


 10Best


 CAR AND DRIVER  
2013

## HONDA ACCORD

*The family sedan, elevated.*

Let us get this straight: The new Accord has ditched its control-arm front suspension for struts; a CVT has displaced its four-cylinder's step-gear automatic; and gasoline direct injection is new this year—but only on the four—nine years after Audi first offered it in the U.S. So why is this car back on this list for a record 27th time? It's not because the Accord is a looker. What it has is inner beauty: Luxury-car big inside and yet smaller outside than before, this ninth-gen version fully delivers on Honda's "man-maximum, machine-minimum" philosophy. The Accord's greatness has always derived from its ability to disappear under its driver, but this new car verges on the ethereal—it is so easy to see out of, so easy to point into a corner, so elegant and light and forgiving in its responses that one big fluid loop develops between man and

machine. This is true whether you're talking about the base four-cylinder sedan or the six-cylinder coupe with its clock-work manual. Its playful and graceful spirit makes taking grandma to the doctor and the kids to soccer and the boss to lunch no chore. You only think it's a driving appliance until you drive it. Then you understand.

### SPECIFICATIONS

**VEHICLE TYPE:** front-engine, front-wheel-drive, 5-passenger, 2-door coupe or 4-door sedan • **BASE PRICE<sup>1</sup>:** \$21,680 LX Sedan and \$23,350 LX-S Coupe • **ENGINES:** DOHC 16-valve 2.4-liter inline-4, 185-189 hp, 181-182 lb-ft; SOHC 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6, 278 hp, 251-252 lb-ft • **TRANSMISSIONS:** 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic, continuously variable automatic • **WHEELBASE:** 107.3-109.3 in • **LENGTH:** 189.2-191.4 in • **WIDTH:** 72.8 in • **HEIGHT:** 56.5-57.7 in • **CURB WEIGHT:** 3186-3559 lb • **EPA CITY/HWY FUEL ECONOMY RATINGS<sup>2</sup>:** 24 city/34 hwy mpg rating for 4-cylinder 6MT models. 27 city/36 hwy mpg rating for Sedan CVT models. 26 city/35 hwy mpg rating for Sport Sedan and 4-cylinder Coupe models with CVT. 21 city/34 hwy mpg rating for V-6 Sedan models. 18 city/28 hwy mpg rating for V-6 Coupe 6MT models. 21 city/32 hwy mpg rating for V-6 Coupe 6AT models.



<sup>1</sup>MSRP excluding tax, license, registration, \$790.00 destination charge and options. Dealer prices may vary.

<sup>2</sup>Based on 2013 EPA mileage ratings. Use for comparison purposes only. Your actual mileage will vary depending on how you drive and maintain your vehicle.