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 Pilot LX, EX, EX-L, and EX-L with Rear Entertainment System.

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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# Auto Door Locks

## Default Lock/Unlock Setting

**Default Lock Setting**

All doors and the tailgate 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).

## 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

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### Auto Door Unlock

- **Auto Unlock (all doors)**
  - When you turn the ignition OFF
  - When you shift into Park

- **Auto Unlock (only driver’s door)**
  - When you turn the ignition OFF
  - When you shift into Park

- **Turn off Auto Unlock**
  - Operate manually

## Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

To program all doors and the tailgate to unlock when you shift to Park:

1. **Close** the driver’s door. **Shift** into Park.
2. **Turn** the ignition switch to ON (II).
3. **Press and hold** the unlock side of the master lock switch for about 10 seconds. In that time, you will hear three clicks.
4. Within 20 seconds, **turn** the ignition switch to LOCK (0).

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**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.

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<td>SRS (supplemental restraint system)</td>
<td>VSA® (vehicle stability assist)</td>
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<td>DRL (daytime running lights)</td>
<td>TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system)</td>
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<td>Power tailgate*</td>
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### On/Off Indicators

- **Starter system**: Hold ignition switch in START (III) for up to 15 seconds
- **Immobilizer (blinks)**: Use correct key
- **A/T temperature (4WD only)**: Pull over and let engine idle

### Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver.

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<td>Door/Tailgate open:</td>
<td>Low tire pressure:</td>
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<td>Close door(s) / tailgate</td>
<td>Add air</td>
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<td>Seat belt reminder:</td>
<td>Maintenance Minder:</td>
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<td>Fasten seat belt(s)</td>
<td>Make dealer appointment</td>
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- **Fog lights on**
- **Headlights on**
- **Turn signals/hazards on**
- **High beams on**

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**INFORMATION DISPLAY**

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

**Accessing the Information Display**

When you start the engine, the display shows your last active selection from the previous drive cycle.

To toggle between the different displays, press and release the select/reset knob repeatedly.

**Information Displays**

- **Odometer**
  - 002300
  - Outside temp: 73°F

- **Fuel range**
  - 002300
  - Average fuel economy: 20.0

- **Engine oil life**
  - 100

- **Trip meter A or B**
  - Average speed: 30.2
  - Instant fuel economy: 7.0

**Note:** Outside temperature indicator not available on LX.

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**TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)**

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

**How It Works**

- Each tire valve stem contains a TPMS sensor.
- When the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels, the low tire pressure indicator comes on.
- If the TPMS indicator appears, 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.
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 center display.
• Yellow parking guide lines also appear to help you judge distance.
• The rearview display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.

Turning the Guide Lines On or Off

Press and hold RETURN for about 3 seconds.

HOME LINK® (if equipped)

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

1. Position the remote transmitter you wish to link 1–3 inches from the HomeLink button you want to program.
2. Press and hold the desired HomeLink button and the button on the remote transmitter. Does the HomeLink indicator (LED) blink at a faster rate after about 10 seconds?
3. Press and hold the programmed HomeLink button for about a second. Does the device (garage door opener) work?
4. Press and hold the HomeLink button again. The remote has a rolling code. Press the “learn” button on the remote-controlled device (e.g., garage door opener). Within 30 seconds, press and hold the programmed HomeLink button for 2 seconds.
5. Press the programmed HomeLink button again; the remote-controlled device should operate.

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® (HFL)

Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle’s audio system. Visit handsfreelink.honda.com to check if your phone is compatible.

How to Use HFL

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

**Talk button:** Use to call speed dial entries with stored voice tags.

**Back button:** Cancel a selection.

**Hang-Up button:** End a call.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

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

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

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

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

   ![Image of phone screen with prompt]

   If your phone does not appear: **Select** “Phone Not Found?” and **search** for a HandsFreeLink device from your phone. **Connect** to HFL.

2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode, and **select** Continue.

   ![Image of phone screen with ‘searching for devices’]

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

   ![Image of phone screen with paired phone]

4. HFL gives you a four-digit code. **Enter** it on your phone when prompted. **Select** OK to complete.

   ![Image of phone screen with entered code]

Visit handsfreelink.honda.com to check if your phone is compatible.
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 audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
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 Continue.
7. HFL searches for your phone. Select your phone when it appears on the list.
   If your phone does not appear: Select “Find Another Phone” 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

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

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.

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** the list to find the name you want to call, and **press** ENTER to begin the call.

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

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Using Speed Dial

Up to 15 numbers can be stored with voice tags.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

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

2. **Select** Speed Dial.

3. **Scroll** through the list to find the name you want to call, and **press** ENTER to begin the call.

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

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**BLUETOOTH® AUDIO**

Play audio files 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 11).

2. **Press** USB/AUX until “Bluetooth Audio” appears on the screen.

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.

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Notes:

- 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.
- Operate your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.
**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. **Open** the center console, and **pull out** the USB adapter cable.
2. **Press** USB/AUX until iPod or USB appears.
3. **Connect** the USB connector to your iPod dock connector or flash drive.

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

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### Recording an Audio CD

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Insert** an audio CD.
2. The system asks if you want to record the CD to memory. **Select** Yes.
3. **Select** the location to store the CD.
4. The CD records. If available, album information is displayed.

**Note:** Albums can be selected from the CD library only if recorded in their entirety. Partially recorded albums may appear, but they cannot be played.

### Using the CD Library

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** CD/CDL. The last album recorded begins playing.
2. **Press** the selector knob to view the CD library.
3. A list of recorded CDs appears. **Select** the album and track you want to hear.

**Press** (↑) (↓) or (+) (-) to change tracks.

**Press** CATEGORY (+) (-) to change albums.

**CD Library**

Store up to 18 audio CDs in the system memory.
REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (RES) (if equipped)

With the rear entertainment system and headphones, rear passengers can enjoy a different entertainment source than the front seat occupants.

RES Front Panel Controls

Operating the RES from the Front

1. Press REAR POWER. Rear passengers will hear audio through the headphones.
2. Press REAR SOURCE. Select an entertainment source for the rear passengers.
3. Press REAR SOURCE again to return to the front audio controls.

Operating the RES from the Rear

1. Press REAR POWER on the front audio panel. Open the overhead screen.
2. Press DVD/AUX, CD/CDL, XM, or FM/AM.
3. Press the (▲) (▼) (◄) (►) buttons to navigate the menu options. Press ENTER to select an option.
4. The rear control panel can be detached and used as a remote control. Press RELEASE to remove it.

Press OPEN to release the overhead screen.
Pivot the overhead screen to fully open it.
Pivot the earpieces to turn on or off. Wireless headphones only work in the rear seats.
Wired headphones may also be used.
FUEL RECOMMENDATION

- Only use unleaded gasoline of 87 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, 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.
- 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.

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.