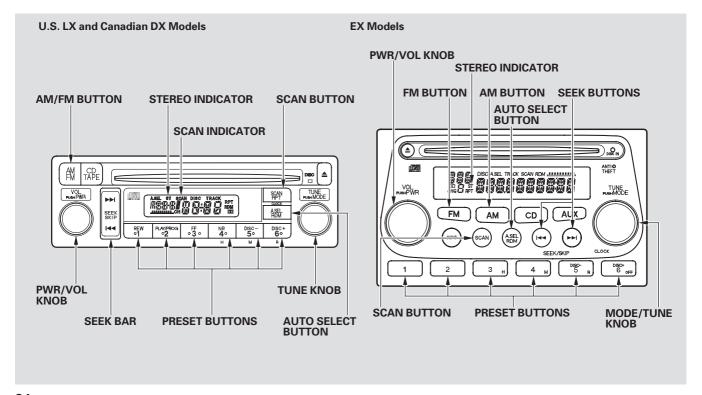
# Playing the Radio



#### To Play the Radio

The ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II). Turn the system on by pushing the PWR/VOL knob or the AM or FM button. Adjust the volume by turning the same knob.

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

#### To Select a Station

You can use these five methods to find radio stations on a selected band: TUNE, SEEK, SCAN, the preset buttons, and AUTO SELECT.

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

SEEK — The SEEK function searches up and down from the current frequency to find a station with a strong signal. To activate it, press either ( |◀◀ or ▶▶| ), then release it.

SCAN — The SCAN function samples all stations with strong signals on the selected band. To activate it, press the SCAN button, then release it. You will see SCAN in the display. The system will scan for a station with a strong signal. When it finds one, it will stop and play that station for about five seconds.

If you do nothing, the system will then scan for the next strong station and play it for five seconds. When it plays a station you want to listen to, press the SCAN button again.

**Preset** — Each preset button can store one frequency on AM, and two frequencies on FM.

- 1. Select the desired band, AM or FM. FM1 and FM2 let you store two frequencies with each preset button.
- Use the TUNE, SEEK, or SCAN function to tune the radio to a desired station.
- 3. Pick a preset button, and hold it until you hear a beep.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 to store a total of six stations on AM and twelve stations on FM.

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

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# Playing the Radio

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

Press the A. SEL Button. "A.SEL" flashes in the display, and the system goes into scan mode for several seconds. It stores the frequencies of six AM, and twelve FM stations in the preset buttons.

You will see a "0" displayed after pressing a preset button if Auto Select cannot find a strong station for every preset button.

If you do not like the stations Auto Select has stored, you can store other frequencies on the preset buttons. Use the TUNE, SEEK, or SCAN functions to find stations, then store them in the preset buttons as described. *To turn off Auto Select,* press the A. SEL button. This restores the presets you originally set.

## Adjusting the Sound

If equipped

Press the MODE knob repeatedly to display the Bass (BAS), Treble (TRE), Balance (BAL), Fader (FAD), and Sub-Woofer (SUB-W) settings.

Each mode is shown in the display as it changes. Turn the MODE knob to adjust the setting to your liking. When the level reaches the center, you will see "C" in the display. The system will automatically return the display to the selected audio mode about five seconds after you stop adjusting a mode.

Balance/Fader — These two modes adjust the strength of the sound coming from each speaker. BAL adjusts the side-to-side strength, while FAD adjusts the front-to-back strength.

Treble/Bass/Sub-Woofer — Use the TRE/BAS/SUB-W modes to adjust the tone to your liking.

## **Radio Frequencies**

Your Honda'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

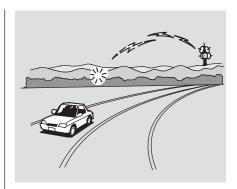
Radio stations on the AM band are assigned frequencies at least ten kilohertz apart (530, 540, 550). Stations on the FM band are assigned frequencies at least 0.2 megahertz apart (87.9, 88.1, 88.3).

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

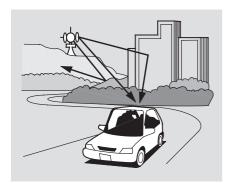
A radio station's signal gets weaker as you get farther away from its transmitter. If you are listening to an AM station, you will notice the sound volume becoming weaker, and the station drifting in and out. If you are listening to an FM station, you will see the stereo indicator flickering off and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

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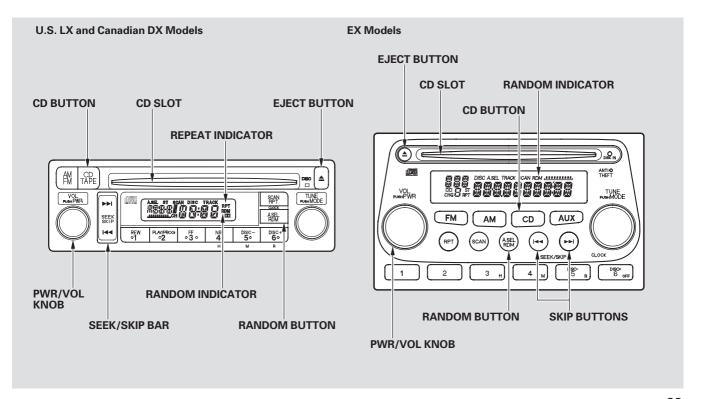
Radio signals, especially on the FM band, are deflected by large objects such as buildings and hills. Your radio then receives both the direct signal from the station's transmitter, and the deflected signal. This causes the sound to distort or flutter. This is a main cause of poor radio reception in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



# Playing a CD

## To Play a CD

With the ignition in the ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II) position, insert a CD into the CD slot. The drive will pull the CD in the rest of the way and begin to play it. You operate the CD player with the same controls used for the radio. The number of the track playing is shown in the display. The system will continuously play a CD until you change modes.

#### To Change Tracks (SKIP)

Each time you press and release ▶▶ , the player skips forward to the beginning of the next track. Press and release ► to skip backward to the beginning of the previous track.

To move rapidly within a track, press and hold the ▶▶ or |◀◀ You will see CUE or REW in the display.

**REPEAT** - To continuously replay

a track, press and release the RPT button. You will see RPT in the display. Press the RPT button again to turn it off.

**RANDOM** – This feature plays the tracks in random order. To activate Random Play, press and release the A. SEL/RDM button. You will see RDM in the display. This continues until you press the A. SEL/RDM button again.

## To Stop Playing a CD

Press the eject button (  $\triangle$  ) to remove the CD. If you eject the CD, but do not remove it from the slot. the system will automatically reload the CD after 15 seconds and put it in pause mode. To begin playing, press the CD button.

Press the AM/FM button to switch to the radio while a CD is playing. Press the CD button to play the CD.

If you turn the system off while a CD

is playing, either with the PWR/VOL knob or by turning off the ignition, the CD will stay in the drive. When you turn the system back on, the CD will begin playing where it left off.

### **Operating the Optional CD** Changer

A CD changer is available for your vehicle. It holds up to six CDs. You operate the CD changer with the same controls used for the in-dash CD player.

Load the desired CDs in the magazine, and load the magazine in the changer according to the instructions that came with the unit. To select the CD changer, press the CD button. The CD and track numbers will be displayed. To select a different CD, use the preset 5 (DISC -) or preset 6 (DISC +) button. If you select an empty slot in the magazine, the changer will, after finding that slot empty, try to load the CD in the next slot.