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Technology Reference Guide

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EX-L and EX-L with Rear
Entertainment System

TECHNOLOGY REFERENCE GUIDE

The Technology Reference Guide is designed to help you get acquainted with your new Honda and provide basic instructions on some of its technology and convenience features. This guide covers the Pilot EX-L and EX-L with Rear Entertainment System.

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



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*if equipped

AUTO DOOR LOCKS

Default Lock/Unlock Setting

Default Lock Setting

All doors and the tailgate are preset to lock when your vehicle reaches about 10 mph.



Default Unlock Setting

Only the driver's door is preset to unlock when you shift into Park (P).



Program how and when the vehicle doors automatically lock and unlock.

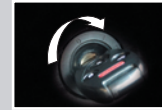
Programming the Auto Door Unlock Setting

To program all doors and the tailgate to unlock when you shift to Park:

1. **Close** the driver's door. **Shift** into Park.



2. **Turn** the ignition switch to ON (II).



3. **Press and hold** the unlock side of the master lock switch for about 10 seconds. In that time, you will hear three clicks.



4. Within 20 seconds, **turn** the ignition switch to LOCK (0).



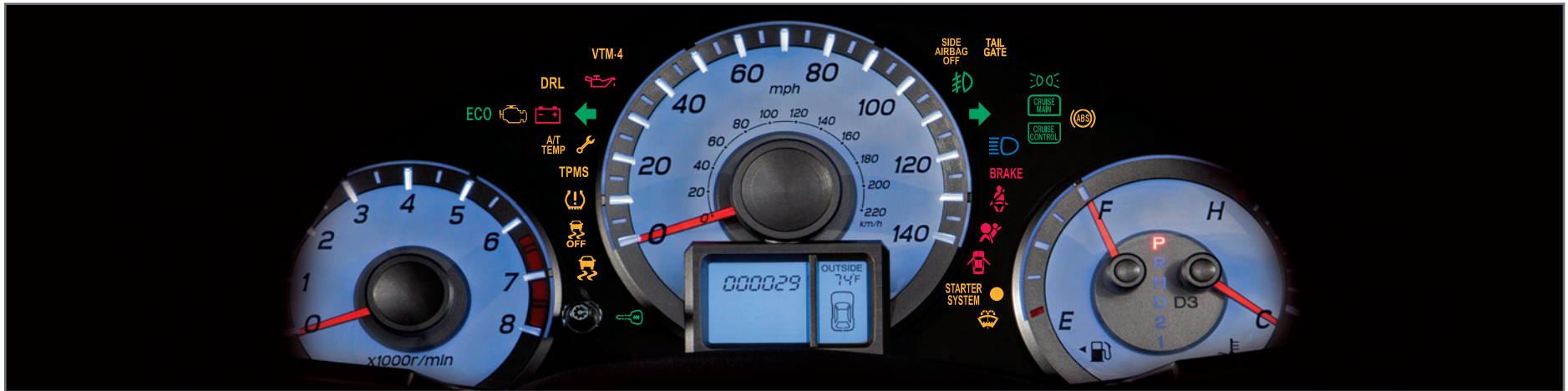
Programmable Auto Door Lock/Unlock Settings

Below are the options you can choose. See *Auto Door Locking/Unlocking* in your Owner's Manual for instructions on programming these settings.

AUTO DOOR LOCK		AUTO DOOR UNLOCK	
Auto Lock	<p>When you reach 10 mph</p> <p>When you shift out of Park</p>	Auto Unlock (all doors)	<p>When you turn the ignition OFF</p> <p>When you shift into Park</p>
Turn off Auto Lock	<p>Operate manually</p>	Auto Unlock (only driver's door)	<p>When you turn the ignition OFF</p> <p>When you shift into Park</p>
		Turn off Auto Unlock	<p>Operate manually</p>












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.








Malfunction Indicators





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

 Charging system	 ABS (anti-lock brake system)
 BRAKE Low brake fluid, Brake system	 VTM-4 (4WD only)
 Low oil pressure	 Malfunction lamp (check engine light)
 SRS (supplemental restraint system)	 VSA® (vehicle stability assist)
 DRL (daytime running lights)	 TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system)
 TAIL GATE Power tailgate	

Condition Indicators

Action is needed by driver

 BRAKE Parking brake on: Release	 Low fuel: Refill
 Door/Tailgate open: Close door(s) / tailgate	 Low tire pressure: Add air
 Seat belt reminder: Fasten seat belt(s)	

 Washer level (if equipped): Add fluid	 Maintenance Minder: Make dealer appointment
 STARTER SYSTEM Starter system: Hold ignition switch in START (III) for up to 15 seconds	 A/T TEMP A/T temperature (4WD only): Pull over and let engine idle

On/Off Indicators

 PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF (located on center panel)	 Fog lights on
 SIDE AIRBAG OFF	 Immobilizer Flashes: improperly coded key; use correct key
 VSA OFF	 Headlights on
 CRUISE MAIN on	 Turn signals/hazards on
 CRUISE CONTROL on	 High beams on
 ECO Fuel economy on	

INFORMATION DISPLAY

Consists of several displays that provide you with useful information.

Accessing the Information Display



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



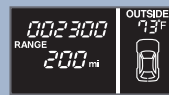
To toggle between the different displays, **press and release** the select/reset knob repeatedly.

Information Displays

Odometer



Fuel range



Engine oil life



Trip meter A or B, Average fuel economy, Instant fuel economy



TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

Monitors the vehicle's tire pressures.

How It Works



Each tire valve stem contains a TPMS sensor.



When the tire pressure drops significantly below recommended levels, the low tire pressure indicator comes on.

TPMS

If the TPMS indicator appears, there may be a problem with the system. See your dealer.

What to Do

1. **Visually inspect** the tires for damage.
2. **Use** a tire air pressure gauge 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.



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 (R), a real-time image of the area behind your vehicle is shown in the center display.
- Yellow parking guide lines also appear to help you judge distance.
- The rearview display turns off when you shift out of Reverse.



Turning the Guide Lines On or Off

Press and hold RETURN for about 3 seconds.

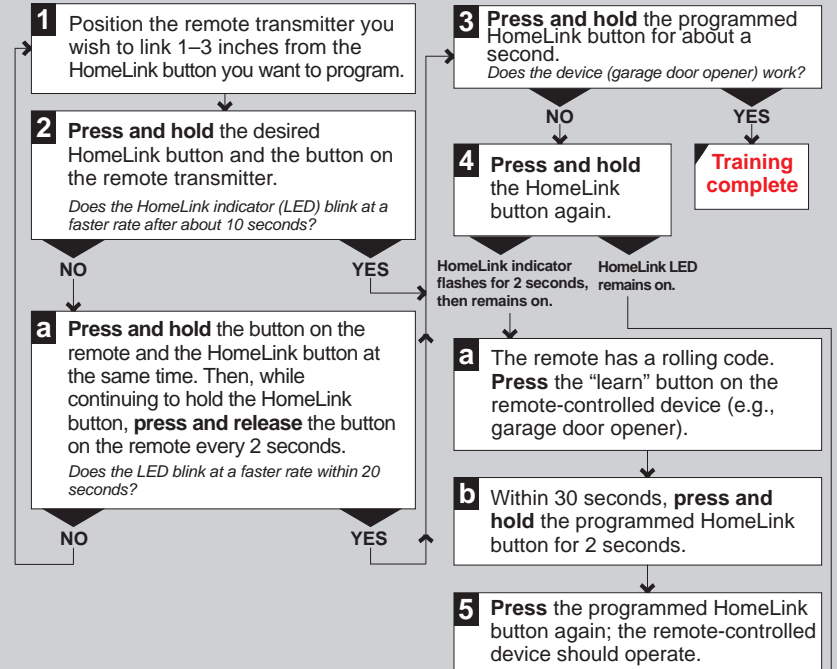
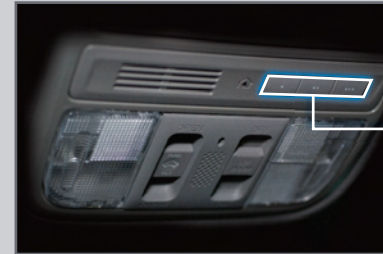


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HOMELINK[®]

The HomeLink Universal Transceiver can be programmed 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.

BLUETOOTH® HANDSFREELINK® (HFL)

Place and receive phone calls through your vehicle's audio system. Visit handsfreelink.honda.com to check if your phone is compatible.

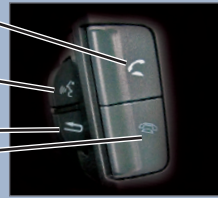
How to Use HFL

Pick-Up button: Go directly to the Phone screen, or answer an incoming call.

Talk button: Use to call speed dial entries with stored voice tags.

Back button: Cancel a selection.

Hang-Up button: End a call.



Use these buttons to navigate through the HFL menus.

PHONE button: Go directly to the phone screen.



Return button: Press to cancel an operation or return to the previous screen.

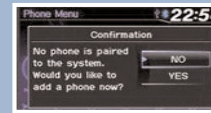
Audio selector knob: Rotate to scroll through selections and press to make a selection.

Pairing Your Phone

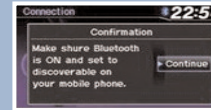
Use this pairing method when no phone has ever been paired to the system. You can pair your Bluetooth-compatible phone only when the vehicle is stopped.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen. A prompt appears. **Select Yes.**



2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode, and **select Continue.**

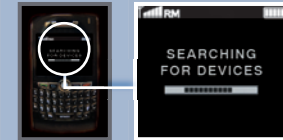


3. HFL searches for your phone. **Select** it when it appears on the list. **Go** to step 4.

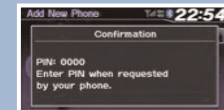


If your phone does not appear:

Select "Phone Not Found?" and **search** for a HandsFreeLink device from your phone. **Connect** to HFL. **Go** to step 4.



4. HFL gives you a four-digit code. **Enter** it on your phone when prompted. **Select OK** to complete.



Pairing Your Phone (continued)

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

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. Press the Pick-Up button to access the Phone screen.
2. Make sure your phone is in discovery mode, and select OK.

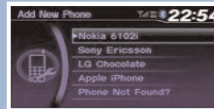


If a prompt appears asking to connect to a phone, select No and continue to step 2.

2. Select Phone Setup.

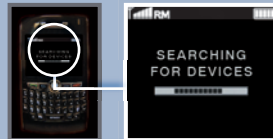


3. Select Connection.
4. Select Add a New Phone.



If your phone does not appear:

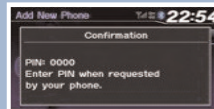
Select "Find Another Phone" and search for HandsFreeLink from your phone. Connect to HFL. Go to step 4.



5. Select an empty location for the phone.



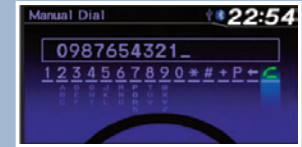
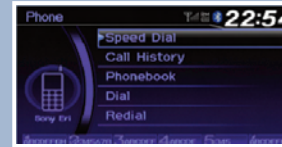
6. HFL gives you a four-digit code. Enter it on your phone when prompted. The phone is now paired.



Dialing a Number

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

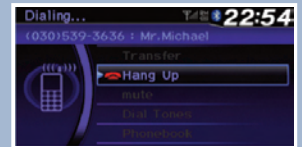
1. Press the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
2. Enter the phone number. Select the green Dial icon or press the Pick-Up button to call.



3. Select Dial.

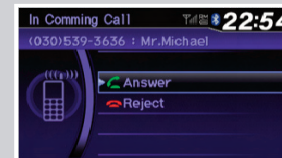


4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.



Receiving a Call

1. A notification is heard and the incoming phone number appears on the center display screen.
2. Press the Hang-Up button to end or decline the call.



3. Press the Pick-Up button to accept the call.

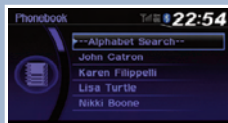
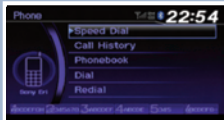


Using the Phonebook

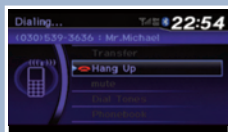
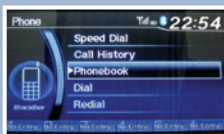
When your phone is paired, its entire phonebook is automatically imported to the system.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Scroll** the list to find the name you want to call, and **press ENTER** to begin the call.



2. **Select** Phonebook.
4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.

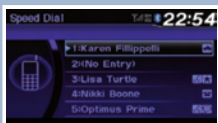


Using Speed Dial

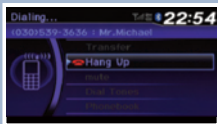
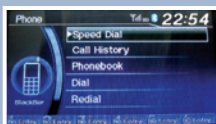
Up to 15 numbers can be stored with voice tags*.

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** the Pick-Up button to go to the Phone screen.
3. **Scroll** through the list to find the name you want to call, and **press ENTER** to begin the call.



2. **Select** Speed Dial.
4. The call is connected and heard through the vehicle speakers.



*When a voice tag is stored for a speed dial entry, you can make a call using voice commands. See your Owner's Manual for instructions.

BLUETOOTH® AUDIO

Play audio files from your compatible phone through your vehicle's audio system. Visit handsfreelink.honda.com to check if this feature is available on your phone.

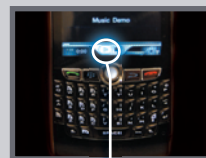
Playing Bluetooth Audio Files

1. Make sure your phone is on and paired to **Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink®** (see [page 11](#)).
4. Press (▶▶) or (◀◀) on the audio control panel or (+) or (-) on the steering wheel to change tracks.

2. **Press** USB/AUX until "Bluetooth Audio" appears on the screen.



3. From your phone, **open** the desired audio player or app and begin playing. Sound is redirected to the audio system.



NOTE:

- Make sure the volume on your phone is properly adjusted.
- You may need to enable additional Bluetooth settings on your phone for playback.
- The play/pause function may not be supported on all phones.
- Remote audio controls may not be supported on all phones.

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iPod® OR USB FLASH DRIVE

Play audio files from your compatible iPod or USB flash drive through your vehicle's audio system.

Connecting Devices and Playing Audio Files

1. **Open** the center console, and **pull out** the USB adapter cable.



3. **Press** USB/AUX to begin playing.



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



4. To change tracks, **rotate** the selector knob or **press** the SKIP (⏮) or (⏭) button.



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CD LIBRARY

Store up to 18 audio CDs in the system memory.

Recording an Audio CD

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

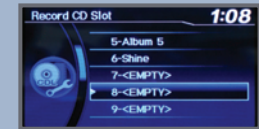
1. **Insert** an audio CD.



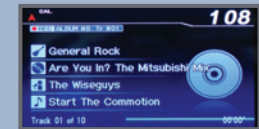
2. The system asks if you want to record the CD to memory. **Select Yes.**



3. **Select** the location to store the CD.



4. The CD records. If available, album information is displayed.

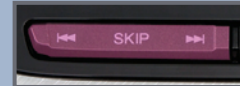


NOTE: Albums can only be selected from the CD library if recorded in their entirety. Partially recorded albums may appear, but cannot be played.

Using the CD Library

Use the audio selector knob to make and enter selections.

1. **Press** CD/CDL. The last album recorded begins playing.



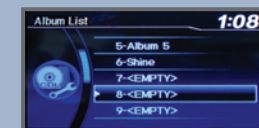
To change tracks, **press** the SKIP (⏮) or (⏭) button, or **rotate** the selector knob.

To change albums, **press** the CATEGORY (+) or (-) button.

2. To view the CD library, **press** the selector knob.



3. A list of recorded CDs appears. **Select** the album and track you want to hear.



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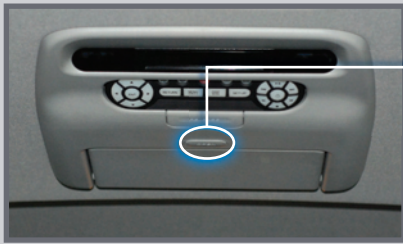
REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (RES) (if equipped)

With the rear entertainment system and headphones, rear passengers can enjoy a different entertainment source than the front seat occupants.

RES Front Panel Controls



Rear Entertainment System



Press OPEN to release the overhead screen.



Pivot the overhead screen to fully open it.



Pivot the earpieces to turn on or off. Wireless headphones only work in the rear seats.



Wired headphones may also be used.

Operating the RES from the Front

1. **Press REAR POWER.** Rear passengers will hear audio through the headphones.
3. **Press REAR SOURCE** again to return to the front audio controls.



2. **Press REAR SOURCE.** Select an entertainment source for the rear passengers.



Operating the RES from the Rear

1. **Press REAR POWER** on the front audio panel. **Open** the overhead screen.
3. **Press** the (▲) (▼) (◀) (▶) buttons to navigate the menu options. **Press ENTER** to select an option.



2. **Press DVD/AUX, CD/CDL, XM, or FM/AM.**



4. The rear control panel can be detached and used as a remote control. **Press RELEASE** to remove it.



OWNER LINK

Owner Link allows 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. Register at owners.honda.com to ensure that you continue to enjoy the experience of owning a Honda.

HONDA OWNER LINK™
Log In | Register

Welcome to the Official Site for Honda Owners

Sounds of Civic Contest
Submissions have closed, and the entries are in! Visit [The Sounds of Civic on Facebook](#) to vote for your favorite Civic-inspired song and help decide who's walking away with a 2012 Honda Civic!

Join Owner Link Now!
Registering allows you to:

- ▶ Schedule Service Appointments
- ▶ Manage Your Financial Services Account
- ▶ Receive Special Offers
- ▶ Buy Genuine Parts

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QUICK TASKS

- ▶ Get Recall Information
- ▶ Retrieve Radio/Navit Code
- ▶ Find and Pair Your Bluetooth Phone
- ▶ Locate a Recognized Body Shop in Your Area

VIDEO AND INFORMATION GALLERY
Visit the [Video and Information Gallery](#) to learn about the advanced features of your Honda.

Important Information
The Accord Sedan earned a 5-star safety rating in each combined category based on the latest government standards.

MEMBER LOGIN

Username: Password:

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NEW REGISTRATION

Register now to get started on Owner Link. It's fast, it's easy, and it's free!

VERISIGN TRUSTED

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 RECOMMENDATION

- Only use unleaded gasoline of 87 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, Honda 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.
- 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 Owner Link at owners.honda.com.