Opening and Closing the Tailgate

Precautions for Opening/Closing the Tailgate

Always make sure individuals and objects are clear of the tailgate before opening or closing it.

Models without power tailgate
- Open the tailgate all the way.
- If it is not fully opened, the tailgate may begin to close under its own weight.
- Be careful when it is windy. The wind may cause the tailgate to close.

All models
- Keep the tailgate closed while driving to:
  - Avoid possible damage.
  - Prevent exhaust gas from leaking into the vehicle.

WARNING

Anyone caught in the path of a tailgate that is being opened or closed can be seriously injured.

Make sure that all people are clear of the tailgate before opening or closing it.

Be careful not to hit your head on the tailgate or to put your hands between the tailgate and the cargo area when closing the tailgate.

When you are storing or picking up cargo from the cargo area, or by using a forward and back kicking motion under the center of the rear bumper for hands free access; while the engine is idling, do not stand in front of the exhaust pipe. You may get burned.

Do not allow any passenger in the cargo space. They may get hurt during hard braking, a sudden acceleration, or a crash.

* Not available on all models
Models with power tailgate
The power tailgate can be operated by pressing the power tailgate button on the remote transmitter, pressing the power tailgate button in the driver side control panel, pressing the button on the tailgate, or by raising and lowering your foot under the center of the rear bumper for hands free access.*

The power tailgate can be opened/closed when the transmission is in P.

NOTICE
Do not push or pull on the power tailgate when it is being automatically opened or closed. Forcibly opening or closing the power tailgate while in operation can deform the tailgate frame.

When operating the power tailgate, make sure there is enough space around your vehicle. People near the tailgate may be seriously hurt if the tailgate hits or closes on their heads. Be especially cautious if children are around.

The power tailgate may not open or close under the following conditions:
• You start the engine while the tailgate is automatically opening or closing.
• The vehicle is parked on a steep hill.
• The vehicle is swayed in a strong wind.
• The tailgate or the roof is covered with snow or ice.

If you close the power tailgate with all the doors locked, the power tailgate locks automatically.

* Not available on all models
# Opening/Closing the Power Tailgate*

## Using the Hands Free Access*

Use a forward and back kicking motion under the center of the rear bumper to open or close the power tailgate while carrying the smart entry remote.

* Some exterior lights flash twice and a beeper sounds once, then the tailgate begins to move.

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**Opening/Closing the Power Tailgate**

- Press the power tailgate button for more than one second to operate when the power mode is in VEHICLE OFF (LOCK).
  - Some exterior lights flash and the beeper sounds.

- If you press the button again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop.
  - Press the button for more than one second, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

**Customizing when to open the tailgate**

- **Anytime:** The power tailgate unlocks and opens at the same time. This is the default setting.
- **When Unlocked:** The tailgate opens when all doors are unlocked.

**Using the Remote Transmitter**

- Press the power tailgate button for more than one second to operate when the power mode is in VEHICLE OFF (LOCK).
  - Some exterior lights flash and the beeper sounds.

- If you press the button again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop.
  - Press the button for more than one second, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

- **If you close the power tailgate when all the doors are locked, the power tailgate locks automatically.**

- **If you replace the battery or the power tailgate fuse while the tailgate is open, the power tailgate may be disabled. The power tailgate resumes once you manually close the tailgate.**

- **Installing aftermarket components other than genuine Honda accessories on the power tailgate may prevent it from fully opening or closing.**

- **Make sure the power tailgate is fully open before you get your cargo in and out.**

- **Make sure the power tailgate is fully closed before you start the vehicle.**

- **The beeper sounds when you start driving while the power tailgate is still open, or closing.**

* Not available on all models
Controls

To open or close the power tailgate, press the power tailgate button for about one second.

Some exterior lights flash and the beeper sounds.

If you press the button again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop.
Press the button for about one second, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

If the power tailgate meets resistance while opening or closing, the auto reverse feature reverses the direction. The beeper sounds three times.

The auto reverse function stops sensing when the tailgate is almost closed to make sure that it fully closes.

Do not touch the sensors located on both sides of the tailgate. The power tailgate does not close if you touch either sensor when you are trying to close the tailgate.

Be careful not to scratch the sensors with a sharp object. If scratched, they can be damaged, and the power tailgate closing feature malfunctions.

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Opening and Closing the Tailgate

Controls

If you press the outer handle of the tailgate for no longer than one second, the tailgate opens automatically.

- The beeper sounds.
- If you want to open the tailgate manually, press the button for more than one second.

If you are carrying the smart entry remote, you do not have to unlock the tailgate before opening it.

To close the tailgate, press the outer handle again while the tailgate opening.

If you press the outer handle again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop. Press the outer handle, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

Opening the Tailgate Outer Handle

If you press the outer handle of the tailgate for no longer than one second, the tailgate opens automatically.

- The beeper sounds.
- If you want to open the tailgate manually, press the button for more than one second.

If you are carrying the smart entry remote, you do not have to unlock the tailgate before opening it.

To close the tailgate, press the outer handle again while the tailgate opening.

If you press the outer handle again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop. Press the outer handle, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

Opening/Closing the Power Tailgate

Do not leave the key, remote transmitter*, or smart entry remote* in the cargo area before closing the tailgate.

Even if you are not carrying the smart entry remote, you can lock/unlock the tailgate while someone else with the remote is within range.

You can change the power tailgate operation setting on and off.

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Opening/Closing the Power Tailgate

**Controls**

Press the button on the tailgate to close the power tailgate.

- The beeper sounds.

If you press the button again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop. Press and release the button again, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.

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### Using the Tailgate Inner Button

Press the button on the tailgate to close the power tailgate.

- The beeper sounds.

If you press the button again while the power tailgate is moving, it will stop. Press and release the button again, and the power tailgate will reverse direction.
Programming Tailgate Position

The extent to which the power tailgate automatically opens can be programmed.

To program:
1. Open the tailgate to the desired position.
   - If you want to reprogram the power tailgate to open all the way, manually raise the tailgate to its uppermost position and follow the next step.
2. Press and hold the tailgate inner button until you hear short two beeps following one long buzzer.

If the tailgate is only slightly opened, the position cannot be programmed, even if you push the inner button.
Opening/Closing the Tailgate

Using the Outer Handle

When all the doors are unlocked or press the tailgate unlock button on the remote transmitter, the tailgate is unlocked. Press the outer handle and lift open the tailgate.

If you are carrying the smart entry remote, you do not have to unlock the tailgate before opening it.

To close the tailgate, grab the inner handle, pull the tailgate down, and push it closed from outside.

Using the Inner Handle

Do not leave the key, remote transmitter*, or smart entry remote* in the cargo area before closing the tailgate.

Models with smart entry system

Even if you are not carrying the smart entry remote, you can lock/unlock the tailgate while someone else with the remote is within range.

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