

The gauges illuminate when you turn the ignition switch to ON (II).

Speedometer

U.S. Models

This shows your speed in miles per hour (mph). The smaller inner numbers are the speed in kilometers per hour (km/h).

Canadian Models

This shows your speed in kilometers per hour (km/h). The smaller inner numbers are the speed in miles per hour (mph).

Tachometer

The tachometer shows the engine speed in revolutions per minute (rpm). To protect the engine from damage, never drive with the tachometer needle in the red zone.

Odometer

The odometer shows the total distance your car has been driven. It measures miles in U.S. models and kilometers in Canadian models. It is illegal under U.S. federal law and Canadian provincial regulations to disconnect, reset, or alter the odometer with the intent to change the number of miles or kilometers indicated.

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Outside Temperature Indicator

This indicator displays the outside Fahrenheit temperature in U.S. models, and Centigrade temperature in Canadian models.

The temperature sensor is located in the front bumper. Therefore, the temperature reading can be affected by heat reflection from the road surface, engine heat, and the exhaust from surrounding traffic. This can cause an incorrect temperature reading when your speed is under 19 mph (30 km/h).

In certain weather conditions, temperature readings near freezing (32°F, 0°C) could mean that ice is forming on the road surface.

Trip Meter

This meter shows the number of miles (U.S.) or kilometers (Canada) driven since you last reset it.

There are two trip meters: Trip A and Trip B. Switch between these displays by pressing the Select/Reset knob repeatedly. Each trip meter works independently, so you can keep track of two different distances.

When you turn the ignition switch to ON (II), what you last selected is displayed.

To reset a trip meter, display it and then press and hold the Select/Reset knob until the number resets to “0.0”. Both trip meters will reset if the car’s battery goes dead or is disconnected.

Temperature Gauge

This shows the temperature of the engine’s coolant. During normal operation, the pointer should rise from the bottom white mark to about the middle of the gauge. In severe driving conditions, such as very hot weather or a long period of uphill driving, the pointer may rise into the upper half of the gauge. If it reaches the red (Hot) mark, pull safely to the side of the road. Turn to page [315](#) for instructions and precautions on checking the engine’s cooling system.

Fuel Gauge

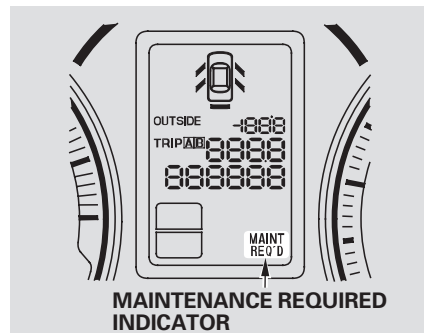
This shows how much fuel you have. It is most accurate when the car is on level ground. It may show slightly more or less than the actual amount when you are driving on curvy or hilly roads.

The needle returns to the bottom after you turn off the ignition. The gauge shows the fuel level reading immediately after you turn the ignition switch to ON (II).

NOTICE

Avoid driving with an extremely low fuel level. Running out of fuel could cause the engine to misfire, damaging the catalytic converter.

Maintenance Required Indicator



This indicator reminds you that it is time to take your car in for scheduled maintenance per the Normal Conditions maintenance schedule. The indicator light does not reflect severe maintenance intervals.

Refer to the Maintenance Schedules for Normal and Severe Driving Conditions on pages [234](#) – [238](#).

For the first 8,000 miles (12,800 km) after the Maintenance Required Indicator is reset, it will come on for two seconds when you turn the ignition switch to ON (II).

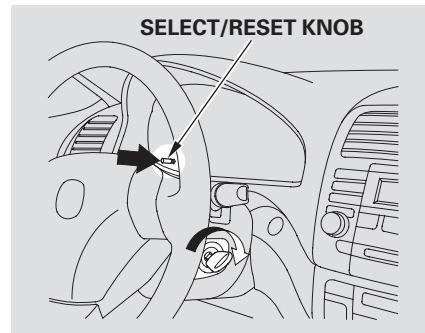
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Between 8,000 miles (12,800 km) and 10,000 miles (16,000 km), this indicator will light for two seconds when you first turn the ignition switch to ON (II), and then flash for ten seconds.

If you exceed 10,000 miles (16,000 km) without having the scheduled maintenance performed, this indicator will remain on as a constant reminder.

Your dealer will reset this indicator after completing the scheduled maintenance. If this maintenance is done by someone other than your Acura dealer, reset the indicator as follows.



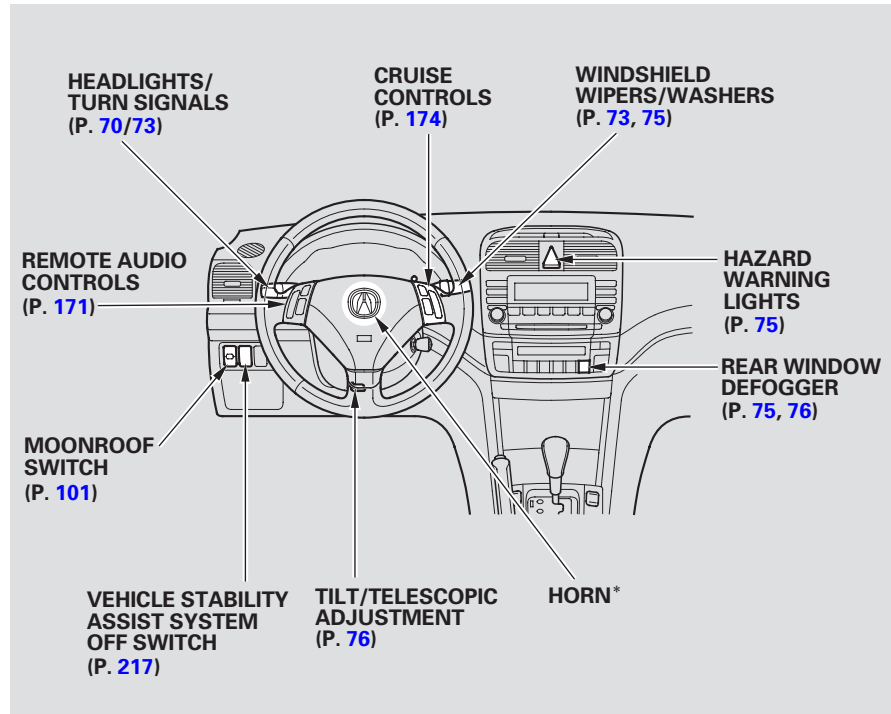
1. Turn off the engine.
2. Press and hold the Select/Reset knob in the instrument panel, then turn the ignition switch to ON (II).
3. Hold the knob for about ten seconds until the indicator resets.

Controls Near the Steering Wheel

The two levers on the steering column contain controls for the driving features you use most often. The left lever controls the turn signals, headlights, and high beams. The right lever controls the windshield washers and wipers.

The controls under the left air vent are for the moonroof and the VSA System.

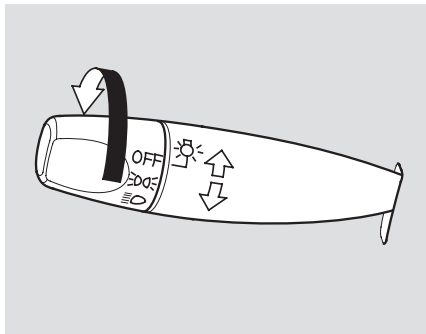
The steering wheel adjustment lever on the underside of the steering column allows you to tilt and telescope the steering wheel.



* To use the horn, press the pad around the “A” logo.

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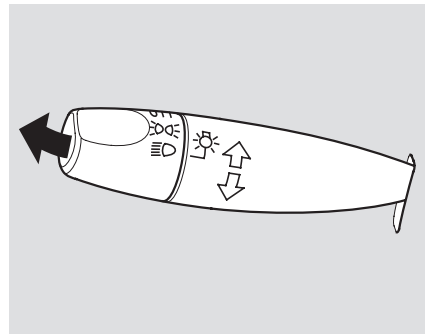
Headlights



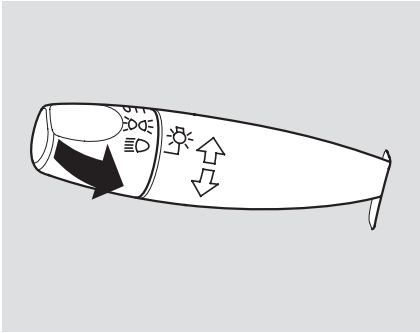
The rotating switch on the left lever controls the lights. Turning this switch to the “☀️” position turns on the parking lights, taillights, and rear license plate light. Turning the switch to the “☞” position turns on the headlights.

When the light switch is in either of these positions, the Lights On indicator comes on as a reminder.

If you leave the lights on with the key removed from the ignition switch, you will hear a reminder chime when you open the driver’s door.



To change from low beams to high beams, push the turn signal lever forward until you hear a click. The blue high beam indicator will light (see page 64). To return to low beams, pull the turn signal lever back.



To flash the high beams, pull the turn signal lever back lightly, then release it. The high beams will come on and go off.

The high beams will stay on for as long as you hold the lever back, no matter what position the headlight switch is in.

Automatic Lighting Off Feature

The Automatic Lighting Off feature turns off the headlights, parking lights, taillights, and license plate light within 15 seconds of removing the key from the ignition switch and closing the driver's door.

This feature activates if you leave the headlight switch in the “ ☀ ” or “ ☾ ” position, remove the key, then open and close the driver's door.

If you remove the key from the ignition switch with the headlight switch on, but do not open the door and get out, the lights will turn off after ten minutes.

The lights will turn on again when you unlock or open the driver's door. If you unlock the door, but do not open it within 15 seconds, the lights will go off. With the driver's door open, you will hear a lights-on reminder chime.

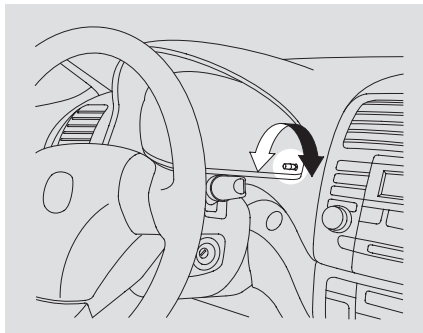
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Daytime Running Lights (Canadian Models)

With the headlight switch off, the high beam headlights and the high beam indicator come on with reduced brightness when you turn the ignition switch to ON (II) and release the parking brake. They remain on until you turn the ignition off, even if you set the parking brake.

The headlights revert to normal operation when you turn them on with the switch.

Instrument Panel Brightness



Turn the knob on the right side of the instrument panel to adjust the instrument panel brightness. There are six brightness levels. When you turn the knob, the odometer display changes to circles that show you the current level. The display returns to the odometer values five seconds after you stop adjusting the knob.

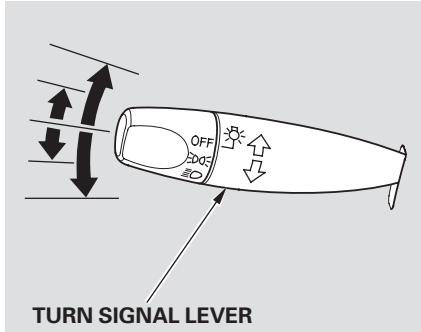
The instrument panel will illuminate with reduced brightness when you unlock and open the driver's door. The brightness will increase slightly when you insert the key in the ignition switch, then go to normal brightness when you turn the ignition switch to ON (II).

If you do not insert the key in the ignition switch after opening and closing the driver's door, the illumination turns off in about 30 seconds.

If you insert the key but do not turn the ignition switch to ON (II), the illumination turns off in about 10 seconds.

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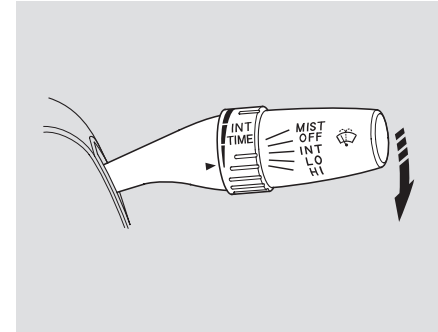
Turn Signals



Signal a turn or lane change with this lever. Push down on the lever to signal a left turn, and up to signal a right turn. If you push it up or down all the way, the turn signal continues to blink even when you release the lever. It shuts off automatically as you complete the turn.

To signal a lane change, push lightly on the turn signal lever in the proper direction and hold it. The lever will return to the center position as soon as you release it.

Windshield Wipers



This lever controls the windshield wipers and washers. It has five positions:

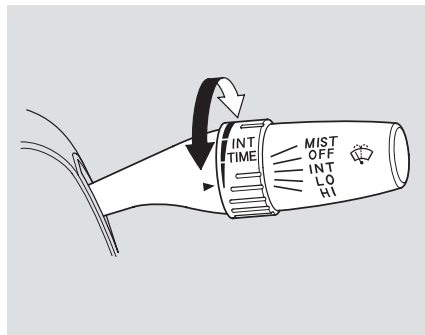
- MIST: mist
- OFF: off
- INT: intermittent
- LO: low speed
- HI: high speed

To select a position, push the lever up or down.

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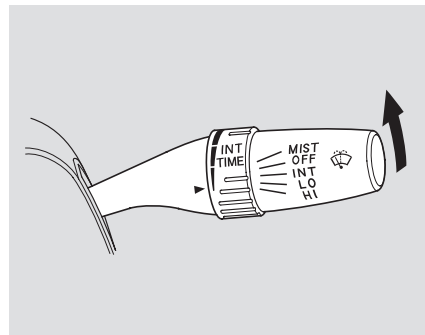
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In intermittent, the wipers operate every few seconds. The sweep interval will change slightly with speed; getting shorter as you drive faster. While the car is stopped and in gear, the wipers sweep the windshield whenever you remove your foot from the brake pedal. In low speed and high speed, the wipers run continuously.



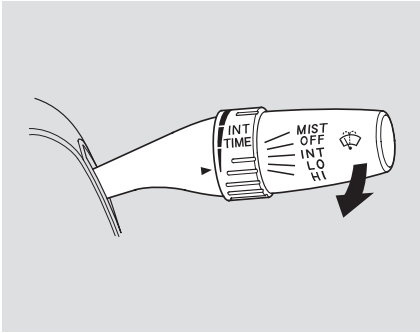
You can vary how often the wipers sweep the windshield by turning the INT TIME ring on the lever.

If you turn the INT TIME ring to the shortest delay, the wipers will change from intermittent to low speed operation when car speed exceeds 12 mph (20 km/h).



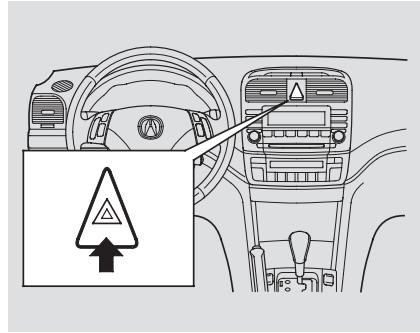
To operate the wipers in mist mode, push the control lever up from the OFF position. The wipers run at high speed until you release the lever. This gives you a quick way to clear the windshield.

Windshield Washers



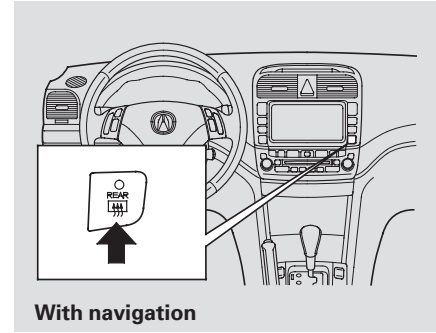
To clean the windshield, pull back on the wiper control lever. The washers spray until you release the lever. The wipers run at low speed while you're pulling the lever, then complete one more sweep of the windshield after you release it.

Hazard Warning



Push the button between the center vents to turn on the hazard warning lights (four-way flashers). This causes all four outside turn signals and both turn indicators in the instrument panel to flash. Use the hazard warning lights if you need to park in a dangerous area near heavy traffic, or if your car is disabled.

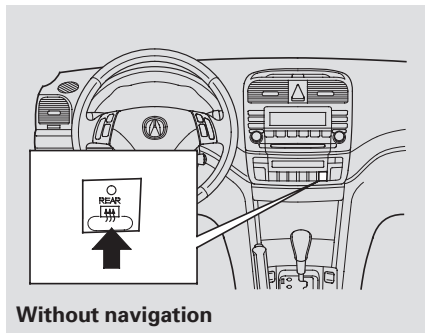
Rear Window Defogger



The rear window defogger will clear fog, frost, and thin ice from the window. Push the defogger button to turn it on and off. The light above the button lights to show the defogger is on. It also shuts off when you turn off the ignition. You have to turn it on again when you restart the car.

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Controls Near the Steering Wheel



Make sure the rear window is clear and you have good visibility before starting to drive.

The defogger and antenna wires on the inside of the rear window can be accidentally damaged. When cleaning the glass, always wipe side to side.

Steering Wheel Adjustment

See page 18 for important safety information about how to properly position the steering wheel.

Make any steering wheel adjustment before you start driving.

⚠ WARNING

Adjusting the steering wheel position while driving may cause you to lose control of the car and be seriously injured in a crash.

Adjust the steering wheel only when the car is stopped.

To adjust the steering wheel:

1. Insert the key in the ignition switch, and unlock the steering column.
2. Push the lever under the steering column all the way down.