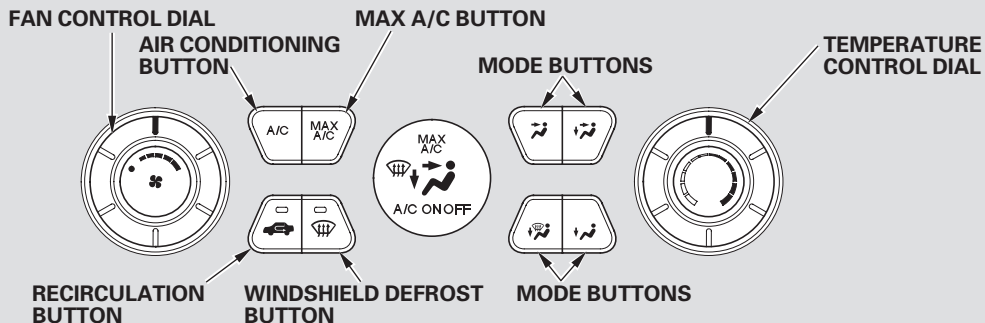
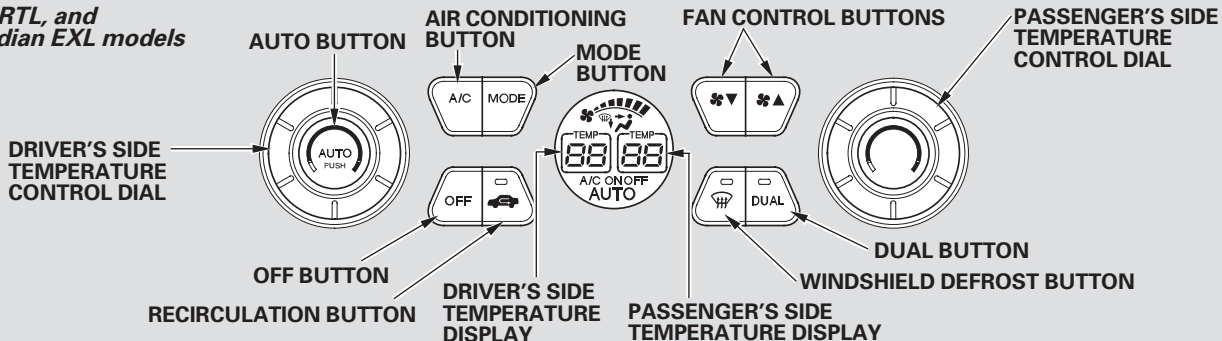


Vents, Heating, and A/C

RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models



RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models



On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models, see pages [128](#) and [129](#) for information on automatic climate control and semi-automatic operation.

Fan Control

On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models

Turn the dial clockwise to increase the fan speed and airflow. Turn the dial counterclockwise to decrease it.

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

Select the fan speed by pressing the fan control buttons ( or ). The fan speed is shown in vertical bars on the display.

Temperature Control

On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models

Turning this dial clockwise increases the temperature of the airflow.

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

The driver and passenger can select independent temperature settings.

Push the DUAL button. When the indicator in the button is on, turn the dials to adjust the temperature.

When the indicator in the DUAL button is off, both sides adjust to the driver's side temperature.

Dual Button

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

Press the DUAL button to select dual temperature control mode (see page [130](#)).

You can set the temperatures for the driver's side and the passenger's side separately when this button is pressed (indicator on). When the indicator in the DUAL button is off, you can adjust both sides to the same temperature with the driver's side temperature control dial.

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Air Conditioning (A/C) Button

Press the A/C button to turn the air conditioning on and off. You will see A/C ON or A/C OFF in the display.

When you turn the A/C off, the system cannot regulate the inside temperature if you set the temperature control below the outside temperature.

Recirculation Button

When the recirculation indicator is on, air from the vehicle's interior is sent throughout the system again. When the indicator is off, air is brought in from the outside of the vehicle (fresh air mode).

The outside air intakes for the heating and cooling system are at the base of the windshield. Keep this area clear of leaves and other debris.

The system should be left in fresh air mode under almost all conditions. Keeping the system in recirculation mode, particularly with the A/C off, can cause the windows to fog up.


Switch to recirculation mode when driving through dusty or smoky conditions, then return to fresh air mode.

Mode Control


Use the mode control buttons to select the vents air flows from. Some air will flow from the dashboard corner vents in all modes.


Each time you press the MODE button (On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models) or either mode button (On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models), the display shows the mode selected.

 Air flows from the center, corner, and rear vents in the dashboard.

 Airflow is divided between the vents in the dashboard, rear and the floor vents.


 Air flows from the floor vents.

 Airflow is divided between the floor vents and the defroster vents at the base of the windshield.

Press the  button, Air flows from the defroster vents at the base of the windshield.



On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models
When you select  or , the system automatically switches to fresh air mode and turns on the A/C.

When you select , the system automatically switches to fresh air mode.

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models
When you select , the system automatically switches to fresh air mode and turns on the A/C.


MAX A/C Button

On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models

 The system automatically turns on the A/C and switches to recirculation mode. Air flows from the center, side, and rear vents in the dashboard. Pressing the  or A/C button cancels MAX A/C.

Ventilation

The flow-through ventilation system draws in outside air, circulates it through the interior, then exhausts it through vents near the back window.

1. Set the temperature to the lower limit.
2. Make sure the A/C is off.
3. Select  and fresh air mode.
4. Set the fan to the desired speed.

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Using the Heater

The heater uses engine coolant to warm the air. If the engine is cold, it will be several minutes before you feel warm air coming from the system.


1. Select .

When you select , the system automatically switches to the fresh air mode.

2. Set the fan to the desired speed.
3. Adjust the warmth of the air with the temperature control dial.

Using the A/C


Air conditioning places an extra load on the engine. Watch the engine coolant temperature gauge (see page 72). If it moves near the red zone, turn off the A/C until the gauge reading returns to normal.

1. Turn on the A/C by pressing the button. The display shows A/C ON on when a fan speed is selected.
2. Make sure the temperature is set to maximum cool.
3. Select .
4. If the outside air is humid, select recirculation mode. If the outside air is dry, select fresh air mode.
5. Set the fan to the desired speed.

If the interior is very warm, you can cool it down more rapidly by partially opening the windows, turning on the A/C, and setting the fan to maximum speed in fresh air mode.


On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models

To cool the interior with MAX A/C:

1. Set the fan to the desired speed.
2. Select MAX A/C mode.
The system automatically turns on the A/C, selects , and switches to recirculation mode.
3. Make sure the temperature is set to maximum cool.

Dehumidify the Interior



Air conditioning, as it cools, removes moisture from the air. When used in combination with the heater, it makes the interior warm and dry.


1. Turn the fan on.
2. Press the A/C button.
3. Select  and fresh air mode.
4. Adjust the temperature to your preference.

This setting is suitable for all driving conditions whenever the outside temperature is above 32°F (0°C).

To Defog and Defrost

To remove fog from the inside of the windows:

1. Set the fan to the desired speed or high for faster defrosting.
2. Select . When you select , the system automatically switches to fresh air mode and turns on the A/C. The A/C indicator will not be displayed if it was off to start with.
3. Adjust the temperature so the airflow feels warm.
4. To increase airflow to the windshield, close the side vents.

When you switch to another mode from , the A/C stays on. Press the A/C button to turn it off.



Automatic Heated Wiper Zone

Your vehicle has heating wires at the bottom of the windshield to help heat the wiper blades and the windshield. If the outside temperature is near freezing, the heater turns on automatically when you turn the ignition switch to the ON (II) position. The heater turns off automatically when the outside temperature is above freezing.

This function helps to increase wiper performance when the wiper arms sit in the parked position in snowy or icy conditions.

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To Remove Exterior Frost or Ice From the Windows

1. Select . The system automatically switches to fresh air mode and turns on the A/C. The A/C indicator does not come on if it was off to start with.
2. Select .
3. Set the fan and temperature controls to maximum level.

To clear the windows faster, you can close the dashboard corner vents by rotating the wheel next to (passenger's side) or below it (driver's side). This will send more warm air to the windshield defroster vents. Once the windshield is clear, select fresh air mode to avoid fogging the windows.

For your safety, make sure you have a clear view through all the windows before driving.



Using Automatic Climate Control

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

The automatic climate control system adjusts the fan speed and airflow levels to maintain the interior temperature you select.

- Press the AUTO button.
- Set the desired temperature by turning the temperature control dial. You will see AUTO in the system's display.

The system automatically selects the proper mix of conditioned and/or heated air that will, as quickly as possible, raise or lower the interior temperature to your preference.

When you set the temperature to its lower limit () or its upper limit (), the system runs at full cooling or heating only. It does not regulate the interior temperature.

In cold weather, the fan will not come on automatically until the heater starts to develop warm air.

Dual Temperature Control — When the indicator in the DUAL button is on, the driver's side and passenger's side temperature can be controlled independently (see page 130).

Semi-automatic Operation

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

You can manually select various functions of the climate control system when it is in full automatic mode. All other features remain automatically controlled.

Making any manual selection causes the word AUTO in the display to go out.

To Turn Everything Off

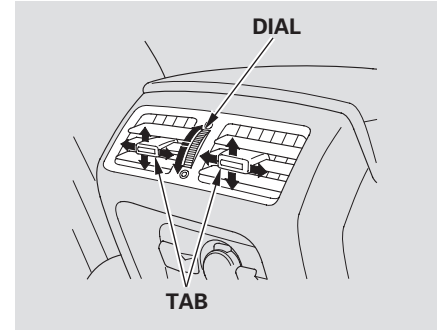
On RT, RTX, and Canadian LX models
Turning the fan speed control all the way to the left shuts the system off.

On RTS, RTL, and Canadian EXL models

If you press OFF, the climate control system shuts off.

- Keep the system off for short periods only.
- To keep stale air and mustiness from collecting, you should have the fan running at all times.

Rear Ventilation



You can adjust the direction of the air coming from the rear vents in the back of the center console by moving the tab in the center of each vent up-and-down and side-to-side.

You can also adjust the amount of airflow by turning the dial between the vents.