

4. Outline of TRC System

- If the driver presses the accelerator pedal aggressively when starting off or accelerating on a slippery surface, the drive wheel could slip due to the excessive amount of torque that is generated. By applying hydraulic brake control to the drive wheels and regulating the throttle to control the engine output, the TRC system helps minimize the slippage of the drive wheels, thus generating the drive force that is appropriate for the road surface conditions.
- For example, a comparison may be made between two vehicles, one with the TRC system and the other without. If the driver of each vehicle operates the accelerator pedal in a rough manner while driving over a surface with different surface friction characteristics, the drive wheel on the slippery surface could slip as illustrated. As a result, the vehicle can not start smoothly.

However, when the vehicle is equipped with the TRC system, the skid control ECU instantly determines the state of the vehicle and operates the brake actuator in order to apply the brake of the slipping drive wheel. Furthermore, the engine ECU receives the signals from the skid control ECU and regulates the throttle in order to control the engine output. Thus, the system can help maintain a stable driving force.

► Driving condition on road with different surface friction characteristics ◀

