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## ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

The Advanced Technology Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your new Acura and provide basic instructions on technology and convenience features. This guide covers the TL with Technology and Advance Packages.

This guide is not intended to be a substitute for the Owner's Manual. For more detailed information on vehicle controls and operation, please refer to the respective sections in the Owner's Manual or Navigation Manual.

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\*if equipped

# KEYLESS ACCESS SYSTEM

Operate certain functions of your vehicle by simply having the remote within operating range.

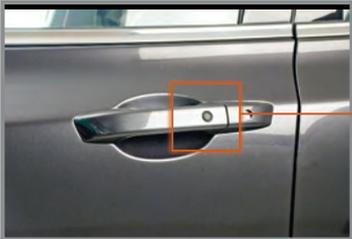
## Unlocking the Doors



Grab either one of the front door handles.



## Locking the Doors



Press the door lock button on either front door handle.



## Opening the Trunk



Press the trunk release button under the spoiler.



## Engine Start/Stop Button

### Accessory or On Mode

Use audio, power sockets, etc., without turning the engine on.



Press the ENGINE START/STOP button once (without pressing the brake pedal). Press it again for On mode.



### Starting the Engine



Press and hold the brake pedal\*, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.



\* For manual transmissions, press and hold the clutch.

### Turning the Vehicle Off



Shift to Park\*, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.



Note: If you press the button and the shift lever is not in Park, the vehicle goes into Accessory mode.

\* For manual transmissions, apply the emergency brake.

# INSTRUMENT PANEL INDICATORS

Briefly appear with each engine start. Red and amber indicators are most critical. Blue and green indicators are used for general information. See your Owner's Manual for more information.



## Malfunction Indicators

If an indicator remains on, there may be a problem; see your dealer.

 Charging system	 SH-AWD* (Super Handling All-Wheel Drive)
 BRAKE Low brake fluid, Brake system	 Malfunction indicator lamp (check engine light)
 Low oil pressure	 VSA® (Vehicle Stability Assist)
 SRS (Supplemental Restraint System)	 TPMS (blinks) (Tire Pressure Monitoring System)
 ABS (Anti-lock Brake System)	 EPS (Electronic Power Steering System)
 Keyless Access System	 BSI* (Blind Spot Information System)

\*if equipped

## Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver.

 BRAKE Parking brake on: Release	 Message indicator: See <a href="#">MID</a>
 Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s)	 Low fuel: Refill
 Door/trunk open: Close door or trunk	 Low tire pressure (stays on): Add air
 Immobilizer (blinks): Use correct key	

## On/Off Indicators

 PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (above audio panel)	 Fog lights on
 SIDE AIRBAG OFF	 Headlights on
 VSA OFF	 Turn signals/hazards on
 CRUISE MAIN on	 High beams on
 CRUISE CONTROL on	

# MULTI-INFORMATION DISPLAY (MID)

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

## Accessing the MID



When you start the engine, the MID shows the last active display from the previous drive cycle.

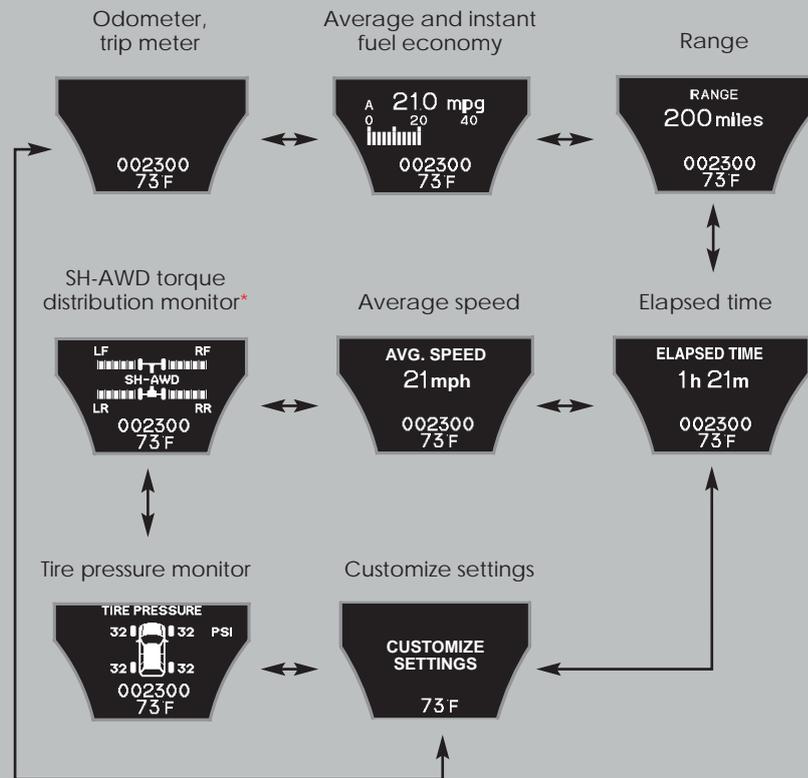


To toggle between the MID main displays, press either Info button (▲/▼).

To toggle between the lower displays, press SEL/RESET.



## Main Displays



\* if equipped

## Lower Displays



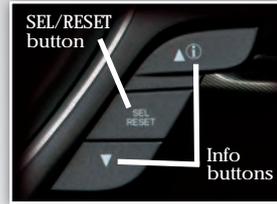
## Customizing Settings Using the MID

Five groups of settings can be programmed using the MID\*: Meter Setup, Position Setup, Keyless Access Setup, Lighting Setup, and Door Setup.

### Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting



Press either Info button to toggle to the "Customize Settings" display, then press SEL/RESET to enter the menu.



1. Select CHANGE SETTINGS.



2. Select DOOR SETUP.



3. Select AUTO DOOR UNLOCK.



4. Select ALL DOORS With SHIFT TO P.



5. Once the setting has been saved, select EXIT.



\* See "Customize Settings" in your Owner's Manual for other programmable settings.

## Tire Pressure Monitoring System

Alerts you when one or more of your tires has significantly low pressure. Toggle to the tire pressure monitor display to view pressure readings on the MID.

### How It Works



If the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels:

- The low tire pressure indicator comes on.
- A "CHECK TIRE PRESSURE" message appears on the MID, showing which tire(s) have low pressure.



### What to Do

1. Visually inspect the tires for damage.
2. Use a tire air pressure gauge (or check the MID) to check which tire(s) have low pressure.



3. Inflate the tire(s), if necessary, to the recommended pressures listed on the label on the driver's doorjamb.



## DRIVING POSITION MEMORY SYSTEM (DPMS)

Store driver's seat and side mirror positions into memory for each corresponding keyless remote (1 or 2), which are recalled when you unlock the driver's door with the remote and enter the vehicle.

### Programming the DPMS

1. Turn the vehicle on. Shift into Park (P), or set the parking brake for manual transmission vehicles.



3. Press SET. You will hear a beep.



2. Adjust your preferred seat and outside mirror settings.



4. Press the memory button corresponding to the remote (1 or 2) you are using. You will hear two beeps.



Note: Stored positions can also be recalled by pressing one of the memory buttons (1 or 2) on the door.

## REARVIEW CAMERA

For added convenience, the area behind your vehicle is displayed to help you navigate while backing up.

### How It Works

- When you shift into Reverse, a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown in the navigation display.
- Yellow parking guidelines appear to help you judge distance.
- Adjust the screen brightness by turning the Interface Dial.
- The display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.



## REVERSE TILT DOOR MIRRORS

When you shift into Reverse (R), you can tilt either outside door mirror down slightly to improve your view as you parallel park. Shifting out of Reverse returns the tilted mirror to its original position.

### How It Works



- To tilt the driver's door mirror, move the mirror selector switch to the left (L) position.
- To tilt the passenger's side door mirror, move the mirror selector switch to the right (R) position.
- To turn the feature off, move the switch to the middle position.

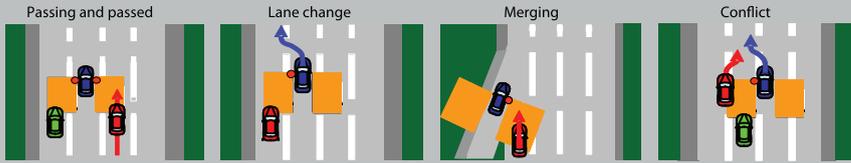


# BLIND SPOT INFORMATION (BSI) SYSTEM (Advance Package)

Assists you in determining if there are vehicles in your blind spots.

## How It Works

A radar sensor on each corner of the rear bumper alerts you to a detected vehicle in your blind spot.



Minimum operating speed: 6-7 mph

When a vehicle is detected in your blind spot, the blind spot indicator turns on and stays lit until the area is clear.

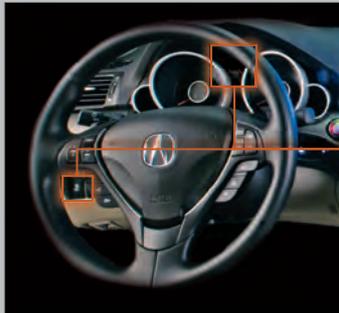


When your turn signal is on and a vehicle is detected, the blind spot indicator blinks until the area is clear or the turn signal is turned off.



Left BSI indicator shown

## Turning BSI Off/On



Press and hold the BSI OFF button on the dashboard to turn BSI off or on.

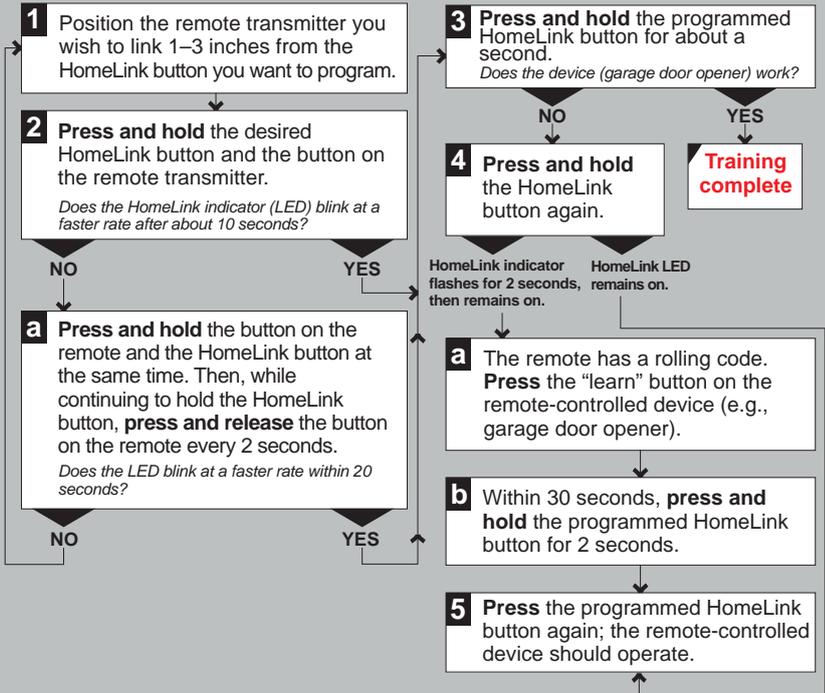


A message briefly appears on the MID screen showing the system status.

# HOMELINK®

Program your vehicle to operate up to three remote-controlled devices around your home, such as garage doors, lighting, or home security systems.

## Training a Button



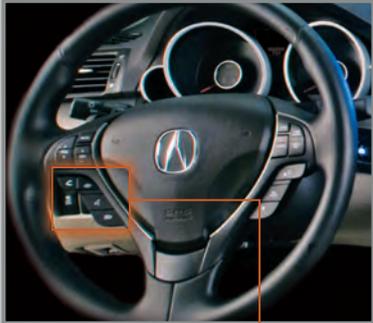
If you have any problems programming HomeLink, see the owner's manual included with the device you are trying to program, call HomeLink at (800) 355-3515, or visit [www.homelink.com](http://www.homelink.com).

# VOICE RECOGNITION

To keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel, use voice commands for hands-free calling, navigation, audio, climate control, and AcuraLink functions. For a full list of commands, say "Display information" and "Voice Info."

## Key Functions Operational by Voice Command

Control five different systems with the steering wheel buttons and the ceiling microphone.



**Pick-Up button:** Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.

**Hang-Up button:** End a call or decline a call.

**Talk button:** Give HFL, navigation, audio, climate control, or AcuraLink commands.

**Back button:** Cancel a command and return to the previous screen.



## Voice Command Tips

- To hear a list of available commands at any time, press and release the Talk button, then say "Help."
- When using the Talk button, wait for a beep, then say a command.
- When the Talk button is pressed, all available voice commands are highlighted in blue.
- Speak in a clear, natural voice without pausing between words.
- Reduce all background noise.
- Adjust the dashboard and side vents away from the microphone in the ceiling.
- Close the windows.

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## Commonly Used Voice Commands

Here are some examples of commonly used voice commands. Try some of these to familiarize yourself with the voice command system.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### General Commands (Accepted on most screens to change displays)



- Display map
- Display menu
- Display Information
- Display audio screen
- What time is it?

### Find Place Commands (Accepted on Map screen)



- Find nearest:
  - ATM
  - gas station
  - Mexican restaurant
  - post office
  - bank
  - Acura dealer
  - airport
  - hospital

### Display Commands (Accepted on Map screen)



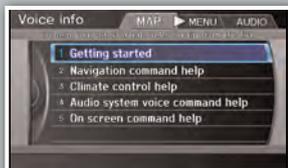
- Display (or hide):
  - ATM
  - gas station
  - restaurant
  - post office
  - Display north up/heading up
  - Zoom in/out
  - Go home
  - Display current location

### Navigation Commands (Accepted on Map screen after a destination is entered)



- How long/far to the destination?
- Display destination
- Display entire route

### Help Commands (Accepted on most screens)



- Help (list of available commands for current screen)
- Voice info (from the INFO screen - list of all available navigation, audio, and climate control commands)

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### Audio Commands (Accepted on most screens)



- Radio on
- Radio # FM/AM
- Radio preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- XM channel #
- XM preset 1/2/3/4/5/6
- CD play
- CD play track #
- CD skip forward/back
- iPod/USB/HDD play

### Climate Control Commands (Accepted on most screens)



- Air conditioner on/off
- Rear defrost on/off
- Climate control recirculate/fresh air
- Fan speed up/down
- Temperature # degrees (# = 57-87)
- Temperature max hot/cold

### Setup Commands (Accepted on Setup screen)



- Brightness up/down
- Volume up/down/min/max/off
- Interface dial feedback on/off

### Traffic Commands\* (Accepted on Map screen)



- Display traffic
- Display traffic speeds
- Display traffic icons
- Display traffic incidents/list

### Weather Commands\* (Accepted on map screen)



- Display weather
- Display weather icons
- Display weather warning icons

\*subscription required

# NAVIGATION

Real-time navigation system uses GPS and a map database to show your current location and help guide you to a desired destination.

## Entering a Destination Using Voice Commands

Set a destination using a street address. For other destination options, see your Navigation Manual.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

1. Say "Display menu" and "Address."



4. Say the entire street address number. For example, "1-2-3-4."



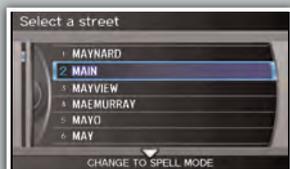
2. Say "Street," then say the street name on the next screen. Do not include the direction (N, S, E, W) or type (St., Ave., Blvd., etc.).



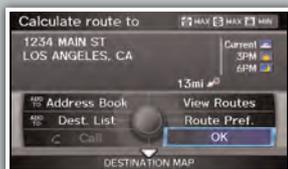
5. If the street address is in more than one city, a list of city names appears. Say the number next to the city you want.



3. A list of street names appears. Say the number next to the street you want.



6. The system calculates the route and displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



## Using the "Find Nearest" Command

Find a nearby point of interest, such as a gas station, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

1. From the map screen, say "Find nearest ATM."



3. Say the number next to the destination you want to select.



2. A list of the nearest ATMs in your area is displayed by shortest distance to destination.

4. The system calculates the route and displays the "Calculate route to" screen. Say "OK" to set the route.



## Map Screen Legend



Calculated route

Direction of destination

Distance to go

Time to go

Current vehicle location



## ACURALINK REAL-TIME TRAFFIC™\* (if equipped)

Provides continuously updated info, including traffic speed, incidents, and construction in major metro areas.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### Displaying Traffic Information

Say "Display traffic" to view highway flow data.



Heavy traffic

Moderate traffic

Free-flow traffic

Note: Traffic flow and incident icons are displayed on map scales of 5 miles (8 km) or less.

### Incident Icons



Incident



Road closed



Congestion



Weather



Construction

### Traffic Rerouting™

When a destination is already set, you can create a detour to avoid traffic incidents or congestion (if Traffic Rerouting is set to ON in Setup).

1. Say "Display traffic list" to view a list of incidents on your route.



3. Say "Avoid" and the incident list returns.



2. Say the number of the incident you want to avoid. When the incident appears, say "Traffic detail."



4. Say "Reroute" to set the new route.



\* Subscription-based service through Sirius XM Radio® (free 90-day trial upon vehicle purchase)

## ACURALINK REAL-TIME WEATHER™\* (if equipped)

Provides continuously updated weather conditions, warnings, and forecasts in major metro areas.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### Displaying Weather Icons

Say "Display weather" to view weather icons for each city.



### Weather Icons



Clear



Fog



Partly Cloudy



Rain



Cloudy



Snow

Note: Weather icons are available on all map scales.

### Displaying Weather Information

Say "Information," then "Weather information" for the following options:

#### Weather Forecast

Say "Weather forecast" to view a 1-day or 3-day forecast of your current position or city vicinity.



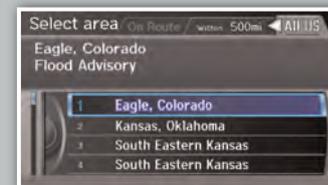
#### Radar Image Map

Say "Radar map" to view color-coded rain or snow systems.



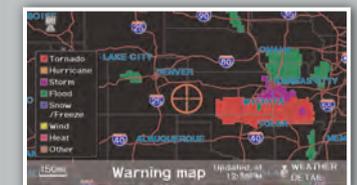
#### Weather Warning List

Say "Warning list sorted by distance" to view a list of all U.S. weather warnings by distance.



#### Weather Warning Map

Say "Warning map" to view color-coded severe weather systems.



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# BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's navigation and audio systems. Visit [www.acura.com/handsfreelink](http://www.acura.com/handsfreelink) to check if your phone is compatible.

## How to Use HFL

**Pick-Up button:** Answer an incoming call, or go directly to the Cellular Phone screen.  
**Hang-Up button:** End a call or decline an incoming call.  
**Talk button:** Give HFL commands.  
**Back button:** Cancel a command and return to the previous screen.

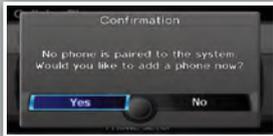


## Pairing Your Phone

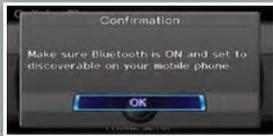
Use this pairing method when no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can pair your compatible phone only when the vehicle is stopped.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

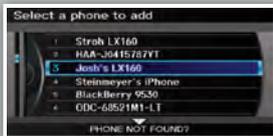
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen. A prompt appears. Say "Yes."



2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode, and say "OK."



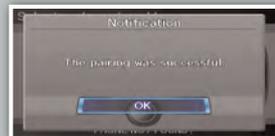
3. HFL searches for your phone. Say the number next to the phone when it appears on the list.



*If your phone does not appear:*  
Select "Phone Not Found?" and search for a HandsFreeLink device from your phone. Connect to HFL.



4. HFL gives you a four-digit code. Enter it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.



Use this pairing method when a phone has already been paired to the system, or when you want to pair an additional phone.

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.



If a prompt appears asking to connect to a phone, say "No."

2. Say "Phone setup."



3. Say "Connection."



4. Say "Add New Phone."



5. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode, and say "OK."



6. HFL searches for your phone. Say the number next to the phone when it appears on the list.



*If your phone does not appear:*  
Say "Find Another Phone" and search for HandsFreeLink from your phone. Connect to HFL.



7. HFL gives you a four-digit code. Enter it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.



## Making a Call

### Dialing a Number

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

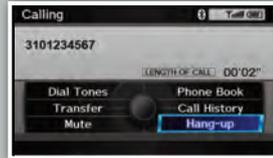
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Cellular Phone screen.
3. Say the entire phone number and “Dial” to begin call.



2. Say “Dial.”



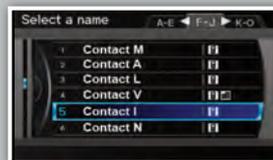
4. The call is connected and heard through the speakers.



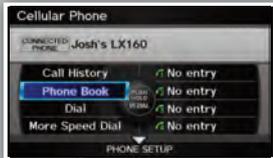
### Using the Imported Phonebook\*

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

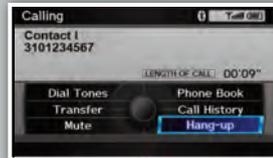
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Cellular Phone screen.
3. Scroll the list to find the name and number you want to call.



2. Say “Phonebook.”



4. Say the number of the entry to begin the call.



\* Visit [www.acura.com/handsfreelink](http://www.acura.com/handsfreelink) to check if this feature is available on your phone.

### Using Speed Dial and Voice Tags

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

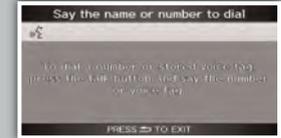
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Cellular Phone screen.



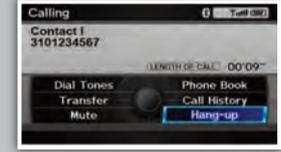
2. Say the number next to one of the first four entries. For example, “One.” For the complete list of speed dial entries, say “More speed dial.”



If an entry has a stored voice tag, say “Dial by voice tag,” followed by the voice tag name and “Dial” from any screen.



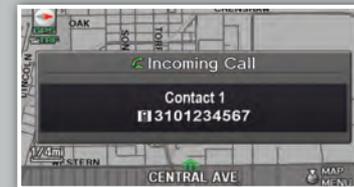
3. The call is connected and heard through the speakers.



Note: See your Owner’s Manual for instructions on storing speed dial entries and accompanying voice tags.

### Receiving a Call

When you receive an incoming call, you hear a notification and see the following pop-up message:



Press the Pick-Up button to accept the call.



Press the Hang-Up button to end or decline the call.



# BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

Play audio files from your compatible phone through your vehicle's audio system. Visit [www.acura.com/handsfreelink](http://www.acura.com/handsfreelink) to check if this feature is available on your phone.

## Playing Bluetooth Audio

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® (see page 22).

2. Press HDD/AUX until Bluetooth Audio appears.



3. Press "play" on your phone; sound is redirected to the audio system. Make sure the volume on your phone is properly adjusted.



4. Press (⏮) (⏭) or (+) (-) to change tracks.



### Notes:

- You may need to enable additional Bluetooth settings on your phone for playback.
- The play/pause function and remote audio controls may not be supported on all phones.
- Operate your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.

# HARD DISC DRIVE (HDD) AUDIO

Automatically record CDs onto your vehicle's hard drive (by system default). Songs begin to record once a CD is inserted into the disc slot.

## Playing HDD Audio

1. Press HDD/AUX until HDD appears.



2. The first song of the last recorded album or the last song selected plays. Press (⏮) (⏭) or (+) (-) to change tracks.



## Searching for Music

1. Press AUDIO.



2. Push the selector up to select MUSIC SEARCH.



3. Select one of the categories.



4. Select a track and press ENTER to begin play.



# iPod®\* or USB FLASH DRIVE

Play audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash drive through your vehicle's audio system. See your Owner's Manual for a list of compatible devices.

## Connecting and Playing Audio

1. Open the center console, and pull out the USB adapter cable.
2. Press HDD/AUX until iPod or USB appears.
3. Press (⏮)(⏭) or (+)(-) to change tracks.



Connect the USB connector to your iPod dock connector or flash drive.

2. Press HDD/AUX until iPod or USB appears.



Note: Operate your phone only when your vehicle is stopped.

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# SONG BY VOICE™ (SBV)

Play songs from your iPod and HDD from most navigation/audio screens by using simple voice commands.

## Playing Audio Files Using Voice Commands

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### Using the "Play" Command

Say "iPod search" or "HDD search."



Say "Play" and one of the options on the Search Mode screen. For example, say "Play Artist XYZ."



if exact match found

if exact match not found

The system provides voice feedback and lists possible matches.



Say the number of the corresponding selection you wish to play. For example, say "Four."



The system plays the selection and returns to the Search Mode screen.



Acura periodically sends you messages on vehicle features, recall and safety information, maintenance reminders, and diagnostic information.

## Playing Audio Files Using Voice Commands (continued)

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

### Using the “List” Command

Say “iPod search” or “HDD search.”



Say “List” and one of the options on the Search Mode screen. For example, say “List Artist XYZ.”



if exact match found

if exact match not found

A list of tracks from the selected artist displays.



The system provides voice feedback and lists possible matches.



Say the number of the artist. For example, say “Four.”



Say the number of your selection. For example, say “One.”



The system plays the selection and returns to the Search Mode screen.



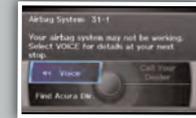
## Viewing New Messages

Press and release the Talk button before you say a command.

- When you receive a new message, an envelope icon appears on the map screen.



- Say the number of the message you want to hear.



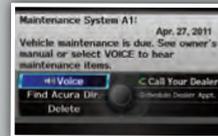
- Say “Messages,” and a list of messages appears.



## Scheduling a Dealer Appointment

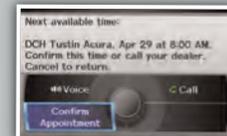
To use this feature, you must register at My Acura ([www.myacura.com](http://www.myacura.com)), and make sure your compatible phone is paired and correctly set up (see [page 22](#)).

- Using the Interface Dial, open a maintenance or product update message.

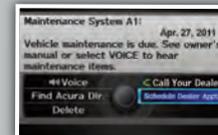


- The system searches for the next available appointment at your dealer. Select Confirm Appointment if you are satisfied with the date.

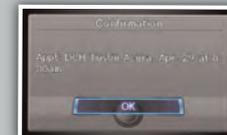
*Note: If you are not satisfied with the available date, use the Call option to call your dealer directly.*



- Select Schedule Dealer Appt.



- Select OK to set the appointment.



## REGISTER AT [WWW.MYACURA.COM](http://WWW.MYACURA.COM)

My Acura enhances your ownership experience by allowing you to explore features and technologies specific to your vehicle, schedule service appointments, obtain and update maintenance and service records, manage your financial services account, and access other useful information.

**My Acura**  
Register | Log In + SELECT A VEHICLE

HOME FINANCE SERVICE & MAINTENANCE MODEL INFORMATION

**Welcome to My Acura**  
Get the most out of your ownership experience.

**What do you drive?**  
Select your Acura vehicle to learn more.

Year:  Model:  Trim:

Register for My Acura

*\*Required fields*  
Note: Username and password are case sensitive.

\*Username:  \*Password (min. 6 char):  \*Confirm Password:

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\*First Name:  \*Last Name:

\*Email Address:  Please note: email spam filters may block our emails from being delivered. If you have a spam blocker, please set it to accept emails from "Owners@acura.com"

\*Confirm Email Address:

VIN:  [Where can I find my VIN?](#)

Promo:

## SAFETY REMINDER

Your vehicle is equipped with airbags. Airbags do not replace seat belts; they add to the protection offered by seat belts. Airbags can help protect you in some types of collisions, but they do not provide protection in all collisions.

Always make sure you and your passengers wear seat belts, and that young children are properly secured in a child seat or booster in the rear seat. Never place an infant seat in the front passenger's seat, as the force of a deploying airbag can seriously injure an infant.

## FUEL REQUIREMENT

- Only use unleaded gasoline of 91 octane or higher.
- Some gasoline in North America contains MMT, a manganese-based fuel additive. Prolonged and consistent use of gasoline containing MMT can deteriorate your vehicle's performance, fuel economy, and the emission control system. Always use MMT-free gasoline if available. Failures caused by use of gasoline containing MMT may not be covered under warranty.
- "TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline" meets a new gasoline standard jointly established by leading automotive manufacturers to meet the needs of today's advanced engines. In most cases, qualifying gasoline retailers will identify their gasoline as having met "TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline" standards at the retail location. This fuel is guaranteed to contain the proper level of detergent additives and be free of metallic additives. This helps avoid build-up of deposits in your engine and emission control system. Because the level of detergency and harmful metallic additives (such as MMT) in gasoline vary in the market, Acura endorses the use of "TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline" where available to help maintain the performance and reliability of your vehicle. For more information, visit [www.toptiergas.com](http://www.toptiergas.com).
- For further important information on fuel and lubricants for your car and information on gasoline that does not contain MMT, contact your dealer or visit My Acura at [www.myacura.com](http://www.myacura.com).