

Maintenance Schedule

Severe Conditions

Follow the Severe Conditions Maintenance Schedule if the vehicle is driven in Canada or MAINLY under one or more of the Severe Driving Conditions (page 3-5):

Service at the indicated distance or time whichever comes first.	miles x 1,000	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	NOTE	SECTION and PAGE in the '96 - 01 3.5RL service manual P/N 61SZ305
	km x 1,000	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192		
	months	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96		
Replace engine oil and oil filter	Every 3,750 miles (6,000 km) or 6 months									Capacity for change with filter: 4.6 ℓ (4.9 US qt, 4.0 Imp qt)	8-4, 8-5
Check engine oil and coolant	Check oil and coolant at each fuel stop									Check levels and check for leaks.	8-4, 10-5
Clean (○) or replace (●) air cleaner element Use normal schedule except in dusty conditions	○	●	○	●	○	●	○	●			11-153
Replace spark plugs								●		NGK: PFR5L-11 DENSO: PK 16PR-L11 Standard gap: 1.0 - 1.1 mm (0.039 - 0.043 in) Service limit: 1.3 mm (0.051 in) Do not adjust the gap, replace the spark plug if it is out of service limit.	4-22
Replace timing belt*1, balancer belt*1, and inspect water pump								●		Check water pump for signs of seal leakage.	6-8 to 6-13, 10-10
Inspect and adjust drive belts		●		●		●		●		Check for cracks and damage. Check deflection and tension at center of alternator belt pressing with 98 N (10 kgf, 22 lbf) tension: Alternator drive belt: 9.5 - 11.5 mm (0.37 - 0.45 in) P/S pump belt: 10.5 - 12.5 mm (0.41 - 0.49 in) A/C Compressor belt: 8.0 - 11 mm (0.31 - 0.43 in)	4-33, 17-15, 22-85
Inspect idle speed								●		650 ± 50 rpm (in N or P position)	11-124
Replace engine coolant	At 120,000 miles (192,000 km) or 10 years, then every 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 5 years									Capacity for change: 6.1 ℓ (6.4 US qt, 5.4 Imp qt) Check specific gravity for freezing point.	10-5
Replace transmission fluid	Replace at 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 3 years, then every 30,000 miles (48,000 km) or 2 years									3.0 ℓ (3.2 US qt, 2.6 Imp qt) for change with Honda ATF-Z1 (ATF)	14-108
Replace front differential fluid		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Capacity for change; 1.05 ℓ (1.11 US qt, 0.92 Imp qt)	15-4
Inspect front and rear brakes	Every 7,500 miles (12,000 km) or 6 months									• Check the brake pad and disc thickness. Check for damage and cracks. • Check the calipers for damage, leaks, and tightness.	19-10, 19-11, 19-12, 19-17, 19-18, 19-19, 19-23
Replace brake fluid (Including ABS)	Every 3 years (independent of distance)									Use Genuine Honda DOT3 brake fluid. Check that brake fluid level is between the upper and lower marks on the reservoir.	19-8
Check parking brake adjustment	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Check the parking brake operation. Fully engaged 6 to 8 notches.	19-6
Replace dust and pollen filter*2		●		●		●		●			22-68
Rotate tires (Check the inflation and condition at least once per month)	Every 7,500 miles (12,000 km)									The suggested rotation method is shown in the diagram in the Owner's Manual.	—
Lubricate all hinges, locks and latches	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Lubricate all hinges, latches, and locks.	3-2, 3-3

*1: Replace the timing belt and timing balancer belt at 60,000 miles (U.S.) 96,000 km (Canada) if the vehicle regularly is driven in one or more of these conditions:

- In very high temperatures (over 110°F, 43°C).
- In very low temperatures (under -20°F, -29°C).

*2: Replace every 15,000 miles (24,000 km) if the vehicle is driven primarily in urban areas that have high concentrations of soot in the air from industry and diesel-powered vehicles. Replace the air conditioning filter more often if air flow from the climate control system becomes less than usual.

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Visually inspect the following items:										• Check for correct installation and position, check for cracks, deterioration, rust, and leaks. • Check tightness of screws, nuts, and joints. If necessary, retighten.	_____
Tie-rod ends, steering gear box, and boots	Every 7,500 miles (12,000 km) or 6 months									• Check rack grease and steering linkage. • Check the boots for damage and leaking grease. • Check the fluid line for damage and leaks.	17-14, 17-23
Suspension components										Check the bolts for tightness. Check all boots for deterioration and damage.	18-3, 18-21, 18-22
Driveshaft boots										Check boots and boot bands for cracks. Check rack grease.	16-3
Brake hoses and lines [including ABS]	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Check the master cylinder, proportioning control valve, and ABS modulator for damage and leakage.	19-28
All fluid levels and condition of fluids										Check levels and check for leaks. If necessary, add transmission fluid, engine coolant, brake fluid, windshield washer fluid.	8-4, 10-5, 14-108, 15-4, 17-16, 19-8
Cooling system hoses and connections										Check all hoses for damage, leaks, and deterioration. Check all hose clamps. Retighten if necessary.	10-2
Exhaust system*										Check the catalytic converter heat shield, exhaust pipe, and muffler for damage, leaks, and tightness.	9-5
Fuel lines, and connections*										Check fuel lines for loose connections, cracks, and deterioration. Retighten loose connections and replace any damaged parts.	11-126
Lights and controls										Check all light functions and headlight position.	23-123
Vehicle underbody										Check the paint for damages, scratches, stone chipping, and dents.	_____

* According to state and federal regulations, failure to perform maintenance on the items marked with an asterisk (*) will not void customer's emission warranties. However, Acura recommends that all maintenance services be performed at the recommended time or mileage period to ensure long-term reliability.

Severe Driving Conditions:

- Driving less than 5 miles (8 km) per trip or, in freezing temperatures, driving less than 10 miles (16 km) per trip.
- Driving in hot [over 90°F (32°C)] conditions.
- Extensive idling or long periods of stop-and-go driving.
- Trailer towing, driving with a roof-top carrier, or driving in mountainous conditions.
- Driving on muddy, dusty, or de-iced roads.

NOTE: If the vehicle is driven OCCASIONALLY under a "severe" condition, you should follow the Normal Conditions Maintenance Schedule on pages 3-2 and 3-3.

