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Honda Fit





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LITTLE BIG MAN.

» The name and the face are familiar, but this isn't the same Honda Fit that rewrote big sections of the subcompact playbook when it made its U.S. debut in 2006. Known as the Jazz in other world markets, that car had been around since 2001, making it due for a major makeover, and that's exactly what it got. It's essentially a brand-new car—longer wheelbase, a little bigger overall, slightly roomier within, a little more mass, a little more muscle, a little more hustle, with the same fuel economy.

We were impressed with the high-quality appointments and design that distinguished the interior of the first Fit, but the makeover raises both elements of the inner car by a couple of notches. It also improves the usefulness of this amazingly voluminous small car. For example, the rear seatbacks flop forward with a single flip of a lever. Honda has added an adjustment for steering-wheel reach, as well as rake, and there's also a nav-system option.

The best part is that Honda's updates haven't diluted this car's warrior spirit at all. The Fit won't

contort facial muscles at full throttle, but its agility ranks at the top of the econocar charts. If there's a better combination of thrift, practicality, and fun-to-drive, we haven't seen it yet.



VEHICLE TYPE: front-engine, front-wheel-drive, 5-passenger, 5-door wagon

BASE PRICE: \$15,220

ENGINE TYPE: SOHC 16-valve 1.5-liter inline-4
Power (SAE net) 117 bhp @ 6600 rpm
Torque (SAE net) 106 lb-ft @ 4800 rpm

TRANSMISSIONS: 5-speed auto, 5-speed auto with manual shifting, 5-speed manual

DIMENSIONS:
Wheelbase: 98.4 in **Length:** 161.6 in
Width: 66.7 in **Height:** 60.0 in
Curb weight: 2500–2650 lb

FUEL ECONOMY:
EPA city/highway driving 27–28/33–35 mpg

