

HONDA
The Power of Dreams

Legend



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IN GOOD COMPANY

Passion, innovation, knowledge, moments of inspiration and of course, dreams. We've taken every experience from our last 60 years and incorporated them into the new Legend. To our engineers it truly is a mark of Honda excellence.

As a result, we took the latest Legend on a road trip, stopping along the way to visit areas that have achieved excellence in their own individual ways. It was a journey of discovery, one that furnished us with even more ideas on what can be achieved when you believe in the Power of Dreams.



MILANO

EXHIBITIONIST

With over 1,300 metres of undulating steel and glass, Milan's Fiera Exhibition Centre is proof that form and function can partner each other with an incredible effect. It's an achievement our Legend designers are no strangers to. At first glance the sloped hood leads your gaze down to the dominant looking grille and distinctive air intakes, each hinting at the power contained within. Redesigned xenon High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlights finish the look by accentuating the pronounced wedged shape.

At Honda, even striking looks should serve a purpose beyond desire. The Legend's wedge design provides superior aerodynamics resulting in less drag and a quieter, more economic drive. The HID headlights are controlled by an Active Front Lighting System (AFS) allowing them to swivel and follow the steering wheel input when cornering to provide both heightened visibility and safety. Form and function, combined to amazing effect.

ALL-ROUND STYLE

It's easy to see why Milan is regarded as the design capital of the world; everywhere you look has an effortless style to it. The same can be said for the Legend. The new sleek design flows around to the rear tapering up to an integrated spoiler; an echo back to our sporting heritage, it reduces tail lift for more confident handling at high speed. New LED rear tail and brake lights not only compliment the dynamic look, the 56 separate bulbs provide brighter illumination ensuring extra visibility and safety whilst a striking set of 18" alloys will also get you noticed. A restyled bumper completes a look that is both confident and refined, with chrome twin exhausts giving a clear indication to the power available. As for confidence; a tiny rear mounted camera feeds into the Satellite Navigation screen, showing you exactly what is behind you. All-round style with an all-round view.





NOLI LIGURE

THE POWER OF CONTROL

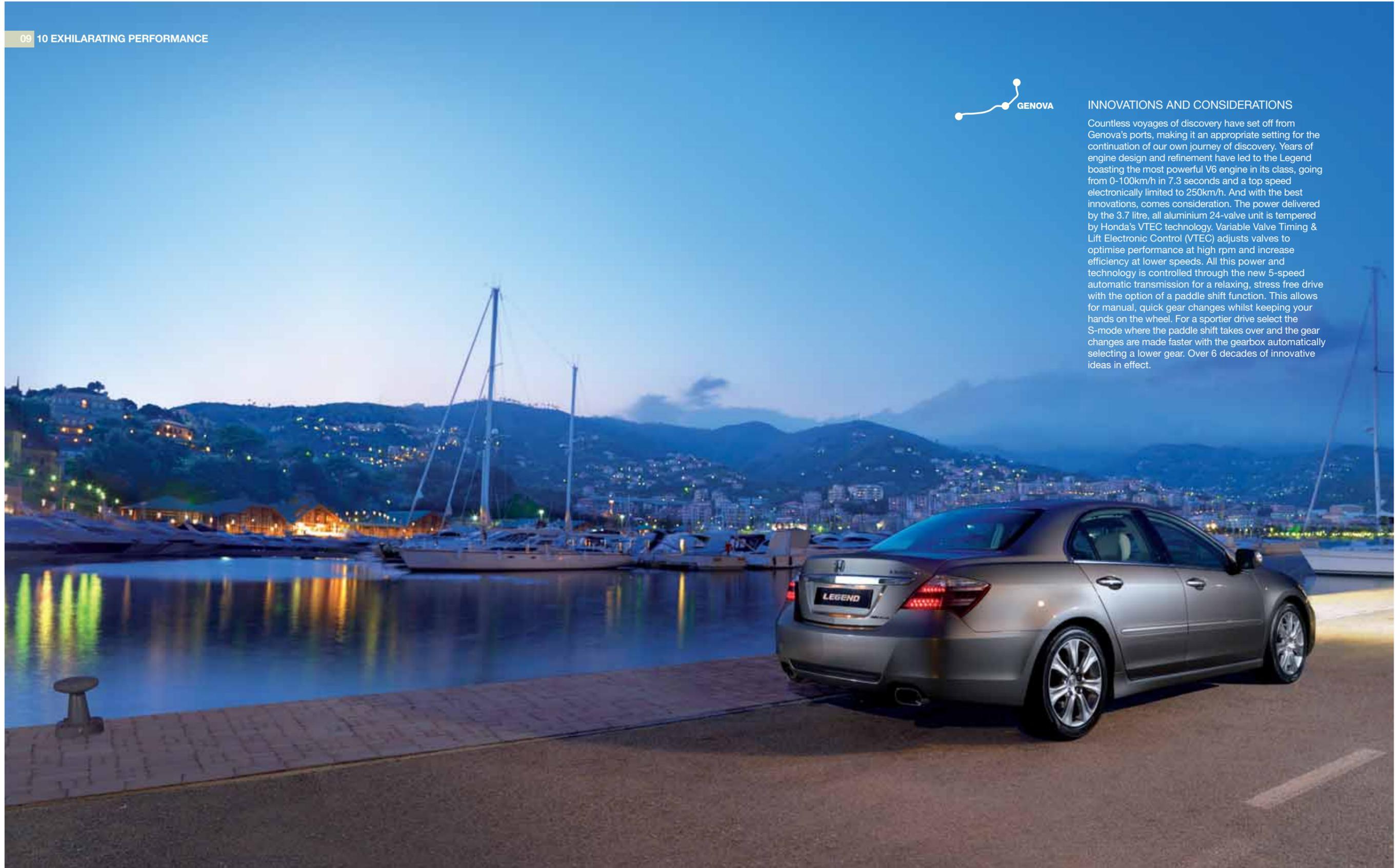
Winding coastal roads lead south towards the famous port of Genova. The superior dynamism and load handling capability of the double wishbone suspension reduces body roll and movement producing a comfortable ride around every bend. With a rigidly strong, super light aluminium frame and carbon fibre drive shaft, the Legend's bodyweight has been kept in check providing an extra responsiveness you'd normally expect from a sports car. It's for this reason exceptional stopping power comes as standard – large ventilated all-wheel disc brakes with 4 piston front callipers give the immediate control you need. Honda's advanced ABS works in tandem with the Legend's Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA) systems to maintain stability and prevent wheel lock. At the same time, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) actively reduces the risk of skidding by applying gentle braking or reducing engine power to certain wheels if needed.





INNOVATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Countless voyages of discovery have set off from Genova's ports, making it an appropriate setting for the continuation of our own journey of discovery. Years of engine design and refinement have led to the Legend boasting the most powerful V6 engine in its class, going from 0-100km/h in 7.3 seconds and a top speed electronically limited to 250km/h. And with the best innovations, comes consideration. The power delivered by the 3.7 litre, all aluminium 24-valve unit is tempered by Honda's VTEC technology. Variable Valve Timing & Lift Electronic Control (VTEC) adjusts valves to optimise performance at high rpm and increase efficiency at lower speeds. All this power and technology is controlled through the new 5-speed automatic transmission for a relaxing, stress free drive with the option of a paddle shift function. This allows for manual, quick gear changes whilst keeping your hands on the wheel. For a sportier drive select the S-mode where the paddle shift takes over and the gear changes are made faster with the gearbox automatically selecting a lower gear. Over 6 decades of innovative ideas in effect.



SESTRI LEVANTE

ACTIVELY REACTIVE

The SH-AWD (Super Handling-All Wheel Drive) system provides excellent grip to give you confidence in the handling and really enjoy the winding coastal roads out of Genova and up into the foothills of Carrara. Sensors respond to driver actions and react accordingly, distributing extra power to certain wheels to maintain smooth control. Intelligent sensors establish which wheels need the most traction and can split up to 70% of the engine's torque across the front wheels or in hard cornering, up to 100% torque to an individual rear wheel. The results are extra levels of control and agility giving you sports car like handling. An outcome of pioneering Honda technology, the actively responsive SH-AWD is testament to our belief that any challenge can be conquered through intelligent engineering.





CARRARA

THE VISION TO GO FURTHER

It's hard to visualise Michelangelo's David as it once was; a block carved from Carrara's famous marble quarry. It can take a unique vision to create something extraordinary, a vision Honda's designers had when creating safety features for the Legend that are anything but ordinary. A millimetre wave radar, mounted behind the front grille, monitors the position and speed of vehicles ahead allowing the Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) to keep you at a constant safe distance. The next logical step is to help prevent possible collision scenarios and Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS) does just that. Visual and audible warnings, automatic tightening of seatbelts, light to severe braking and constant monitoring all combine to give you an extra control in a situation normally out of your control.*



VIAREGGIO

HARMONIOUS DESIGN

As important as the machine, is the person behind the wheel, which is why the Legend's interior has a strong design bias towards complete comfort and total luxury. Ergonomically designed controls mean every feature and function is always a touch away, whilst the advanced Satellite Navigation system takes voice commands and relays them back verbally and visually, including up to the minute traffic information. Satin metal and ingrained maple wood finishing give the Legend's interior a timeless class that houses the cutting edge technology. And best of all, the one thing that makes the interior complete is the one thing missing – noise. Acoustic engineering has resulted in Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) neutralising road, wind and other intrusive noise resulting in a cabin completely at harmony with its occupants.



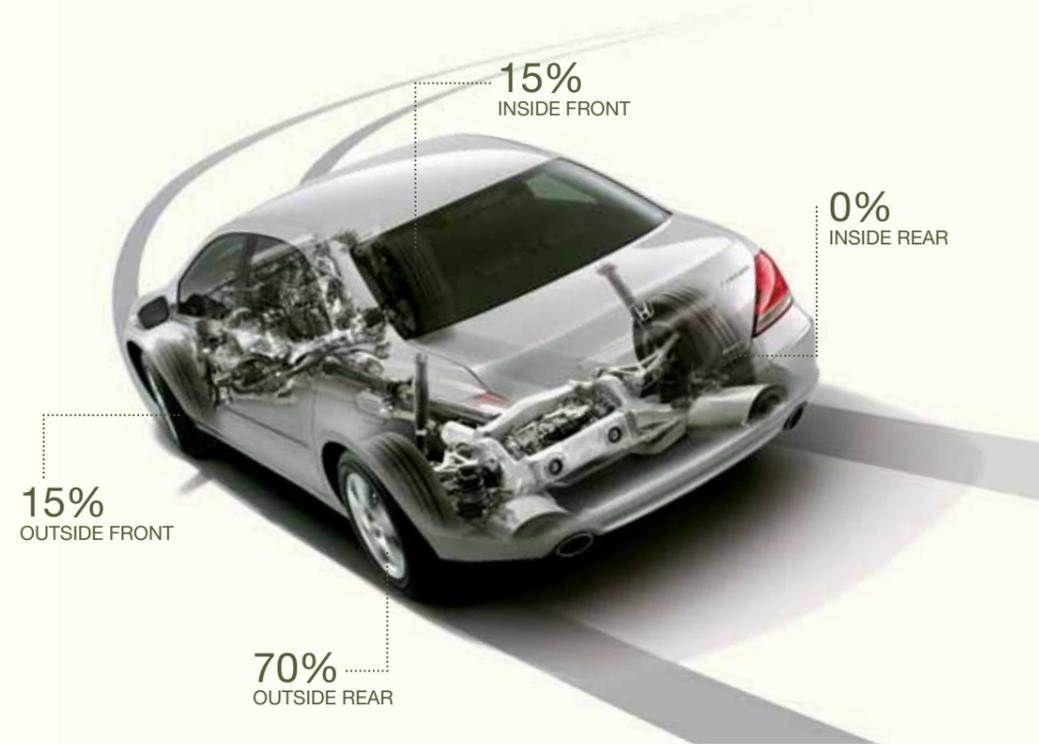
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MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

For the Legend, stylish looks go hand in hand with thoughtful innovation. Perforated leather trimmed seating has built in electric lumbar supports designed to cushion and protect your lower back for a more comfortable ride no matter where or how far your journey takes you. 8-way powered seating controls enable the front seats to be set into a variety of comfortable positions, with two favoured settings able to be saved at the touch of a button. Personal climate controls set two separate climate zones for the driver, passenger and rear seats. A 10-speaker BOSE® surround sound system, in-dash 6 disc CD player, Bluetooth® Hands Free Telephone (HFT) interface and an interactive screen displaying visual and audio information on outside temperature, route directions and places of interest, can all be accessed through the multi-jog dial or via voice commands.

YOU IN MIND

With a car this premium, you would expect it to be safe. You will be reassured to learn the Legend's active and passive safety measures go beyond what is expected.



SH-AWD

Through a series of sensors recording lateral G-forces, engine speed, individual wheel speed and steering angle, SH-AWD calculates how best to distribute the engine's torque over the four wheels for the best grip. Up to 70% of the torque is split across the front wheels when cruising but when cornering sharply the system can, if required, send all of the V6 engine's torque to the rear wheels. Electromagnetic clutches distribute the power individually to the left and right rear wheels and can send up to 100% of the torque to the outer rear wheel. The result of this system is the optimum grip and stability, and it delivers the cornering performance of a sports car.

ABS

If conditions are wet, icy or the surface you're driving on is unstable, maintaining control is crucial. By preventing wheel lock and skidding, the Legend's Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) is the control you need.

EBD

The Electronic Brake-force Distribution system (EBD) automatically analyses weight dispersal during braking and adjusts the ABS and brake force to each wheel to provide even greater stability when you need it most.

BRAKE ASSIST

The ABS and EBD systems are enhanced further by the Brake Assist function, which senses if an emergency stop is in progress and significantly boosts braking power to reduce stopping distance.

VSA

The Legend's Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) system detects oversteer and understeer and counteracts the effects by making minute corrections. By calculating the precise amount of braking pressure and engine torque required to keep you on track, VSA is another example of Honda's safety excellence.

AFS

The new Legend's Active Front Lighting System (AFS) automatically swivels the headlights by up to 20 degrees in either direction, in response to input from the steering wheel. As you drive around a bend, the headlights will automatically follow your direction of travel. This means the edges of the road are better illuminated and blind spots reduced, significantly reducing the risk of accidents.

POP-UP BONNET

If a front-on collision with a pedestrian is unavoidable, the bonnet automatically raises 10cm to help cushion head impact with hard objects under the bonnet. Another world first from Honda.

CRUMPLE ZONES

The Legend's frame has been engineered to absorb as much of an impact as possible whilst still keeping occupants protected. High tensile steel makes up to 50% of the Legend's structural components, creating a surprisingly light yet strong car.

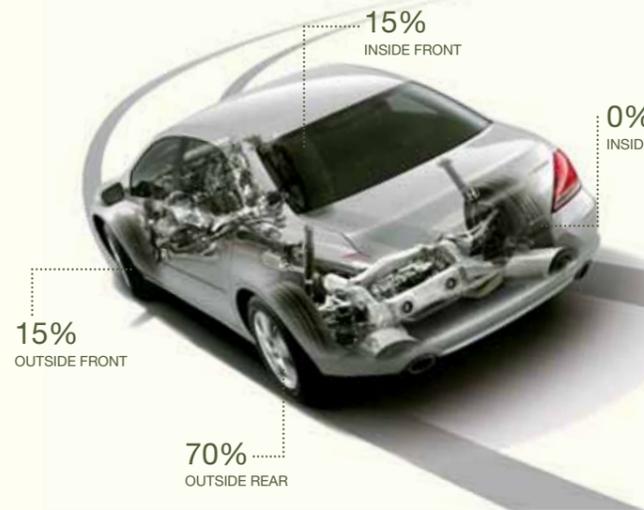
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COLLISION MITIGATION BRAKING SYSTEM (CMBS)

Works in three stages:

1. Warning: A buzzer will sound and the word 'BRAKE' appears on the multi-information display if the distance between you and the vehicle ahead drops below a pre-set level.
2. Precautions: CMBS applies light braking and tightens the driver's seatbelt if the distance between vehicles continues to drop. Buzzer and warning signs are still active.
3. Action: If a collision is unavoidable, strong seatbelt retraction will automatically be applied to provide maximum protection for front seat occupants before applying brakes to reduce impact speed.

ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL (ACC)

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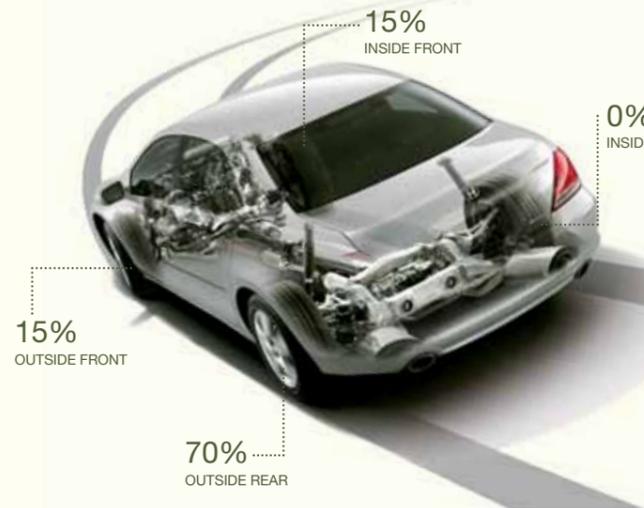
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LANE KEEPING ASSIST SYSTEM (LKAS)

A small camera senses where the white lines on the road are and relays tiny adjustments to the Electric Power Steering (EPS) to keep you safely in lane.



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1. GEARSHIFT

The new 5-speed automatic transmission provides a stress free drive.



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2. PADDLE SHIFT CONTROLS

Steering mounted paddle shift controls allows manual gear changes without the use of foot pedals.



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3. BLUETOOTH® SYSTEM

Hands Free Telephone (HFT) system so you can concentrate on the road.



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4. ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL

Steering wheel mounted controls activate ACC to keep a set distance between your car and the car in front using a radar device in the front grille.



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5. AUTOMATIC SEAT CONTROLS

Set your preferred seating position at the touch of a button.



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6. MEMORY SEATS

Electronically store two favoured seating positions for the front seats.



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7. DIALS

Multi-function driver computer: displays all the vital information to keep you aware of what's going on.

8. STEERING WHEEL

Designed for comfort and ease of use, the leather stitched steering wheel boasts an array of functions from audio control and paddle shift to safety features.



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9. DVD SATELLITE NAVIGATION SCREEN

Responds to voice commands to find the best route.



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1. BOSE® AUDIO SYSTEM

Create the perfect driving atmosphere with BOSE® 10-speaker surround system.

2. USB PORT

Connect your iPod® or MP3 player to the in-car audio system via a USB port in the centre armrest.

3. INTERNAL AMBIENT LIGHTING

As part of the interior light pack a soft blue lighting illuminates the interior to create a calming ambient atmosphere.

4. CENTRE ARMREST

A convenient storage unit ergonomically designed to suite most day to day requirements.

5. REAR CUP HOLDERS

Ingenious pop-up holders activate at the touch of a button.

6. ELECTRONIC SUNROOF

Brings additional light into the car and includes integrated sun shade.



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7. ELECTRIC REAR SUN SHADE

Provides additional comfort for rear passengers. Manual sun shades available on rear windows.

8. CLIMATE CONTROL

Dual-zone climate control with sun position sensors provide a more comfortable environment.

9. REAR HEATED SEATS

Passengers have a more relaxing journey with in-seat heating.

1. ALLOY WHEELS

18" alloy wheels complete a look that is both refined and confident.

2. TWIN EXHAUST

Chrome trimmed twin exhausts add to the executive feel of the Legend.

3. FOGLIGHTS

High penetration beams help with visibility in adverse weather conditions.

4. REAR VIEW CAMERA

A tiny rear mounted camera displays the area directly behind you on the Satellite Navigation system.

5. REAR LIGHTS

LED lighting provides higher visibility and quicker response time whilst complimenting the Legend's sophisticated look.



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6. FRONT GRILLE

The distinctive v-shaped grille with chrome finish enhances the distinguished look.

7. HEADLIGHT WASHERS

High powered jets keep headlights clean providing maximum illumination.

8. XENON HEADLIGHTS

High Intensity Discharge (HID) xenon headlights provide much brighter illumination, longer lasting bulbs and also use less power.

9. BOOT SPACE

Spacious and practical boot with pass through ski hatch to rear seats.

Excellence is a standard to be achieved, which is why the Legend comes as it is – excellent.

Super Handling-All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD)
Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS)
Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)
Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)
Front, side and curtain SRS airbags
18" alloy wheels
Dual zone climate control
5-speed automatic transmission with S-mode
Voice recognition DVD Satellite Navigation
BOSE® surround sound audio system with in-dash 6 CD autochanger
USB socket
Bluetooth® Hands Free Telephone (HFT) system
High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlights with auto-levelling

Active Front lighting System (AFS)
Headlight power wash
High penetration foglights
Front and rear parking sensors
Electric sunroof with tilt, auto-open/close and key-off operation
Electric rear sunshade
Ventilated front seats
Heated front and rear seats
Electric driver's seat with driver memory function
Reverse-tilt down door mirrors
Leather steering wheel
Full leather upholstery



Model shown with technology



Light cream ivory leather upholstery



Black leather upholstery



Light warm grey leather upholstery

Please refer to local market for exact specifications

TAILOR YOUR DREAMS

The Legend's intuitive, technology packed cockpit is the ideal place to relax and let your imagination roam. Add your own signature with these premium quality Genuine Accessories. For further information please contact your local dealer or visit www.honda-access.com.



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1. FRONT & REAR PARKING SENSORS

4 front and 4 rear parking sensors allow you to park in the tightest spots with ease. Subtly integrated in body colour, these sensors will detect an obstacle and warn you with a clear, audible signal.

2. TRUNK SPOILER

The Legend's sports inspired rear contours are emphasised to the full with the addition of this dynamic and chic trunk spoiler.

3. SKI BOX

Providing room for skis or snowboards, this fully lockable 320 litre ski box is the perfect companion for a trip to the slopes.

4. PREMIUM FLOOR CARPETS

Luxurious dense pile carpets with nubuck borders and a metal Legend emblem. A personal finishing touch, these are available in black, grey or ivory.

5 & 7. HONDA REAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

Create a safe and enjoyable environment for your rear seat passengers. Our Rear Entertainment System fits seamlessly to either the driver or front passenger seat headrest. It comes with a remote control and headphones, plus the option of fitting a second monitor. USB compatible, it plays DVDs, CDs, audio and video files, allowing you to relax and enjoy the drive. A handy carry bag is also available.

6. INTERIOR DASH LEATHER GEARSHIFT KNOB

This elegant wood effect gearshift knob is finished with perforated leather in black, grey or ivory, matching the car's interior trim. A distinctive style and feel.

LEATHER STEERING WHEEL

A leather steering wheel heightens the excitement and pleasure of each driving experience. Comes in the same wood effect finish as the car's interior trim. Available in the same three colours as the gearshift knob.



Width 1847mm



Height
1458mm



Length 4995mm

COLOUR OPTIONS

We may have poured over 60 years of experience, knowledge and dreams into the Legend, but the final touch of excellence, the choice of colour, is left to you.



VOLCANO GRAY METALLIC



ROYAL RUBY RED PEARL



PLATINUM FROST METALLIC



OPULENT BLUE PEARL



SILVER JADE METALLIC



CRYSTAL BLACK PEARL

Active and Passive Noise Control

Legend uses a combination of Active and Passive noise controls to deliver a serene travelling environment.

Active Noise Cancellation (ANC)

Active noise control is achieved in Legend's interior using the Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) system which constantly generates opposite or reverse phase sounds. It is these sounds that actively cancel out-of-phase sounds delivering a cabin which is a calm soothing place to be. The system is made up of 2 microphones with an active head unit. The microphones constantly 'listen' for undesirable noise within the vehicle cabin. These sounds are analysed and the head unit sends out the opposite or reverse phase sounds to cancel the undesirable noise.

Active Front Lighting System (AFS)

To aid vision on twisting roads, Legend's Active Front Lighting System (AFS) can peer deeper into a bend, each headlight swivelling by up to 20 degrees to illuminate the corner ahead. For the driver, this delivers a better, earlier sight, enabling them to spot potential hazards in advance.

Advanced 5-Speed Sequential Sportshift Automatic Transmission

Offering the convenience of a conventional automatic, or the pleasure of manual gear changes, this sophisticated transmission delivers options to suit all driving styles. Moving the lever into the Sequential Sport Shift gate selects manual mode. Engaging this mode allows gear changes to be made by either nudging the gear lever forward or reverse or by using the steering wheel mounted paddle shifters. Using the paddles allows the driver to change gear without taking their hands from the steering wheel. Both gear change methods allow the driver to up shift or down shift through the gearbox. The transmission rapidly processes inputs from the driver and communicates with the Drive-By-Wire (DBW) throttle system to enable very brisk gear changes.

Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)

ABS prevents the wheels from locking when the brakes are applied in an emergency, reducing the possibility of a skid on wet, icy or loose surfaces, and enabling the driver to retain steering control.

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)

ACC uses information from a millimetre wave radar mounted inside the front grille to measure the distance to the vehicle ahead, while vehicle speed and yaw rate sensors detect the vehicle's driving parameters. In addition to maintaining a set speed, ACC is also able to automatically regulate both the vehicle speed and its distance to the vehicle ahead travelling in the same lane, thereby reducing the burden of motorway (or similar road) driving and enhancing driver comfort and safety.

ACC only operates if all the following conditions are fully fulfilled:

- the vehicle speed is set between 30 and 180km/h
- main switch is activated

Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE)

Legend has been designed with an innovative frame structure engineered to reduce the concentrated frontal force on occupants in front end impacts. Legend's Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) design disperses and absorbs crash energy over a larger area enhancing the preservation of the cabin space, improving safety for all occupants. Additionally, ACE also helps to reduce misalignment with vehicles of different sizes. The design of Legend's structure reduces impact forces acting upon other vehicles including the smallest of super-minis.

Aerodynamics Aerodynamics refers to the ability of a car to overcome the resistance or 'drag' generated by its body as it moves through the atmosphere. The lower the Coefficient of Drag (Cd) the more aerodynamic the shape. An aerodynamic shape is more fuel efficient, quieter and keeps the car firmly on the road. The Cd value multiplied by the cross section area of the car is the wind drag of the car.

Bluetooth® The Bluetooth® Hands Free Telephone (HFT) system enables drivers to make and receive calls without taking their hands off the wheel. An in car speaker and microphone system operated via steering wheel controls allows calls to be made safely whilst driving.

BOSE® premium 10-speaker surround sound system

This audio system has been developed and tuned specifically for Legend to deliver the best possible aural experience. Ten

BOSE® speakers have been strategically positioned throughout the cabin to provide perfect audio imaging. The system features an in-dash CD/DVD Audio 6-disc changer. While the system can play numerous formats, its full capabilities are realised with media using the 5.1 surround sound protocol. Powered by a 260-watt, 8 channel digital amplifier with BOSE® Centerpoint processing, even CDs can be enjoyed in simulated surround sound.

Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS)

CMBS has been specifically designed to help alert the driver of an impending collision or - if it's unavoidable - to reduce the severity of impact by automatically applying the brakes if a collision is detected. The "eye" of the system is a radar transmitter mounted behind Legend's grille. A radar signal is constantly transmitted and the return echo evaluated. If the system detects a vehicle or obstruction in the road, it determines the distance and closing speed. If the closing speed goes above the threshold, the system immediately alerts the driver with a flashing indicator on the instrument panel and an audible alarm. If the driver takes no action to reduce speed, the system will automatically tug at the driver's seatbelt and lightly apply the brakes. At the point when the system senses that a frontal collision is inevitable and the driver has still taken no avoidance action, both of the front seatbelts are retracted tightly and strong braking is applied automatically. This automatic action is designed to lower impact speed and help reduce vehicle damage and the severity of personal injury.

Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD)

This works in tandem with ABS analysing weight distribution around the car and automatically adjusting the braking force applied to front and rear wheels to help maintain directional stability.

Ergonomics

Ergonomics is the applied science of designing a working environment, in this case the car's cabin, in order to maximise the occupants' comfort and safety. In simple terms, that means locating major controls and instruments in a way that makes them easy and comfortable to use and to see. This is extended to seating which minimises driver fatigue and discomfort.

Front double wishbone suspension

This exceptional suspension set up has been used to maximise the tyre's contact with the road surface, helping to ensure excellent cornering traction in all conditions allied to the Super Handling-All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) system. Additionally, steering precision is enhanced due to exceptional camber control. Cornering forces, road bumps, and even vertical travel can "steer" the wheels off the driver's intended course. This design helps keep camber change to an absolute minimum.

Front and Side Curtain Airbags

Working with a sturdy chassis and 3-point seatbelts, Legend employs dual-stage, dual threshold front airbags that, in a sufficient impact, deploy at two rates and thresholds, depending on impact severity and seatbelt use.

Grade Logic

An intelligent system built into our 5-speed automatic transmissions. When the Legend is in fully automatic mode, Grade Logic recognises different driving styles and road conditions, then selects the optimum gear ratio for smooth, seamless driving, particularly over hilly routes and through corners.

High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlights

Instead of a bulb, the sealed HID headlights contain xenon gas. An electric spark (arc) passing through the gas produces an even, true-white light with a higher intensity than conventional halogen units for improved visibility.

Occupant Position Detection System (OPDS)

Legend's front side airbags feature Occupant Position Detection System (OPDS) on the passenger side to prevent deployment if a small stature passenger is out of position and in the airbag's path. The side airbags team with side curtain airbags to provide a high level of protection in a sufficient side impact.

Passive Noise Control

Whilst most luxury cars use heavy sound insulation, to further cut weight, Legend uses a lightweight sound absorption concept. This material is placed behind the dashboard, and in the floor, roof, front wings and bonnet to absorb sound before it enters Legend's cabin. Additionally, wind noise reduction has been achieved by hiding the windscreen wipers and ensuring the side windows and centre pillars are

fully flush with the side of the Legend. A final element in Legend's Passive Noise Control is the Variable Valve Silencer which is part of the exhaust system. This feature reduces the noise of exhaust gases coming from the exhaust pipe whilst at the same time increasing engine power.

Rear & side window sunshades

To maintain a comfortable environment for rear seat passengers, Legend is equipped with an electronic sunshade. This feature can be operated by the driver from the overhead console. Legend is also equipped with rear side sunshades which can be manually operated by rear passengers. The woven mesh of both the rear and side sunshades reduces heat penetration into the cabin but still allows visibility to the side and the rear.

Retractable rear seat head restraints

Legend's rear seat is equipped with three head restraints for safety. When the rear is empty of passengers, the driver can lower the head restraints by means of a control in the overhead console. Rear passengers can manually return the head restraints to their upright positions when required.

Satellite Navigation system with voice recognition

The Satellite linked, DVD-based Navigation system delivers turn-by-turn directions by voice and moving map display all the way to your destination. The DVD also contains points of interest such as service stations if you should require them in an unfamiliar area. The system can recognise over 550 voice commands - including many operations for the audio and climate control systems - so the driver can make adjustments without taking their hands off the steering wheel.

Super Handling-All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD)

This incredible system is designed to realise the driver's intent. The system offers benefits to all drivers in all road conditions – dry, wet, icy or otherwise. On slippery surfaces, Super Handling-All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) will direct power to the wheel with the most traction. While driving on straight stretches of road or in moderate corners, up to 70% of engine torque can be sent to the front wheels to optimise traction. During hard cornering, it's possible to direct all of the power (100%) to the rear outside wheel. Then, that wheel is mechanically accelerated to create additional cornering force. This

translates to additional cornering stability, greater precision and neutral steering dynamics.

3.7 Litre, 24 Valve VTEC V6 engine

Legend's engine is packed with some of the most advanced technology available in road going cars. Before Honda introduced VTEC (Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control), engine tuning was always a compromise balancing low end torque against high-end power. Legend's VTEC engine has allowed Honda's engineers to deliver an engine with no compromises. Legend's 3.7 Litre V6 delivers both low-end torque (Max 373Nm) and high-end power (Max 295PS). Legend's incredible VTEC engine delivers this power and torque by using two completely different camshaft profiles giving the engine incredible flexibility and response in all situations. At low speeds, one cam profile provides lower valve lift and shorter opening duration to provide high gas velocities and greater low-end torque. As engine speed increases, VTEC switches to a cam profile with higher valve lift and longer opening duration. This allows greater airflow and, as a result, a large boost in high-end horsepower.

Torque

Torque is a twisting or rotational force. For example, when you use a spanner to tighten a bolt, you are actually applying torque to turn the bolt. The further out you hold the spanner, the more torque you apply. Low rev torque is the ability of an engine to develop strong response (rotational force), and hence, acceleration from lower revs and speeds. As speed rises, torque becomes less important than power for maintaining high speeds.

Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)

VSA helps keep the Legend on course during fast or tight turns by detecting and correcting potential understeer or oversteer. The system continually monitors vehicle speed, throttle position, individual wheel speeds, steering angle, lateral G-force, and yaw rate to detect when oversteer or understeer is imminent. When necessary, VSA automatically reduces the engine's torque and uses the ABS system to apply brakes to each wheel, as needed, to help stabilise the vehicle. The response is so quick that the instability may be corrected before the driver even knows it's occurring.

Soichiro Honda once said "Think for yourself and don't follow in other people's footsteps."

Because of our sporting heritage, we knew road cars built with performance technology required higher standards of safety. To achieve this we constructed the world's largest crash testing facility where, as a result, we were able to harness our artificial intelligence project ASIMO, to refine the radar technology now found in our cars.



MOBILISING A NATION

As a young man, Soichiro Honda dreamed of giving all people, no matter of gender, wealth or status, motorised transport. Even to this day, in some countries, there is no word for motorbike, they simply say a 'Honda'.

RACING DNA

Having created the Honda Motor Company, Soichiro was now able to concentrate on his passion for racing, learning quickly that defeat was only another way of improving. This love of overcoming challenges would become the heart of our philosophy.

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To this day, Honda is widely regarded as a sports brand, producing top class performance machines in F1, MotoGP, power boats, ATVs, and even lawn mowers. If we can build it, we can race it.

THE POWER TO BE DIFFERENT

Why stop with cars? We believe that engines should be better for everyone. The challenge is making them better for all of us. This is why we created a jet with engines above the wing instead of below to increase fuel efficiency and lower emissions. We also vowed never to manufacture 2-stroke outboard engines and only make lighter, cleaner 4-strokes.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Every piece of technology we create is for a reason. Even the cameras, laser sensors and microprocessors in ASIMO, our artificial intelligence robot, are influencing the design of our cars to be safer and more intelligent than ever before.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We see our development of emission free cars and reusable energy sources as the first step into a new future of car design. It's all about turning an obstacle into a challenge. A belief we have taken from Soichiro Honda, and a reality that will have huge impact on generations to come.

FILM

Now that you have seen what the new Legend has to offer, why not experience it for yourself by watching this film.

Sit back and enjoy the journey.





“Once I am determined,
I never do anything halfway.”
Soichiro Honda

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