



Climate Control System

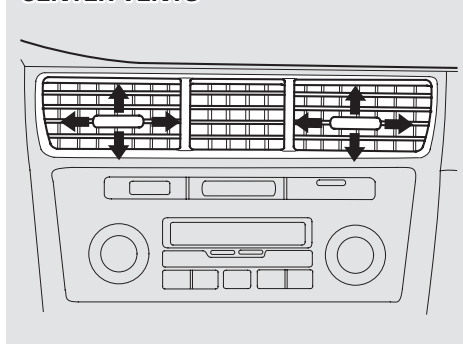
The automatic climate control system in your Acura picks the proper combination of air conditioning, heating, and ventilation to maintain the interior temperature you select. The system also adjusts the fan speed and air flow levels.

The direction of air flow from the vents in the center and each side of the dashboard is adjustable. Move the tab in the center of each vent up-and-down and side-to-side.

The side vents can be opened and closed with the dials next to them.

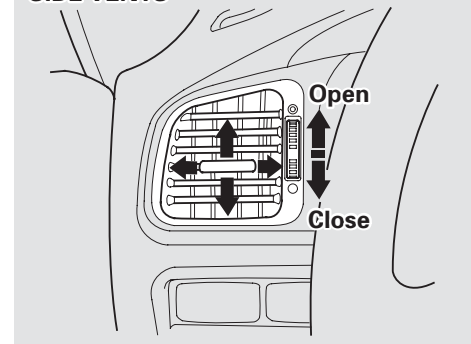
In the rear seat, you can also adjust the ventilation when the climate control system is on (see page [126](#)).

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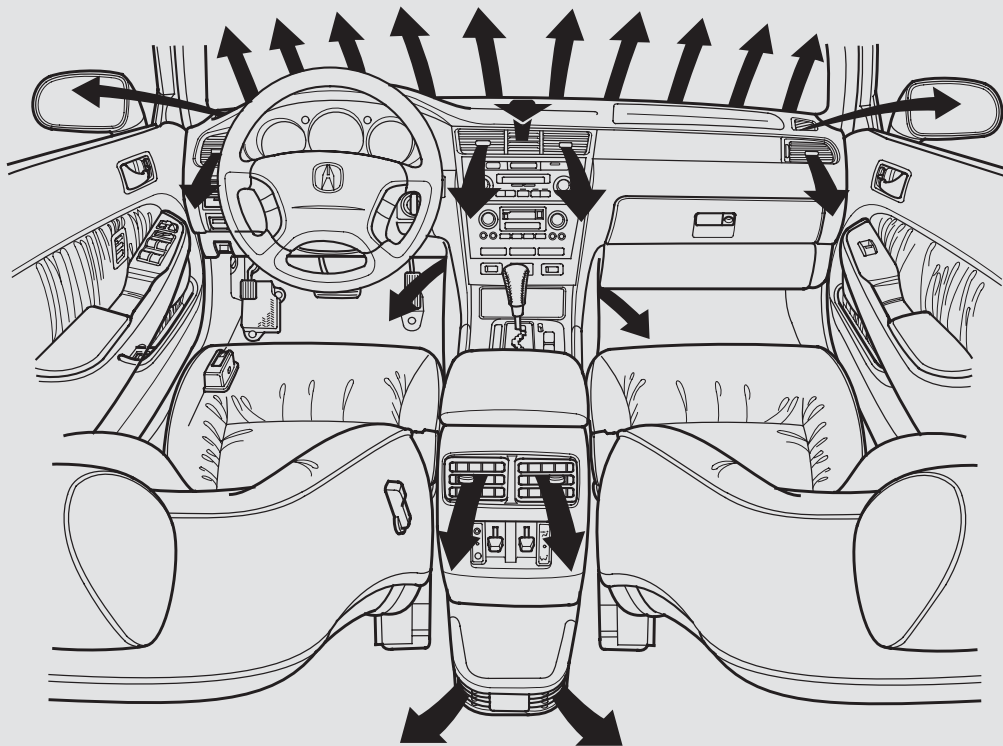


The climate control system draws air through the exterior vents at the bottom of the windshield. Keep these vents clear of leaves and other debris.

SIDE VENTS



For the climate control system to provide heating and cooling, the engine must be running.





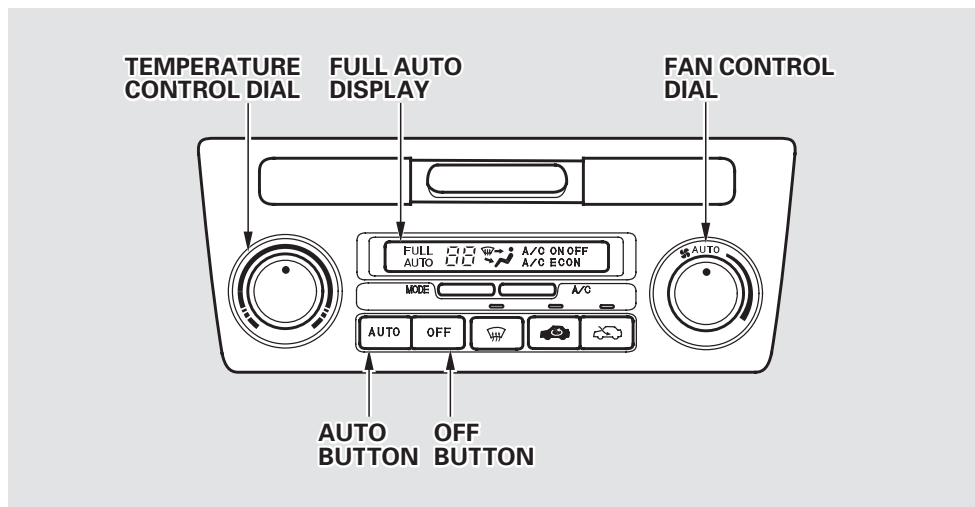
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3.5 RL without Navigation System Fully-automatic Operation

To put the Automatic Climate Control in fully-automatic mode, press the AUTO button and set the fan control dial to AUTO, then set the desired temperature by turning the temperature control dial. You will see FULL AUTO in the system's display. The light above either the or button also goes on to show you which is selected.

The system automatically selects the proper mix of conditioned and/or heated air that will, as quickly as possible, raise or lower the interior temperature from its current level to the set temperature.

When you set the temperature to its lower limit (60°F/18°C) or its upper limit (90°F/32°C), the system runs at full cooling or heating only. It does not regulate the interior temperature. When the temperature is set



between the lower and upper limits, the system regulates the interior temperature to the set value.

In cold weather, the fan will not come on automatically until the car has been driven for a short time and the heater starts to develop warm air.

Pressing the OFF button shuts the climate control system completely off. Keep the system completely off only for short periods. To keep stale air and mustiness from collecting, you should have the fan running at all times.

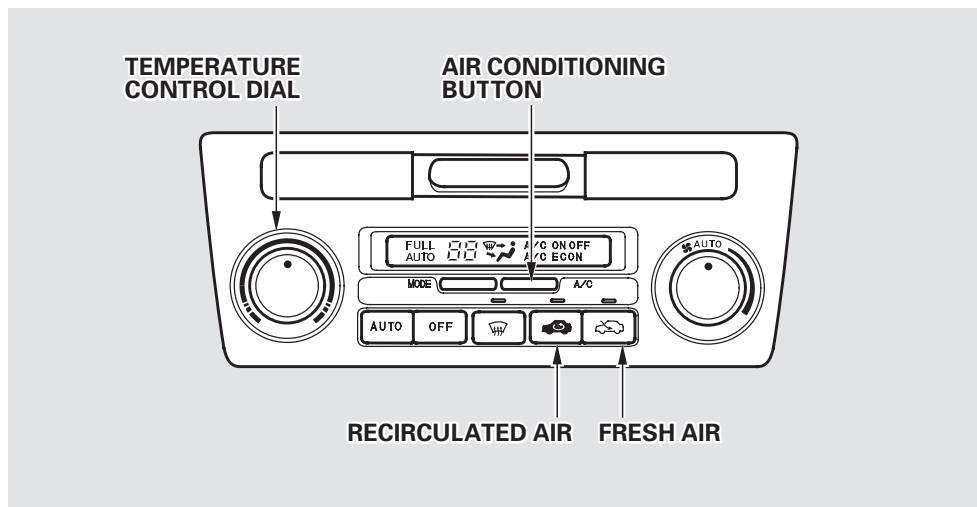
Semi-automatic Operation

You can manually select various functions of the Climate Control system when it is in FULL AUTO. All other features remain automatically controlled. Making any manual selection causes the word FULL to go out.

Air Conditioning (A/C) Button

Press the A/C button to operate the air conditioning. Each time you press the A/C button, the display shows the mode: A/C ECON, A/C OFF, or A/C ON.

When you turn the A/C off, the system cannot regulate the inside temperature if you set the dial below the outside temperature. With the A/C on, use the temperature control dial to adjust the temperature of the air flow to a comfortable setting.



With the A/C in economy mode, you will see A/C ECON in the system's display. Use this mode to get better fuel economy.

In this mode, you may feel a slight reduction in cooling efficiency. If you want more cooling, select A/C ON or FULL AUTO.

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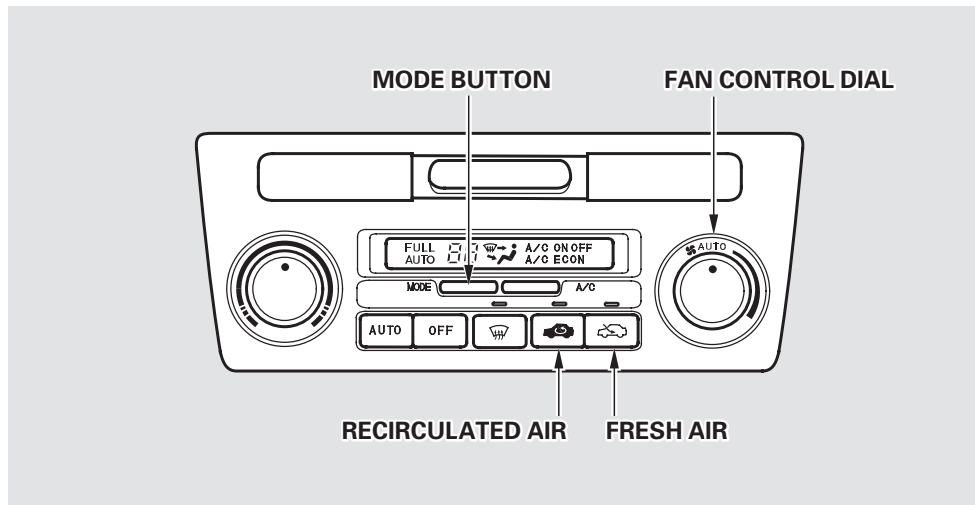
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Recirculated and Fresh Air

These two buttons control the source of the air going into the system. In Fresh Air mode (), air is brought in from outside the vehicle. In Recirculation mode (), air from the car's interior is sent through the system again. You can, for example, manually put the system in recirculation mode when driving through an area of smoke or fumes. When you press the  or  button, the light in that button comes on.

Fan Control Dial

You can manually select the fan speed by turning the fan control dial. When you turn the dial clockwise, the fan is taken out of automatic mode and starts to run at its lowest speed. Turning the dial fully clockwise increases the fan's speed, which increases air flow.



Mode Button

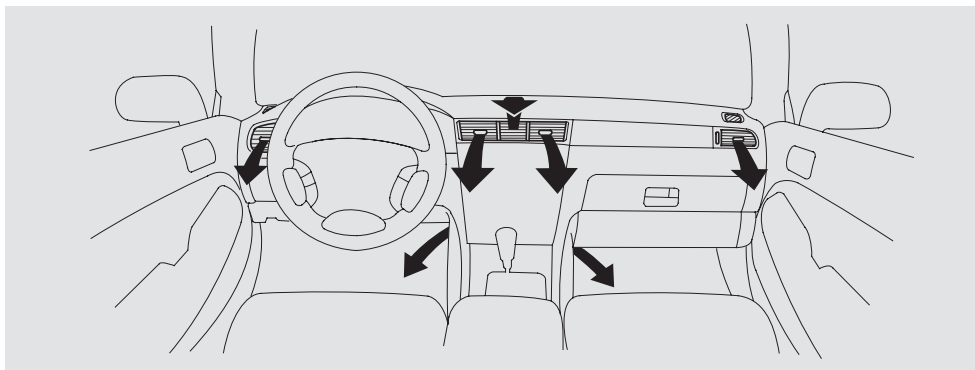
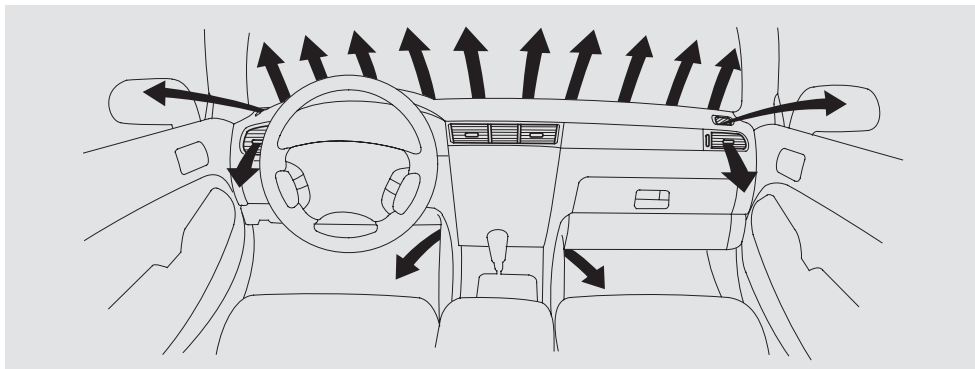
Use the MODE button to select the vents the air flows from. Some air will flow from the side vents and the dashboard corner vents in all modes. Each time you press the MODE button, the display shows the mode selected. Press the button four times to see all the modes.

 The main air flow is divided between the floor vents and defroster vents at the base of the windshield.

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The  button directs the main air flow to the windshield for faster defrosting. It also overrides any MODE selection you may have made.

When you select , the A/C turns on automatically and the system selects Fresh Air mode. For faster defrosting, manually set the fan speed to high. You can also increase air flow to the windshield by closing the side vents in the dashboard.

When you turn off  by pressing the button again, the system returns to its former settings.

