



Audio System

AM/FM/Cassette Stereo Audio System

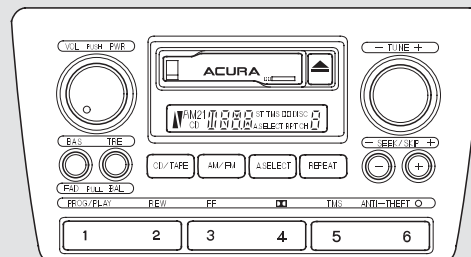
Your Acura's audio system provides clear reception on both AM and FM bands, while the preset buttons allow you to easily select your favorite stations.

The cassette system features Dolby* noise reduction, automatic sensing of chromium-dioxide (CrO₂) tape, and auto-reverse for continuous play.

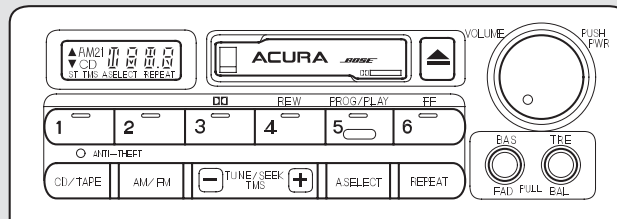
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The anti-theft feature will disable the system if it is disconnected from the car's battery. To get the system working again, you must enter a code number (see page [156](#)).

3.5 RL without Navigation System



3.5 RL with Navigation System





3.5 RL without Navigation System Operating the Radio

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

The band and frequency that the radio was last tuned to is displayed. To change bands, press the AM/FM button. On the FM band, ST will be displayed if the station is broadcasting in stereo. ST will flash if you are driving in an area where the radio signal is weak. Stereo reproduction on AM is not available.

You can use any of three methods to find radio stations on the selected band: TUNE, SEEK, or the Preset buttons.

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

SEEK — The SEEK function searches the band for a station with a strong signal. To activate it, push either side of the SEEK/SKIP buttons (– or +). Push the + button to scan up from the current frequency, and the – button to scan down. It stops when it finds a station with a strong signal.

Preset — You can store the frequencies of your favorite radio stations in the six preset buttons. Each button will store one frequency on the AM band, and two frequencies on the FM band.

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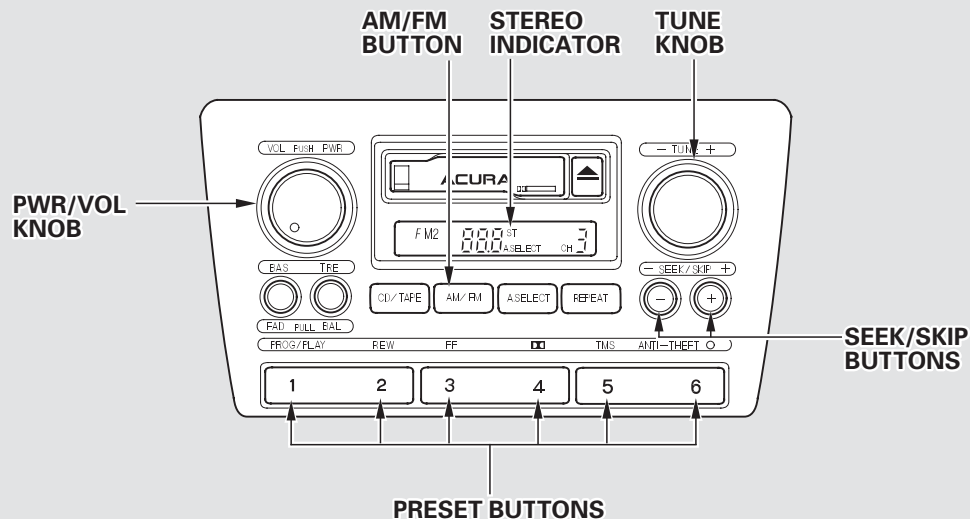


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To store a frequency:

1. Select the desired band, AM or FM. FM1 and FM2 let you store two frequencies with each Preset button.
2. Use the TUNE or SEEK function to tune the radio to a desired station.
3. Pick the Preset button you want for that station. Press the 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 on FM.

Once a station's frequency is stored, simply press and release the proper Preset button to tune to it. The preset frequencies will be lost if your car's battery goes dead, is disconnected, or the radio fuse is removed.

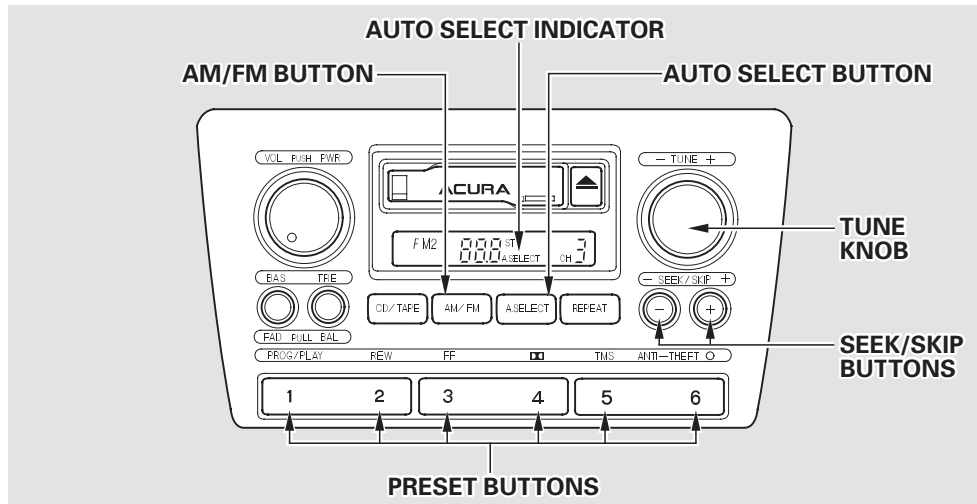




AUTO SELECT — If you are traveling far from home and can no longer receive the stations you preset, you can use the Auto Select feature to find stations in the local area.

To activate Auto Select, press the A. SELECT button. A. SELECT will appear in the display, and the system will go into scan mode for several seconds. It automatically scans both bands, looking for stations with strong signals. It stores the frequencies of six AM stations and twelve FM stations in the preset buttons. You can then use the preset buttons to select those stations.

If you are in a remote area, Auto Select may not find six strong AM stations or twelve strong FM stations. If this happens, you will see a “0” displayed when you press any preset button that does not have a station stored.



With Auto Select on, you cannot manually store any frequencies in the preset buttons. If you do not like the stations found by Auto Select, you can use the TUNE and SEEK functions to find other stations.

Auto Select does not erase the frequencies that you preset previously. When you return home, turn off Auto Select by pressing the A. SELECT button. The preset buttons will then select the frequencies you originally set.



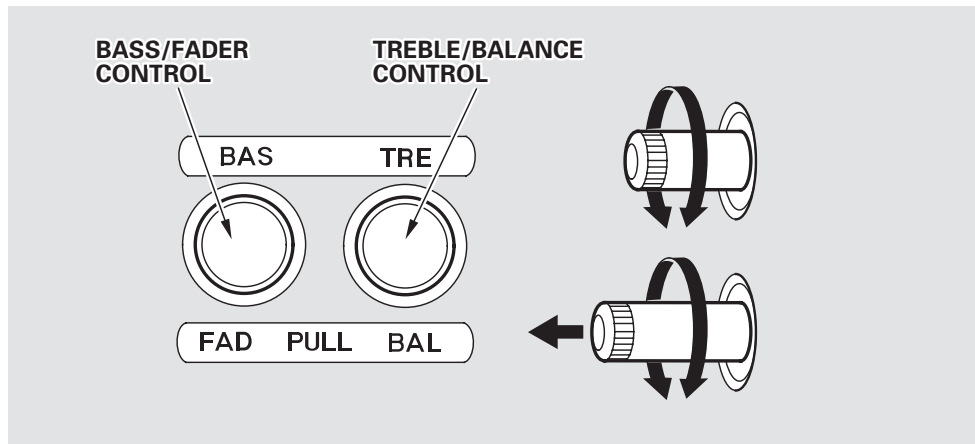
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Adjusting the Sound

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

To adjust the fader, push on the BASS/FADER control knob to get it to pop out. Pull it out slightly farther, and adjust the front-to-back sound to your liking. Push the knob back in when you are done so you cannot change the setting by accidentally bumping it.

To adjust the balance, push on the TREBLE/BALANCE control knob to get it to pop out. Pull it out slightly farther, and adjust the side-to-side sound to your liking. Push the knob back in when you are done so you cannot change the setting by accidentally bumping it.



Treble/Bass — Use these controls to adjust the tone to your liking.

To adjust the Treble level, push on the TREBLE/BALANCE control knob to get it to pop out. Without pulling it out farther, turn the knob to adjust the treble level. Push the knob back in when you are done so you cannot change the setting by accidentally bumping it.

To adjust the Bass level, push on the BASS/FADER control knob to get it to pop out. Without pulling it out farther, turn the knob to adjust the bass level. Push the knob back in when you are done so you cannot change the setting by accidentally bumping it.



Audio System Lighting

You can use the instrument panel brightness control dial to adjust the illumination of the audio system (see page [66](#)). The audio system illuminates when the parking lights are on, even if the radio is turned off.

Radio Frequencies and Reception

For information, See page [141](#).

Operating the Cassette Player

The ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II). Make sure the tape opening on the cassette is facing to the right, then insert the cassette most of the way into the slot. The system will pull it in the rest of the way, and begin to play.

The tape direction indicator will light to show you which side of the cassette is playing. The ▲ indicates the side you inserted facing upward is now playing. If you want to play the other side, press the PROG/PLAY button.

Dolby noise reduction turns on when you insert a cassette. If the tape was not recorded with Dolby noise reduction, turn it off by pressing the  button.

When the system reaches the end of the tape, it will automatically reverse direction and play the other side. If you want to remove the cassette from the drive, press the EJECT button.

If you turn the system off while a tape is playing, either with the PWR/VOL knob or by turning off the ignition, the cassette will remain in the drive. When you turn the system back on, the tape will begin playing where it left off.

To switch to the radio or CD changer while listening to a tape, press the AM/FM or CD/TAPE button. To change back to the cassette player, press the CD/TAPE button.

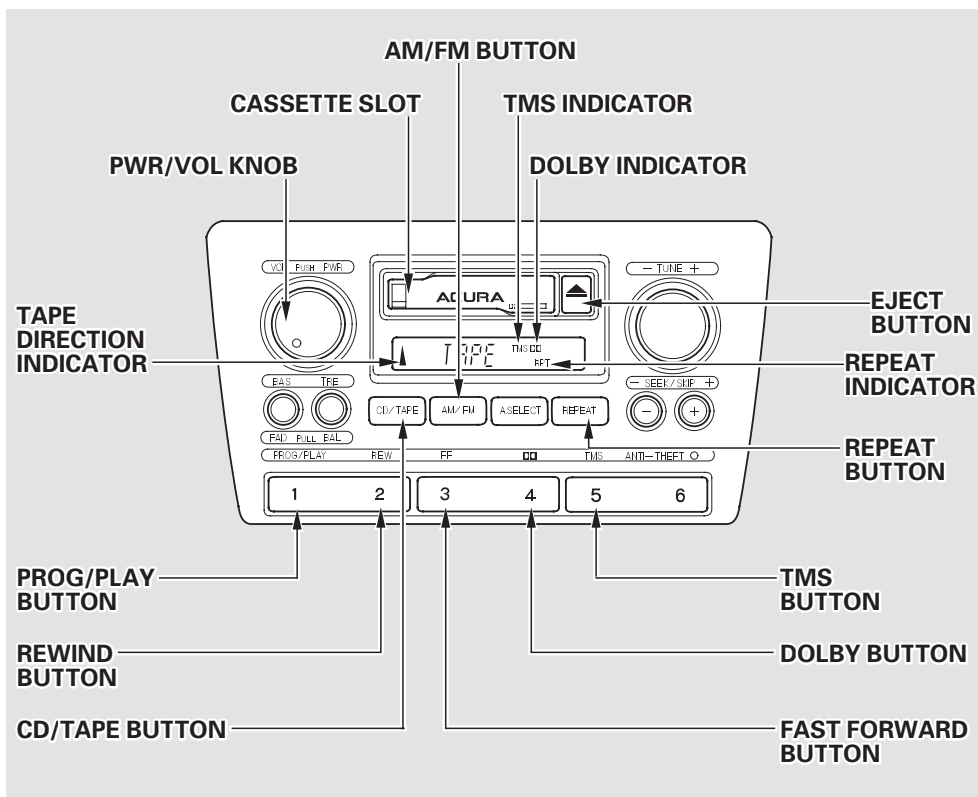


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Tape Search Functions

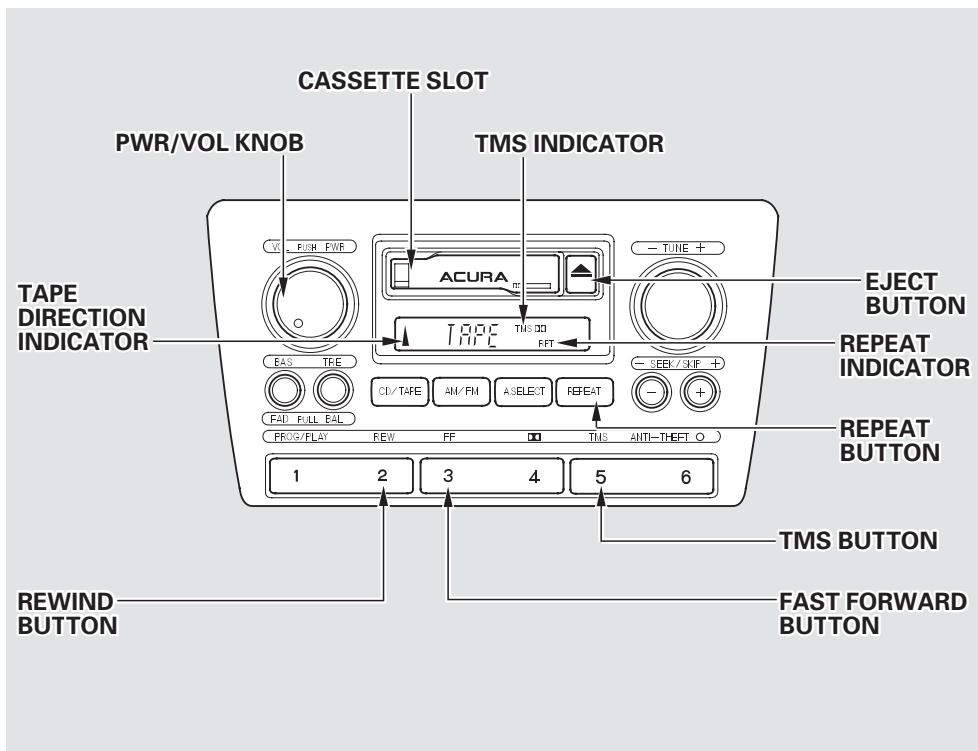
With a cassette playing, you can use the FF, REW, TMS, or REPEAT function to find a desired program.

FF/REW — Fast Forward and Rewind move the tape rapidly. To rewind the tape, push the REW button. You will see REW in the display. To fast forward the tape, push the FF button. You will see FF displayed. Press the PROG/PLAY button to take the system out of rewind or fast forward. When the system reaches the end of the tape, it reverses direction and begins to play if in fast forward, or it begins to play if in rewind.





TMS — The Tape Music Search Function allows you to find the beginning of a song or passage. To activate TMS, press the TMS button. You will see TMS displayed. To find the beginning of the song or passage currently playing, push the REW button. You will see REW flashing in the display as the tape rewinds. To find the beginning of the next song, push the FF button. You will see FF flashing in the display as the tape fast forwards. When the system finds the beginning of a song or passage, it goes back to PLAY mode. Press the TMS button again to turn it off.



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REPEAT — The Repeat function continuously replays the current song or passage. Press the REPEAT button to activate it; you will see RPT displayed as a reminder. When the system reaches the end of the song or passage currently playing, it will automatically go into rewind. When it senses the beginning of the same song or passage, the system returns to PLAY mode. It will continue to repeat this same program until you deactivate REPEAT by pressing the button again. Pressing the REW or FF button also turns off REPEAT.

The TMS and REPEAT functions use silent periods on the tape to find the end of a song or passage. These features may not work to your satisfaction if there is almost no gap between selections, a high noise level between selections, or a silent period in the middle of a selection.

Caring for Cassettes

Damaged cassettes can jam inside the drive or cause other problems. See page [148](#) for information on cassette care and protection.

Operating the CD Changer

A Compact Disc changer is standard equipment. It holds up to six discs, providing several hours of continuous entertainment. You operate the CD changer with the same controls used for the radio and cassette player.

To load the CDs in the magazine and load the magazine into the CD changer, refer to page [159](#). Play only standard round discs. Odd-shaped CDs may jam in the drive or cause other problems.

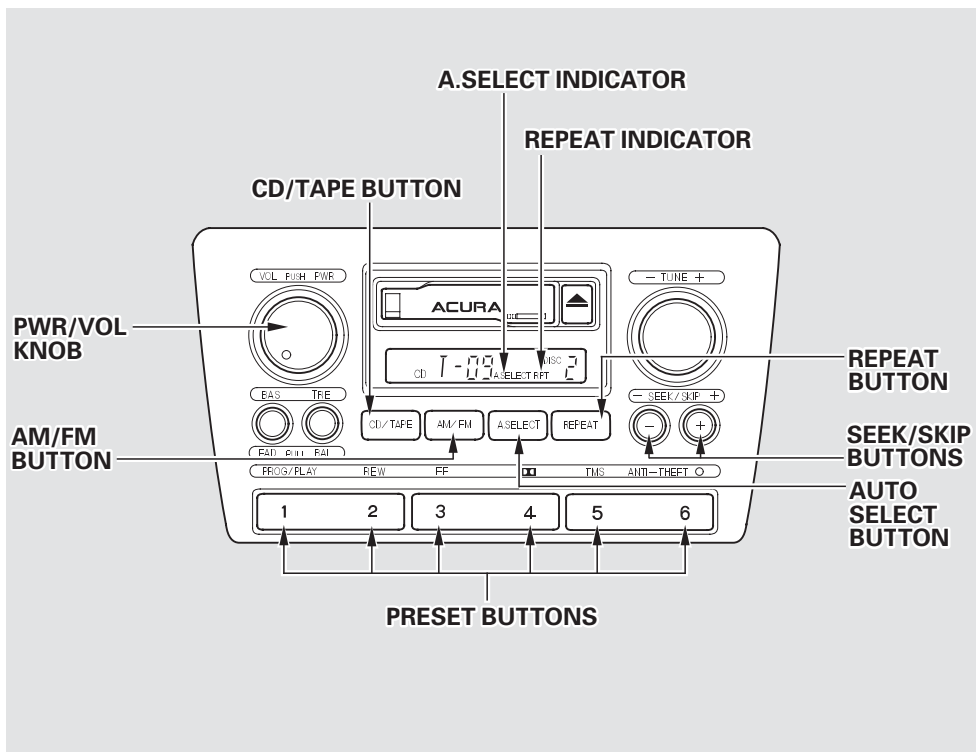
Do not play discs with disc accessories such as protective seals or rubbers. Using them may also cause the audio system to malfunction.

To operate the CD changer, the ignition switch must be in ACCESSORY (I) or ON (II).

Select the CD mode by pressing the CD/TAPE button. You will see “CD” in the display. The system will start to play the first track of the first disc in the magazine. You will see the disc and track number displayed.

When that disc ends, the next disc in the magazine is loaded and played. After the last disc finishes, the system returns to disc 1.

To select a different disc, press the appropriate preset button (1–6). 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. This continues until it finds a CD to load and play.



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You can use the SEEK/SKIP buttons to select tracks within a disc. If you push and release either side of the SEEK/SKIP buttons (– or +), the system will move to the beginning of a track. Push the + button to move to the beginning of the next track, and push the – button to move to the beginning of the current track.

If you push and hold the SEEK/SKIP button, you will hear a beep and the system will continue to move across tracks. Release the button when you think it has reached the desired place on the disc.

REPEAT — When you activate the Repeat feature by pressing the REPEAT button, the system continuously replays the current track. You will see RPT in the display as a reminder. Press the REPEAT button again to turn it off.

RANDOM PLAY — This feature, when activated, plays the tracks on a CD in random order, rather than in the order they are recorded on the CD. To activate Random Play, press the A. SELECT button. You will see A. SELECT in the display. The system will then select and play tracks randomly on the current disc. When all tracks on that disc have been played, the next disc is loaded and played randomly. This continues until you deactivate Random Play by pressing A. SELECT again.

To take the system out of CD mode, press the AM/FM button or insert a cassette in the player. If a tape is already in the cassette player, press the CD/TAPE button. When you return to CD mode, play will continue at the same point that it left off.

If you turn the system off while a CD is playing, either with the PWR/VOL knob or the ignition switch, play will continue at the same point when you turn it back on.

Protecting Compact Discs

For information on how to handle and protect compact discs, see page [153](#).