

# 2009 Acura Warranty Booklet - U.S. (Unlinked)

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**Torrance, CA 90501-2746**  
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**Change of Address or  
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STATE

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### **American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**

Attn. Automobile Warranty  
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# Client Satisfaction

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Your complete satisfaction with your Acura automobile is our main goal. All personnel at Acura dealerships are thoroughly trained to provide the best service for your vehicle. If you are not satisfied with any maintenance or repair work done by the dealership, follow these three steps:

**Step 1** - Talk over your concerns with the dealership's management, such as the service manager or general manager. In most cases, a satisfactory solution is found at this step.

**Step 2** - We recognize that, on some occasions, a client will not be totally satisfied with a dealer's decision or actions in Step 1. If this is the case, you should call or write to Acura Client Services. The address and telephone number are on the inside

front cover of this booklet. Please provide this information:

- Year, model, and vehicle identification number (VIN) of your vehicle, and its current mileage
- The name of the dealer who sold you the vehicle
- The name of the dealer who services your vehicle
- Date, mileage, and reason for each visit to an Acura dealership
- Any non-Acura dealership repair service for the problem(s)
- Your daytime and evening telephone numbers

The staff of the Acura Client Services office is interested in working with you and the dealership to find a satisfactory solution.

**Step 3** - If you disagree with the decision reached by the staff of the Acura Client Services office, you may request to have your case reviewed in an independent forum run by the Council of Better Business Bureaus (BBB). This program is called "BBB AUTO LINE." You may file a claim at any time by calling the Better Business Bureau, toll-free, at 1-800-955-5100. Your call will be automatically directed to the BBB in your area.

You may also write to:

BBB AUTO LINE  
Council of Better Business Bureaus  
4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 800  
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

BBB AUTO LINE's purpose is to resolve disputes between vehicle manufacturers and their clients. BBB AUTO LINE's decision makers are impartial third parties who will listen to both the client and the manufacturer and will decide what can be done to resolve the disagreement.

The BBB AUTO LINE's decision is not binding on you unless you agree to accept it. If you accept the decision, Acura will abide by it. Generally, disputes submitted to BBB AUTO LINE are resolved within 40 days (47 days if you have not first contacted Acura about your complaint).

Acura offers you the opportunity to mediate and arbitrate a disagreement through BBB AUTO LINE because we want you to feel that you have been treated fairly.

Eligibility is limited by your vehicle's age, mileage, and other factors. In order to file a claim, you need to provide your name and address, the vehicle identification number (VIN) of your vehicle, and a brief statement outlining the disagreement. Initially, BBB may try to resolve the disagreement through mediation. If this is not successful, your complaint will be reviewed by an impartial, volunteer arbitrator. You may present the facts of your case to the arbitrator at an informal meeting.

We encourage you to use this program before, or instead of, going to court. It is informal, free of charge to you, and generally resolves problems much faster than the court system. Lawyers are usually not involved in the resolution of claims through the BBB, although you may obtain one at your own expense if you choose.

If you want to go to court, we do not require you to first file a claim with BBB AUTO LINE. Please note that laws in some states may require that you file a claim with BBB AUTO LINE before you can proceed to a state-operated dispute resolution process or the court system. If you do not accept the decision of BBB AUTO LINE, you can still go to court.



## Client Satisfaction

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### Lemon Laws

Many states have enacted what are commonly referred to as "Lemon Laws." Although the details of these laws vary from state to state, their main purpose is to assure you certain rights if you have problems with your new vehicle. In general terms, these laws usually say that if your vehicle has a problem that cannot be repaired in several attempts, or has a series of problems that keep it out of service for an extended period, you may qualify for relief under the Lemon Laws in your state.

Some states require you to notify the manufacturer about the problem(s), and some states give the manufacturer, or its representative, a chance to correct the problem(s). A state may require you to submit your complaint to a dispute resolution program, such as BBB AUTO LINE, before proceeding to other forums.

Lemon Laws have many provisions. If you feel your new Acura qualifies for consideration under the Lemon Laws in your area, we suggest you check the laws in your state.

We want you to be satisfied with your Acura automobile. If you have any questions, please contact your Acura dealer or Acura Client Services.

## Some Repairs May Be Covered Beyond the Limited Warranty

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Acura may cover, on a case-by-case basis, some or all of the cost to repair a problem that is not covered by your vehicle's limited warranties.

If your vehicle develops a problem you feel should be repaired by Acura at no cost, discuss it with your dealer.

If you are not satisfied with your Acura dealer's decision, call or write to the Acura Client Services Office (the address and telephone number are on the inside front cover).

Please provide this information about your vehicle: year, model, vehicle identification number (VIN), mileage, maintenance history, a detailed explanation of the problem, and why you think Acura should be responsible for the repair. Your request will be investigated, and you will be informed of Acura's decision.

Sometimes Acura offers a special adjustment program to pay all or part of the cost of certain repairs beyond the terms of the **warranty**. Check with your dealer to determine whether any adjustment program is applicable to your motor vehicle.

# A Quick Reference to Warranty Coverage

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This is a brief summary of the warranties covering your 2009 Acura. Please refer to the listed page for a full description of each warranty's coverage and limitations.

<b>New Vehicle Limited Warranty</b> .....	<b>9</b>
Every new Acura is covered, except for tires, for 4 years or 50,000 miles. The tires are warranted separately.	
<b>Powertrain Limited Warranty</b> .....	<b>10</b>
The powertrain in your new Acura is covered for 6 years or 70,000 miles.	
<b>Federal Emissions Warranties</b> .....	<b>11</b>
The Emissions-Related Defects and Performance Warranties cover the components that make up your Acura's emissions control systems.	
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The original battery in your new Acura is fully covered for the first 4 years.	
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The original tires are warranted by their manufacturer. Your Acura dealer will be glad to assist you in contacting a local representative of the tire's manufacturer, if needed.	

# A Quick Reference to Warranty Coverage

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Seat belts that fail to function properly are covered for 15 years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first.

**Rust Perforation Limited Warranty** ..... 28

Acura will repair or replace any body panel on your vehicle that rusts from the inside out. This coverage extends for 5 years with no mileage limit.

**COVERAGE OF ACCESSORIES AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS**

**Accessory Limited Warranty** ..... 29

All accessories are covered up to 4 years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first, depending on time of installation.

**Replacement Parts Limited Warranty** ..... 31

Acura Genuine parts, when installed by your Acura dealer, are covered for 1 year or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Parts purchased from, but not installed by, an Acura dealer are covered for 1 year.

**Replacement Battery Limited Warranty** ..... 32

A replacement battery from your Acura dealer is covered by a 100-month (8 years and 4 months) limited warranty.

**Replacement Exhaust Components Lifetime Limited Warranty** ..... 33

Replacement exhaust components (muffler, A-pipe, and B-pipe) purchased from your Acura dealer are covered for as long as you own the vehicle. Installation is included if the covered exhaust components were originally installed by your Acura dealer.

# General Warranty Provisions

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The warranty coverages in this booklet are offered only to the owner of a 2009 Acura automobile. To be covered, the vehicle must be distributed by American Honda through the Acura Automobile Division, and sold by an Acura automobile dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Parts replaced under any of the warranties in this booklet become the property of Acura. Acura will make the final decision whether to repair any existing part or assembly or replace it.

Acura may use factory-remanufactured parts rather than new parts for some warranty repairs. Those parts, like new parts, are covered for the remainder of the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9).

The warranties in this booklet do not cover:

- The failure of any part or accessory due to:
  - Abuse, misuse, accidental damage, or acts of nature.
  - Improper installation or maintenance.
  - A low fluid level or the use of a fluid other than specified by Acura.
  - The installation of any part that is not equal to the original in quality of materials or workmanship.
  - The use of the vehicle in competition or racing events.
- Any installed part or accessory that fails because it was not designed to fit that year and model of Acura automobile.
- Any vehicle with an odometer that has been altered so it is impossible to determine the actual mileage.
- Any vehicle while it is registered or normally driven outside of the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Any failure caused by modifying the vehicle, or by installing accessories not authorized by Acura.
- Any incidental expenses or inconvenience incurred due to the loss of use of your vehicle.
- Any vehicle that has ever been declared a total loss or sold for salvage by a financial institution or insurer, or that has been issued a "salvage" or similar title under any state's law. This exclusion does not apply to the Emissions Warranties, the Seat Belt Limited Warranty, the Replacement Parts Limited Warranty, or any recalls or other campaigns.

## Time and Mileage Period

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is put into use in one of these ways:

- The vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser by an Acura dealer.
- The vehicle is leased.
- The vehicle is used as a demonstrator or company vehicle.

Your vehicle is covered for 4 years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first.

## Warranty Coverage

Acura will repair or replace any part that is defective in material or workmanship under normal use. See **Proper Operation** on page 34. All repairs/replacements made under this warranty are free of charge. The replaced or repaired parts are covered only until this New Vehicle Limited Warranty expires.

## This New Vehicle Limited Warranty Does Not Cover:

- Emissions control systems, accessories, batteries, or tires. (They have their own warranties.)
- Normal wear or deterioration of any part.
- Cleaning and polishing.
- The adding of any fluids, unless they are needed as part of a warranty repair.
- Air conditioner refrigerant charge after the first year, unless required as part of a warranty repair.
- Broken, chipped, or scratched window glass, unless it is due to a defect in material or workmanship.

- Any item concerning your vehicle's general appearance that is not due to a defect in material or workmanship. Cosmetic flaws or minor damage to the body, paint, or other items may occur during the manufacture or shipping of your vehicle. These flaws are usually found and corrected before delivery. If you find any uncorrected flaws or damage on your new vehicle, notify the dealer as soon as possible after delivery.
- The replacement of expendable maintenance items (such as spark plugs, filters, wiper blades, or brake pads/linings) unless they are defective in material or workmanship.
- Wheel balancing and wheel alignment after 1 year or 12,000 miles, unless required as part of a warranty repair.

# Powertrain Limited Warranty

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## **Time and Mileage Period**

This warranty's coverage begins on the same date as the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9).

Your powertrain is covered for 6 years or 70,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Some powertrain parts may have additional coverage under other warranties described in this booklet.

## **Warranty Coverage**

Acura will repair or replace any part that is defective in material or workmanship under normal use. See **Proper Operation** on page 34. All repairs/replacements made under this warranty are free of charge. The replaced or repaired parts are covered only until this Powertrain Limited Warranty expires.

## **Parts Covered by the Powertrain Warranty**

Your vehicle may not be equipped with all of the parts listed. Other parts may be covered. Contact an authorized Acura dealer or Acura Client Services (see inside front cover) for further information.

### ***Engine***

Cylinder block and head and all internal parts, timing gears and gaskets, timing chain/belt and cover, flywheel, valve covers, oil pan, oil pump, intake and exhaust manifolds, engine mounts, turbocharger housing and all internal parts, engine/powertrain control module, water pump, fuel pump, seals, and gaskets.

### ***Transmission and Transaxle***

Case and all internal parts, torque converter, transfer case and all internal parts, transmission/powertrain control module, seals, and gaskets.

### ***Front-Wheel-Drive System***

Final drive housing and all internal parts, driveshafts, constant velocity joints, front hubs and bearings, seals, and gaskets.

### ***Rear-Wheel-Drive System***

Differential housing and all internal parts, propeller shafts, universal joints, driveshafts, constant velocity joints, rear hubs and bearings, seals, and gaskets.

For a list of items not included in this warranty, please refer to page 9.

*California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington residents should also refer to the California Emissions Warranties on page 17.*

## **Your Warranty Rights and Obligations**

The Federal Emissions-Related Defects and Emissions Performance warranties are in addition to the Acura New Vehicle Limited Warranty. These warranties are given only to the owner of a 2009 Acura distributed by American Honda through the Acura Automobile Division, and sold by an authorized Acura dealer in the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

If an authorized Acura dealer cannot repair your vehicle or honor your claim within a reasonable period of time, contact the Acura Client Services office for assistance (see the inside front cover), or you may write to:

Manager, Certification and  
Compliance Division (6405J)  
Warranty Claims  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

## **Time and Mileage Period**

Warranty coverage begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Acura dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease, or company vehicle, whichever comes first.

Refer to page 24 for information on warranty duration and the emissions systems that are covered.

## **Your Responsibilities**

To qualify for coverage by the Defects and Performance warranties, you should operate and maintain your 2009 Acura according to the requirements on page 34 of this warranty booklet and the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual. This schedule is designed to keep your vehicle's emissions control systems functioning properly by maintaining your vehicle in peak operating condition.

Acura will not deny a claim for emissions warranty coverage simply because you did not maintain the vehicle or do not have maintenance records to show that you did.



## Federal Emissions Warranties

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However, any part that fails because of abuse or a lack of maintenance will not be covered by this warranty.

Acura recommends that only parts supplied by Acura or equivalent parts be used to repair your vehicle. **Maintenance, replacement, or repair of emissions control devices and systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual.**

Under normal circumstances, Acura will pay for warranty repairs only when they are performed at an authorized Acura repair facility. In an emergency situation, however, the repair of emissions control devices or systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual, or by the owner, using any replacement part.

An emergency situation is considered to exist if an authorized Acura repair facility or warranted part is not reasonably available to correct a problem.

Acura will reimburse you for those emergency repairs that are covered by the Emissions Warranties. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced parts and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

The use of replacement parts not equivalent to the original parts may impair the effectiveness of your vehicle's emissions control systems. If a non-equivalent replacement part is used in the maintenance or repair of your vehicle and if an authorized Acura dealer determines it is defective or causes a failure of a warranted part, your claim for repair to bring your vehicle into compliance with applicable standards may be denied. If the part in question is not related to the reason your vehicle fails to meet the standards, your claim will not be denied.

## Emissions-Related Design and Defects Warranty

### These Warranties Do Not Cover:

- Failures or malfunctions of the emissions control systems caused by abuse, alteration, accident, misuse, or the use of leaded gasoline.
- Replacement of maintenance items such as, but not limited to, spark plugs, filters, hoses, belts, coolant, or lubricants beyond their first-required maintenance point.
- Consequential damages such as loss of time or use of the vehicle.

### Design and Defects Warranty Coverage

Acura warrants that your Acura automobile:

1. is designed, built, and equipped to conform at the time of sale with all applicable emissions standards.
- and
2. is free from defects in materials and workmanship that would cause it to fail to conform with applicable emissions requirements during the specified time and mileage period.

Refer to the emissions parts list in the back of this booklet for more information on warranty duration and the emissions systems that are covered.

### To Get Emissions Warranty Service

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis.

An authorized Acura dealer is required within 30 days of the time you take your vehicle to the dealer for emissions warranty service to either honor your claim for adjustment, repair, or replacement, or to notify you in writing that your claim is being denied and explain why.

# Federal Emissions Warranties

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## Emissions-Related Design and Defects Warranty

If this time limit is not met, an authorized Acura dealer will perform the required repairs free of charge. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

If an authorized Acura dealer is not able to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take it to the dealer, you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Acura dealer, Acura will reimburse you for the repair. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

## Emissions Performance Warranty

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Acura dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease, or company vehicle, whichever comes first.

### Performance Warranty Coverage

Acura warrants that, if your vehicle fails an EPA-approved emissions short test, Acura will, at no cost to you during the warranty coverage period, make all adjustments, diagnosis, repairs, and replacements necessary to bring your vehicle into compliance with applicable emissions standards.

Refer to the emissions parts list in the back of this booklet for information on warranty duration for emissions parts that receive extended coverage.

### To Get Emissions Performance Warranty Service

If your vehicle fails an EPA-approved short test, it should be taken to an authorized Acura dealer, along with proof of the purchase date and a copy of the test report.

**NOTE:** The emissions test should be performed with the vehicle at normal operating temperature. Before getting a test, drive the vehicle for several miles at 25 mph or above, and test the vehicle as soon as possible after driving.

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis.

An authorized Acura dealer is required within 30 days of the time you take your vehicle to the dealer for emissions warranty service to either honor your claim for adjustment, repair, or replacement, or to notify you in writing that your claim is being denied and explain why.

# Federal Emissions Warranties

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## Emissions Performance Warranty

If this time limit is not met, an authorized Acura dealer will perform the required repairs free of charge. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

If an authorized Acura dealer is unable to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take your vehicle to the dealer, you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Acura dealer, Acura will reimburse you for the repair, including diagnosis. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

*In addition to the Federal Emissions Warranties, the California Emissions Warranties that follow cover all vehicles registered and normally driven in California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.*

## **Time and Mileage Period**

These warranties begin on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Acura dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease, or company vehicle. The duration of the warranties may vary depending on vehicle model and location. Refer to the emissions parts list at the back of this booklet for information on the warranty duration of the systems that receive extended coverage.

## **Your Warranty Rights and Obligations**

The California Air Resources Board and Acura are pleased to explain the emissions control systems warranties on your 2009 Acura automobile. In California, new motor vehicles must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the state's stringent anti-smog standards. Acura must warrant the emissions control systems on your vehicle for the periods of time specified, provided there has been no abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance of your vehicle.

Your emissions control systems may include parts such as the fuel injection system, the ignition system, catalytic converter, and engine computer. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors, and other emissions-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, Acura will repair your vehicle at no cost to you, including diagnosis, parts, and labor.

## **Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage**

For **4 years or 50,000 miles**, whichever comes first:

- If your vehicle fails a Smog Check inspection, all necessary repairs and adjustments will be made by Acura to ensure that your vehicle passes the inspection. This is your emissions control systems **Performance Warranty**.
- If any emissions-related part on your vehicle is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Acura. This is your short-term emissions control systems **Defects Warranty**.

# California Emissions Warranties

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For **7 years or 70,000 miles**, or whichever comes first:

If an emissions-related part in the supplied list that is specially noted with coverage for 7 years or 70,000 miles is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Acura. This is your long-term emissions control systems **Defects Warranty**.

Refer to the emissions parts list in the back of this booklet for more information on the warranty duration of the emissions systems that receive extended coverage.

## **Owner's Warranty Responsibilities**

As the vehicle owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. Acura recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on

your vehicle, but Acura will not deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.

It is your responsibility to bring your vehicle to an Acura dealer as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

As the vehicle owner, you should also be aware that Acura may deny warranty coverage if your vehicle or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact the Acura Client Services office (see the inside front cover).

California residents may also contact the California Air Resources Board.

California Air Resources Board  
9528 Telstar Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731

The California Emissions Control Systems Defects and Emissions Performance warranties are in addition to the Acura New Vehicle Limited Warranty. These warranties are given only to the owner of a 2009 model-year Acura automobile distributed by American Honda through the Acura Automobile Division, for a vehicle registered and operated in California or other states that have adopted California warranty regulations.

If an authorized Acura dealer cannot repair your vehicle or honor your claim within a reasonable period of time, contact the Acura Client Services office for assistance (see inside front cover). If you are not satisfied with the way in which a claim was resolved by Acura, in California, you may write directly to:

California Air Resources Board  
9528 Telstar Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731

## Your Responsibilities

To qualify for coverage under the defects and performance warranties, you should operate and maintain your 2009 Acura automobile according to the requirements on page 34 of this warranty booklet and the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual.

This schedule is designed to keep your vehicle's emissions control systems functioning properly by maintaining your vehicle in peak operating condition.

Acura will not deny a claim for emissions warranty coverage simply because you did not maintain the vehicle or do not have maintenance records to show that you did. However, any part that fails because of abuse or lack of required maintenance will not be covered by this warranty.

Acura recommends that only parts supplied by Acura or equivalent parts be used to repair your vehicle. Maintenance, replacement, or repair of emissions control devices and systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual.

Under normal circumstances, Acura will pay for warranty repairs only when they are performed at an authorized Acura repair facility. In an emergency situation, however, the repair of emissions control devices or systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual, or by the owner, using any replacement part.

An emergency situation is considered to exist if an authorized Acura repair facility is not reasonably available, when a warranted part is not available within 30 days, or when an authorized Acura repair facility is unable to complete a repair within 30 days.

Acura will reimburse you for those emergency repairs, including diagnosis, that are covered by the Emissions Warranties.



# California Emissions Warranties

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Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, bring the replaced parts and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

The use of replacement parts not equivalent to the original parts may impair the effectiveness of your vehicle's emissions control systems. If a non-equivalent replacement part was used in the maintenance or repair of your vehicle and if an authorized Acura dealer determines the part is defective or causes damage to a warranted part, your claim for repair to bring your vehicle into compliance with applicable standards may be denied. If the part in question is not related to the reason your vehicle fails to meet the standards, your claim will not be denied.

## **These Warranties**

### **Do Not Cover:**

- Failures or malfunctions of the emissions control systems caused by abuse, alteration, accident, misuse, or the use of leaded gasoline.
- Replacement of maintenance items such as, but not limited to, spark plugs, filters, hoses, belts, coolant, or lubricants beyond their first scheduled maintenance.
- Consequential damages, such as loss of time or use of the vehicle.

## Emissions Control Systems Defects Warranty

### Defects Warranty Coverage

Acura warrants to the owner of any 2009 California Acura model that the automobile:

1. is designed, built, and equipped to conform at the time of sale with all applicable emissions standards and
2. is free from defects in materials and workmanship which would cause it to fail to conform with applicable requirements during the specified time and mileage periods.

Refer to the emissions parts list in the back of this booklet for more information on the warranty duration of the emissions systems that receive extended coverage.

### To Get Emissions Warranty Service

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis. Any authorized Acura dealer will perform the adjustment, repair, or replacement within 30 days from the time you take your vehicle to the dealer.

If an authorized Acura dealer is unable to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take your vehicle to the dealer, then this situation will be treated as an emergency and you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Acura dealer, Acura will reimburse you for the repair, including diagnosis. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, bring the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

# California Emissions Warranties

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## Emissions Performance Warranty

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Acura dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease, or company vehicle, whichever comes first.

### Performance Warranty Coverage

Acura warrants to the owner of any 2009 model-year Acura that if your vehicle fails a Smog Check test (or an EPA-approved short test) Acura will, at no cost to you during the warranty coverage period, make all adjustments, diagnosis, repairs and replacements necessary to make your vehicle pass the test.

Refer to the emissions parts list in the back of this booklet for information on the warranty duration and the emissions systems that are covered.

### To Get Emissions Warranty Service

If your vehicle fails a Smog Check test (or an EPA-approved short test), it should be taken to an authorized Acura dealer, along with a copy of the Smog Check test report.

**NOTE:** The emissions test should be performed with the vehicle at normal operating temperature. Before getting a test, drive the vehicle for several miles at 25 mph or above, and test the vehicle as soon as possible after driving.

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis.

An authorized Acura dealer is required within 30 days of the time you take your vehicle to the dealer for emissions warranty service to either honor your claim for adjustment, repair, or replacement, or to notify you in writing that your claim is being denied and explain why.

If this time limit is not met, an authorized Acura dealer will perform the required repairs free of charge. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

## Emissions Performance Warranty

If an authorized Acura dealer is not able to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take it to the dealer, you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Acura or the dealer.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Acura dealer, Acura will reimburse you for the repair, including diagnosis. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically appropriate hourly labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Acura dealer.

# Federal and California Emissions Systems Coverage

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The Federal and California emissions warranties cover these emissions systems on your Acura:

- Crankcase Control System
- Evaporative and Refueling Emissions Control System
- Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) System
- Exhaust System
- Ignition System
- Fuel Injection System
- OBD System
- Transmission Control System
- Intake Air System
- Valve Control System

Coverage on components in these systems may vary by vehicle model and location. The basic coverage is 4 years or 50,000 miles, with extended coverage on selected components. Refer to the list in the back of this booklet for information on extended coverage.

# Original Equipment Battery Limited Warranty

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## Time and Mileage Period

This warranty's coverage begins on the same date as the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9). The original equipment battery is covered by a limited warranty for 4 years with no mileage limit.

## Warranty Coverage

During the first 4 years, a defective battery will be replaced at no cost to you. Diagnosis, labor, installation, and the cost of the replacement battery are covered by Acura.

## Tires

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The tires that come as original equipment on your new Acura are warranted by their manufacturer (including the compact spare tire). A separate warranty statement for the tires is in the glove box.

### **Obtaining Warranty Service**

Your Acura representative will be glad to help determine if a problem in your vehicle is caused by a defective tire. He or she can also assist you in locating a local representative of the tire's manufacturer so you can get warranty service.

### **Original Equipment Tire Manufacturers**

#### ***Yokohama Tires***

Yokohama Tire Corporation  
601 South Acacia Avenue  
Fullerton, CA 92831

-OR-

P.O. Box 4550  
Fullerton, CA 92834-9550  
(800) 722-9888; (714) 870-3800

#### ***Michelin Tires***

Michelin Tire Corporation  
Customer Relations Department  
P.O. Box 19001  
Greenville, SC 29602-9001  
(800) 847-3435; (864) 458-5000

#### ***Goodyear/Dunlop Tires***

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
1144 East Market Street  
Akron, OH 44316-0001  
(800) 321-2136; (330) 796-2121

#### ***Bridgestone/Firestone Tires***

Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc.  
Consumer Affairs Department  
P.O. Box 7988  
Chicago, IL 60680-9534  
(800) 367-3872

*These addresses and phone numbers are subject to change. Contact your Acura dealer for current information.*

While seat belts cannot completely remove the possibility of injury, they do provide a very significant level of protection when used properly. Acura believes the best way to enhance your safety is to use your seat belt. To encourage their use, the seat belts should always be in good operating condition.

### **Time Period**

This warranty's coverage begins on the same date as the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9) and continues for 15 years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first.

### **Warranty Coverage**

Acura will repair or replace, at its option, any Acura seat belt component that fails to function properly during normal use. This includes all parts and labor charges.

### **This Warranty Does Not Cover:**

- Replacement of a properly-functioning seat belt assembly strictly for cosmetic or comfort reasons.
- Failure caused by abuse, alteration, accidental damage, misuse, or malfunction resulting from a collision.



## Rust Perforation Limited Warranty

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Only the vehicle's original owner can make a claim under this warranty. Coverage cannot be transferred to any other person or institution (such as an insurance company).

### Time and Mileage Period

This warranty's coverage begins on the same date as the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9), and continues for 5 years with no mileage limit. Any body panels repaired or replaced under this warranty are covered only for the time remaining in the original 5 years of coverage.

### Warranty Coverage

Acura will repair or replace any original body panel that rusts completely through from the inside out (perforated by corrosion). This includes panels previously repaired or replaced under this warranty.

Rust that does not perforate, but is caused by a defect in material or workmanship, is covered under the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. You will not be charged for any parts, material, or labor under this warranty. The decision to repair, rather than replace, any rusted body panel will be made by Acura.

### This Warranty Does Not Cover:

- Surface rust on the underbody or any other part of the vehicle except body panels.
- Rusting of body panels that were repaired, replaced, or refinished after retail sale of the vehicle, unless those panels were repaired or replaced under this warranty.
- Body panel rust caused by abuse, misuse, or lack of maintenance.

- Rusting where the paint has been damaged by road hazards such as stones and debris.
- Rust caused by immersion of the body panel in water, mud, or sand; or resulting from exposure to corrosive gas or industrial fallout.
- Paint matching. (Acura reserves the right to decide how much of the repaired or replaced panel, and any adjoining body panels, need to be repainted to match the original finish. Acura will not, under any circumstances, authorize painting the entire vehicle strictly for the purpose of paint matching.)

This warranty applies to any accessory distributed by American Honda and purchased from an Acura dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### **Time and Mileage Period**

**Accessories Installed Prior to Retail Sale:** This warranty begins on the same date as the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (see page 9). All accessories are covered for the length of the New Vehicle Limited Warranty: 4 years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first.

**Accessories Installed by an Acura Dealer After Retail Sale:** This warranty begins on the date the accessory is installed on the vehicle. All accessories are covered for the longer of the following two periods:

1. the time remaining in the New Vehicle Limited Warranty,
- or
2. one year or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.

**Accessories Not Installed by an Acura Dealer:** This warranty begins on the date the accessory is purchased from an Acura dealer. All accessories are covered for 1 year.

### **Warranty Coverage**

Acura will repair or replace any Acura accessory that is defective in material or workmanship under normal use. Acura will decide if an accessory will be repaired rather than replaced. If the accessory was installed by an Acura dealer, all parts and labor costs are covered. If the accessory was installed by someone else, the cost of all parts to repair or replace it are covered by Acura, but you must pay the labor costs.

## Accessory Limited Warranty

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### Audio and Video Component Exchange Program

If the dealer-installed audio and/or video component in your Acura develops a problem during this warranty period, visit your Acura dealer. The service consultant will ask you several questions about your vehicle and the problem. With this information, the proper diagnosis can be performed to determine if there is a problem with the audio or video component. If a problem is found during diagnosis, your Acura dealer will order a replacement component. When your Acura dealer receives the component (usually in less than a week), you will be notified to bring your vehicle to the dealership so that the audio or video component can be replaced.

Acura may use factory-remanufactured audio or video components, rather than new components, for some warranty repairs. Those components, like new components, are covered for the remainder of the Accessory Limited Warranty.

### This Warranty Does Not Cover:

- Air conditioner refrigerant charge after the first year, unless required as part of a warranty repair.
- Any accessory installed on an Acura other than the year or model it was designed to fit.
- Any accessory that is improperly installed.
- Any claim presented without proof of accessory purchase and/or installation date and vehicle mileage at the time of installation.

- The cost of labor to repair or replace any accessory that was not originally installed by an Acura dealer.

# Replacement Parts Limited Warranty

This warranty applies only to automobile replacement parts distributed by American Honda through the Acura Automobile Division, and sold through an Acura dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Time and Mileage Period

Parts installed by an Acura dealer are covered for 1 year or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Warranted parts purchased from an Acura dealer but installed by someone else are covered for 1 year from the date of purchase.

## Remanufactured Parts

Remanufactured parts installed by an Acura dealer are covered for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. Some examples of remanufactured parts are alternators, starters, brake

calipers, power steering racks and pumps, ABS modulators, automatic transmissions, and driveshafts. Check with your dealer to determine if a remanufactured part was used to repair your vehicle.

Remanufactured parts purchased from an Acura dealer but installed by someone else are covered for 3 years from the date of purchase.

## Warranty Coverage

Acura will repair or replace any part covered by this warranty that is defective in material or workmanship under normal use. If the part was originally installed by an Acura dealer, the repair or replacement will be done with no charge for parts or labor. If the part was originally installed by someone else, the cost of the replacement or repair is covered by Acura, but you must pay all installation costs.

## This Warranty Does Not Cover:

- Claims which do not include documented proof of purchase date, installation date, and vehicle mileage at the time of installation.
- Parts considered to be normal maintenance items, unless they are defective in material or workmanship. Some examples are spark plugs, filters, and brake pads.
- Parts replaced under the New Vehicle Limited Warranty or parts covered by other warranties in this booklet.

## Replacement Battery Limited Warranty

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This warranty applies only to replacement batteries obtained from an Acura dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### Time and Mileage Period

Replacement batteries are covered by a 100-month (8 years and 4 months) limited warranty.

### Warranty Coverage

During the first 36 months (3 years) of service, a defective replacement battery will be replaced at no cost for the new battery, labor, or installation.

For the remaining 64 months (5 years and 4 months), you receive a credit toward the purchase of the battery. This credit is based on the then-current retail price:

- Months 0 to 36: 100 percent
- Months 37 to 45: 60 percent
- Months 46 to 55: 50 percent
- Months 56 to 65: 40 percent
- Months 66 to 75: 30 percent
- Months 76 to 85: 20 percent
- Months 86 to 95: 10 percent
- Months 96 to 100: 5 percent

The battery is warranted for the time remaining in the 100 months of the Replacement Battery Limited Warranty. No cash reimbursement will be made. You are responsible for the labor or installation charges.

## Replacement Exhaust Components Lifetime Limited Warranty

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### Time and Mileage Period

Acura replacement exhaust components (muffler, A-pipe, and B-pipe) are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for as long as the exhaust components' purchaser owns the vehicle on which they are installed.

If a warranted exhaust component fails due to a defect, Acura will exchange it. You must have proof of purchase for the failed exhaust component. If the exhaust component was originally installed by an Acura dealer, the cost of labor for the removal and replacement of the component is also covered by this warranty.

### This Warranty Does Not Cover:

- The labor cost for the removal and replacement of the component if the defective exhaust component was not originally installed by an Acura dealer.
- Other parts of the exhaust system, including gaskets, hangers, clamps, or other mounting hardware.
- The original equipment muffler, A-pipe, and B-pipe or any other muffler, A-pipe, or B-pipe installed while the New Vehicle Limited Warranty is in effect.
- The cost of parts or labor for any additional repairs associated with replacing the warranted exhaust components.

# Operation and Maintenance of Your Acura

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By keeping your Acura in top condition, you will be rewarded with years of trouble-free service at the lowest operating cost. The keys to keeping your Acura in top condition are proper operation and regular maintenance.

## Proper Operation

Your Acura is designed for use as a passenger vehicle. You should use it to transport people and their luggage on regular roads and highways. These are some things you should do to take care of your Acura:

- Avoid exceeding your vehicle's load limit. This puts excess strain on the engine, brakes, and several other systems in your vehicle. Refer to the owner's manual to find the location of the Load Limit label on your vehicle.

- Operate your Acura on reasonable roads within the legal speed limit.
- Drive your Acura regularly over a distance of several miles. Like a person, a vehicle functions better with regular exercise.
- Always use an unleaded gasoline of the proper octane number (anti-knock index). See your owner's manual for more information.

## Maintenance

You should check the engine oil and radiator coolant levels each time you fill the gas tank. This protects the vital systems of your Acura, and may help you discover potential problems.

Always maintain your 2009 Acura according to the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual. The time and mileage intervals given in this schedule for inspections and replacements should never be exceeded; they are essential to trouble-free operation. **Parts that fail because they did not get proper, timely maintenance are not covered by warranty.** If a part fails due to a defect in material or workmanship, however, the warranty claim will not be denied because of improper maintenance or operation.

## Operation and Maintenance of Your Acura

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The people at your Acura dealership are fully trained and equipped to efficiently perform scheduled maintenance on your 2009 Acura. However, service at an Acura dealership is not mandatory for continued warranty coverage. You can have scheduled maintenance done somewhere other than your Acura dealer, or you can do the maintenance yourself.

If you regularly take your vehicle to an Acura dealer for scheduled maintenance, the dealership personnel will know its history if you need to make a warranty claim. Make sure your service technician fills out and embosses your Acura Maintenance Journal. If someone else has been performing the maintenance, you may need to provide evidence that you have properly maintained the vehicle.

This evidence may consist of one or more of these items:

- The Acura Maintenance Journal showing the odometer mileage and date for each service. Each entry in this journal should be embossed and signed by a person who is qualified to service automobiles.
- Copies of repair orders or other receipts that include the odometer mileage and date that the vehicle was serviced. Each receipt should be signed by a qualified automotive service technician.
- A statement that you completed the maintenance yourself, showing the odometer mileage and date you did the work. Receipts for the replacement parts (fluids, filters, etc.) should accompany this statement.

**NOTE:** As a convenience for the next owner, keep all maintenance receipts with the vehicle if it is sold.



## How to Get Warranty Service

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You should take your vehicle and proof of the purchase date to an Acura dealer during normal service hours. If your warranty claim is for a replacement part or accessory originally installed by an Acura dealer, also bring proof of the vehicle's mileage at the time of installation.

If your vehicle cannot be driven, contact the Acura dealer for towing assistance. **You do not have to pay for towing to the nearest Acura dealer if the failure is covered by any of the warranties in this booklet.**

### Emergency Repairs

Acura recognizes that your vehicle could develop a serious problem needing immediate repair at a facility other than an Acura dealer.

Acura will reimburse you for the repair if:

- The repair would normally be covered by one of the warranties in this booklet.
- and
- All Acura dealers within 50 miles of the breakdown were closed at the time, or there were no Acura dealers within 50 miles.
- and
- The vehicle was immobile, or attempting to drive the vehicle would cause further damage or be unsafe.

For reimbursement, go to any Acura dealer. You must show a copy of the paid receipt, and the replaced part(s). The dealer will reimburse you for the parts at the current manufacturer's suggested retail price. You will be reimbursed for labor at a geographically appropriate labor rate for Acura's recommended time allowance.

If you are ever dissatisfied with a warranty service or decision from an Acura dealer, please refer to the Client Satisfaction statement on page 4.

### **Traveling Outside the United States**

If you are planning to use your Acura to travel outside the U.S., you may want to contact the Acura Client Services office. They can give you information on Acura distributors in the area you plan to visit. You should also contact the tourist bureaus in the areas you will be traveling in to find out about the availability of unleaded gasoline with the proper octane rating.

### **Relocating Outside the United States**

Any vehicle purchased from an authorized Acura dealer in this country is manufactured to meet U.S. government safety and emissions specifications. Other countries not only market different Acura models, they also have their own safety and emissions standards that differ from U.S. requirements.

If you plan to export your vehicle to another country and register it there, we recommend that you contact the vehicle import agency in that country to determine the requirements. Acura Client Services does not have this information.

Be advised that modifications to your vehicle to meet another country's requirements may be very expensive and, in some cases, impossible to perform. Parts to modify a vehicle to meet foreign specifications are not available in the United States.

Getting your vehicle serviced in another country may be difficult, even if you take it to an Acura dealer. Because that country may have models with different equipment and specifications, the dealer may not have parts that are suitable for your U.S. vehicle.

### **Warranty Coverage Outside the United States**

The warranties in this booklet cover only Acura automobiles purchased and registered in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Acura vehicles registered and normally driven in other countries are not covered.

Acura dealers outside the U.S. may not honor these warranties. If you have your U.S.-specification Acura serviced by an Acura dealer in another country (while on vacation, for example), and that service would normally be covered by one of the warranties in this booklet, please contact American Honda.

## Limitations and Disclaimers

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For more information or assistance, please contact the Acura Client Services office.

All of the limited warranties in this booklet are subject to the following limitations and disclaimers:

**Acura disclaims any responsibility for loss of time, loss of use of the parts or vehicle in which the parts are installed, transportation or any other incidental or consequential damage. Any implied warranties, including the implied warranty of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to the duration of this written warranty.**

These limitations or exclusions may not apply to your vehicle because some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or they may not allow exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages.

These warranties give you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



