFL gives you a four-digit pairing code. This code also appears on the MID.

For more information or troubleshooting, HFL consumer support at (888) 528-7876, visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink, or see your owner’s manual for details.
**Making a Call**

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

1. **Say “Call” and the phone number:**
   - 1234567890

2. **Say “Call” or “Dial” to begin the call.**

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

**Receiving a Call**

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

1. **A notification is heard, and “INCOMING CALL” and the phone number appear on the MID.**

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

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

**BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (Tech/Advance Package)**

Allows you to place and receive phone calls through your vehicle’s navigation and audio systems. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if your phone is Bluetooth-compatible.

**Pairing Your Phone**

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

1. **Press the Pick-Up button to access the Cellular Phone screen, and say “Phone setup.”**

2. **Say “Setup Bluetooth phone.”**

3. **Say “Pair phone.”**

4. **HFL gives you a 4-digit passkey and begins to search for your phone.**

5. **Put your phone in discovery mode, and search for a Bluetooth device.**

6. **When your phone prompts you, input the 4-digit passkey and connect to HFL.**

* You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.
Making a Call

**Dialing a Number**

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

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Cellular Phone screen.
2. Say "Dial."
3. Say the entire phone number and "Dial" to begin call.
4. The call is connected and heard through the speakers.

Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

**Using the Imported Phonebook**

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

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Cellular Phone screen.
2. Say "Phonebook."
3. HLS automatically imports your cellular phonebook.
4. Once the phonebook imports, say the number of the entry you want to call.

Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

**Using Speed Dial**

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

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Cellular Phone screen.
2b. To view the complete list of speed dial entries, say "More speed dial."
2a. Say "Call" and the voice tag.
3. The call is connected and heard through the speakers.

Note: See your owner’s manual for instructions on storing a speed dial entry.

Receiving a Call

1. When you receive an incoming call, you hear a notification and see one of the following pop-up messages.
2. Press the Pick-Up button to accept the call.
3. Press the Hang-Up button to end or decline the call.

Note: You can also use the Interface Dial to complete this procedure.

* Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if this feature is available on your phone.
iPod® or USB Flash Memory

Plays audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash memory device 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. Push USB/AUX to begin playing.

Recording Song Samples

1. To record a song sample, press and hold XM for about 2 seconds.
2. To replay stored information, push the selector knob down.
3. Turn the selector knob to select “NOTE,” then press ENTER.
4. Turn the selector knob to select a sound file, then press ENTER. The selected recording plays.

Note Function (Tech/Advance Package)

Use the Note function to store up to 30 ten-second recordings of songs and song information from XM Radio.

Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to HandsFreeLink (See HandsFreeLink).
2. Press USB/AUX repeatedly until “Bluetooth Audio” appears.
3. Press “play” on your phone; sound is redirected to the audio system.

Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

There are two ways to skip through audio files:

• Press (w) or (m) on the audio control panel.
• Press (w) or [ ] on the remote audio controls.

BLUETOOTH® AUDIO (Tech/Advance Package)

Plays audio files from your Bluetooth-compatible phone through your vehicle’s audio system. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink to check if this feature is available on your phone.
HARD DISC DRIVE (HDD) AUDIO (Tech/Advance Package)

HDD Audio allows you to record CDs onto your vehicle’s hard drive. Songs are automatically recorded once a CD is inserted into the disc slot.

Playing HDD Audio Files
1. Press AUDIO.
2. Press HDD.
3. The first song of the last recorded album plays. Use (↑) or (↓) or (←) or (→) to skip through songs.

Searching for Music
1. Push the selector up to select MUSIC SEARCH.
2. Select one of the categories.
3. Select a track and press ENTER to begin play.

Creating a Playlist on HDD
1. Push the selector up to select MUSIC SEARCH.
2. Select a category.
3. Select the track you wish to add to a playlist and press ENTER.
4. Push the selector down to display the AUDIO MENU.
5. Select Add to Playlist.
6. Select the playlist you wish to add the track to and press ENTER.
SONG BY VOICE™ (SBV) (iPod®/HDD)

Song By Voice (SBV) allows you to 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 give a command.

- Using the “Play” Command
  - Say “iPod search” or “HDD search.”
  - Say “Play” and one of the options on the Search Modescreen. For example, say “Play Artist XYZ.”
  - 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 Modescreen.

- Using the “List” Command
  - Say “iPod search” or “HDD search.”
  - Say “List” and one of the options on the Search Modescreen. For example, say “List Artist XYZ.”
  - Say the number of your selection. For example, say “One.”
  - The system plays the selection and returns to the Search Modescreen.
REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (RES) (if equipped)

Rear passengers can enjoy a different entertainment source than the front seat occupants. If listening to the same media source, both the driver and the rear passenger have the ability to control functions for that source.

Operating the RES from the Front Seat

1. Press REAR PWR; the DVD monitor automatically opens. Rear passengers hear audio through the wireless headphones.
2. Press REAR CTRL OFF to disable rear audio controls.
3. Press REAR SOURCE to temporarily hear what is playing in the rear.
4. Select a media source for the rear passengers. Press FRONT SOURCE to return to the front audio controls.

Operating the RES from the Rear Seat

1. From the front audio panel, make sure REAR PWR is on and rear control is not disabled.
2. From the rear control panel, press DVD/AUX, DISC/HDD, XM, or FM/AM to make a selection.
3. Use the (▲) (▼) (◄) (►) buttons to navigate the menu on the display. Press the ENT button to select a function.
4. The rear control panel can be detached and used as a remote control. Press the RELEASE button to remove it from the ceiling.

COLLISION MITIGATION BRAKING SYSTEM (CMBS) (Advance Package)

Alerts you to the possibility of a front-end collision and helps reduce the severity of the collision if you are unable to avoid it.

3 Stages of CMBS*

Stage 1
- Provides further warning by lightly retracting the seatbelt and applying light brake force.

Stage 2
- Provides further warning by lightly retracting the seatbelt and applying light brake force.

Stage 3
- Applies stronger brake force and seatbelt retraction to prepare the driver and front passenger for impact.

Turning CMBS Off/On

CMBS can be turned off/on by pressing and holding the CMBS OFF button on the dashboard.

* Depending on the circumstances, CMBS may not go through all of the alert stages before initiating the last stage.

CMBS OFF
CMBS

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ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL (ACC) (Advance Package)

Allows you to set a time or space interval between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. When the vehicle ahead changes speed, ACC senses the change and maintains a set range.

Turning ACC On

1. Press MAIN.
2. ACC appears on the MID.

Switching Between ACC and Standard Cruise Control

1. Press and hold the Distance button for about one second.
2. The selected mode appears on the MID.

Using ACC

1. Press MAIN to activate.
2. Accelerate to the desired speed (above 25 mph).
3. Press and release SET/DECEL, then release the accelerator pedal.
4. To increase speed: Press and hold RES/ACCEL. To decrease speed: Press and hold SET/DECEL.

Note: Do not use ACC in heavy city or stop-and-go traffic conditions.

Canceling ACC

There are three ways to cancel:

- Press MAIN.
- Press CANCEL.
- Tap the brake pedal.

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ACC automatically adjusts the following distance based on the range selected and your vehicle speed.

Changing Vehicle Distance

Control the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.

Range | MID Screen
--- | ---
Long | ![Long range](image1)
Middle | ![Middle range](image2)
Short | ![Short range](image3)

If there is no vehicle ahead of you within the ACC range, a dotted-line vehicle icon appears on the MID.

Note: The ACC radar sensor in the front grille can detect and monitor the distance of a vehicle up to approximately 100 yards ahead.
BLIND SPOT INFORMATION SYSTEM (BSI) (Advance Package)

Assists you in determining if there are vehicles in your blind spot areas.

How It Works
A radar sensor on each corner of the rear bumper alerts you to a detected vehicle in your blind spot.

Lane Change
Merging
Conflict

Maximum operating speed 6-7mph

When a vehicle is detected in your blind spot, the blind spot indicator turns on and stays lit until the area is clear.

When your turn signal is on and a vehicle is detected, the blind spot indicator blinks until the area is clear or the turn signal is off.

Turning BSI Off/On

Press the BSI OFF button on the dashboard to turn BSI off or on. A message briefly appears on the MID screen showing the system status.

SAFETY REMINDER

Your vehicle is equipped with airbags. Airbags do not replace your 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

• Use only 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 emissions control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if it is available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under warranty.
• 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.

REGISTER AT WWW.MYACURA.COM

My Acura 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.myacura.com to assure that you continue to enjoy the experience of owning an Acura.
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