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Honda Accord

OLD-SCHOOL-HONDA GOODNESS.

THE FOUR-CYLINDER ACCORD PROVES that when Honda plays to its strengths, it is better than anyone at producing vehicles with a supernaturally fine balance of attributes. That this is still true while Honda is widely acknowledged to have lost some of its product magic puts the all-around excellence of the four-cylinder Accord in stark relief. This is a big sedan (without a sunroof, roomy enough to reside in the EPA's Large Sedan category) that's lighter on its feet than many sports coupes you could mention. The primary controls are so perfectly matched to each other that this not-exactly-sporty-looking sedan can traipse along the tightrope of your favorite back road with precision and utter predictability. It will return 33 mpg on the highway; a well-equipped EX version costs just one nice dinner more than \$25,000 (a little more for the coupe); and it's a more

natural heel-and-toe enabler than most sports cars. That's an unparalleled breadth of talent and goodness. Whether this Accord becomes the guiding light for the future of Honda or is simply a star that hasn't quite extinguished yet, we don't know. For now, it shines as brilliantly as ever.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

 2-door coupe or 4-door sedan

 BASE PRICE
 \$21,380-\$29,930'

 ENGINE TYPE: DOHC 16-valve inline-4, aluminum block and head, port fuel injection
 144 cu in, 2354 cc

 POWER
 177 hp @ 6500 rpm or 190 hp @ 7000 rpm

 TORQUE
 161 hp @ 4300 rpm or 162 lb-ft @ 4400 rpm

 TRANSMISSIONS: 5-speed manual, 5-speed automatic with manual shifting mode wHEELBASE/LENGTH
 107.9-110.2/191.0-194.9 in

 WIDTH/HEIGHT
 72.7-72.8/56.4-58.1 in

 CURB WEIGHT
 3250-3450 lb

 EPA CITY/HWY FUEL ECONOMY
 22-23/32-34 mpg



FUN FACT: More than 95 percent of the Accords sold in the U.S. are manufactured in Marysville, Ohio.²

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