Keys

These keys contain electronic circuits that are activated by the Immobilizer System. They will not work to start the engine if the circuits are damaged.

Protect the keys from direct sunlight, high temperature, and high humidity.
The keys do not contain batteries. Do not try to take them apart.

Your vehicle comes with two master keys and a valet key. The master key fits all the locks on your vehicle:
- Ignition
- Doors
- Glove Box
- Hatch

The valet key works only in the ignition and the door locks. You can keep the glove box and hatch locked when you leave your vehicle and the valet key at a parking facility.

You should have received a key number tag with your set of keys. You will need this number if you ever have to get a lost key replaced. Keep the tag stored in a safe place.

When replacing keys, use only Honda-approved key blanks.

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- Protect the keys from direct sunlight, high temperature, and high humidity.
- Do not drop the keys or set heavy objects on them.
- Keep the keys away from liquids. If they get wet, dry them immediately with a soft cloth.

The keys do not contain batteries. Do not try to take them apart.
**Immobilizer System**
The Immobilizer System protects your vehicle from theft. A properly-coded master or valet key must be used in the ignition switch for the engine to start. If an improperly-coded key (or other device) is used, the engine's fuel system is disabled.

When you turn the ignition switch to ON (II), the Immobilizer System indicator should come on for a few seconds, then go out. If the indicator starts to blink, it means the system does not recognize the coding of the key. Turn the ignition switch to LOCK (0), remove the key, reinsert it, and turn the switch to ON (II) again.

The system may not recognize your key's coding if another immobilizer key or other metal object is near the ignition switch when you insert the key. To make sure the system recognizes the key code:

- Do not keep other immobilizer keys on the same key ring.
- Use a plastic or leather key fob, not metal.
- Keep other keys away from your vehicle's key and the ignition switch while trying to start the engine.

If the system repeatedly does not recognize the coding of your key, contact your Honda dealer.

The Immobilizer System indicator will also blink several times when you turn the ignition switch from ON (II) to ACCESSORY (I) or LOCK (0).

Do not attempt to alter this system or add other devices to it. Electrical problems could result that may make your vehicle undriveable.

If you have lost your key and you cannot start the engine, contact your Honda dealer.
As required by the FCC:
This device complies with Part 15 of the
FCC rules. Operation is subject to the
following two conditions: (1) This device
may not cause harmful interference, and
(2) this device must accept any
interference received, including
interference that may cause undesired
operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly
approved by the party responsible for
compliance could void the user’s
authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Industry
Canada Standard RSS-210.
Operation is subject to the following two
conditions: (1) this device may not cause
interference, and (2) this device must
accept any interference that may cause
undesired operation of the device.

Ignition Switch

The ignition switch is on the right
side of the steering column. It has
four positions:
• LOCK (0)
• ACCESSORY (I)
• ON (II)
• START (III)

LOCK (0) — You can insert or
remove the key only in this position.
To switch from ACCESSORY to
LOCK, you must push the key in
slightly as you turn it. If your vehicle
has an automatic transmission, the
shift lever must also be in Park. The
anti-theft lock will lock the steering
column when you remove the key.

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If the front wheels are turned, the anti-theft lock may sometimes make it difficult to turn the key from LOCK to ACCESSORY. Firmly turn the steering wheel to the left or to the right as you turn the key.

**WARNING**

Removing the key from the ignition switch while driving locks the steering. This can cause you to lose control.

Remove the key from the ignition switch only when parked.

**ACCESSORY (I)** — In this position, you can operate the audio system and the accessory power sockets.

**ON (II)** — This is the normal key position when driving. All features and accessories on the vehicle are usable. Several of the lights on the instrument panel come on as a test when you turn the ignition switch from ACCESSORY to ON.

**START (III)** — Use this position only to start the engine. The switch returns to ON (II) when you let go of the key.

The engine will not start if the Immobilizer System does not recognize the key's coding (see page 84).

You will hear a reminder beeper if you leave the key in the ignition switch in the LOCK (0) or ACCESSORY (I) position and open the driver’s door. Remove the key to turn off the beeper.
The front doors can be locked and unlocked from the outside with the key.

The master door lock switch on the driver's door locks and unlocks all of the doors and the hatch. Push the switch down to lock all of the doors and the hatch, and up to unlock them.

To lock the front passenger's door when getting out the vehicle, push the lock tab down and close the door. To lock the driver's door, remove the key from the ignition switch, pull the outside door handle and push the lock tab down or push the master switch down. Release the handle, then close the door.

Each front door has a lock tab at the top of the door. When you push down the lock tab on the driver's door, all doors and the hatch lock. Pulling up the lock tab on the driver's door unlocks only that door. The lock tab on the front passenger's door only locks and unlocks that door.

The front doors can be locked and unlocked from the outside with the key.

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All doors and the hatch lock when you push down the lock tab on the driver’s door, or lock the driver’s door from the outside with the key. Only the driver’s door unlocks when you use the key or the lock tab. To unlock the front passenger’s door, use the master door lock switch or the lock tab on the front passenger’s door.

Rear Doors
The Element has no center pillars between front and rear seats, and the rear doors pivot at the rear.

The rear door handle is located in the rear door edge. The rear door can be opened only when the front door is open. Pull the handle to open the rear door.

To close the doors when both front and rear doors are open, close the rear door first, then the front door. The front door cannot be latched without first closing the rear door. Closing the rear door on the front door will damage both doors.
You can lock or unlock the hatch in any of these ways:

- Use your master key to lock and unlock the hatch. Turn the key clockwise to lock the hatch, and counterclockwise to unlock it.

- Lock the hatch by pushing down the lock tab on the driver's door (see page 87), or by using the master key in the driver's door lock.

- Lock or unlock the hatch with the master door lock switch.

With the hatch unlocked, open it by pulling the handle and lifting up. To close the hatch, lower it, then press down on the back edge.

When both the hatch and tailgate are open, the hatch cannot be latched without first closing the tailgate.
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See page 167 for information on cargo loading. Keep the hatch closed at all times while driving to avoid damaging the hatch, and to prevent exhaust gas from getting into the interior. See Carbon Monoxide Hazard on page 60.

Tailgate

You can open the tailgate only when the hatch is open. To open the tailgate, slide the lock lever to the left and swing down the tailgate. To close the tailgate, lift it up and push it firmly until it latches.

Before closing the tailgate, make sure the hatch is raised. Closing the tailgate on the lowered hatch can damage the hatch and the tailgate.

See page 167 for information on cargo loading. Keep the tailgate and the hatch closed at all times while driving to avoid damaging them, and to prevent exhaust gas from getting into the interior. See Carbon Monoxide Hazard on page 60.
Glove Box

Open the glove box by pulling the bottom of the handle. Close it with a firm push. Lock or unlock the glove box with the master key.

**WARNING**

An open glove box can cause serious injury to your passenger in a crash, even if the passenger is wearing the seat belt.

Always keep the glove box closed while driving.