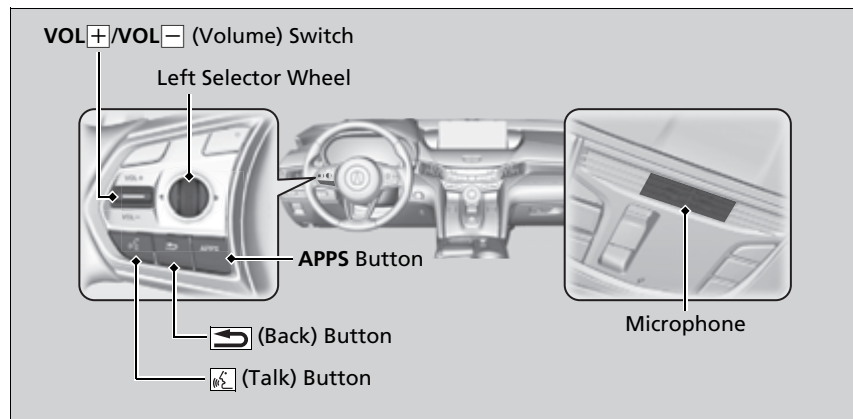


Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® (HFL) allows you to place and receive phone calls using your vehicle's audio system, without handling your cell phone.

Using HFL

HFL Buttons



Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink®

Place your phone where you can get good reception.


To use HFL, you need a *Bluetooth*-compatible cell phone. For a list of compatible phones, pairing procedures, and special feature capabilities:

- U.S.: Visit www.handsfreelink.com/Acura, or call 1-888-528-7876.
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To use the system, the *Bluetooth*® setting must be **On**.



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Voice control tips

- Aim the vents away from the ceiling and close the windows, as noise coming from them may interfere with the microphones.
- Press the  button when you want to call a number using a phonebook name or a number. Speak clearly and naturally after a beep.
- If the microphone picks up voices other than yours, the command may be misinterpreted.
- To change the volume level, the volume level is able to change by the audio system's volume.

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Left Selector Wheel:

- **Incoming call:** Move the selector wheel to the right to answer the call. Move it to the left to decline the call.
- **During a call:** Move the selector wheel to the right to display the call options menu. Move it to the left to end the call.
-  **(back) button:** Press the button to go back to the previous screen or to cancel a command.
-  **(talk) button:** Press the button to start voice recognition.

To go to the phone screen of the multi-information display or the head-up display*:

1. Press the **APPS** button on the steering wheel.
2. Using the selector wheel, scroll to **Phone** on the multi-information display or the head-up display*, and then press the left selector wheel.
 - ▶ You can select **Favorites** or **Recents** by moving the selector wheel to the left or the right.

Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink®

Bluetooth® Wireless Technology

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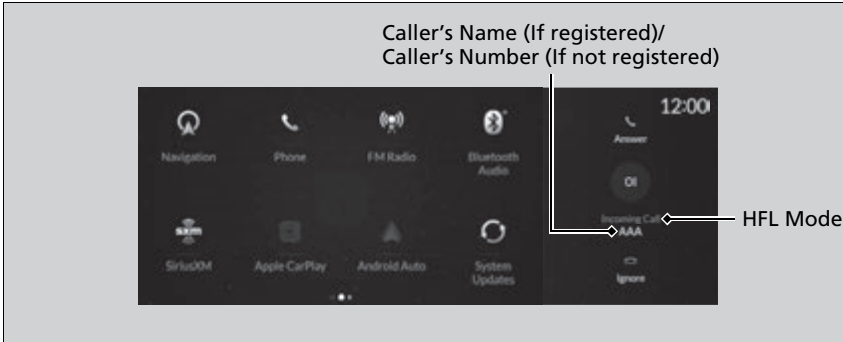
HFL Limitations

An incoming call on HFL will interrupt the audio system when it is playing. It will resume when the call is ended.

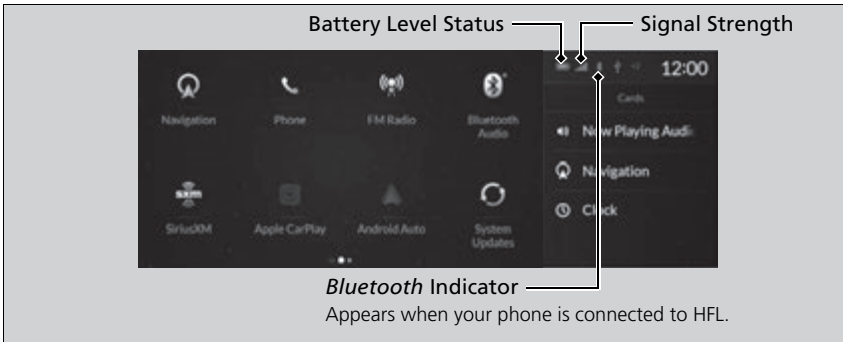
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■ HFL Status Display

The audio/information screen notifies you when there is an incoming call.



Bluetooth® connection status is displayed in the B-zone.



▣ HFL Status Display

The information that appears on the audio/information screen varies between phone models.

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■ Limitations for Manual Operation *


Certain manual functions are disabled or inoperable while the vehicle is in motion. You cannot select a grayed-out option until the vehicle is stopped.

HFL Menu

The power mode must be in ACCESSORY or ON to use the system.

■ Phone screen

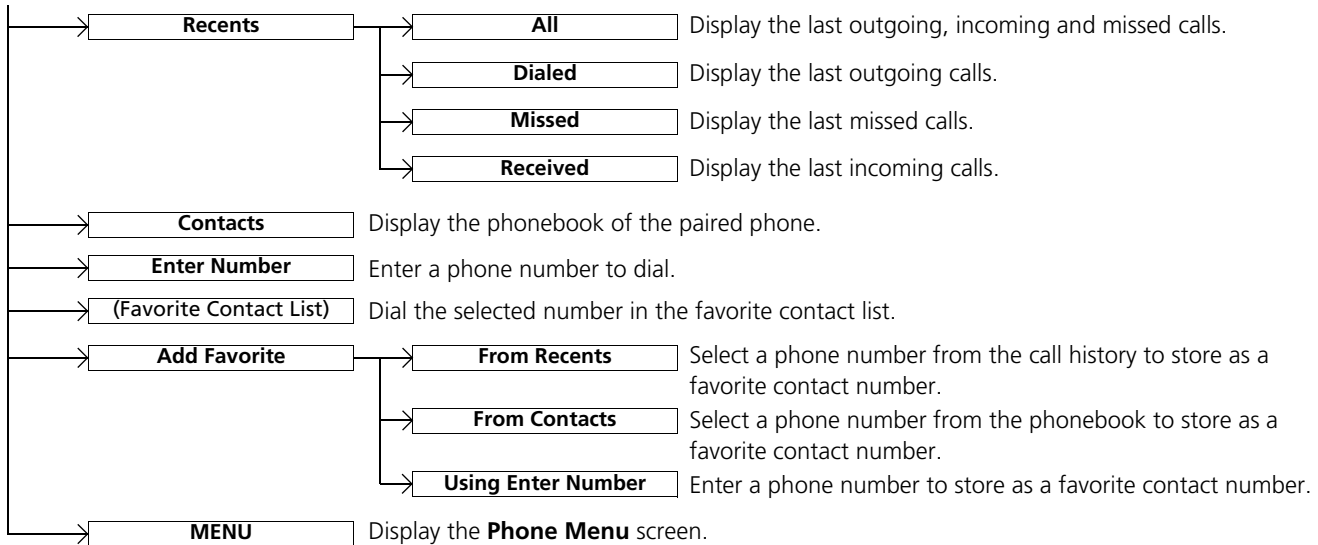


1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Phone**.

☒ HFL Menu

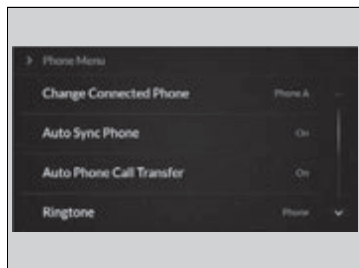
To use HFL, you must first pair your *Bluetooth*-compatible cell phone to the system while the vehicle is parked.


Some functions are limited while driving.



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■ Phone Menu screen



1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Phone**.
3. Select **MENU**.

Change Connected Phone

+ Connect New Device

Pair a new phone to the system.

(Existing entry list)

Connect or disconnect a paired device.

Options

Delete Device

Delete a paired device.

Automatically Download Updates

Turn automatic download function of the software on and off.

Options

Turns the *Bluetooth*® on and off.

Auto Sync Phone

Set phonebook and call history data to be automatically imported when a phone is paired to HFL.

Auto Phone Call Transfer

Set calls to automatically transfer from your phone to HFL when you enter the vehicle.

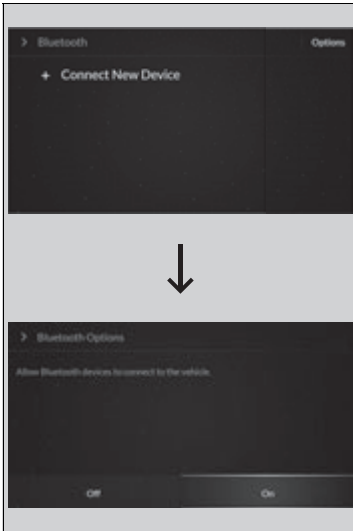
Ringtone

Select a fixed ringtone or the one from the connected cell phone.

AcuraLink Assist


Turn AcuraLink Assist on and off.

Phone Setup



■ Bluetooth® setup

You can turn *Bluetooth*® function on and off.

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Settings**.
3. Select **Connections**.
4. Select **Bluetooth**.
5. Select **Options**.
6. Select **On**.


⌘ Bluetooth® setup

If there is an active connection to Android Auto, this setting is unavailable.

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■ **To pair a cell phone (when there is no phone paired to the system)**

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Phone**.
3. Select **Connect Phone**.
4. Make sure your phone is in search or discoverable mode, then select **+ Connect New Device**.
 - ▶ HFL automatically searches for a *Bluetooth*® device.
5. Select your phone when it appears on the list.
 - ▶ If your phone still does not appear, search for *Bluetooth*® devices using your phone. From your phone, search for **HandsFreeLink**.
6. The system gives you a pairing code on the audio/information screen.
 - ▶ Confirm if the pairing code on the screen and your phone match. This may vary by phone.
7. Select desired functions and then select **Connect**.
 - ▶ The pop-up menu appears on the screen, if the internet wireless hotspot function is selected.

☒ Phone Setup




Your *Bluetooth*-compatible phone must be paired to the system before you can make and receive hands-free calls.

Phone Pairing Tips:

- You cannot pair your phone while the vehicle is moving.
- Up to six phones can be paired.
- Your phone's battery may drain faster when it is paired to the system.

Once you have paired a phone, you can see it displayed on the screen with one or more icons on the right side.

These icons indicate the following:

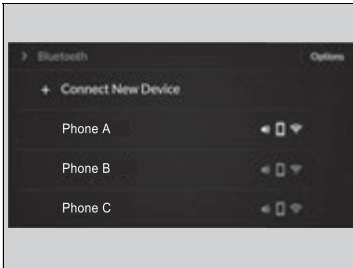
- : The phone is compatible with *Bluetooth*® Audio.
- : The phone can be used with HFL.
- : The phone can be used with internet wireless hotspot.

If there is an active connection to Apple CarPlay or Android Auto, pairing of additional *Bluetooth*® compatible devices is unavailable.

Enable Smart Sharing pop-up

Smart Sharing shares phone data with Acura. You can change the setting later by deleting the device in **Phone Menu**.

For detailed information of all data shared visit <https://acuralink.acura.com/#/acuralinkLegalTerms>



■ **To change the currently paired phone**


1. Go to the **Phone Menu** screen.
- ▶ **Phone Menu screen** P. 334

2. Select **Change Connected Phone**.

When connecting to another phone:

3. Select a phone to connect.
4. Select ,  or .
5. Select **Connect**.

When changing the currently paired phone setting:

3. Select a currently paired phone.
4. Select ,  or .
5. Select **Apply Changes**.

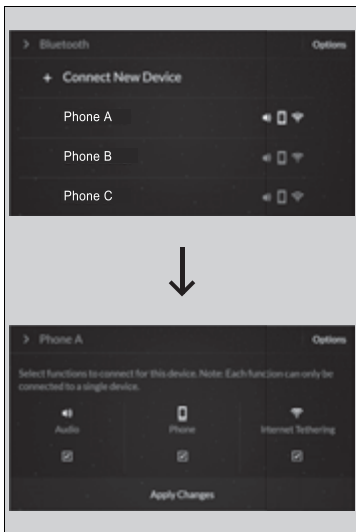
☒ **To change the currently paired phone**

If there is an active connection to Android Auto, this setting is unavailable.

If no other phones are found or paired when trying to switch to another phone, HFL will continue to connect an original phone.

To pair other phones, select **+ Connect New Device** from the **Bluetooth** screen.

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■ To delete a paired phone

1. Go to the **Phone Menu** screen.
 - ▶ **Phone Menu screen** P. 334
2. Select **Change Connected Phone**.
3. Select a phone you want to delete.

4. Select **Options**.
5. Select **Delete Device**.
6. A confirmation message appears on the screen. Select **Delete**.

▶▶ To delete a paired phone

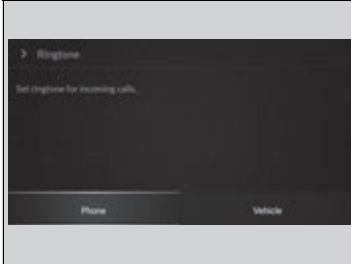
You can also delete a paired phone by the following procedure.

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Settings**.
3. Select **Connections**.
4. Select **Bluetooth**.
5. Select a phone you want to delete.
6. Select **Options**.
7. Select **Delete Device**.
8. A confirmation message appears on the screen. Select **Delete**.

If there is an active connection to Android Auto, you cannot delete a paired phone.

Ringtone

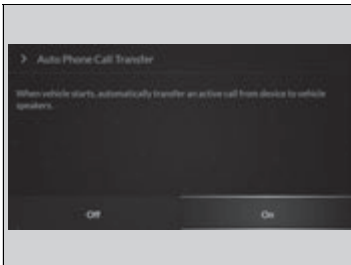
You can change the ringtone setting.



1. Go to the **Phone Menu** screen.
 ▶ **Phone Menu screen** P. 334
2. Select **Ringtone**.
3. Select **Vehicle** or **Phone**.

Automatic Transferring

If you get into the vehicle while you are on the phone, the call can be automatically transferred to HFL.



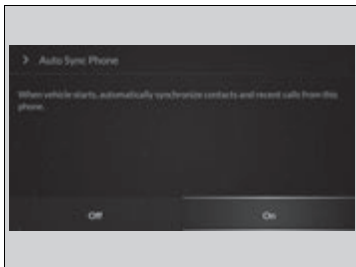
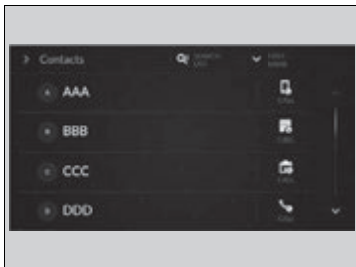
1. Go to the **Phone Menu** screen.
 ▶ **Phone Menu screen** P. 334
2. Select **Auto Phone Call Transfer**.
3. Select **On** or **Off**.

Ringtone

Vehicle: The fixed ringtone sounds from the speakers.

Phone: Depending on the make and model of the cell phone, the ringtone stored in the phone will sound if the phone is connected.

■ Automatic Import of Cellular Phonebook and Call History



■ When Auto Sync Phone is set to On:

When your phone is paired, the contents of its phonebook and call history are automatically imported to the system.

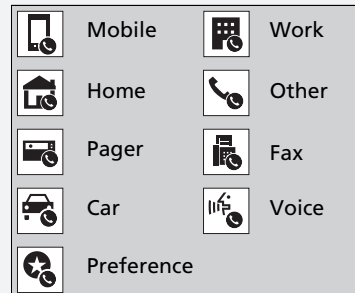
■ Changing the Auto Sync Phone setting

1. Go to the **Phone Menu** screen.
 ▶ **Phone Menu** screen P. 334
2. Select **Auto Sync Phone**.
3. Select **On** or **Off**.

▶▶ Automatic Import of Cellular Phonebook and Call History

On some phones, you will be asked to allow your cellular phonebook to be imported.

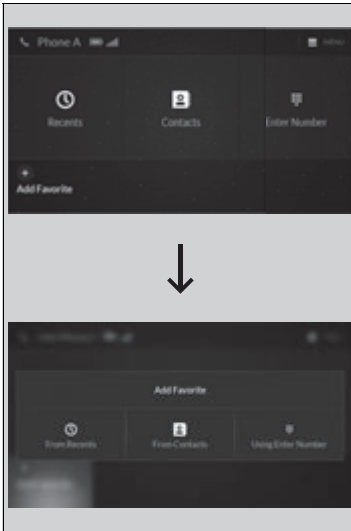
When you select a name from the list in the cellular phonebook, you can see a category icon. The icons indicate what types of numbers are stored for that name.



On some phones, it may not be possible to import the category icons to the system.

The phonebook is updated after every connection. Call history is updated after every connection or call.

Favorite Contacts



To store a favorite contact number:

1. Go to the phone screen.

▶ **Phone screen** P. 333

2. Select **Add Favorite**.

3. Select a place from where to choose a number.

From Recents:

▶ Select a number from the call history.

From Contacts:

▶ Select a number from the phonebook of a cellular phone connected to the system.

Using Enter Number:

▶ Trace the number on the A-zone touchpad, then press it.


If the **KEYPAD** icon located to the upper right of the screen is selected, the keyboard will appear.

4. Select a number.

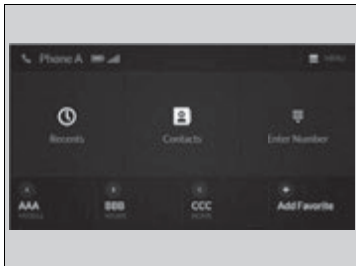
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■ To edit a Favorite Contact

1. Go to the phone screen.
 - ▶ **Phone screen** P. 333
2. Select and hold a desired favorite contact.
3. Select the following options:
 - **Remove Favorite:** Delete the favorite contact.
 - **Add to Home Page:** Add a favorite contact shortcut icon to the home screen.
 - **Add to Heads-Up Display*:** Add a favorite contact shortcut icon to the head-up display menu.
4. Press the  (back) button on the True Touchpad Interface.
 - ▶ The screen will return to the previous screen.

■ Making a Call



You can make calls by inputting any phone number, or by using the imported phonebook, call history, or Favorite Contact entries.

☒ Making a Call

Once a call is connected, you can hear the voice of the person you are calling through the audio speakers.

While there is an active connection with Apple CarPlay, phone calls cannot be made with HandsFreeLink® and are only made from Apple CarPlay.

* Not available on all models



■ **To make a call using the imported phonebook**

1. Go to the phone screen.
 ▶ **Phone screen** P. 333
2. Select **Contacts**.
3. Select a name.
 ▶ You can sort by **First Name** or **Last Name**. Select the icon on the upper right of the screen.
4. Select a number.
 ▶ Dialing starts automatically.



■ **To make a call using a phone number**

1. Go to the phone screen.
 ▶ **Phone screen** P. 333
2. Select **Enter Number**.
3. Trace the number on the A-zone touchpad, then press it.
 ▶ You can enter the number using the on-screen keyboard. Select **KEYPAD** located to the upper right of the screen.
4. Press the A-zone touchpad.
 ▶ Dialing starts automatically.
 ▶ If the on screen keyboard is displayed, select **Call**.

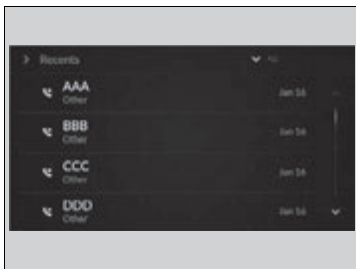
☒ **To make a call using the imported phonebook**

This feature also allows you to send a message or set a navigation route* to a contact's address.

- ▶ **Text Message** P. 347
- ▶ **Refer to Navigation System Manual**

* Not available on all models

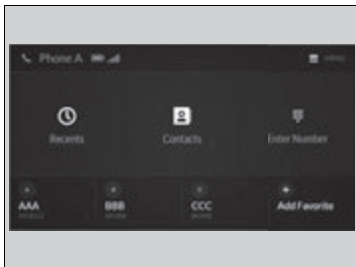
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■ **To make a call using the call history**

Call history is stored by **All, Dialed, Missed,** and **Received.**

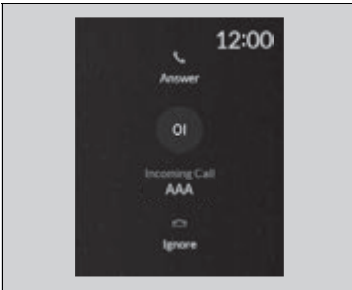
1. Go to the phone screen.
 - ▶ **Phone screen** P. 333
2. Select **Recents**.
 - ▶ You can sort by **All, Dialed, Missed,** or **Received.** Select the icon on the upper right of the screen.
3. Select a number.
 - ▶ Dialing starts automatically.



■ **To make a call using a Favorite Contact entry**

1. Go to the phone screen.
 - ▶ **Phone screen** P. 333
2. Select desired favorite contact.
 - ▶ Dialing starts automatically.

Receiving a Call



When there is an incoming call, an audible notification sounds (if activated) and the **Incoming Call...** screen appears.

Move the left selector wheel to the right to answer the call. Move it to the left to decline or end the call.

- ▶ You can also select **Answer** or **Ignore** on the audio/information screen to use hands-free calling.

Receiving a Call

Call Waiting

To put a call on hold so that you can answer an incoming call, move the left selector wheel to the right.

Move the left selector wheel to the right to resume the call.

Select **Ignore** to ignore the incoming call if you do not want to answer it.

Move the left selector wheel to the left to end a call.

Instead of using the selector wheel, you can use the icons on the audio/information screen to perform the above mentioned functions.

When a screen other than the phone screen is displayed in the A-zone, the incoming call screen is displayed in the B-zone.

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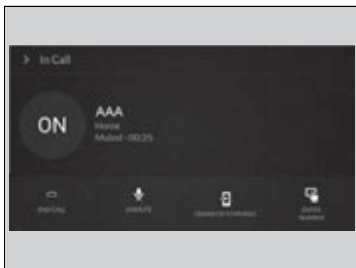
■ Options During a Call

The following options are available during a call.

MUTE: Mute your voice.

TRANSFER TO MOBILE: Transfer a call from the system to your phone.

ENTER NUMBER: Send numbers during a call. This is useful when you call a menu-driven phone system.



The available options are shown on the lower half of the screen.

Select the option.

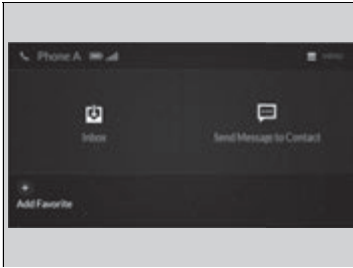
- ▶ **UNMUTE** is displayed when the mute function is on. Select **UNMUTE** to turn it off.
- ▶ **TRANSFER TO VEHICLE** is displayed when the hands-free mode is off. Select **TRANSFER TO VEHICLE** to turn the hands-free mode is on.

☒ Options During a Call

You can select the icons on the audio/information screen.

Text Message

You can operate the various options of the text message function from the message box.



1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.

The following options are available:

Inbox: Shows received messages.

Send Message to Contact: Sends a message to your contact on the list.

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Add Favorite: Adds the favorite contact to the message box.

- ▶ You can add a shortcut to the home screen that will take you directly to your favorite contact. Select and hold the contact, then select **Add to Home Page**.



MENU: Sets the message option for changing the connected device, turning on or off message notifications, or editing replies.

Text Message

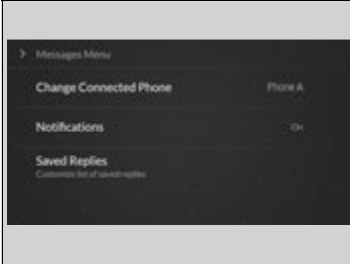
The text message features may not be available depending on the cellular phone.




■ To edit a Favorite Contact

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select and hold a desired favorite contact.
4. Select following options.
 - **Remove Favorite:** Delete a favorite contact.
 - **Add to Home Page:** Add the shortcut icon of a favorite contact to the home screen.
5. Press the  (back) button on the True Touchpad Interface.
 - ▶ The screen will return to the previous screen.

To Set Up Text Message Options



■ To turn on or off the text message notice

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **MENU**.
4. Select **Notifications**.
5. Select **On** or **Off**.

☒ To Set Up Text Message Options

To use the text message function, it may be necessary to set up on your phone.

☒ To turn on or off the text message notice

On: A pop-up notification comes on every time you receive a new message.

Off: The message you receive is stored in the system without notification.




When a screen other than the **Messages** function screen is displayed in the A-zone, a text message notification is displayed in the B-zone.

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■ Receiving a Text Message

HFL can display newly received text messages as well as the last 20 messages received on a linked cell phone. Each received message can be read aloud and replied to using a fixed common phrase.



1. A pop-up appears and notifies you of a new text message.
2. Select **Open**.
3. Select  to listen to the message. To stop listening to the message, select .
 - ▶ Select  to hear the message from the beginning.

☒ Receiving a Text Message

Some cell phones might not be able to read the transmission log of data sent and data received.

The system does not display any received messages while you are driving. You can only hear them read aloud.

The system can only receive messages that are sent as text (SMS) messages. Messages sent using the data services will not be displayed in the list.

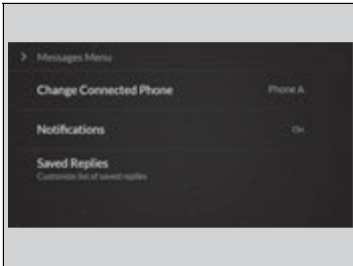
With some phones, you may be able to display up to 20 of the last text messages received.


State or local laws may limit your use of the HFL text message feature. Only use the text message feature when conditions allow you to do so safely.

Depending on the status of the A-zone, the received message screen may be displayed on the B-zone.

Selecting a Phone

You can select one from the *Bluetooth*® device list to be active and receive notifications.



1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **MENU**.
4. Select **Change Connected Phone**.
5. Change a desired phone.
 - ▶ **To change the currently paired phone**

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Selecting a Phone

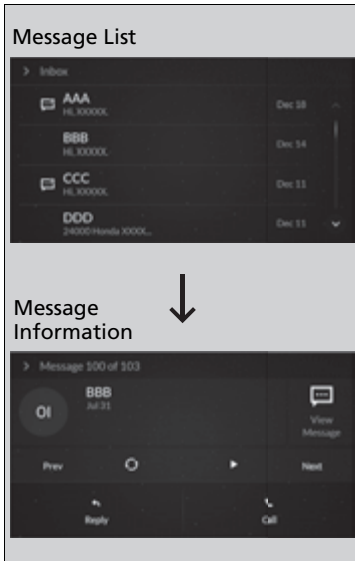
You can only receive notifications from one phone at a time.


You can only connect one device to use both text message function and *Bluetooth*® hands-free phone function.

If there is an active connection to Android Auto, this setting is unavailable.


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■ Displaying Messages



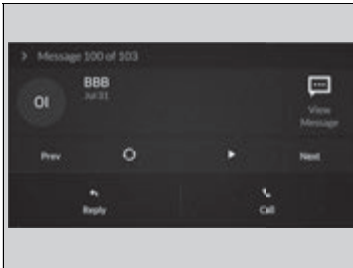
1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **Inbox**.
4. Select a message.
 - ▶ The message information is displayed.
5. Select **View Message**.
 - ▶ The text message is displayed.

▶▶ Displaying Messages





The  icon appears next to an unread message.

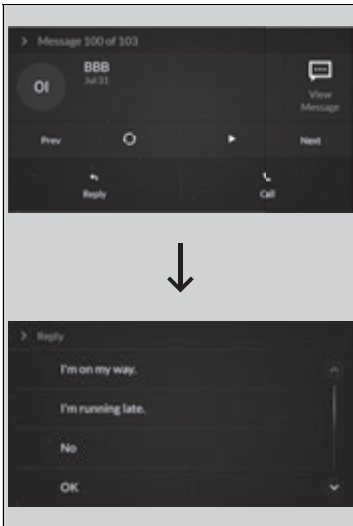
If you delete a message on the phone, the message will also be deleted from the system. If you send a message from the system, the message goes to your phone's outbox.

To see the previous or next message, select **Prev** or **Next** on the message screen.



■ Read or Stop reading a message

1. Display the message information.
2. Select .
- ▶ The system starts reading the message aloud.
3. Select  to stop reading. Select  again to start reading the message.
- ▶ While listening to the message, select  to start reading the message from the beginning.



■ Reply to a message

1. Display the message information.
2. Select **Reply**.
3. Select the reply message.
- ▶ The pop-up menu appears on the screen.
4. Select **Send** to send the message.
- ▶ **Message sent** appears on the screen when the reply message was successfully sent.

☒ Reply to a message

The available reply messages are as follows:

- **I'm on my way.**
- **I'm running late.**
- **No**
- **OK**
- **Talk to you later, I'm driving.**
- **Yes**

The display language of the default reply message depends on the connected phone.

☒ **To edit a reply message** P. 354

You can add or delete a reply message by selecting **Saved Replies**.

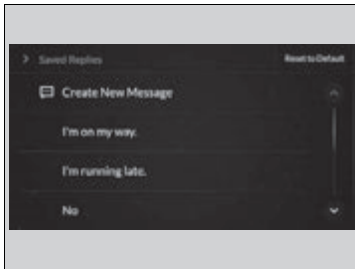
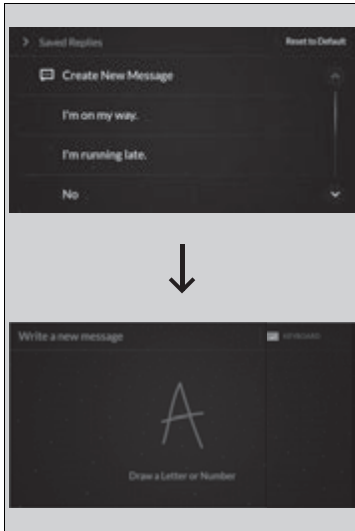
☒ **To edit a reply message** P. 354

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Only certain phones receive and send messages when paired and connected. For a list of compatible phones:

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■ To edit a reply message

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **MENU**.
4. Select **Saved Replies**.
5. Select **Create New Message**.
6. Use the A-zone touchpad to write a reply.
When you finish writing your message, press the A-zone touchpad.
 - ▶ You can enter the number using the on-screen keyboard. Select **KEYBOARD** located to the upper right of the screen.

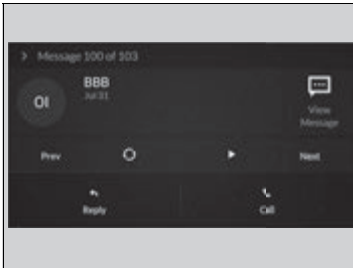
■ To delete a reply message

1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **MENU**.
4. Select **Saved Replies**.
5. Select a reply message you want to delete.
 - ▶ A confirmation screen appears on the screen. Select **Delete**.
 - ▶ To cancel the delete, press the  (back) button.

▶▶ To delete a reply message

Reset to Default

Select to reset all reply messages to their factory default.



■ **Making a call to a sender**

1. Display the message information.
2. Select **Call**.

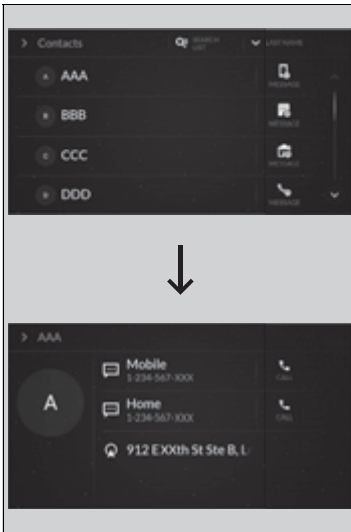
Models with head-up display


■ Displaying message on the head-up display

You can read a text message on the head-up display only when a text message is received.

1. Move right the left selector wheel to select **Open**.
2. Roll up or down the left selector wheel to select **Reply**, and then press the left selector wheel.
 - ▶ Select **Call** to dial a call.
 - ▶ Select **Repeat** to start reading the message from the beginning.
3. Roll up or down the left selector wheel to select a message, and then press the left selector wheel.
4. Roll up or down the left selector wheel to select **Send**, and then press the left selector wheel.
 - ▶ **Message sent** appears on the head-up display when the reply message was successfully sent.

Send Message to Contact



1. Press the  (home) button.
2. Select **Messages**.
3. Select **Send Message to Contact**.
4. Select a contact name.
 - ▶ You can sort by **First Name** or **Last Name**. Select the icon on the upper right of the screen.
5. Select a number.
6. Select the reply message.
 - ▶ The pop-up menu appears on the screen.
7. Select **Send** to send the message.
 - ▶ **Message sent** appears on the screen when the reply message was successfully sent.

Send Message to Contact

This feature also allows you to send a message or set a navigation route* to a contact's address.

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▶ **Refer to Navigation System Manual**

* Not available on all models