

2003

ACURA

— MDX —





The Acura philosophy has always been about engineering; applying precision and ingenuity to mechanical challenges, and in the process, enriching the driving experience. This ongoing mission pushes us to constantly redefine our standards.

The result is a line of performance vehicles that satisfies even the most qualified driver.



ACCELERATED THINKING

Part of our learning comes from the track where elite racers test new materials and designs under the most severe conditions, resulting in new technologies for you. Whether it's a powerful engine that responds in a heartbeat, a suspension capable of advanced manoeuvres, or a cockpit that yields expert control, you'll discover performance that ignites your passion and challenges your ability. Experience it yourself in the 2003 Acura MDX. It's time to test drive our thinking.







PURE STIMULATION

You've set your mind on a sport utility vehicle. But your heart still yearns for the sensations you get from a performance luxury car. Enter the Acura MDX. A Canadian-built vehicle that delivers the freedom of an SUV, and the exhilaration of a serious driving machine. With its more powerful 260 hp VTEC engine, the MDX provides enough thrust to devour the landscape

and thrill you in the process. Handling is also at the high performance level, thanks to a suspension that delivers the sure, crisp ride of a sports sedan. Yet the MDX is no less impressive on rougher surfaces. Equipped with Acura's ingenious VTM-4 four-wheel-drive system, our SUV serves up exceptional all road prowess, keeping you glued to road or trail. Of course,





① This smooth-shifting 5-speed automatic transmission offers a low 1st gear for extra pulling power, and a high 5th gear for better fuel economy, and a Grade Logic Control System which reduces gear hunting when driving up or down hills. ② With its broad range of power and torque, the MDX can tow a boat and trailer with a combined weight of up to 4,500 lbs.*

**With towing package.*

MDX

The 2003 Acura MDX gives you the means to enjoy your favourite sports as well as the pure sport of performance driving.

your real need for space has also been considered. So the MDX provides enough room for seven to comfortably enjoy the performance. As both a versatile and exhilarating vehicle, we invite you to take the MDX wherever your heart desires. No matter what road you take, it will lead to excitement.

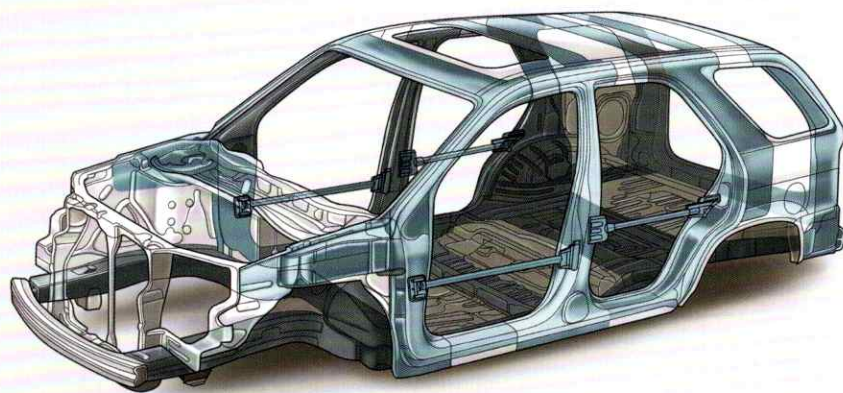
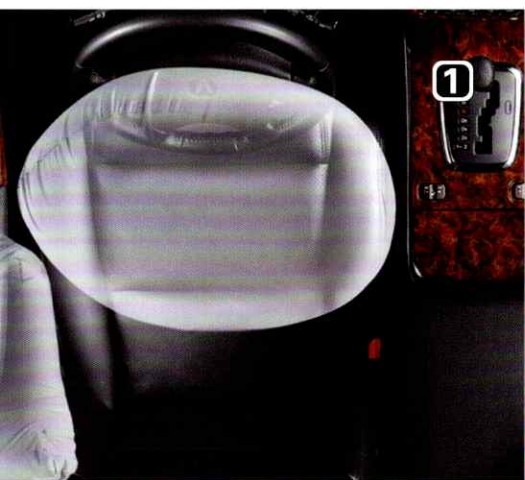




INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED FOR THE UNEXPECTED

The MDX was designed, tested and built to meet the most rigorous safety standards. The foundation of this high level of protection is an immensely strong steel unit body. It's a tough steel core with front and rear crumple zones designed to dissipate energy by progressively folding in a severe impact, while steel door beams help provide protection in a side impact.

Inside, there are three-point seat belts as well as front and side air bags to further protect occupants. To help you avoid trouble, 4-wheel disc brakes permit fast stops, and an Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) helps retain steering control when braking hard, especially on slippery surfaces. Outward visibility is also excellent, so you can see what lies ahead.



① The MDX has dual front and side air bags. If the front seat passenger is a child or small-statured adult, or if the passenger is in the air bag's deployment path, sensors prevent it from deploying. The system is reactivated when the proper seating position is restored. ② A new Vehicle Stability Assist System (VSA) enhances control during hard cornering by retarding the throttle and/or applying brake force to either front wheel as needed. Integrated into VSA is a Traction Control System (TCS), at low speeds it applies the front brakes and retards the throttle to reduce wheelspin when accelerating on slippery surfaces. ③ A 4-ring safety cage designed so that each roof pillar works together with the roof, lower crossmembers, and rigid floorplan helps preserve the integrity of the passenger compartment in an impact.







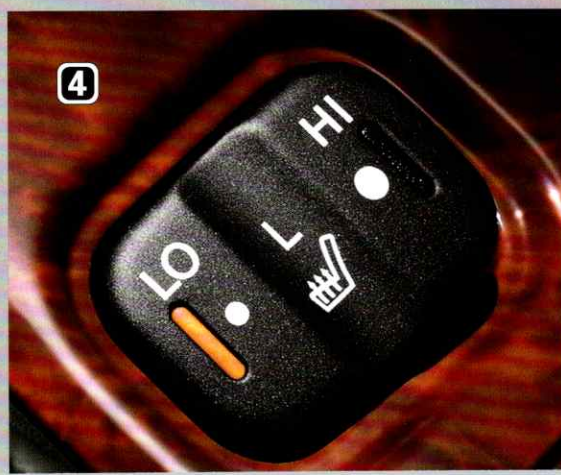


YOUR SEAT OF COMMAND

The MDX interior holds your gear and passengers. The driver-oriented cockpit holds your attention. Large analogue gauges are positioned so you can retrieve information instantly, all of the controls are at your fingertips, and an 8-way power driver's seat ensures your perfect driving position. As rewarding as the MDX is to drive on a perfect highway, it has also been designed for harsher climates and conditions. Thus, there's an Automatic Climate Control System and heated front seats. Exhilaration has never been so comfortable.



❶ As your requirements change, so can the interior configuration of the MDX. With 50/50 split third-row seats that fold flush with the floor, and 60/40 split second row seats that fold forward, the MDX can carry any combination of 2 to 7 passengers and cargo. ❷ With a 6 CD changer, cassette player, and 8-speakers calibrated specifically for the MDX interior, the Acura/Bose® audio system takes sound to a higher level. ❸ Thanks to separate rear-seat controls for the Automatic Climate Control System, rear seat passengers can adjust the amount, direction and temperature of airflow. ❹ Perfect for cold days, each heated front seat has a two-position illuminated switch so you can choose high or low heat. ❺ A power sliding moonroof offers you the solarium effect of warm overhead light with the glass closed, or ventilation with the glass open or in tilt position.





DRIVE ON THE LEADING EDGE

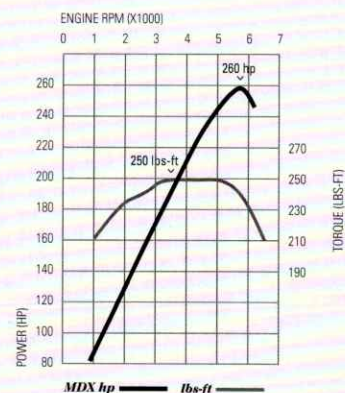
Like every Acura, the MDX abounds with innovations. Propelling our SUV is a 3.5 litre V6 that delivers 260 horsepower and 250 lbs-ft of torque. This engine features a dual-stage intake manifold and our Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control (VTEC) system to give you riveting response and a broad range of usable power. For precise handling, our

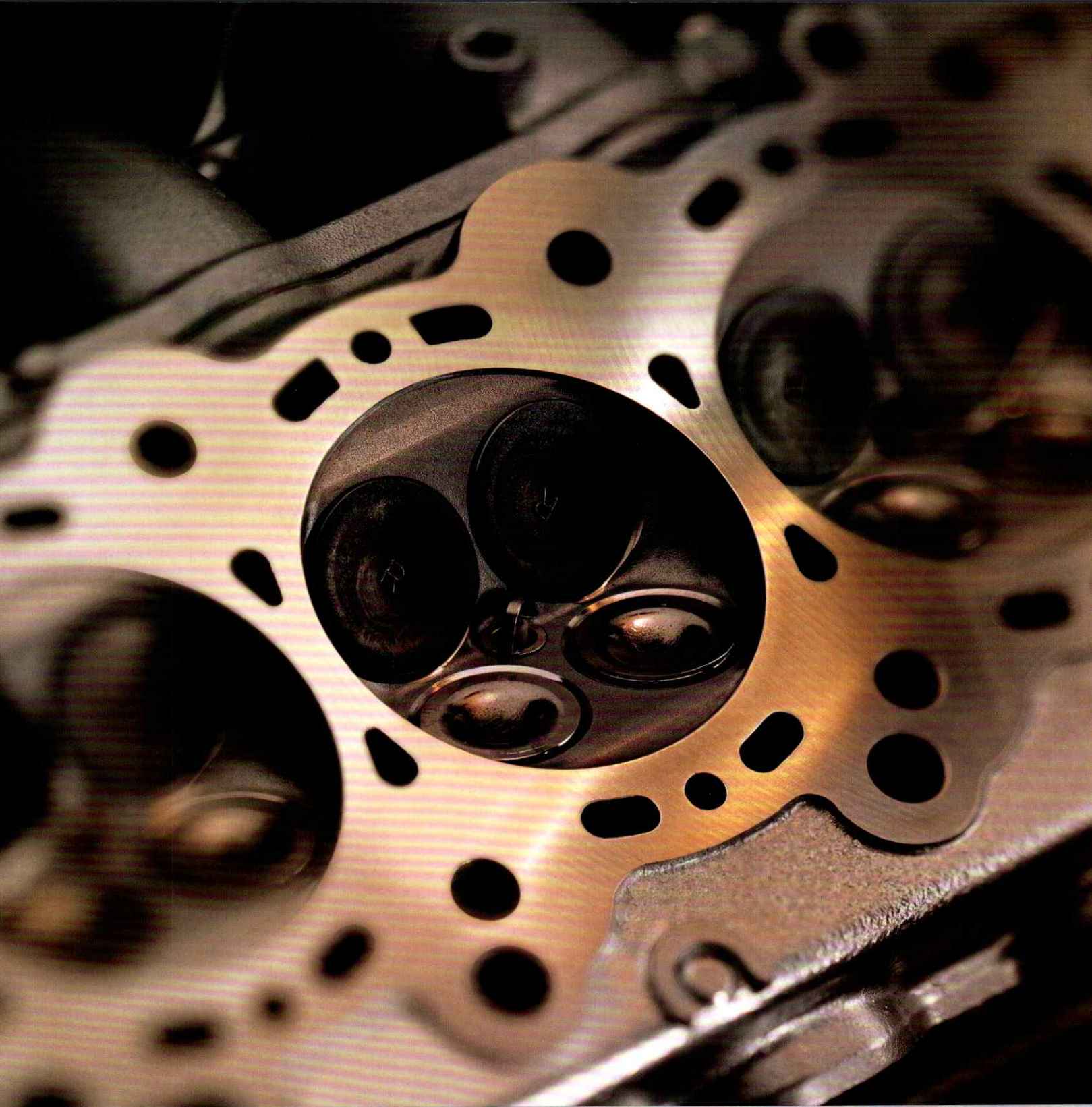
SUV boasts 4-wheel independent suspension. Add the widest track in its class as well as hefty front and rear stabilizer bars, and it takes on the twistiest curves with unquestionable authority. Acura's unique 4-wheel-drive technology has also been employed to maximize your traction. Called VTM-4 (Variable Torque Management), this system provides front-wheel-drive fuel economy when road conditions are good, then automatically switches to 4WD when tire traction begins to diminish. VTM-4 can also be locked manually at low speeds to get out of slippery or icy situations. To help you deal with inclement weather, we've even included rain-sensing windshield sensors. They use infrared light to detect rainfall and activate the front wipers, so you can keep your attention on the road, where it belongs.



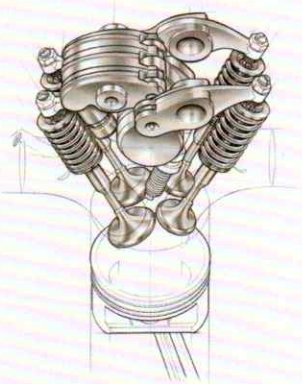
❶ The 3.5 litre V6 engine generates 260 hp at 5750 rpm with 250 lbs-ft of peak torque from 3500 to 5000 rpm. So peak engine power is available should you need it, providing instant response. ❷ As engine speed changes, the Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control (VTEC) system varies valve lift, timing and duration. The result is tremendous power at high rpms, and greater torque, even at low rpms. ❸ Normally operating as a front wheel drive vehicle, the VTM-4 system in the MDX monitors and proactively regulates torque between the front and rear wheels when loss of traction is anticipated. ❹ To increase the accuracy and responsiveness of the accelerator, the 2003 MDX uses drive-by-wire technology that transmits the vehicle's throttle position electronically. This enhanced accuracy improves the power delivery, fuel economy and reduces exhaust emissions.

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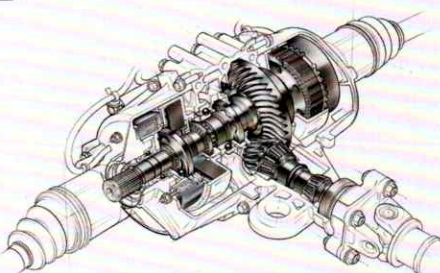




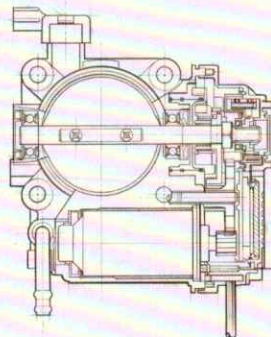
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specifications

POWERTRAIN

Drivetrain	Front engine/4-wheel drive with Variable Torque Management System (VTM-4)
Engine Type	3.5-litre, 24-valve, SOHC, VTEC, V6
Horsepower, SAE net	260 hp @ 5750 rpm
Torque, SAE net	250 lbs.-ft. @ 3500-5000 rpm
Redline	6300 rpm
Bore & Stroke	89 mm x 93 mm
Displacement	3471 cc
Compression Ratio	10.0:1
Fuel System	Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)
Throttle System	Drive-by-wire
Valvetrain	4-valves-per-cylinder, belt driven, single overhead camshaft
Engine Block	Aluminum alloy with cast iron cylinder liners
Emission Control	Vehicle already surpasses the new stringent 2004 Tier 2 emissions requirements
Ignition System	Electronic direct ignition
Transmission	5-speed automatic with electronically controlled lock-up torque converter and Grade Logic Control System

SUSPENSION/CHASSIS

Suspension	4-wheel independent/multi-link rear
Shock Absorbers	Twin tube gas type
Steering Type	Variable power-assist rack-and-pinion
Stabilizer Bars	Front 23 mm
Rear	20 mm
Steering Wheel Turns, lock-to-lock	3.22
Turning Radius	5.79 m
Wheels	Aluminum alloy, 17" x 6.5" JJ
Tires	All Season 235/65 R17
Braking System	Power-assisted, 4-wheel disc brakes, front ventilated
Front Discs	300 mm diameter
Rear Discs	313 mm diameter
Parking Brake	Foot-actuated on rear discs
Anti-Lock Braking System	4-channel with Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD)

CAPACITIES

Engine Oil	5.0 litres refill capacity including filter
Cooling System	9.0 litres
Washer Tank	4.5 litres
Fuel Tank	72.7 litres
Passenger Volume	4572 litres
Cargo Volume	2nd & 3rd Rows folded 2308 litres
	3rd Row folded 1405 litres
	Behind 3rd Row 419 litres

FUEL ECONOMY

Fuel Consumption (L/100 km)	City: 14.1'
	Highway: 9.4'

Recommended Fuel

Premium unleaded; 91 octane*

†Manufacturer's test figures. See your Dealer for the latest 2003 Transport Canada data.

*Gasoline with an octane number lower than 91 may be used, with reduced performance.

SAFETY FEATURES

Driver and front passenger Air Bag System (SRS)

Driver and front passenger Side Air Bag System (SRS) with front passenger Occupant Position Detection System (OPDS)

Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)

Traction Control System (TCS)

Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) with EBD

3-point (ALR) seat belts (Front Rt., Rear)*

3-point (ELR) seat belts**

Front seat belt pretensioners

Adjustable headrests at all positions

Front adjustable seat belt anchors

Remote keyless entry system with panic feature

Security and ECU immobilizer systems

Heated exterior mirrors

Rear window defroster

Child-proof rear door locks

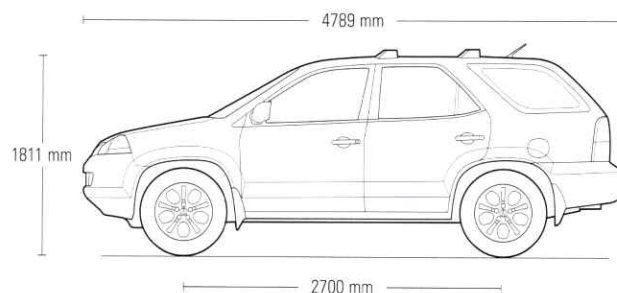
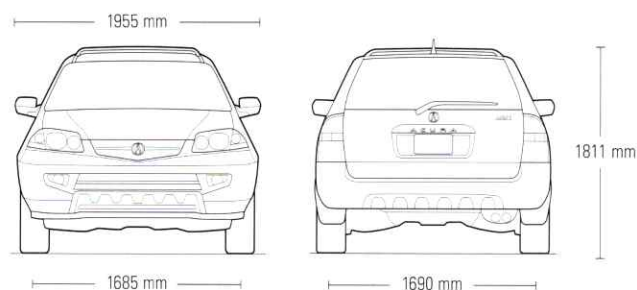
LATCH Child Safety Seat Anchor System

*(ALR) Automatic Locking Retractor

** (ELR) Emergency Locking Retractor

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Front/2nd Row/3rd Row	Head room	983/990/921 mm
	Leg room	1055/959/745 mm
	Hip room	1446/1431/1232 mm
	Shoulder room	1555/1551/1489 mm



EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase	2700 mm
Track, front	1685 mm
Track, rear	1690 mm
Length	4789 mm
Width	1955 mm
Height	1811 mm
Ground Clearance (minimum/maximum)	181/203 mm
Curb Weight	2055 kg
Approach Angle	28°
Departure Angle	21°
Breakover Angle	21°

EXTERIOR FEATURES

Body-coloured front and rear bumpers
 Body-coloured door mirrors
 Chrome door handles
 Roof rack with crossbars
 Fog lights
 Trailer hitch pre-wire
 Heat-absorbing green tinted glass
 Rear privacy glass
 Front and rear splash guards
 Roof mounted flexible antenna

SEATING & TRIM

Leather-trimmed interior (front and 2nd row only)
 Leather-wrapped steering wheel & shift knob
 Wood-print trim
 Driver's 8-way power seat with adjustable lumbar support and two-position memory control
 Passenger's 8-way power seat
 Heated front seats
 Centre console with storage
 Rear seat headrests
 Carpeted floor mats

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

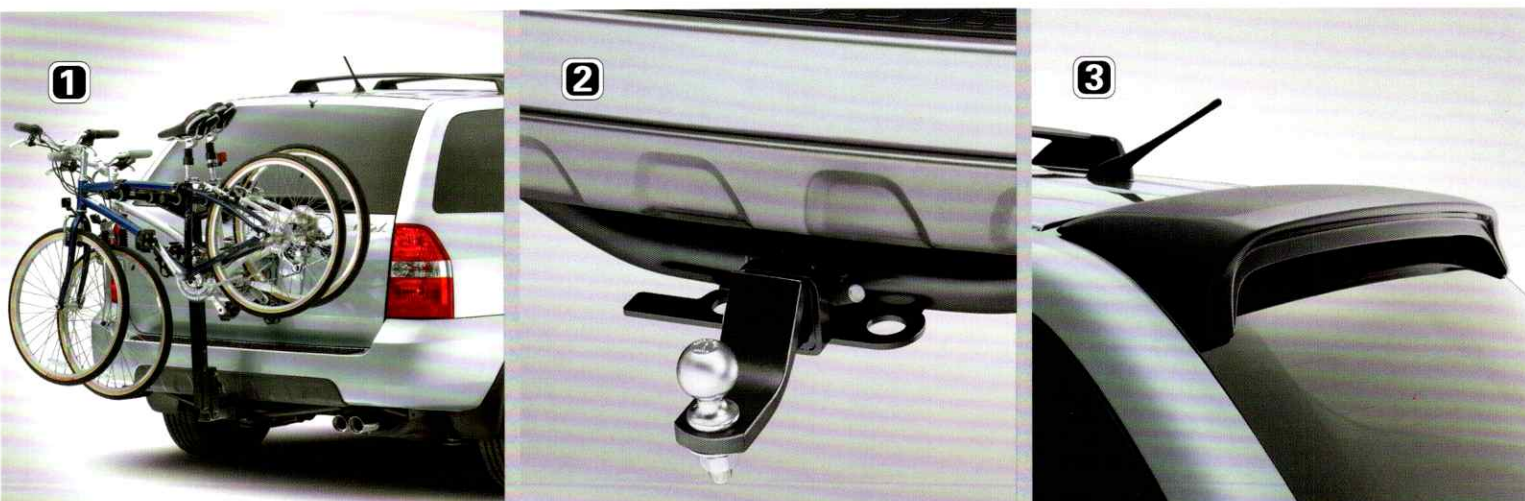
Front and rear synchronized Automatic Climate Control System
 Micron Air Filtration System
 Trip Computer with compass, exterior temperature gauge, information on elapsed distance and time, gas mileage and remaining fuel/distance calculator
 Tilt steering column
 Cruise control with steering wheel-mounted controls
 Power door locks and windows with driver's side one-touch up/down feature
 Power-operated privacy glass moonroof
 Power-operated heated door mirrors with passenger side tilt feature when in reverse
 Acura/Bose® Music System with 8 speakers, AM/FM stereo/cassette, in-dash 6 CD changer and anti-theft feature
 Steering wheel-mounted audio control switches
 Homelink® remote control system*
 Overhead map light
 Remote lockable fuel-filler-door release
 Overhead sunglasses box
 Illuminated power window control switches and ignition lock surround
 Dual illuminated vanity mirrors
 Front, middle and rear beverage holders
 Front, centre console and rear accessory sockets
 Speed-sensitive variable intermittent windshield wipers with rain sensors
 Automatic On/Off headlights
 Rear intermittent wiper with washer jet

*Can be programmed with codes of up to three remote-control devices. (i.e.: garage-door opener, home security system, etc.) Additional control devices not provided by Acura, may be required.

ACCESSORIES

Personalize your Acura MDX with Genuine Acura Accessories. Ask your Acura Dealer for additional information.

Interior bike attachment	Running boards
Separation net	Side step bars
Tailgate deflector	Tonneau cover
Trailer hitch	Roof box
Gold plated emblem kit	Hood edge protector
Back-up sensor	Trailer hitch bike attachment

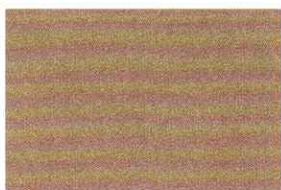


❶ Transport your bikes on the rear of your MDX with this trailer hitch bike attachment so that you can maximize room in the cargo area. ❷ With the addition of this Class 3 trailer hitch for your boat or trailer, conquering the outdoors has never been easier. ❸ Accentuate the aggressive and sporty look of your MDX with this sleek tailgate deflector.

EXTERIOR	INTERIOR
Nighthawk Black Pearl	Ebony
Sandstone Metallic	Saddle
Starlight Silver Metallic	Ebony
Midnight Blue Pearl	Saddle
Slate Grey Pearl	Stone



Nighthawk Black Pearl



Sandstone Metallic



Starlight Silver Metallic



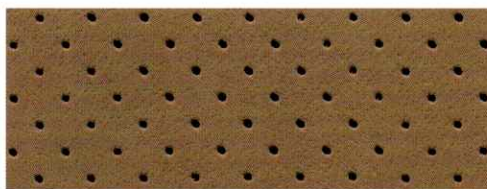
Midnight Blue Pearl



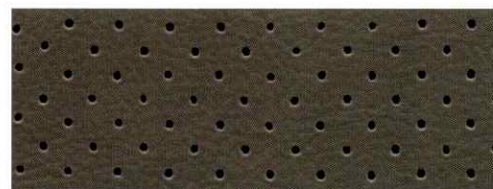
Slate Grey Pearl



Ebony



Saddle



Stone

THE ACURA EXPERIENCE

At Acura, our commitment to excellence goes far beyond engineering our vehicles. We're just as committed to making your



ownership experience a rewarding one. That's why every new Acura includes:
A complimentary tank of gas at time of delivery • Carpeted floor mats • 6,000 and 12,000 kilometre scheduled maintenance • 24-hour Roadside

Assistance for the first three years of ownership which includes Dispatch Emergency Roadside Service, Emergency Lockout Service, Traffic Accident Services and more. See your Acura Dealer for details.

ACURA PLUS

As a new Acura Owner, you can prolong your worry-free ownership experience by purchasing additional coverage. Just choose from our flexible selection of Mechanical Coverage that extends up to 7 years/160,000 km, whichever comes first. You can also extend your Roadside Assistance. Ask your Acura Dealer for full details.

WARRANTIES

Your new Acura vehicle includes the following warranties:

- Major component – 5-year/100,000 km limited warranty
- Vehicle – 3-year/60,000 km distributors limited warranty
- Rust Perforation – 5-year unlimited distance warranty • Surface Corrosion – 3-year unlimited distance warranty • Accessories – 3-year/60,000 km limited warranty (when installed by an

authorized Acura Dealer at time of new vehicle delivery).

Regular maintenance items and parts are subject to normal wear and replacement, and therefore not covered by warranty. Certain other items are excluded and certain conditions apply. See your Acura Dealer for complete details.

LEASING AND FINANCING

We offer an array of options to make owning an Acura even easier. Ask your Acura Dealer for complete details on: Acura Leadership Leasing,* Acura Future Value Financing* and Conventional Financing.*

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