

Heating and Cooling

On all models except EX-L and EX-V6
Proper use of the Heating and Cooling system can make the interior dry and comfortable, and keep the windows clear for the best visibility.

If your car does not have air conditioning, it can be installed at any time. Your dealer can install a genuine Honda air conditioning system that meets Honda's high quality standards and is designed to exactly fit your car. Please contact your dealer for more information.

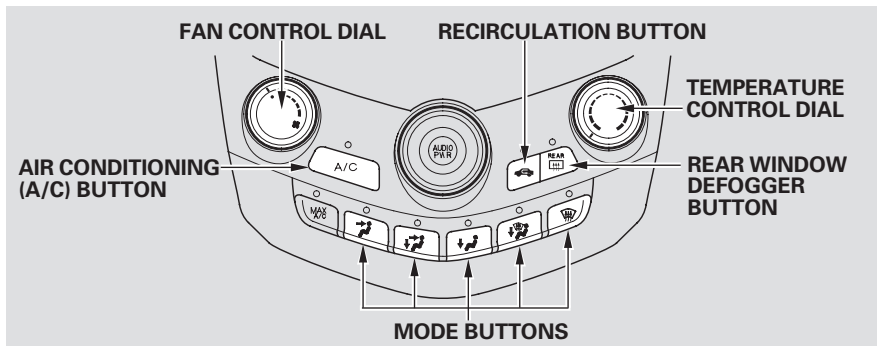
What Each Control Does

Fan Control Dial

Turning this dial clockwise increases the fan's speed, which increases air flow.

Temperature Control Dials

Turning this dial clockwise increases the temperature of the air flow.



Air Conditioning (A/C) Button

Air Conditioning is optional on the U.S. DX model.

This button turns the air conditioning ON and OFF. The indicator above the button lights when the A/C is on.

Rear Window Defogger Button

This button turns the rear window defogger on and off (see page 72).


Recirculation Button

This button controls the source of air going into the system. When the indicator above this button is lit, air from the car's interior is sent through the system again (Recirculation mode). When the indicator is off, air is brought in from outside the car (Fresh Air mode).


Mode Buttons

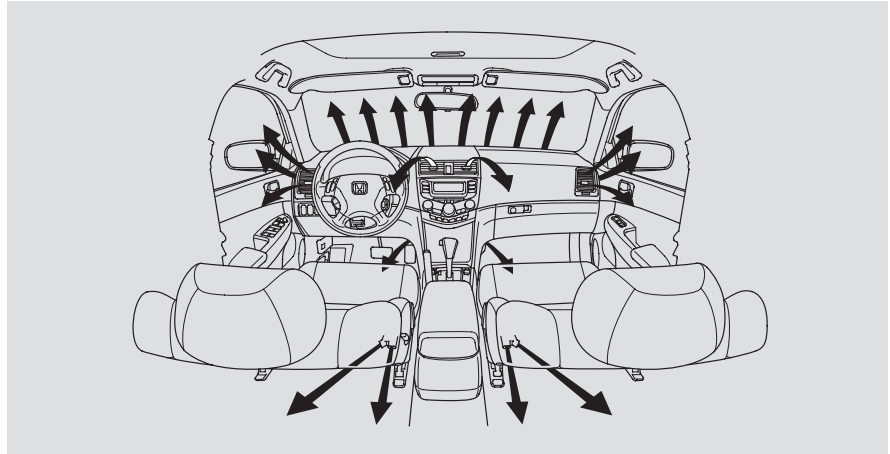
Use the MODE buttons to select the vents the air flows from. Some air will flow from the dashboard corner vents in all modes.




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

 Air flow is divided between the vents in the dashboard and the floor vents.

 Air flows from the floor vents.

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

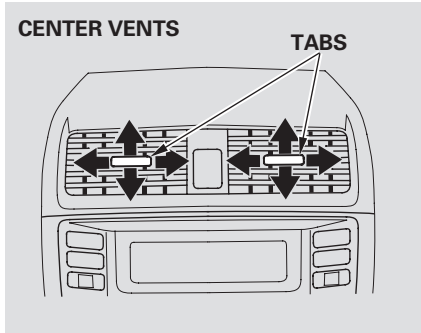


 Air flows from the defroster vents at the base of the windshield, and the corner vents in the dashboard. When you select  or , the system automatically switches to Fresh Air mode.

MAX A/C The system automatically turns on the A/C and switches to Recirculation mode. Air flows from the center and side vents in the dashboard.

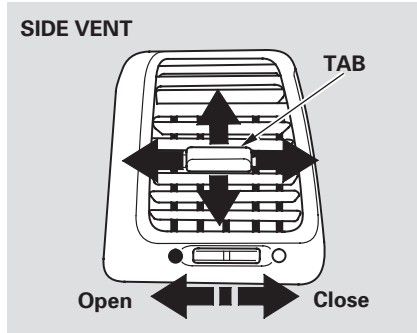
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Vent Controls



The direction of air flow from the vents in the center and each side of the dashboard is adjustable.

To adjust the air flow from the center vent, move the tab up-and-down and side-to-side.



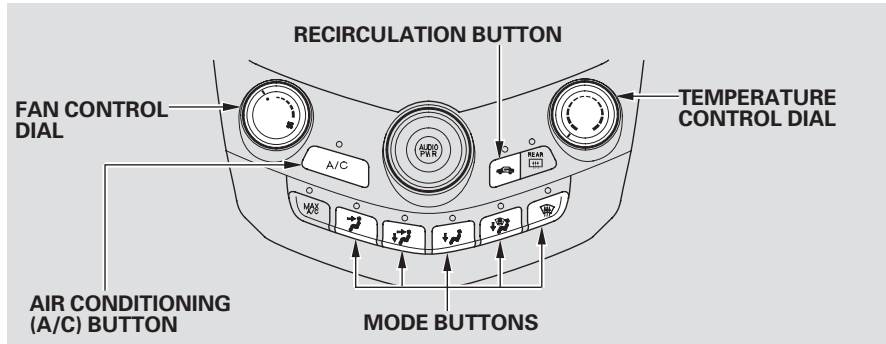
The vents in the corners of the dashboard can be opened and closed with the dials underneath them.

How to Use the System

This section covers how to set up the system controls for ventilation, heating, cooling, dehumidifying, and defrosting.

The engine must be running for the heater and air conditioning to generate hot and cold air. 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. The air conditioning does not rely on engine temperature.


It is best to leave the system 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 you are driving through smoky or dusty conditions, then switch back to Fresh Air mode when the condition clears.



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

Ventilation

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


1. Turn the temperature control dial all the way to the left. Make sure the A/C is off.
2. Select  and Fresh Air mode.
3. Set the fan to the desired speed.

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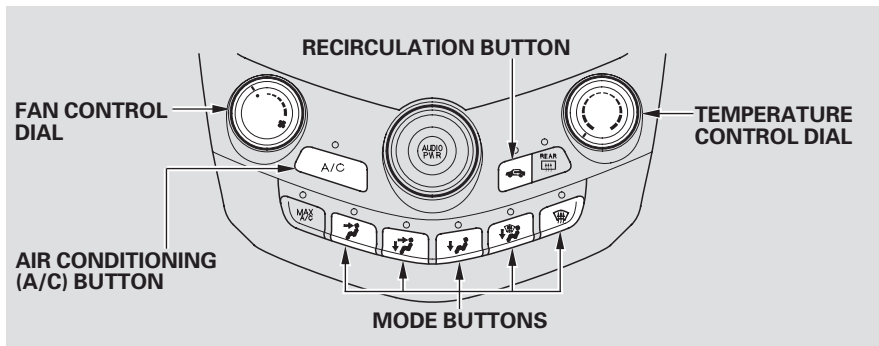
To Cool with A/C

On cars with manual air conditioning system

1. Turn on the A/C by pressing the A/C button. The light above the button should come on when a fan speed is selected.
2. Make sure the temperature control dial 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 from being parked in the sun, you can cool it down more rapidly by setting up the controls this way:

1. Start the engine.
2. Turn on the A/C by pressing the A/C button. Make sure the temperature control dial is set to maximum cool.
3. Set the fan to maximum speed.




4. Open the windows partially. Select  and Fresh Air mode.

When the interior has cooled down to a more comfortable temperature, close the windows and set the controls as described for normal cooling.

Air conditioning places an extra load on the engine. Watch the engine coolant temperature gauge (see page 64) when driving in stop-and-go traffic or climbing a long, steep hill. If it moves near the red zone, turn off the A/C until the gauge reads normally.


To Heat

To warm the interior:

1. Start the engine.
2. Select  and Fresh Air mode.
3. Set the fan to the desired speed.
4. Adjust the warmth of the air with the temperature control dial.

To Heat and Dehumidify with Air Conditioning



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. Set the fan to the desired speed.
2. Turn on the air conditioning.
3. Select  and Fresh Air mode.
4. Adjust the temperature control dial so the mixture of heated and cooled air feels comfortable.

Once the engine is warmed up, this setting is suitable for all driving conditions.

To Defog and Defrost

To remove fog from the inside of the windows:



1. Set the fan to the desired speed.
2. Select  .
When you select  , the system automatically switches to Fresh Air mode and turns on the A/C. (The indicator above the A/C button stays off.)
3. Adjust the temperature control dial so the air flow from the defroster vents feels warm.
4. Turn on the rear window defogger to help clear the rear window.

When you switch to another mode from  , the A/C turns off. But if it was on to start with, it stays on.

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To remove exterior frost or ice from the windshield and side windows after the car has been sitting out in cold weather:

1. Start the engine.
2. Select  .
When you select  , the system automatically switches to Fresh Air mode and turns on the A/C. (The indicator above the A/C button stays off.)
3. Set the fan and temperature controls to maximum.

To rapidly remove exterior frost or ice from the windshield (on very cold days), first select the Recirculation mode. Once the windshield is clear, select the Fresh Air mode to avoid fogging the windows.

These settings direct all the air flow to the defroster vents at the base of the windshield and the side window defroster vents. The air flow will get warmer and clear the windows faster as the engine warms up. You can close the side vents with the dial underneath each vent. This will send more warm air to the windshield defroster vents.

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

To Turn Everything Off

To shut off the system temporarily, turn the fan speed and temperature control dials all the way to the left.

You should shut the system completely off only for the first few minutes of driving in cold weather, until the engine coolant warms up enough to operate the heater. Keep the fan on at all other times so stale air does not build up in the interior.