Check the condition of your car's battery monthly. You should check the color of the test indicator window, and for corrosion on the terminals.

To remove the battery cover, pull up on the right side of the cover to remove it from the bolt, then pull the cover out.

Check the battery condition by looking at the test indicator window on the battery. The label on the battery explains the test indicator's colors.

To reinstall the cover, insert the pins on the left side of the cover into the holes and put the cover over the battery, then push the right side of the cover over the bolt.
Check the battery terminals for corrosion (a white or yellowish powder). To remove it, cover the terminals with a solution of baking soda and water. It will bubble up and turn brown. When this stops, wash it off with plain water. Dry off the battery with a cloth or paper towel. Coat the terminals with grease to help prevent future corrosion.

If the terminals are severely corroded, clean them with baking soda and water. Then use a wrench to loosen and remove the cables from the terminals. Always disconnect the negative (−) cable first and reconnect it last. Clean the battery terminals with a terminal cleaning tool or wire brush. Reconnect and tighten the cables, then coat the terminals with grease.

If you need to connect the battery to a charger, disconnect both cables to prevent damage to the car's electrical system.

**WARNING**

The battery gives off explosive hydrogen gas during normal operation.

A spark or flame can cause the battery to explode with enough force to kill or seriously hurt you.

Wear protective clothing and a face shield, or have a skilled mechanic do the battery maintenance.
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If your car’s battery is disconnected or goes dead, the audio system will disable itself. The next time you turn on the radio you will see “CODE” in the frequency display. Use the Preset buttons to enter the five-digit code (see page 157).

**NOTICE**

Charging the battery with the cables connected can seriously damage your car’s electronic controls. Detach the battery cables before connecting the battery to a charger.

If your car’s battery is disconnected or goes dead, all stored driving positions will be lost. To store the driving positions again, see the storing procedure on page 103.

3.2 CL with Navigation System
The Navigation System will also disable itself. The next time you turn on the ignition switch, the system will require you to enter a PIN before it can be used. Refer to the Navigation System Owner’s Manual.
Check the condition of the wiper blades at least every six months. Look for signs of cracking in the rubber, or areas that are getting hard. Replace the blades if you find these signs, or they leave streaks and unwiped areas when used.

To replace the blade:
1. Turn the ignition ON (II), switch the wipers to INT or — (low position), then turn the ignition OFF when the wiper arm is approximately midway in its travel.

2. Raise the wiper arm off the windshield.

3. Disconnect the blade assembly from the wiper arm by pushing in the lock tab. Hold it in while you push the blade assembly toward the base of the arm.
4. Remove the blade from its holder by grasping the tabbed end of the blade. Pull firmly until the tabs come out of the holder.

5. Examine the new wiper blades. If they have no plastic or metal reinforcement along the back edge, remove the metal reinforcement strips from the old wiper blade and install them in the slots along the edge of the new blade.

6. Slide the new wiper blade into the holder until the tabs lock.

7. Slide the wiper blade assembly onto the wiper arm. Make sure it locks in place.

8. Lower the wiper arm down against the windshield.

9. Turn the ignition switch ON (II) and return the windshield wipers to their park position.