

Starting to Drive

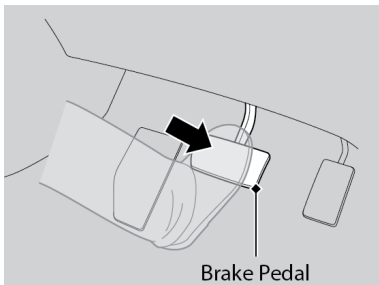
Turn on the vehicle and start the power system to begin driving.

■ Turning on the Power

1. Make sure the parking brake is applied. The electric parking brake indicator comes on for 15 seconds when you pull up the electric parking brake switch.



2. Depress the brake pedal.

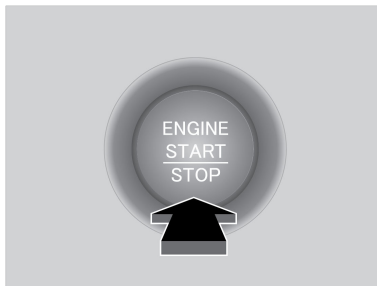


3. Press the ENGINE START/STOP button without depressing the accelerator pedal.

The Ready To Drive message appears on the driver information interface.

When the ambient temperature is extremely low, the vehicle does not move until certain conditions are met.

A warning message appears instead of Ready To Drive.



Note: The power system is harder to start in cold weather and in thinner air found at altitudes above 8,000 feet (2,400 m). When turning on the power system in cold weather, turn off all electrical accessories such as the lights, climate control system, and rear defogger in order to reduce 12-volt battery drain.

NOTICE

The following can damage the under spoiler, under covers, front bumper, rear diffuser, brake cooling components, and side sill:

- Parking the vehicle by a parking block
- Parallel parking along the road shoulder
- Driving toward the bottom of a hill
- Driving up or down to a different surface level (such as a road shoulder)

- Driving on a rutted or bumpy road
- Driving on a road with potholes
- Driving over speed bump

NOTICE

If you repeatedly turn the steering wheel at an extremely low speed, or hold the steering wheel in the full left or right position for a while, the electric power steering (EPS) system heats up. The system goes into a protective mode, and limits its performance. The steering wheel becomes harder and harder to operate. Once the system cools down, the EPS system is restored. Repeated operation under these conditions can eventually damage the system.

■ Changing the Power Mode

Use the **ENGINE START/STOP** button to cycle through power modes or start the power system.

