

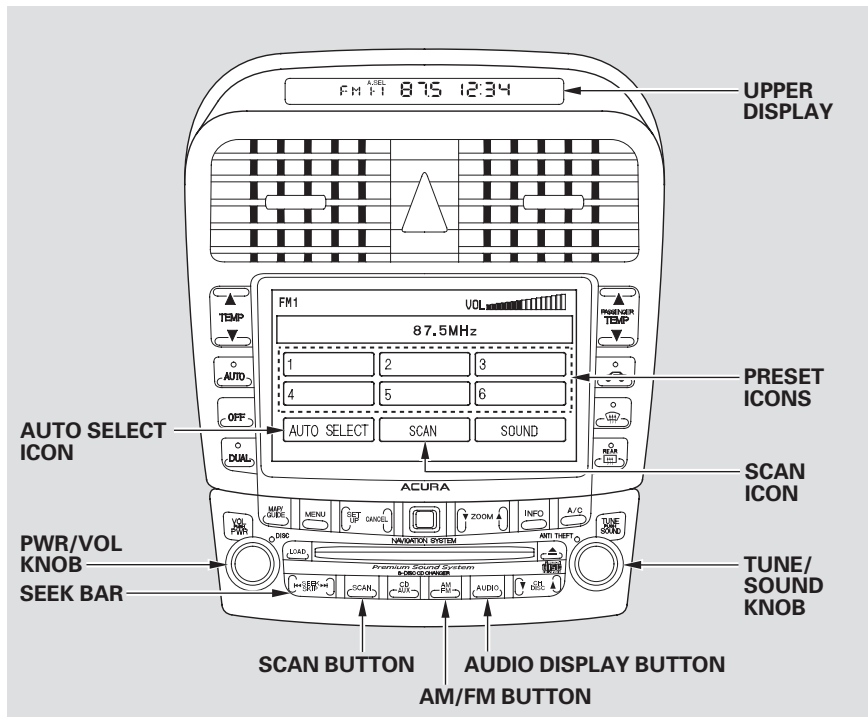
Audio System

With Navigation System AM/FM/CD Changer Audio System

Your Acura's audio system provides clear reception on both AM and FM bands, while the preset icons in the audio display allow you to easily select your favorite stations.

The in-dash CD changer holds up to six discs. You operate the CD changer with the same controls used for the radio. See page 156 for CD changer operation.

The anti-theft feature will disable the system if it is disconnected from the car's battery. To get the system working again, you must enter a code number (see page 172).



Operating the Radio

The ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II) to operate the audio system. Turn the system on by pressing the PWR/VOL knob, the AM/FM button, or the AUDIO DISPLAY button. Adjust the volume by turning the knob.

The band and frequency that the radio was last tuned to is displayed. To change bands, press the AM/FM button. On the FM band, ST will be seen in the upper display if the station is broadcasting in stereo. Stereo reproduction on AM is not available.

You can use any of five methods to find radio stations on the selected band: TUNE, SEEK, SCAN, AUTO SELECT, and the preset icons.

TUNE — Use the TUNE knob to tune the radio to a desired frequency. Turn the knob to the right to tune to a higher frequency, or to the left to tune to a lower frequency.

SEEK — The SEEK function searches the band for a station with a strong signal. To activate it, press the SEEK bar (◀◀ or ▶▶), then release it. Depending on which side of the SEEK bar you press, the system scans upward or downward from the current frequency. It stops when it finds a station with a strong signal.

SCAN — The SCAN function samples all the stations with strong signals on the selected band. To activate it, push and release the SCAN button or touch the SCAN icon at the bottom of the display. You will see SCAN in the display. The system will scan up the band for a station with a strong signal. When it finds one, it will stop and play that station for about 5 seconds. If you do nothing, the system will then scan for the next strong station and play that for 5 seconds. When it plays a station that you want to continue listening to, press the SCAN button or touch the SCAN icon again.

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Preset — You can store the frequencies of your favorite radio stations in the six preset icons. Each icon will store one frequency on the AM band, and two frequencies on the FM band.

To store a frequency:

1. Push the AUDIO DISPLAY button to view the audio display. You will see the six preset icons.
2. Select the desired band, AM or FM. FM1 and FM2 let you store two frequencies with each preset icon.
3. Use the TUNE, SEEK, or SCAN function to tune the radio to a desired station.
4. Pick the preset icon (1–6) you want for that station. Touch the icon, and hold it until you hear two beeps.

5. Repeat steps 2 to 4 to store a total of six stations on AM and twelve on FM.

Once a station's frequency is stored, simply touch the proper preset icon to tune to it.

The preset frequencies will be lost if your car's battery goes dead, is disconnected, or the radio fuse is removed.

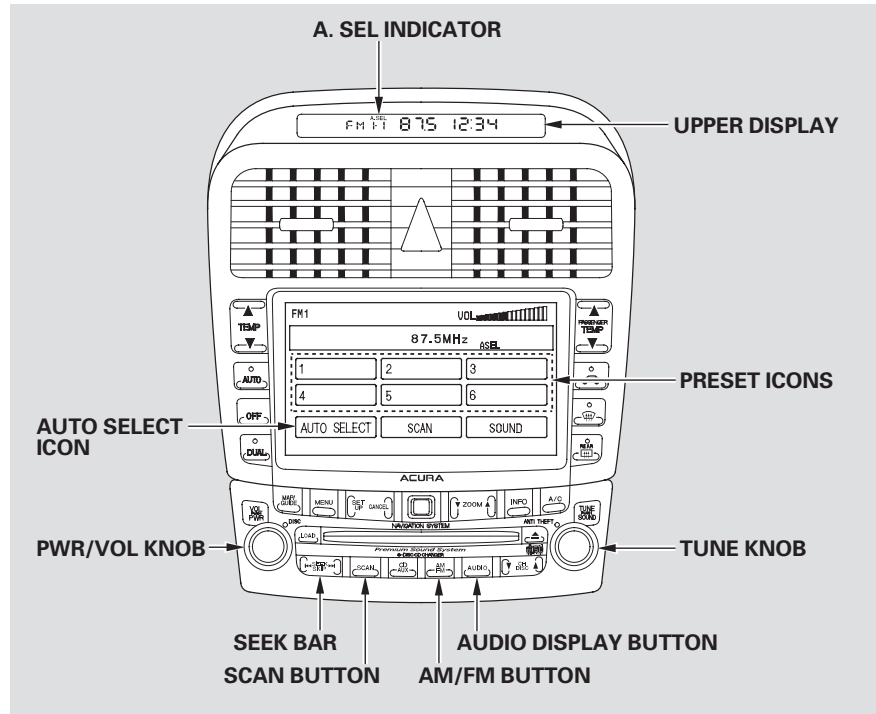
AUTO SELECT — If you are traveling far from home and can no longer receive the stations you preset, you can use the Auto Select feature to find stations in the local area.

To activate Auto Select, touch the Auto Select icon on the display. The A.SEL indicator will flash in the upper display, and the system will go into scan mode for several seconds. It automatically scans both bands, looking for stations with strong signals. It stores the frequencies of six AM stations and twelve FM stations in the preset icons. You can then use the preset icons to select those stations.

If you are in a remote area, Auto Select may not find six strong AM stations or twelve strong FM stations. If this happens, you will not see a station number on the corresponding preset icon.

If you do not like the stations Auto Select has stored, you can store other frequencies in the preset icons. Use the TUNE, SEEK, or SCAN function to find the desired frequencies, then store them in the selected preset icons as described previously.

Auto Select does not erase the frequencies that you preset previously. When you return home, turn off Auto Select by touching the AUTO SELECT icon. The preset icons will then select the frequencies you originally set.



To adjust the balance, touch the left or right icon on the sound grid. When you touch an icon, the yellow bars on the grid turn orange and move toward the icon, changing the balance left or right. To equalize the balance, touch the left or right icon until each side has an orange bar at the center of the sound grid.

To adjust the fader, touch the front or rear icon on the sound grid. When you touch an icon, the white bars on the grid turn orange and move toward the icon, changing the fader to the front or rear. To equalize the fader, touch the front or rear icon until each side has an orange bar at the center of the sound grid.

To see the audio screen when you are finished adjusting the sound, touch the RETURN icon or wait five seconds.

If you want to adjust the sound while the radio/CD is playing, push the AUDIO DISPLAY button, then touch the SOUND icon in the display.

To return to the previous display, push the AUDIO DISPLAY button again.

Digital Clock

The upper display shows the time when the ignition switch is in the ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II) position. The Navigation System receives signals from the Global Positioning System (GPS), and the displayed time is updated automatically by the GPS. Refer to the Navigation System Owner's Manual to set up the time.

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Radio Frequencies

Your Acura's radio can receive the complete AM and FM bands. Those bands cover these frequencies:

AM band:

530 to 1,710 kilohertz

FM band:

87.7 to 107.9 megahertz

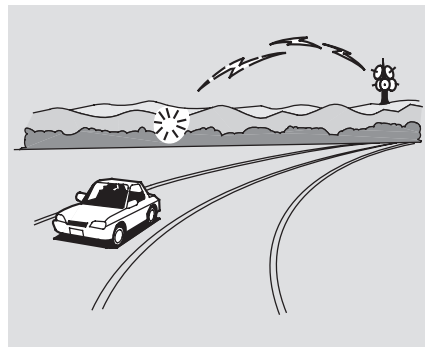
Radio stations on the AM band are assigned frequencies at least ten kilohertz apart (530, 540, 550). Stations on the FM band are assigned frequencies at least 0.2 megahertz apart (87.9, 88.1, 88.3).

Stations must use these exact frequencies. It is fairly common for stations to round-off the frequency in their advertising, so your radio could display a frequency of 100.9 even though the announcer may identify the station as "FM101."

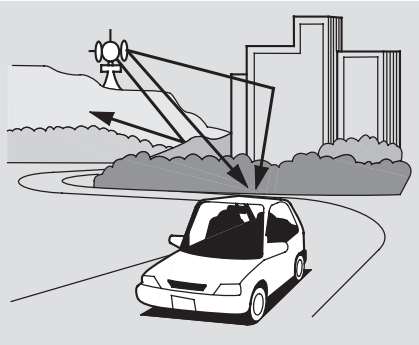
Radio Reception

How well your Acura's radio receives stations is dependent on many factors, such as the distance from the station's transmitter, nearby large objects, and atmospheric conditions.

A radio station's signal gets weaker as you get farther away from its transmitter. If you are listening to an AM station, you will notice the sound volume becoming weaker, and the station drifting in and out. If you are listening to an FM station, you will see the stereo indicator flickering off and on as the signal weakens. Eventually, the stereo indicator will go off and the sound will fade completely as you get out of range of the station's signal.



Driving very near the transmitter of a station that is broadcasting on a frequency close to the frequency of the station you are listening to can also affect your radio's reception. You may temporarily hear both stations, or hear only the station you are close to.



Radio signals, especially on the FM band, are deflected by large objects such as buildings and hills. Your radio then receives both the direct signal from the station's transmitter, and the deflected signal. This causes the sound to distort or flutter. This is a main cause of poor radio reception in city driving.



Radio reception can be affected by atmospheric conditions such as thunderstorms, high humidity, and even sunspots. You may be able to receive a distant radio station one day and not receive it the next day because of a change in conditions.

Electrical interference from passing vehicles and stationary sources can cause temporary reception problems.

*As required by the FCC:
Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.*

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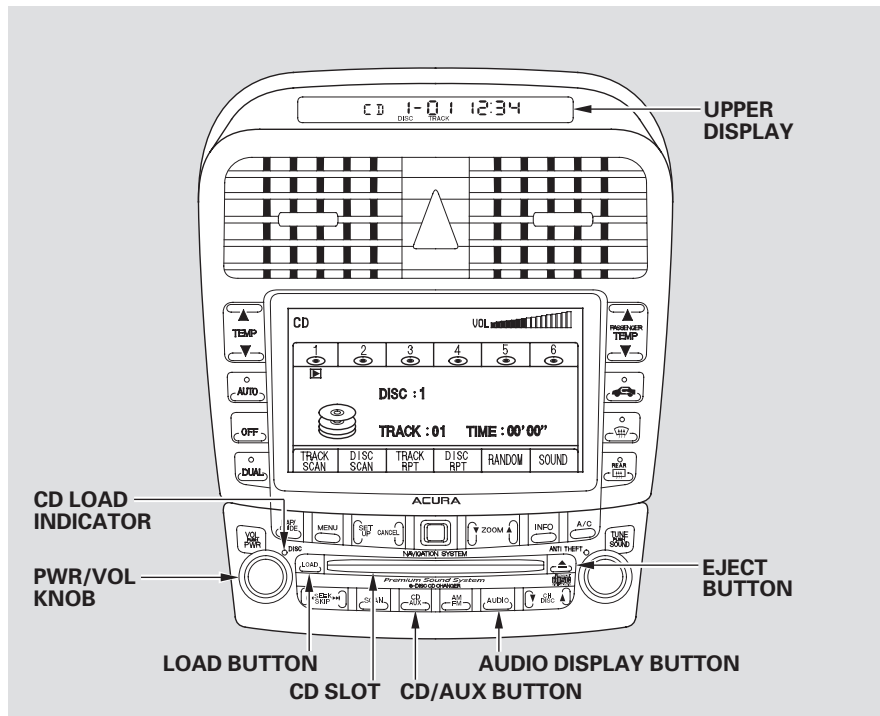
Operating the CD Changer

Your Acura's audio system has an in-dash CD changer that holds up to six discs, providing several hours of continuous entertainment. You operate this CD changer with the same controls used for the radio.

To load CDs or operate the CD changer, the ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II).

Load and play only standard round discs. Odd-shaped CDs may jam in the drive or cause other problems. You cannot load and play 3-inch (8-cm) discs in this system.

For best results when using CD-R discs, use only high quality discs labeled for audio use. When recording a CD-R, the recording must be closed in order for the disc to be used by CD players. CD-RW discs will not work in this unit.



Loading CDs in the Changer

To load multiple CDs in one operation:

1. Press and hold the LOAD button until you hear a beep and see “LOAD” in the upper display, then release the button.
2. Insert the disc into the CD slot. Insert it only about halfway; the drive will pull it in the rest of the way. You will see “BUSY” in the display. The red CD load indicator blinks as the CD is loaded.
3. When “LOAD” appears again in the display, insert the next disc into the CD slot.

4. Repeat this until all six positions are loaded. The system will then begin playing the last CD loaded.

If you stop loading CDs before all six positions are filled, the system will wait for 10 seconds, stop the load operation, and begin playing the last CD loaded.

To load a single CD:

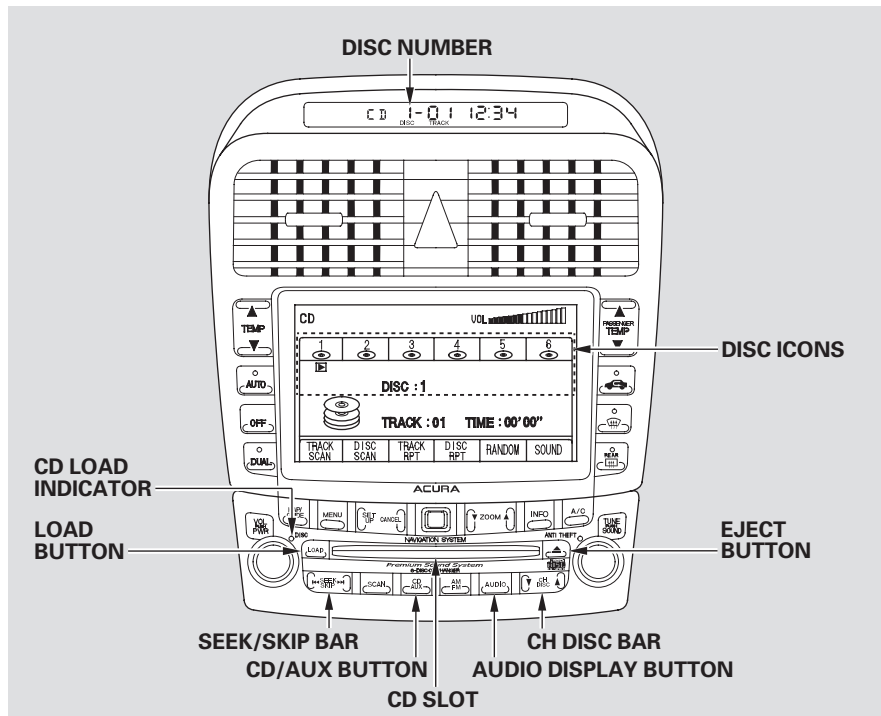
1. Press and release the LOAD button.
2. The disc number for an empty position is highlighted and the green CD load indicator comes on. When you see “LOAD” in the upper display, insert the disc into the CD slot. Insert it only about halfway; the drive will pull it in the rest of the way.
3. The system will load the CD, and begin playing it.

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If you press the LOAD button while a CD is playing, the system will stop playing that CD and start the loading sequence. It will then play the CD just loaded.

You can also load a CD into an empty position while a CD is playing by touching the appropriate disc icon. Select an empty position (the disc icon below the disc number is dark), and touch the icon for that position (1 – 6). The system will stop playing the current CD and start the loading sequence. It will then play the CD just loaded.



Operation

Select the CD changer by pressing the CD/AUX button. You will see “CD” in the upper display. The system will begin playing the last selected disc in the CD changer. You will see the disc and track numbers displayed.

When that disc ends, the next disc in the CD changer is loaded and played. After the last disc finishes, the system returns to disc one.

To select a different disc, touch the appropriate disc icon (1 – 6) or press the “▲” or “▼” on the CH DISC bar. If you use a disc icon to select an empty position in the CD changer, the system will go into the loading sequence (see page [157](#)).

You can use the SKIP bar while a disc is playing to select passages and change tracks.

To move rapidly within a track, press and hold “▲” or “▼” on the SKIP bar. The system will continue to move through the track. Press ▲ to move forward, or ▼ to move backward. Release the bar when the system reaches the point you want.

Each time you press and release ▲, the system skips forward to the beginning of the next track. Press and release ▼ to skip backward to the beginning of the current track. Press it again to skip to the beginning of the previous track.

Track Scan

When you touch the TRACK SCAN icon on the audio display, the first track of the current CD plays for about 10 seconds. You will see TRACK SCAN highlighted in the display (or SCAN in the upper display). To hear the rest of the track, touch TRACK SCAN again, within 10 seconds. If you don't, the system advances to the next track, plays about 10 seconds of it, and continues through the rest of the tracks the same way.

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Disc Scan

When you touch the DISC SCAN icon on the audio display, the first track of the current CD plays for about 10 seconds. You will see DISC SCAN in the display (or D-SCAN in the upper display). To hear the rest of the CD, touch DISC SCAN again, within 10 seconds. If you don't, the system advances to the next CD, plays about 10 seconds of it, and continues through the rest of the CDs the same way. When the system reaches the last CD, DISC SCAN is cancelled, and the CD plays normally.

Track Repeat

When you touch the TRACK RPT icon on the audio display, the system continuously replays the current track. As a reminder, you will see TRACK REPEAT in the display (or RPT in the upper display). To turn this feature off, touch TRACK REPEAT again.

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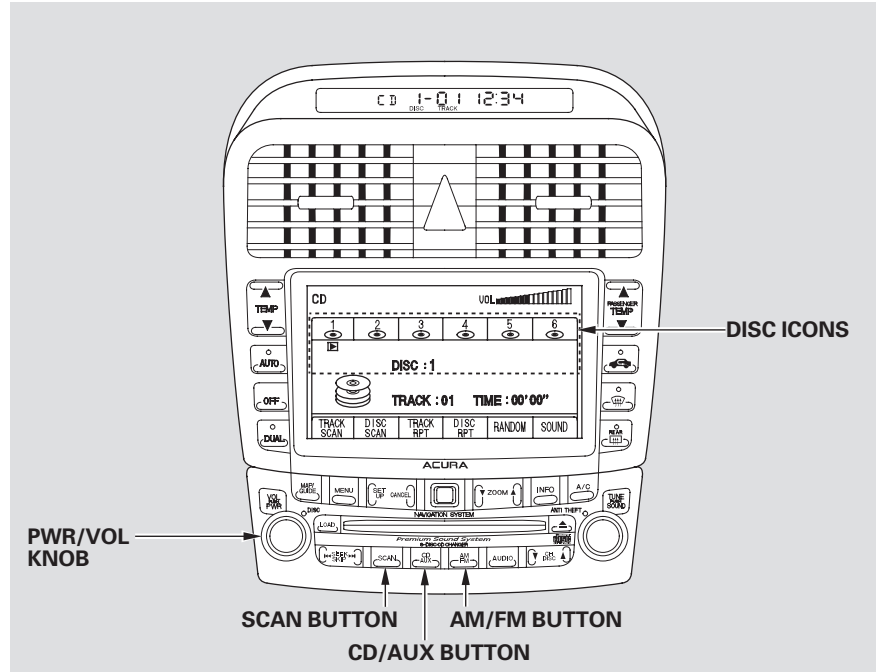
When you touch the DISC RPT icon on the audio display, the system continuously replays the current CD. As a reminder, you will see DISC REPEAT in the display (or D-RPT in the upper display). To turn this feature off, touch DISC RPT again.

Random Play

When you touch the RANDOM icon on the audio display, the system plays the tracks of the current CD in random order, rather than in the order they were recorded. As a reminder, you will see TRACK RANDOM in the display. To turn this feature off, touch RANDOM again, or select a different CD with one of the disc icons.

To take the system out of CD mode, press the AM/FM button. Each time you press the AM/FM button, the system changes to the next mode (AM, FM1, or FM2). When you return to CD mode by pressing the CD button, play will continue at the same point that it left off.

If you turn the system off while a CD is playing, either with the PWR/VOL knob or the ignition switch, play will continue at the same point when you turn it back on.



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If you press the eject button while listening to the radio, or with the audio system turned off, the disc that was last selected is ejected. After that disc is ejected, pressing the eject button again will eject the next disc in numerical order. By doing this six times, you can remove all the CDs from the changer.

In any mode, if you press the eject button and hold it until you hear a beep, the system will eject all of the discs in the changer.

You can also eject discs when the ignition switch is off by pressing the eject button. The disc that was last selected is ejected first. You can eject all six discs, one at a time.

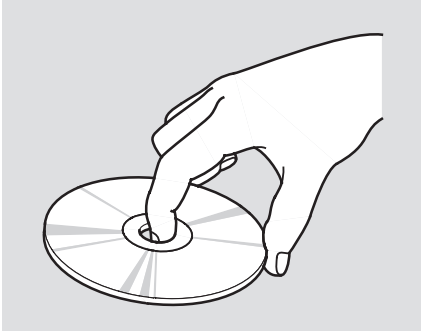
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CD Changer Error Indications

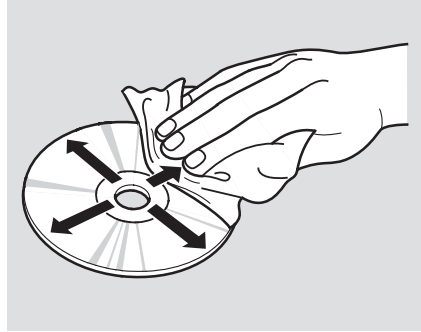
If you see an error indication in the upper display while operating the CD changer, find the cause in the chart to the right. If you cannot clear the error indication, take the car to your Acura dealer.

Indication	Cause	Solution
<i>CD DISC</i>	FOCUS Error	Press the CD eject button and pull out the CDs. Check for an error indication. Insert the CDs again. If the code does not disappear or the CDs cannot be pulled out, consult your Acura dealer.
<i>CD ERR</i>	Mechanical Error	Press the CD eject button and pull out the CDs. Check for an error indication. Insert the CDs again. If the code does not disappear or the CDs cannot be pulled out, consult your Acura dealer.

Protecting Compact Discs

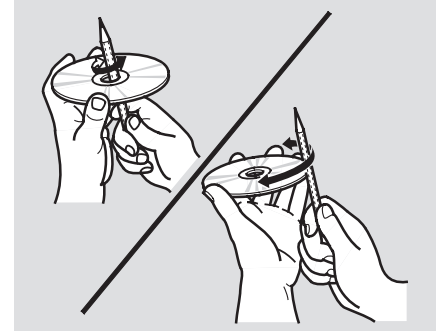


Handle a CD by its edges; never touch either surface. Do not place stabilizer rings or labels on the CD. These, along with contamination from fingerprints, liquids, and felt-tip pens, can cause the CD to not play properly, or possibly jam in the drive.



When a CD is not being played, store it in its case to protect it from dust and other contamination. To prevent warpage, keep CDs out of direct sunlight and extreme heat.

To clean a disc, use a clean soft cloth. Wipe across the disc from the center to the outside edge.



A new CD may be rough on the inner and outer edges. The small plastic pieces causing this roughness can flake off and fall on the recording surface of the disc, causing skipping or other problems. Remove these pieces by rubbing the inner and outer edges with the side of a pencil or pen.


Never try to insert foreign objects in the CD changer.

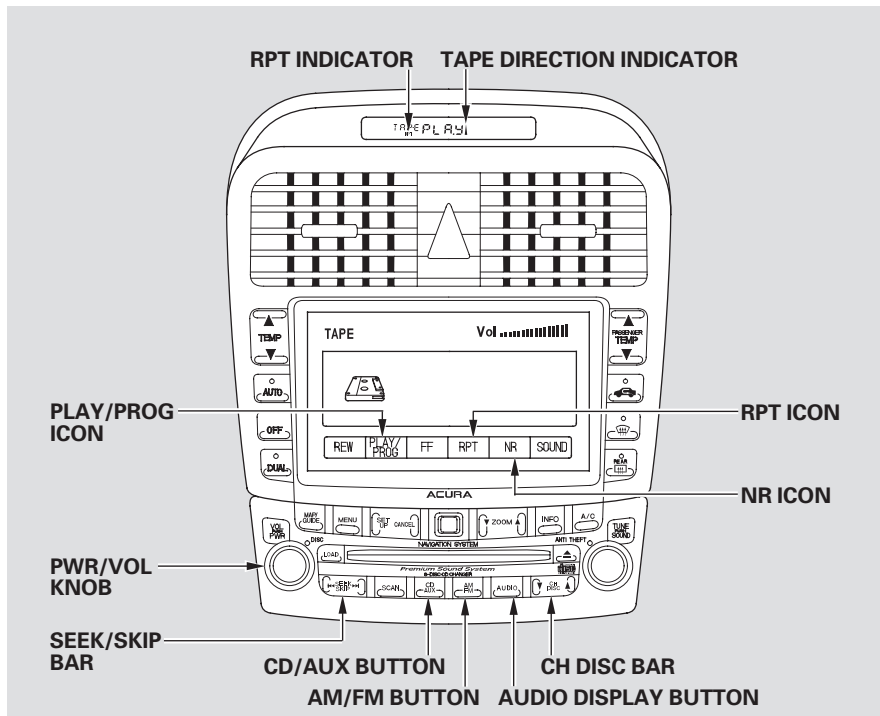
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Operating the Cassette Player (Optional)

The cassette system features Dolby* noise reduction, automatic sensing of chromium-dioxide (CrO₂) tape, and auto-reverse for continuous play.

To operate the cassette player, the ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY(I) or ON(II). Make sure the tape opening on the cassette is facing to the right, then insert the cassette most of the way into the slot. The system will pull it in the rest of the way, and begin to play.

* Dolby noise reduction manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation. "DOLBY" and the double-D symbol  are trademarks of Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation.



The tape direction indicator on the upper display will light to show you which side of the cassette is playing. The ▲ indicates the side you inserted facing upward is now playing. If you want to play the other side, push the AUDIO DISPLAY button to change to the audio display, then touch the PLAY/PROG icon.

Dolby noise reduction turns on when you insert a cassette. If the tape was not recorded with Dolby noise reduction, push the AUDIO DISPLAY button to change to the audio display, and turn it off by touching the NR icon.

Noise reduction remains off until you turn it on by pressing the icon again.

When the system reaches the end of the tape, it will automatically reverse direction and play the other side. If you want to remove the cassette from the drive, press the eject button on the cassette player.

If you turn the system off while a tape is playing, either with the PWR/VOL knob or by turning off the ignition, the cassette will remain in the drive. When you turn the system back on, the cassette player will be in pause mode. To begin playing, push the AUDIO DISPLAY button to change to the audio display, then touch the PLAY/PROG icon.

To switch to the radio or CD changer while a tape is playing, press the AM/FM or CD/AUX button. To change back to the cassette player, push the CD/AUX button.

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Tape Search Functions

With a cassette playing, you can use the FF, REW, SKIP, or REPEAT function to find a desired song or passage.

FF/REW — Fast Forward and Rewind move the tape rapidly. To rewind the tape, push “▲” on the CH DISC bar. You will see REW in the display. To fast forward the tape, push “▼” on the CH DISC bar. You will see FF displayed. To take the system out of rewind or fast forward, press “▲” or “▼” on the CH DISC bar or touch the PLAY/PROG icon on the audio display. When the system reaches the end of the tape, it reverses direction and begins to play.

SKIP — The Skip function allows you to find the beginning of a song or passage. To activate Skip, press the SEEK/SKIP bar. Press “▲” to advance to the beginning of the next song or passage, or “▼” to return to the beginning of the current song or passage. FF or REW will be shown in the upper display as the tape moves. When the system reaches the beginning of the next song or passage (FF), or the beginning of the current one (REW), it goes back to Play mode.

REPEAT — The Repeat function continuously replays the current song or passage. Press the AUDIO DISPLAY button to change to the audio display, then touch the RPT icon; you will see RPT in the upper display as a reminder. When the system reaches the end of the song or passage currently playing, it will automatically go into rewind. When it senses the beginning of the same song or passage, the system returns to Play mode. It will continue to repeat this same program until you deactivate Repeat by touching the RPT icon again.

The Skip and Repeat functions use silent periods on the tape to find the end of a song or passage. These features may not work to your satisfaction if there is almost no gap between selections, a high noise level between selections, or a silent period in the middle of a selection.

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Caring for the Cassette Player

The cassette player picks up dirt and oxides from tapes. This contamination builds up over time and causes the sound quality to degrade. To prevent this, you should clean the player after every 30 hours of use. Your dealer has a cleaning kit available.

If you do not clean the cassette player regularly, it may eventually become impossible to remove the contamination with a normal cleaning kit.

Use 100-minute or shorter cassettes. Cassettes longer than that use thinner tape that may break or jam the drive.

Look at the cassette before you insert it. If the tape is loose, tighten it by turning a hub with a pencil or your finger.

If the label is peeling off, remove it from the cassette or it could cause the cassette to jam in the player. Never try to insert a warped or damaged cassette in the player.

When they are not in use, store cassettes in their cases to protect them from dust and moisture. Never place cassettes where they will be exposed to direct sunlight, high heat, or high humidity. If a cassette is exposed to extreme heat or cold, let it reach a moderate temperature before inserting it in the player.

Never try to insert foreign objects into the cassette player.

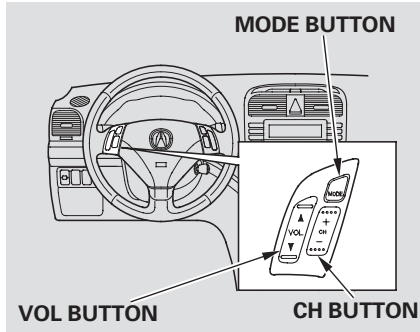
On Audio Systems without Navigation System

If you see the error indication “*TAPÉ ERR*” flashing on the display, press the TAPE eject button to remove the cassette from the unit. Make sure the tape is not damaged. If the cassette will not eject or the error indication stays on after the cassette ejects, take the car to your Acura dealer.

On Audio Systems with Navigation System

If you see the error indication “*TAPÉ ERR*” on the upper display, press the TAPE eject button to remove the cassette from the unit. Make sure the tape is not damaged. If the cassette will not eject or the error indication stays on after the cassette ejects, take the car to your Acura dealer.

Remote Audio Controls



Three controls for the audio system are mounted in the steering wheel hub. They let you control basic functions without removing your hands from the wheel.

The VOL button adjusts the volume up (▲) or down (▼). Press the top or bottom of the button and hold it until the desired volume is reached, then release it.

The MODE button changes the mode. Pressing the button repeatedly selects FM1, FM2, AM, CD (if a CD is loaded), or a cassette (if equipped).

If you are listening to the radio, use the CH button to change stations. Each time you press the top (+) of the button, the system goes to the next preset station on the band you are listening to. Press the bottom (–) to go back to the previous station.

If you are playing a CD, the system skips to the beginning of the next track each time you press the top (+) of the CH button. Press the bottom (–) to return to the beginning of the current track. Press it again to return to the previous track. You will see the disc and track number in the display.

If you are playing a tape in the optional cassette player, press the top (+) of the CH button to advance to the next selection. Press the bottom (–) to go back to the previous selection. The system senses a silent period, then goes back to Play mode.

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Theft Protection

Your car's audio system will disable itself if it is disconnected from electrical power for any reason. To make it work again, the user must enter a specific code using the preset buttons or the TUNE knob. Because there are hundreds of number combinations possible, making the system work without knowing the exact code is nearly impossible.

You should have received a card that lists your audio system's code number and serial number. It is best to store this card in a safe place at home. In addition, you should write the audio system's serial number in this Owner's Manual. If you should happen to lose the card, you must obtain the code number from your Acura dealer. To do this, you will need the system's serial number.

If your car's battery is disconnected or goes dead, or the radio fuse is removed, the audio system will disable itself. If this happens, you will see "CODE"/"CODE" in the frequency display the next time you turn on the system. Use the preset buttons or the TUNE knob to enter the code.

If your car is equipped with a navigation system, press and release the TUNE knob; the number "0" appears on the display.

- If "0" is the first digit in your code, press and release the TUNE knob to store it.
- If "0" is not the first digit in your code, turn the TUNE knob left or right until the first digit is displayed. Press and release the TUNE knob to store it. Enter the remaining digits the same way.

When all the digits in the code are entered correctly, the radio will start playing.

If you make a mistake entering the code, do not start over or try to correct your mistake. Complete the sequence, then enter the correct code. You have ten tries to enter the correct code. If you are unsuccessful in ten attempts, you must then leave the system on for 1 hour before trying again.

You will have to store your favorite stations in the preset buttons after the system begins working. Your original settings were lost when power was disconnected.