

The Honda Accord



Making the 10Best list more than any other car.





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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY.

◆ THE CURRENT ACCORD SEDAN, the eighth generation of the company's bestselling midliner, has a few flaws. It isn't as frisky and playful as its predecessor, and it looks a touch homely, especially parked next to a Hyundai Sonata. But flaws don't equal failure: The Accord remains inscrutably excellent. It manages to combine all the practical virtues you need in a family sedan—plenty of interior space, lots of available infotainment and trim choices, a quiet and relaxed ride, subdued engines, and effortless transmissions—with a fluid chassis that urges a driver to wring it out on back roads and off-ramps. The optional V-6 engine is one of the best of its breed, but the Accord becomes quite pricey when loaded with options such as a navigation system. The Accord range is rounded out by a sporty five-seat coupe. Although the V-6 model strays too close to Mustang GT money, it can be mated to a six-speed stick for a 0-to-60-mph time in the mid-fives. The coupe is refined and far more stylish than the sedan, and the less-expensive four-cylinder versions make more sense and have the spirit of the old, much-loved Prelude. For the 25th time, the Accord wins a 10Best spot because it marries excellence and affordability so brilliantly. Our favorite? The sedan with the 190-hp four-cylinder mated to a slick five-speed manual, of course.

THE NUMBERS

VEHICLE TYPE > front-engine, front-wheel-drive, 5-passenger, 2-door coupe or 4-door sedan
BASE PRICE¹ > \$21,930
ENGINES > DOHC 16-valve 2.4-liter inline-4, 177 or 190 hp, 161 or 162 lb-ft; SOHC 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6, 271 hp, 251 or 254 lb-ft
TRANSMISSIONS > 5-speed automatic, 5-speed automatic with manual shifting, 5- or 6-speed manual
DIMENSIONS: WHEELBASE > 107.9-110.2 in LENGTH > 191.0-194.9 in WIDTH > 72.7-72.8 in HEIGHT > 56.4-58.1 in
CURB WEIGHT > 3250-3600 lb
FUEL ECONOMY: EPA CITY/HIGHWAY DRIVING² > 17-23/26-34 mpg



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Your actual mileage will vary depending on how you drive and maintain your vehicle.