## **Additional Information About Your Seat Belts**

## **Seat Belt System Components**

Your seat belt system includes lap/ shoulder belts in all five seating positions. The front seat belts are also equipped with automatic seat belt tensioners.

The seat belt system also includes a light on the instrument panel to remind you and your passengers to fasten your belts. If the driver's seat belt is not fastened before the ignition is turned ON (II), the light will come on and a beeper will also sound. The beeper will stop after a few seconds, but the light will stay on until the driver's seat belt is fastened.

### Lap/Shoulder Belt



This seat belt has a single belt that goes over your shoulder, across your chest and across your hips.

To fasten the belt, insert the latch plate into the buckle, then tug on the belt to make sure the buckle is latched.

To unlock the belt, push the red PRESS button on the buckle. Guide the belt across your body to the door pillar. After exiting the car, be sure the belt is out of the way and will not get closed in the door.

All seat belts have an emergency locking retractor. In normal driving, the retractor lets you move freely in your seat while it keeps some tension on the belt. During a collision or sudden stop, the retractor automatically locks the belt to help restrain your body.

The seat belts in all seating positions except the driver's have an additional locking mechanism that must be activated to secure a child seat. (See pages 29 and 33 for instructions on how to secure child seats with this type of seat belt.)

### Additional Information About Your Seat Belts

If the shoulder part of the belt is pulled all the way out, the locking mechanism will activate. The belt will retract, but it will not allow the passenger to move freely.

To deactivate the locking mechanism, unlatch the buckle and let the seat belt fully retract. To refasten the belt, pull it out only as far as needed.

See page 15 for instructions on how to wear the lap/shoulder belt properly.

### **Automatic Seat Belt Tensioners**



For added protection, the front seat belts are equipped with automatic seat belt tensioners. When activated, the tensioners immediately tighten the belts to help hold the driver and a front passenger in place.

The tensioners are designed to activate primarily in frontal collisions. The tensioners are independent of the airbag system, so they can be activated during a collision that

might not cause the airbags to deploy. In this case, the airbags would not be needed but the additional seat belt tension can be helpful.

The tensioners will be activated in a collision severe enough to cause the front airbags to inflate.

When the tensioners are activated, the seat belts will remain tight until they are unbuckled in the normal way.

SRS

The SRS indicator light will come on if there is a

problem with your automatic seat belt tensioners (see page 45).

## **Additional Information About Your Seat Belts**

#### **Seat Belt Maintenance**

For safety, you should check the condition of your seat belts regularly.

Pull each belt out fully and look for frays, cuts, burns, and wear. Check that the latches work smoothly and that the lap/shoulder belts retract easily. Any belt not in good condition or not working properly will not provide good protection and should be replaced as soon as possible.

#### U.S. Models

Acura provides a lifetime warranty on seat belts. Acura will repair or replace any seat belt component that fails to function properly during normal use.

Please see your *Acura Warranty Information* booklet for details.

#### **A WARNING**

Not checking or maintaining seat belts can result in serious injury or death if the seat belts do not work properly when needed.

Check your seat belts regularly and have any problem corrected as soon as possible.

If a seat belt is worn during a crash, you should have your dealer inspect the belt, and replace it if necessary. A belt that has been worn during a crash may not provide the same level of protection in a subsequent crash. The dealer should also inspect the anchors for damage and replace them if needed.

Automatic seat belt tensioners that deployed during a crash must be replaced.

For information on how to clean your seat belts, see page 264.

## Additional Information About Your Front Airbags

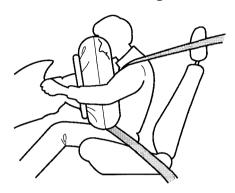
### **SRS Components**

Your Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) includes:

- Two front airbags. The driver's airbag is stored in the center of the steering wheel; the front passenger's airbag is stored in the dashboard. Both are marked "SRS AIRBAG."
- Automatic seat belt tensioners (see page 41).
- Sensors that can detect a moderate to severe frontal collision.
- A sophisticated electronic system that continually monitors and records information about the sensors, the control unit, the airbag activators, driver and passenger seat belt use, and all related wiring when the ignition is ON (II).

- An indicator light on the instrument panel that alerts you to a possible problem with the system (see page 45).
- Emergency backup power in case your car's electrical system is disconnected in a crash.

### **How Your Front Airbags Work**



If you ever have a moderate to severe frontal collision, the sensors will detect the vehicle's rapid deceleration. If the rate of deceleration is high enough, the control unit will instantly inflate the front airbags.

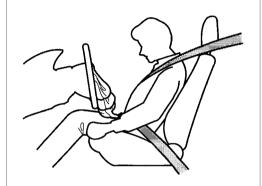
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## **Additional Information About Your Front Airbags**

During a frontal crash, your seat belts help restrain your lower body and torso. Your airbag provides a cushion to help restrain and protect your head and chest.

Since both airbags use the same sensors, both airbags normally inflate at the same time. However, it is possible for only one airbag to inflate.

This can occur when the severity of a collision is at the margin, or threshold, that determines whether or not the airbags will deploy. In such cases, the seat belt will provide sufficient protection, and the supplemental protection offered by the airbag would be minimal.



After inflating, the front airbags immediately deflate, so they won't interfere with the driver's visibility, or the ability to steer or operate other controls.

The total time for inflation and deflation is approximately one-tenth of a second, so fast that most occupants are not aware that the airbags deployed until they see them lying in their laps.

After a crash, you may see what looks like smoke. This is actually powder from the airbag's surface. Although the powder is not harmful, people with respiratory problems may experience some temporary discomfort. If this occurs, get out of the car as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### U.S. Owners

For additional information on how your airbags work, see the booklet titled SRS: What You Need to Know About Airbags that came with your owner's manual.

#### Canadian Owners

For additional information on how your airbags work, ask your dealer for a copy of the booklet titled *SRS:* What You Need to Know About Airbags.

## **Additional Information About Your Front Airbags**

# How the SRS Indicator Light Works

The purpose of the SRS indicator light is to alert you to a potential problem with your front airbags. This light will also alert you to a potential problem with your automatic seat belt tensioners (page 41); or your side airbags or passenger's side airbag automatic cutoff system (page 46).

When you turn the ignition ON (II), this indicator will light up briefly then go out. This tells you that the system is working properly.

However, if the light comes on at any other time, you should have the system checked by your dealer. For example:

- If the SRS indicator light does not come on after you turn the ignition ON (II).
- If the light stays on after the engine starts.
- If the light comes on or flashes on and off while you drive.

If you see any of these indications, your front or side airbags may not deploy, your passenger's side airbag automatic cutoff system may not work properly, or your seat belt tensioners may not work when you need them. See your Acura dealer as soon as possible.

#### **A WARNING**

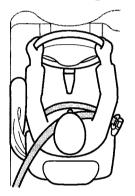
Ignoring the SRS indicator light can result in serious injury or death if the airbags, cutoff system, or tensioners do not work properly.

Have your vehicle checked by a dealer as soon as possible if the SRS light alerts you to a potential problem.

## **Additional Information About Your Side Airbags**

Your car is equipped with side airbags for the driver and a front seat passenger. The airbags are stored in the outer edges of the front seat-backs, and both are marked "SIDE AIRBAG."

### How Your Side Airbags Work



If you ever have a moderate to severe side impact, the sensors will detect rapid deceleration and signal the control unit to instantly inflate either the driver's or the passenger's side airbag.

Only one airbag will deploy during a side impact. If the impact is on the passenger's side, the passenger's side airbag will deploy even if there is no passenger.

To get the best protection from the side airbags, front seat occupants should wear their seat belts and sit upright and well back in their seats.

## **Additional Information About Your Side Airbags**

### How The Side Airbag Indicator Light Works

SIDE AIRBAG The purpose of this light is to alert you if the passenger's side airbag has been automatically shut off.

Although Acura does not encourage children to ride in the front, to help prevent injury, your car has an automatic cutoff system for the passenger's side airbag. This system is designed to shut off the airbag if a child leans sideways and the child's head is in the deployment path of the side airbag.

The side airbag may also shut off if a small adult leans sideways, or a larger adult slouches and leans sideways, and the adult's head is in the deployment path of the airbag.

A front seat passenger should not use a cushion or other object as a backrest. It may prevent the cutoff system from working properly.

If this light comes on, you should have the passenger sit upright. Once the passenger is out of the deployment path of the side airbag, the airbag will turn on and the light will go out.

When you turn the ignition ON (II), the indicator light should light up briefly and go out (see page 55). If it doesn't light, or it stays on or comes on without a passenger in the front seat, have the system checked.

The SRS indicator light will come on if there is a problem with your side airbags or the automatic cutoff system (see page 45).

## **Additional Information About Your Airbags**

### **Airbag Service**

Your front and side airbag systems are virtually maintenance-free, and there are no parts you can safely service. However, you must have your car serviced if:

- Your airbags ever inflate. Any airbag that has deployed must be replaced along with the control unit and other related parts. Do not try to remove or replace any airbag by yourself.
   This must be done by an Acura dealer or a knowledgeable body shop.
- The SRS indicator light alerts you to a problem. Take your car to an authorized Acura dealer as soon as possible. If you ignore this indication, the airbags might not inflate when you need them.

### **Additional Safety Precautions**

- Do not attempt to deactivate your airbags. Together, airbags and seat belts provide the best protection.
- Do not tamper with airbag components or wiring for any reason. Tampering could cause the airbags to deploy, possibly causing very serious injury.
- Do not expose the front seat-backs to water. If rain or spilled water soaks into a seat-back, it can prevent the side airbag system from working properly.

 Do not cover or replace front seatback covers without consulting an Acura dealer. Improperly replacing or covering front seatback covers can prevent your side airbags from inflating during a collision.

See page 173 for further information and precautions relating to your airbags.

### **Carbon Monoxide Hazard**

Your car's exhaust contains carbon monoxide gas. You should have no problem with carbon monoxide entering the car in normal driving if you maintain your car properly. Have the exhaust system inspected for leaks whenever:

- The car is raised for an oil change.
- You notice a change in the sound of the exhaust.
- The car was in an accident that may have damaged the underside.

#### **A WARNING**

Carbon monoxide gas is toxic. Breathing it can cause unconsciousness and even kill you.

Avoid any enclosed areas or activities that expose you to carbon monoxide.

High levels of carbon monoxide can collect rapidly in enclosed areas, such as a garage. Do not run the engine with the garage door closed. Even with the door open, run the engine only long enough to move the vehicle out of the garage.

With the trunk lid open, air flow can pull exhaust gas into your car's interior and create a hazardous condition. If you must drive with the trunk lid open, open all the windows and set the climate control system as shown below.

If you must sit in your parked car, even in an unconfined area, with the engine running, adjust the climate control system as follows:

- 1. Select the Fresh Air mode.
- 2. Select the 😽 mode.
- 3. Set the fan speed to high.
- Set the temperature control to a comfortable setting.

## Safety Labels

These labels are in the locations shown. They warn you of potential hazards that could cause serious injury. Read these labels carefully.

If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your Acura dealer for a replacement.

#### SUN VISOR

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DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- . Children 12 and under can be killed by the air bag . The BACK SEAT is the SAFEST place for children
- . NEVER put a rear-facing child seat in the front . Sit as far back as possible from the air bag
- . ALWAYS use SEAT BELTS and CHILD RESTRAINTS

#### Canadian models

#### CAUTION

- TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY LOR MAXIMUM SAFETY PROTECTION IN
- ALL TYPES OF CRASHES, YOU MUST ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY BELT DO NOT INSTALL BEARWARD LACING CHILD SEATS IN ANY FRONT
- PASSENGER SEAT POSITION DO NOT SIT OF IT AN UNNECESSABILY
- CLOSE TO THE AIR BAC DO NOT PLACE ANY OBJECTS OVER THE AIR BACOR BETWEEN THE AIR BAC AND YOURSELL
- THE THE OWNERS MANUAL FOR FORTHE INFORMATION AND EXPLANATIONS

#### PRÉCAUTION:

- POUR EVITER DES BLESSURES GRAVES POUR PROFILER D'UNE PROTECTION MAXIMALE LORS DRINE COLLISION BOLICLEZ TOUJOURS VOTRE CLINTURE DE SECURITE N'INSTALLEZ JAMAIS UN SIEGE POUR
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#### DASHBOARD

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## **AWARNING**

## **Children Can Be KILLED or INJURED** by Passenger Air Bag

The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under. Make sure all children use seat belts or child seats

#### HOOD

#### AWARNING

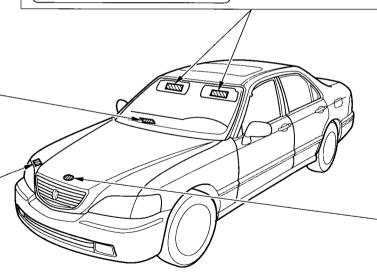
Accidental deployment can seriously hurt or

Follow Service Manual instructions carefully

#### **AATTENTION**

Un déploiement accidentel risque de causer de graves blessures, voire la mort,

Suivre attentivement les instructions du manuel de réparation.



#### RADIATOR CAP

DANGER

NEVER OPEN WHEN HOT. Hot coolant will scald you

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