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The Advanced Technology Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your new Acura and provide basic instructions on some of its technology and convenience features. This guide covers the RDX.

This guide is not intended to be a substitute for the Owner's Manual. For more detailed information on vehicle controls and operation, please refer to the respective sections in the Owner's Manual.

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KEYLESS ACCESS SYSTEM

Operate certain functions of your vehicle by simply having the remote within operating range.

Unlocking the Doors



Grab either one of the front door handles.



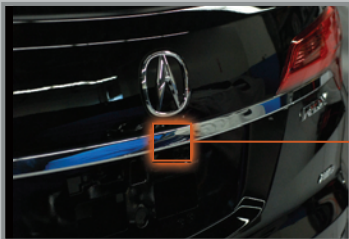
Locking the Doors



Press the door lock button on either front door handle.



Opening the Tailgate



Press the tailgate release button under the tailgate handle.



Engine Start/Stop Button

Accessory Mode

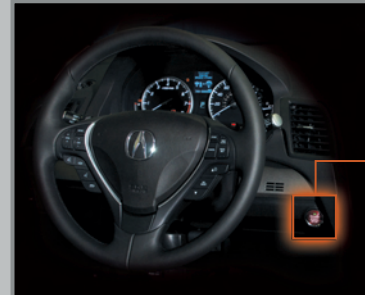
Use audio, power sockets, etc., without turning the engine on.



Press the ENGINE START/STOP button once (without pressing the brake pedal).



Starting the Engine



Press and hold the brake pedal, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.



Turning the Engine Off



Shift to Park, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.















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.

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|  Charging system |  AWD* (All-Wheel Drive) |
|  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 |
|  Keyless Access System |  EPS (electric power steering) |

Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver.

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|  Parking brake on: Release |  Message indicator: See MID |
|  Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s) |  Low fuel: Refill |

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|---|---|
|  Door/tailgate open indicator: Close door/tailgate |  Low tire pressure (stays on): Add air |
|---|---|

On/Off Indicators

- | | |
|---|--|
|  PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (next to screen) |  Immobilizer (flashes): improperly coded key; use correct key |
|  SIDE AIRBAG OFF |  Headlights on |
|  VSA off |  Turn signals/hazards on |
|  CRUISE MAIN on |  High beams on |
|  CRUISE CONTROL on | |

*if equipped

MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

Accessing the MID

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

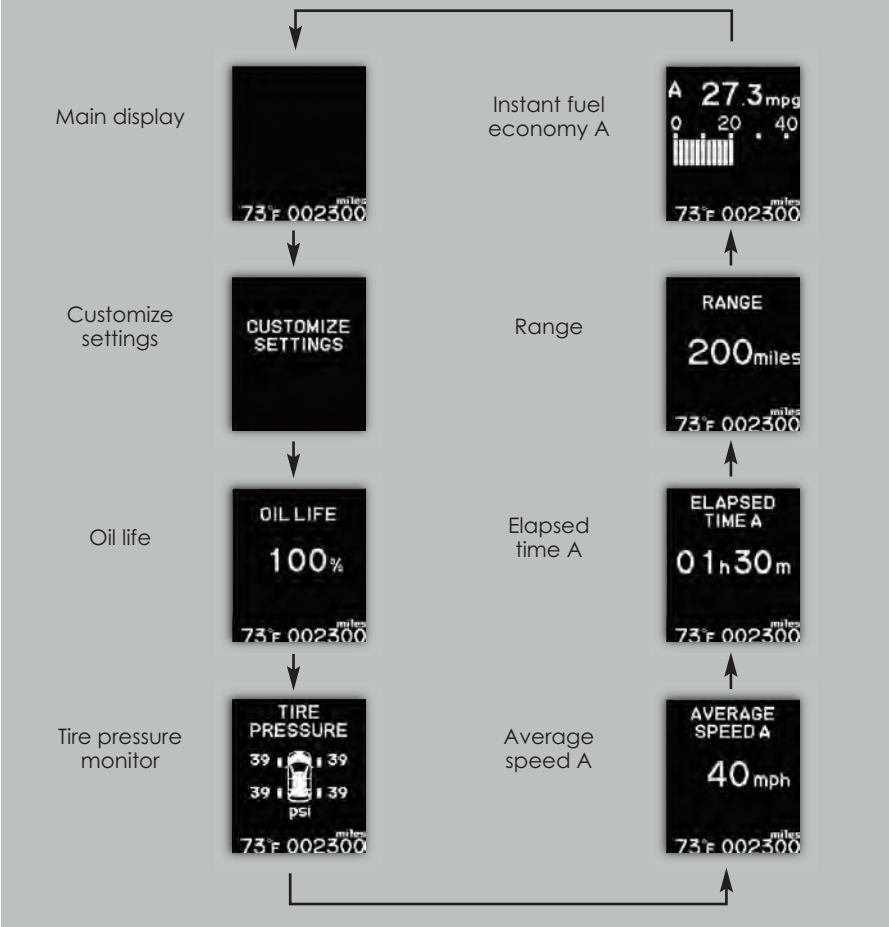


To toggle between the different displays:

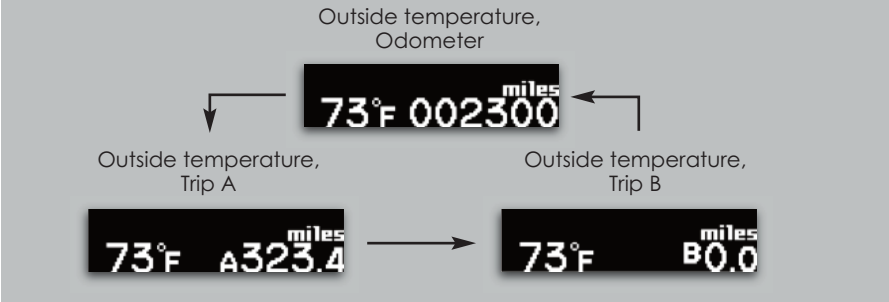
- Press either Info button (▲/▼) for the main displays.
- Press SEL/RESET for the lower displays.



Main Displays



Lower Displays



Customizing Settings Using the MID

Program various vehicle settings using the MID. One example is shown below. See your Owner's Manual for other customizable settings.

Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

Only the driver's door is preset to unlock when you shift into Park (P). You can change this to a different setting.



Press either Info button (▲/▼) on the steering wheel to toggle to the Customize Settings display, then press SEL/RESET to activate the menu.



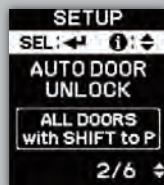
1. Select DOOR SETUP.



2. Select AUTO DOOR UNLOCK.



3. Select the option you want.



4. The setting is displayed, and the display returns to the AUTO DOOR UNLOCK menu.



Note: The driver's and front passenger's door can be opened by pulling the inner front door handle, regardless of the setting. Changing the setting to "All Doors" is useful for rear passengers.

Tire Pressure Monitoring System

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

How It Works



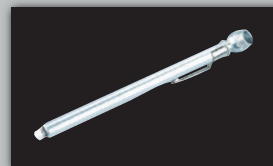
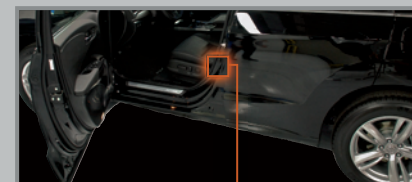
If the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels:

- The low tire pressure indicator comes on.
- A "CHECK TIRE PRESSURE" message appears on the MID, 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.



COLOR INFORMATION DISPLAY

Choose what to display in the center screen.

Changing the Display



Press DISPLAY. Rotate the selector knob to choose and enter your selection.

Display Options

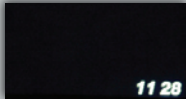
Audio/Phone
Show current audio
or phone call
information.



Clock
(or wallpaper)
Show the clock or
an imported
image.*



Minimum
Show a blank
screen with the
clock.



*See your Owner's Manual for instructions on how to upload a wallpaper image.

DRIVING POSITION MEMORY SYSTEM (DPMS)

Store up to two driver's seat and mirror positions into memory, which are activated by the corresponding remote transmitters.

How It Works

1. Turn the vehicle on. Shift into Park (P).
3. Press SET. 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 it is used to unlock the doors. When activated, each item begins to adjust when you open the driver's door to enter the vehicle.

REVERSE TILT DOOR MIRRORS

When you shift into Reverse (R), either door mirror can be tilted downward 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 driver's door mirror, push the mirror selector switch to the left (L) position when in Reverse.
- To tilt the passenger's door mirror, push the mirror selector switch to the right (R) position when in Reverse.
- To turn the feature off, push the switch to the middle position.



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



Switching Views

There are three rearview modes: wide, normal, and top down. Press the selector knob to toggle between views.



Wide (default)



Normal



Top down

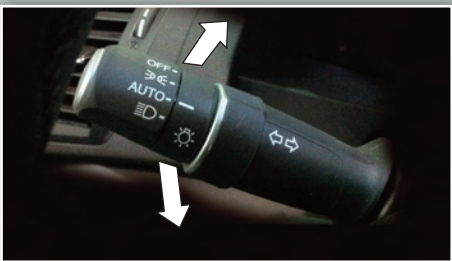


ONE-TOUCH TURN SIGNAL

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

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

How It Works

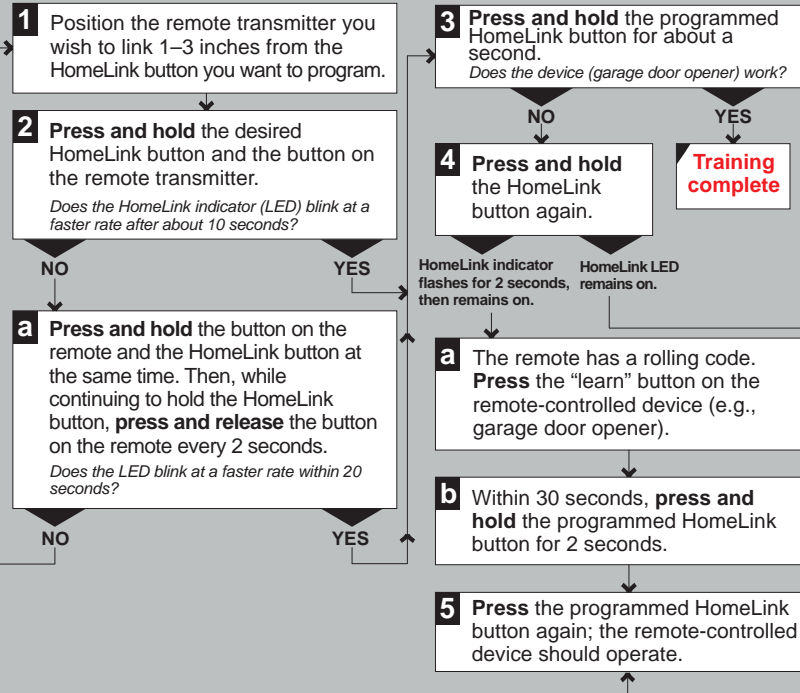
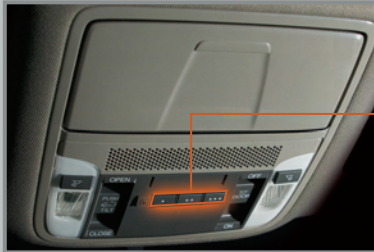
- Make sure your headlights are in the AUTO position.
- Turn on your windshield wipers. The headlights also turn on.
- When you turn off the windshield wipers, the headlights turn off shortly after.



HOMELINK®

Program your vehicle to operate up to three remote-controlled devices around your home, such as garage doors, lighting, or home security systems.

Training a Button



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

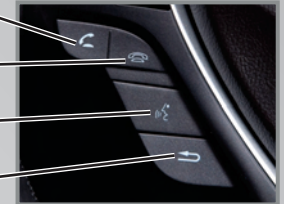
BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK®

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

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

Using HFL

- Pick-Up button:** Answer an incoming call or go directly to the Phone screen.
- Hang-Up button:** End a call or decline an incoming call.
- Talk button:** Make a call using a stored voice tag.
- Back button:** Press to cancel an operation or return to the previous screen.



Use these three buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

- PHONE button:** Go directly to the Phone screen.
- BACK button:** Press to cancel an operation or return to the previous screen.



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

Pairing Your Phone

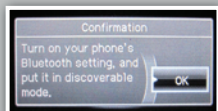
Use this pairing method if no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can only pair your phone when the vehicle is stopped.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

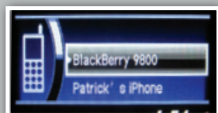
1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen. A prompt appears. Select Yes.



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

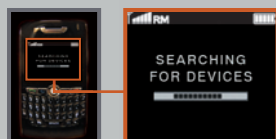


3. HFL searches for your phone. Select it when it appears on the list.

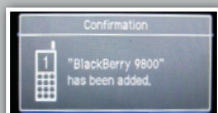


If your phone does not appear:

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



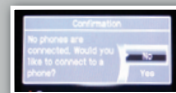
4. HFL gives you a four-digit code. Enter it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.



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

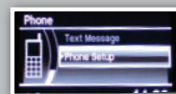
Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen. A prompt appears. Select No.

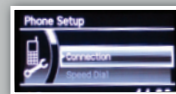


If a prompt appears asking to connect to a phone, select No.

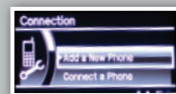
2. Select Phone setup.



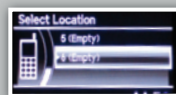
3. Select Connection.



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.

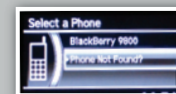


7. HFL searches for your phone. Select your phone when it appears on the list.

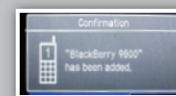


If your phone does not appear:

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

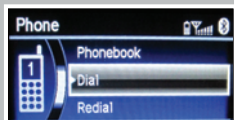
Enter a 10-digit phone number to call. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

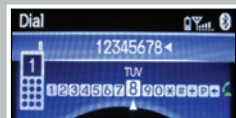
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



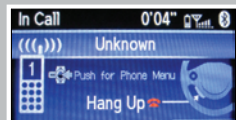
2. Select Dial.



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

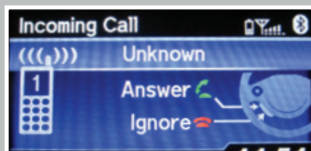


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.

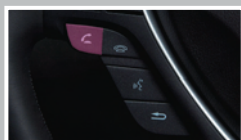


Receiving a Call

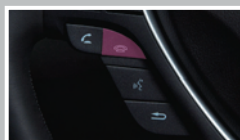
When you receive an incoming call, you hear a notification and see the following pop-up message:



Press the Pick-Up button to accept the call.



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

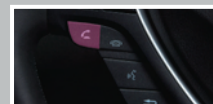


Using the Phonebook

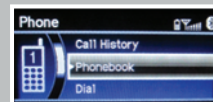
When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system. This feature is inoperable when the vehicle is moving.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

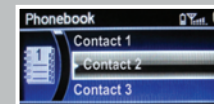
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



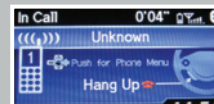
2. Select Phonebook.



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.



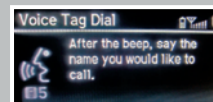
Using Speed Dial

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

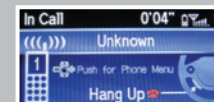
1. Press the Talk button. The system asks which name you want to call.



2. Say the stored voice tag name.



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



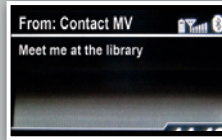
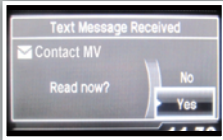
SMS TEXT MESSAGING

Receive and send text messages from your paired and linked phone using *Bluetooth®* HandsFreeLink®. Visit www.acura.com/handsfreelink 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 audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

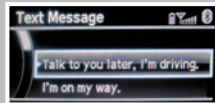
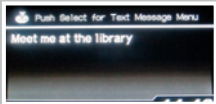
1. A notification appears on the multi-information display. Select Yes to open the message.
2. The message is displayed, and the system reads it aloud.



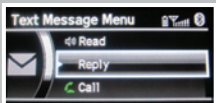
Replying to Text Messages

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. With the message open, press the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.
3. Select one of the six available reply messages.



2. Select Reply.



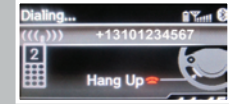
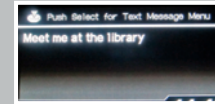
4. Select Yes to send the message.



Calling the Sender

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

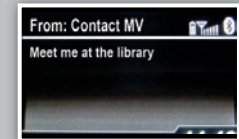
1. With the message open, press the selector knob to enter the Text Message menu.
2. Select Call.
3. HFL begins dialing the number.



Displaying Messages

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. Press PHONE or the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone menu.
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.



BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

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

Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to **Bluetooth®** HandsFreeLink® (see [page 15](#)).
2. Press AUX until Bluetooth Audio appears.



3. From your phone, open the desired audio player or app and begin playback. Sound is redirected to the audio system.



4. Press (▶▶) or (◀◀) on the audio control panel or (+) or (-) on the steering wheel 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 Devices and Playing Audio Files

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



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

2. Press AUX until iPod or USB appears.



3. Press (▶▶) or (◀◀) on the audio control panel or (+) or (-) on the steering wheel to change tracks.



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Notes:

- 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.

PANDORA®

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

Playing Pandora

1. Open the front console, and pull out the USB adapter cable.
3. Press the selector knob to enter the Pandora menu.

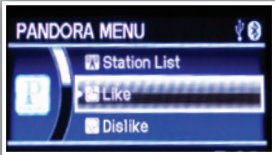


Connect the cable to your iPhone dock connector.

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



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

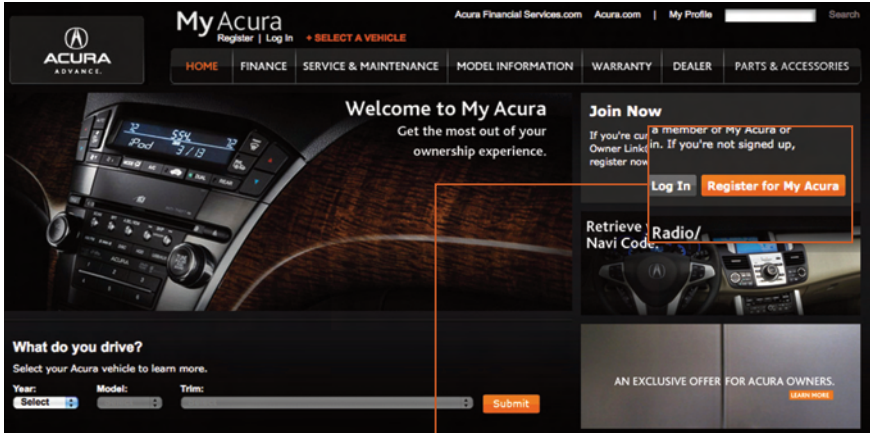


- Notes:
- If the Pandora app is not selected on your phone, iPod music is played.
 - If you shut down the Pandora app, you must reopen it on your phone to resume play.
 - If you cannot operate Pandora through the audio system, it may be streaming through **Bluetooth®** Audio. Make sure to select Pandora mode on the audio system.

*Menu functions not available on all phones
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*Username:

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*Confirm Password:

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*Last Name:

*Email Address:

*Confirm Email Address:

VIN:


Promo:

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

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Submit



VERISIGN

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

- Use of unleaded premium gasoline of 91 octane or higher is recommended.
- 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.
- For more 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.