

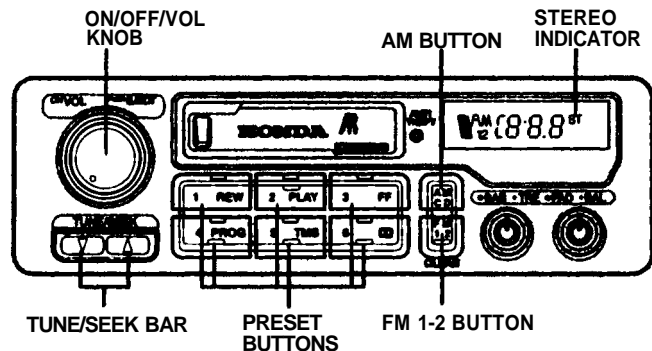
## Audio System


### AM/FM/Cassette Stereo Audio System

*U.S. EX and Canada Si Models*  
Your Honda audio system is easy to use and will give clear AM/FM reception. The preset buttons allow you to select six stations on AM and 12 stations on FM.

The anti-theft feature disables the system if it is disconnected from the car's battery. To get the system working again, you must enter a code number. See page 71.

The cassette system uses Dolby B\* noise reduction to give excellent sound reproduction. The system also senses when a metal or a chromium dioxide (CrO<sub>2</sub>) tape is being played and adjusts accordingly.



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### Operating the Radio

The ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II) to

operate the audio system. Turn the system on by turning the ON/OFF/VOL knob clockwise. The radio comes on and displays the frequency of the station it was last tuned to.

Adjust the volume by turning the ON/OFF/VOL knob.

Select the band you want to listen to by pressing the AM or FM 1-2 button. You will see the selected band and the frequency in the display.

ST will be displayed next to the frequency if the station is broadcasting in FM stereo. The AM stereo feature is not available.

You can use any of three methods to find radio stations on the selected band: TUNE, SEEK, or the Preset buttons.

The TUNE function lets you find a desired frequency. Push the right side (▲) of the TUNE/SEEK bar to change to a higher frequency, and push the left side (▼) of the bar to change to a lower frequency.

To change the frequency up or down a single increment, push and release the TUNE/SEEK bar.

The SEEK function searches the band for a station with a strong signal. Depending on which way you push the TUNE/SEEK bar, the system searches up or down from the current frequency. Push the bar until you hear a beep, then release it. The system searches until it finds a station with a strong signal, then stops.

### Presetting Radio Stations

The preset buttons allow you to store radio frequencies for later selection. Each button will store one frequency on the AM band and two on the FM band. To store a frequency do this:

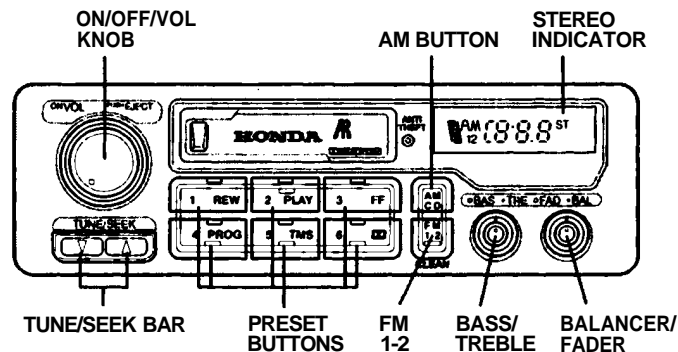
1. Select the desired band, AM or FM. FM 1-2 allows you to

store two frequencies with each Preset button.

2. Use the TUNE or SEEK function to tune the radio to a desired station.
3. Pick the Preset button you want for that station. Press the button and hold it until you hear a beep. The light in the indicator will come on and the station selected will show in the display.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 to store a total of six stations on AM and 12 on FM.

Once a station's frequency is stored, simply press and release the proper Preset button to tune to it. If you want to change any Preset button's selection, store another frequency as described. The frequencies you preset will be lost if your car's battery goes dead or is disconnected.

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### Adjusting the Sound

Use the Balance and Fader controls to adjust the sound "direction." The Balance control moves sound left to right. The Fader control moves it front to back.

To use either control, push on the knob to get it to pop out.

Adjust the front-to-back sound to your liking with the outer ring.

Adjust the side-to-side sound balance with the knob. Push the knob back in when you are done.

The illumination for the radio controls comes on with the instrument panel lights, even if

the radio is off. You can use the Balance control to turn off the radio panel illumination even with the radio on. Push the control knob so it pops out, then pull it out slightly farther. Check this control if the control panel lights do not come on with the instrument panel lights.

Use the Bass and Treble controls to adjust the tone quality to your liking. Push on the knob to get the controls to pop out. Adjust the bass level with the outer ring and the treble level with the knob. When finished, push the knob back in to prevent accidentally changing your settings.

## Radio Frequencies

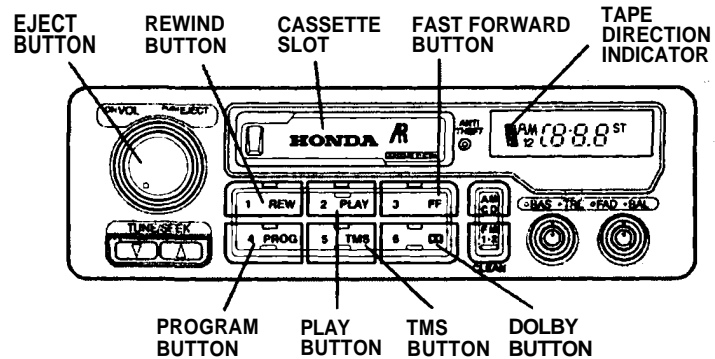
Your Honda's radio can tune in all frequencies in both the AM and FM bands. Those bands cover these frequencies:

AM band  
530 to 1710 kilohertz

FM band  
87.7 to 107.9 megahertz

Radio stations on the AM band are assigned frequencies at least 10 kilohertz apart (530, 540, 550). Those on the FM band are assigned frequencies at least 0.2 megahertz apart (87.9, 88.1, 88.3).

Stations must use these exact frequencies. It is fairly common for stations to round-off the frequency in their advertising, so your radio will show a frequency of 100.9 even though the announcer may call the station "FM101."



## Operating the Cassette Player

Turn the system ON. Insert the cassette into the slot with the tape opening to the right. Push the cassette in most of the way. The drive pulls it in the rest of the way and begins to play.

The ▲ or ▼ lights to show you which side of the cassette is playing. The ▲ indicates the side you inserted facing upward is now playing. To play the other side of the tape, press the PROG button.

The system also has an auto-reverse feature. It automatically

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reverses direction when it reaches the end of the cassette.

If the tape was recorded with Dolby "B" noise reduction, turn it on by pressing the button.

To remove the cassette from the drive, press the EJECT knob. The system automatically ejects the cassette whenever you turn off the system or the ignition switch.

### Cassette Search Functions

Once a cassette is playing, you can use the REW, FF, or TMS function to look for desired songs or passages.

Press the REW button to rewind the cassette. Press the FF button to fast forward. The cassette will stop playing and will rewind or fast forward. To stop rewind or

fast forward, press the PLAY button. If the system reaches the end of the cassette while in fast forward or rewind, it automatically stops that function, reverses direction, and begins to play.

The TMS function lets you skip to the beginning of a song or other passage.

Press the TMS button and then the FF button or REW button. The tape will automatically advance to the beginning of the next song or return to the beginning of the song just played. When the system senses a silent period on the tape, it goes back to PLAY mode.

The TMS function uses silent periods on the tape to find the end of a selection. This feature may not work satisfactorily on

tapes that have almost no gap between songs, a high noise level between songs, or silent periods in the middle of songs.

### Caring for Cassettes

Damaged cassettes can jam inside the drive or cause other problems. See page 67 for information on cassette care and protection.

### Caring for the Cassette Player

The cassette drive picks up dirt and oxides whenever you play a tape. This builds up over time and causes the sound quality to degrade. To prevent this, you should clean the cassette drive after every 30 hours of use. Your Honda dealer has a cleaning kit available for this purpose.

After 30 hours of tape use, you will see CLEAN flashing for five

seconds in the display when you insert a tape into the tape slot. If you are already regularly cleaning the tape drive at least every 30 hours, reset the indicator by pressing the FM1 button while the system is in the tape operation mode. Hold the button until you hear a beep and the CLEAN indicator goes out.

If you do not clean the cassette drive regularly, it may eventually become impossible to remove the deposits with a normal cleaning kit.

The cassette player automatically ejects cassettes that do not play normally. If it ejects a cassette before it begins to play, it is probably defective and should not be inserted again. You may have a cassette

suddenly stop playing, reverse directions once or twice and then eject. This is normally an indication the tape is wound unevenly. It should play normally after being manually rewound.

Use 100-minute or shorter cassettes. Cassettes longer than 100 minutes use thinner tape that may break or jam the drive.

Look at a cassette before you insert it. If the tape is loose, tighten it by turning one of the hubs with a pencil or your finger.

If the label is peeling off, do not put it in the player. It may cause the cassette to jam in the drive mechanism when you try to eject it.

Do not leave cassettes sitting where they are exposed to high

heat or humidity, such as on top of the dashboard or in the player. If a cassette is exposed to extreme heat or cold, let it reach a moderate temperature before putting it in the player.

### **Operating the CD Player/Changer (Optional)**

Your dealer has an in-dash Honda Compact Disc player or a trunk-mounted changer available for your car. The changer holds up to six discs, providing several hours of continuous programming. You operate the CD player and the changer with the same controls used for the radio.

### **Loading the CD Changer**

Load the CDs in the magazine and load the magazine into the changer according to the instructions that came with the changer unit.

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To operate the CD player or changer, the ignition key must be in the ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II). If you were listening to a cassette tape, eject it before listening to a CD.

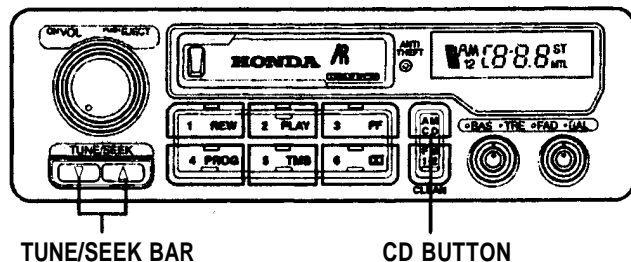
### CD Player

Insert the disc in the player. Push the CD button on the player, "CD" will show in the display and the disc will start to play.

### CD Changer

Push the CD button on the radio, the display will show "CD" and the track last listened to will play. When that disc ends, the next disc in the magazine is loaded and played.

After disc 6 has completed, the system will return to disc 1. To make your own disc selection,



push one of the corresponding Preset buttons. Your selection will appear in the display and start playing.

- If you try to select an empty slot in the magazine, the system will select and play the first track of the next disc in the magazine.

You can use the TUNE/SEEK bar while a disc is playing to select passages and change tracks. To move rapidly forward within a track, press and hold the ▲ side of the TUNE/SEEK bar. Press and hold the ▼ side to move rapidly backward within a track. You will hear a beep a half second after you press either side of the bar.

Keep pressing the bar until you think the track has advanced or returned to the desired position. The disc will start playing when you release the bar.

If you press the ▲ side and release it before you hear a beep, the system will skip forward to the beginning of the next track on the CD. It will skip backward to the beginning of the current track if you press the ▼ side and release it.

- If you change modes to radio or tape while a CD is playing, then change back to CD mode, the same disc and track will play.
- If you turn off the system while a CD is playing, either with the ON/OFF/VOL knob or by turning off the ignition, the system will begin playing the

same disc and track when you turn it back on.

To return to the radio function, press the AM/FM button.



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### CD Error Indications

If you see an error indication on the display, find the cause in the chart to the right. If you cannot clear the error indication, take the car to your Honda dealer.

Indication	Cause	Solution
<i>E - 01</i>	Disc-changer malfunction.	Consult Honda dealer.
<i>E - 02</i>	Disc is in changer mechanism.	Press the magazine eject button, and insert an empty magazine.
<i>E - 03</i> <i>E - 04</i> <i>E - 05</i>	Disc-changer malfunction.	If the code disappears within a few seconds, unit is OK. If it does not, consult your Honda dealer.
<i>E - 06</i>	Disc-changer malfunction.	Press the magazine eject button and pull out the magazine, check for error indication. Insert the magazine again. If the magazine can not be pulled out, consult your Honda dealer.
<i>E - 07</i>	CD magazine ejection impossible.	Press the magazine eject button. If the magazine does not eject, consult your Honda dealer.
<i>- - - H</i>	High temperature.	Will disappear when the temperature returns to normal.
<i>E - EE</i>	Misconnection or disconnection of CD changer.	See your Honda dealer.
<i>- - - -</i>	No CD magazine in the CD changer.	Insert CD magazine.

*On U.S. EX and Canada Si models*  
Your car's audio system will disable itself if it is disconnected from electrical power for any reason. To make it work again, the user must enter a specific five-digit code in the Preset buttons. Because there are hundreds of number combinations possible from five digits, making the system work without knowing the exact code is nearly impossible.

You should have received a card that lists your audio system's code number and serial number. Store the card in a safe place at home. In addition, you should write the audio system's serial number in this Owner's Manual. If you should happen to lose the card, you must obtain the code number by having your Honda dealer contact American Honda.

To do this, he will need the system's serial number.

If your car's battery is disconnected or goes dead, the audio system will disable itself. If this happens, you will see "Code" in the frequency display the next time you turn on the system. Use the Preset buttons to enter the five-digit code. If it is entered correctly, the radio will start playing.

If you make a mistake entering the code, do not start over or try to correct your mistake. Complete the five-digit sequence, then enter the correct code. You have three tries to enter the correct code. If you are unsuccessful in three attempts, you must then leave the system on for one hour before trying again.

You will have to store your favorite stations in the Preset buttons after the system begins working. Your original settings were lost when power was disconnected.