



2003

A C U R A

TL







2002 Acura NSX

Command Performance

If you anticipate every twist, turn, and straightaway long before you approach it. Execute each manoeuvre, no matter how small, as if it were a final test of skill. And believe that life without high performance driving isn't really living at all. Then we present the 2003 Acura TL Type S. A sports sedan that does more than follow your commands, it performs them to the letter.

The TL is the kind of automobile that inspires you to achieve the perfect cornering line, yet its handling will supplement your skills should you ever need it to. It simply devours wide-open roads upon the subtlest request. And because 60 to 0 is as important as 0 to 60, it houses a powerful braking system that will stop you in a heartbeat.

Whether you choose our rewarding TL model or our knuckle-whitening, 260 horsepower TL Type S, you will enjoy sedan flexibility and performance that more than matches the ability of even the most discriminating enthusiast. This is a place where your skills control everything. Except, of course, your excitement.





Precision Engineering

Behind the wheel of the TL Type S, life's twists and turns are moments to be relished. This, in part, is thanks to an advanced, 4-wheel independent double-wishbone suspension that yields wonderfully crisp turn-in, and reflexes that seem like an extension of your own. Coupled with sporty 17 inch wheels and grippy V-rated tires, this automobile gives you masterful command over any road.

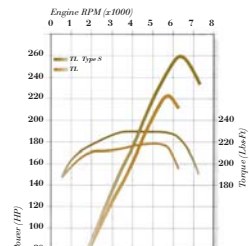
Even more exhilarating is what's at the heart of the Type S: A 3.2 litre V6 engine that delivers a pulse-quickening 260 horsepower and 232 lbs-ft of torque. To provide superior engine breathing across the rpm band, this class-leading powerplant sports our 4-valve-per-cylinder design and VTEC system. Features that reward you with astonishing responsiveness when you ask the Type S to perform.

Partnering with the engine is an automatic transmission of an equally overachieving design. This transmission offers a fifth gear for more closely spaced gear ratios. Combined with a "Sequential SportShift" feature, this system grants you complete control over engine revs, allowing you to fully orchestrate each spirited manoeuvre.

Absolute trust, a necessity in high performance driving, cannot be obtained without faith in your stopping system. Thus, the TL uses ventilated front disc brakes and large rotors at the rear to provide superb braking power and excellent resistance to fade. Rigid front calipers are also there for responsive pedal feel, bringing every precision ride to an equally precise end.



Acura's innovative VTEC system alters valve lift and timing for superb low-end torque plus high-end power.



For the ultimate in driving gratification, the TL Type S kicks out an impressive 260 horsepower and 232 lbs-ft of torque.



The multilink, double-wishbone rear suspension system adds excitement to spirited manoeuvres with crisp, confidence-inspiring handling.



Disc brakes used on all four wheels give you the assurance of consistent, fade-free stopping power.



The 5-speed "Sequential SportShift" automatic transmission will involve and engage you by giving you more control over the engine.



The TL Type S features Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) which enhances control during acceleration and cornering by retarding throttle and/or applying brake force to either front wheel as needed.



Geared for the Type S Personality

The Type S series fulfills both your passion for driving high performance machines, and our passion for creating them.





Mission Control

In keeping with its high-performance persona, the TL Type S offers a cockpit of equally driver-aware design. All of the controls are at your fingertips so that they can be operated intuitively. Likewise, large analogue gauges are positioned so that you may retrieve information instantly. In addition, a generous greenhouse provides superb visibility, allowing you to expertly anticipate each driving situation.

Naturally, the design of the driver's seat is another element that contributes to the ride. The comfortable, contoured front seats of the Type S have supportive side bolsters to hold you and your passenger in place during high lateral g-cornering. Dual-density backrests have been incorporated in the seats to provide firm support at all times. And the driver's seat is 8-way power-adjustable with a heated bottom cushion and backrest, ensuring the ultimate personal driving experience.

TL shown with Parchment Leather



To keep your attention on the road, large analogue gauges in the TL Type S let you interpret vehicle information at a glance. (U.S. model shown)



Front side air bags offer enhanced protection from side impacts. In addition, the passenger seat is equipped with occupant size and position sensors.



Convenient buttons mounted on the steering wheel allow you to operate the audio system without taking your hands from the wheel or your eyes off the road.



The Acura/Bose® music system has been custom engineered for the TL interior. The system features an in-dash 6 CD changer, Dolby-equipped cassette, and Bose® ND woofer driven by a powerful 100-watt Bose® amplifier.

TL Specifications

POWERTRAIN

Drivetrain	Front engine/front-wheel drive
Engine Type	3.2-litre, 24-valve, SOHC, VTEC, V6
Horsepower, SAE net	225 hp @ 5600 rpm
Torque, SAE net	216 lbs.-ft. @ 4700 rpm
Redline	6500 rpm
Bore & Stroke	89 mm x 86 mm
Displacement	3210 cc
Compression Ratio	9.8:1
Induction System	Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)
Valvetrain	4-valves-per-cylinder, belt-driven, single overhead camshaft
Engine Block	Aluminum alloy with cast-iron cylinder liners
Cylinder Head	Aluminum alloy
Emission Control	Designed to meet California's stringent Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standard
Ignition System	Electronic direct ignition
Automatic Transmission	5-speed "Sequential SportShift" with electronically controlled lock-up torque converter and Grade Logic Control System

SAFETY FEATURES

- Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)
- Traction Control System (TCS)
- 3-point (ALR) seat belts (Front Rt., Rear x 3)*
- 3-point (ELR) seat belts**
- Automatic front seat belt pretensioners
- Driver and front passenger dual-stage Air Bag System (SRS)
- Driver and front passenger Side Air Bag System (SRS) with front passenger seat occupant size and position sensors
- Front adjustable seat belt anchors
- Passenger-side mirror tilts down when in reverse
- Remote keyless entry system with panic feature
- Security and ECU immobilizer systems
- Heated exterior mirrors
- Rear window defroster with timer
- Child-proof rear door locks
- LATCH Child Safety Seat Anchor System
- Automatic transmission interlock feature

*(ALR) Automatic Locking Retractor
 **(ELR) Emergency Locking Retractor

SUSPENSION/CHASSIS

Front Suspension	Independent double-wishbone with coil springs and stabilizer bar
Rear Suspension	Multi-link double-wishbone with coil springs and stabilizer bar
Shock Absorbers	Twin tube gas type
Steering Type	Speed-sensitive with variable power-assist rack-and-pinion
Stabilizer Bars Front	27.2 mm diameter x 4.5 mm wall thickness
Rear	18 mm solid
Steering Wheel Turns, lock-to-lock	3.11
Turning Radius	5.6 m
Wheels	Cast-aluminum alloy, 16" x 6.5" JJ
Tires	All Season 205/60 R16 91V
Braking System	Dual-diagonal, power-assisted, 4-wheel disc brakes
Front Discs	Ventilated, 300 mm diameter
Rear Discs	282 mm diameter
Parking Brake	Drum-in-disc, mechanically actuated on rear wheels
Anti-Lock Braking System	3-channel with 4-wheel speed sensors and electronic/hydraulic control unit

CAPACITIES

Crankcase	4.4 litres refill capacity including filter
Cooling System	7.47 litres
Washer Tank	4.5 litres
Fuel Tank	65.0 litres
Passenger Volume	2733 litres
Cargo Volume	405 litres

FUEL ECONOMY

Fuel Consumption (L/100km)	City: 12.0	Highway: 7.4
	(2003 Data Shown)	
Recommended Fuel	Premium unleaded; 91 octane*	

*Gasoline with an octane number lower than 91 may be used, with reduced performance.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

- High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps
- Fog lights
- Body-coloured front and rear bumpers
- Folding body-coloured door mirrors with anti-glare glass
- Body-coloured side mouldings and side sills
- Chrome door handles
- Chrome-tipped dual exhaust
- Heat-absorbing green tinted glass
- Rear in-glass print antenna
- Front splash guards

SEATING AND TRIM

- Leather-trimmed interior
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel & shift knob
- Wood-print trim
- Driver's 8-way power seat with 2-position memory
- Passenger's 4-way power seat
- Driver's seat adjustable lumbar support
- Adjustable front seat headrests
- Heated front seats
- Centre console with storage and armrest
- Rear seat headrests
- Rear seat centre armrest with lockable trunk pass-through and cup holders
- Carpeted floor mats

COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

- Automatic Climate Control System
- Micron Air Filtration System
- Tilt steering column
- Electric cruise control
- Power door locks and windows with driver's side one-touch up/down feature
- Illuminated power window control switches and ignition lock surround
- Power-operated privacy glass moonroof with sliding shade
- Power-operated heated door mirrors
- Acura/Bose* Music System with 6 speakers, including rear woofer, AM/FM stereo/cassette, in-dash 6 CD changer and anti-theft feature
- Steering wheel-mounted audio control switches
- Homelink* remote control system*
- Overhead map light
- Remote lockable fuel-filler-door release
- Remote electric trunk release
- Overhead sunglasses box
- Dual illuminated vanity mirrors
- Front and rear dual beverage holders
- Front seat back pockets
- Automatic day/night rearview mirror
- Trunk net and hook
- Outside temperature gauge
- Speed-sensitive variable intermittent windshield wipers

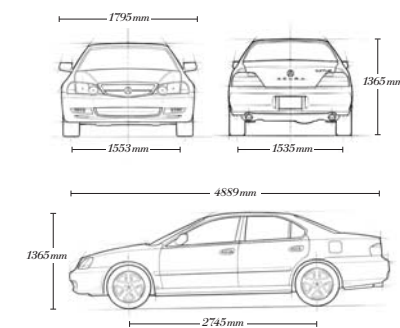
*Can be programmed with codes of up to three remote-control devices, (i.e.: garage-door opener, home security system, etc.) Additional control devices not provided by Acura, may be required.

EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase	2745 mm
Track, front	1553 mm
Track, rear	1535 mm
Length	4889 mm
Width	1795 mm
Height	1365 mm
Minimum Ground Clearance	159 mm
Weight Distribution, (% front/rear)	62/38
Curb Weight	1584 kg

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Front:	
Head room	970 mm
Leg room	1078 mm
Hip room	1423 mm
Shoulder room	1427 mm
Rear:	
Head room	928 mm
Leg room	889 mm
Hip room	1397 mm
Shoulder room	1414 mm



ACCESSORIES

Genuine Acura Accessories are designed to complement, accentuate, and personalize your Acura TL. Ask your Dealer for additional information.

- Rear spoiler
- Moonroof wind deflector
- Rear splash guards
- Full nose mask
- Front, rear and side skirts
- Gold-plated emblem kit
- Gold-plated exhaust finishers
- Wood-grain steering wheel
- Wood-grain shift knob
- Wood-grain meter panel
- Wood-grain vent outlet panel
- Ashtray
- Locking wheel nuts
- All weather floor mats



The body-coloured rear spoiler enhances the high performance look and feel of the TL.



The TL Type S adds the following Performance Enhancements:

ENGINEERING

- Horsepower: 260 hp @ 6100 rpm
- Torque: 232 lbs.-ft. @ 3500-5500 rpm
- Redline: 6900 rpm
- Compression Ratio: 10.5:1

SAFETY

- Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)

SUSPENSION/CHASSIS

- Steering Type: Torque-sensitive with variable power-assist rack-and-pinion
- Performance tuned suspension components
- Stabilizer Bars: Front: 27.2 mm diameter x 4.5 mm wall thickness
Rear: 19 mm solid

- Steering Wheel Turns, lock-to-lock: 2.93
- Turning Radius: 6.4 m
- Wheels: Cast-aluminum alloy, 17" x 6.5" JJ
- Tires: All Season 215/50 R17 93V

DIMENSIONS

- Curb Weight: 1614 kg

SEATING & TRIM

- Perforated leather-trimmed seats and door trim
- Shift knob with Type S emblem
- Perforated leather-wrapped steering wheel & shift knob
- Front sports seats with open-style headrests

COLOUR AND TRIM

EXTERIOR COLOUR

Nighthawk Black Pearl
Satin Silver Metallic
Eternal Blue Pearl
White Diamond Pearl
Anthracite Metallic
Naples Gold Metallic

INTERIOR COLOUR

TL

TL Type S

Parchment
Ebony
Parchment

Ebony
Parchment

Ebony
Ebony
Parchment
Parchment
Ebony



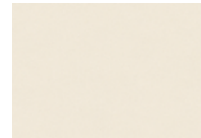
Nighthawk Black Pearl



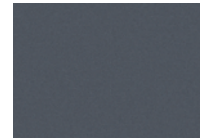
Satin Silver Metallic



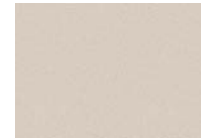
Eternal Blue Pearl



White Diamond Pearl



Anthracite Metallic



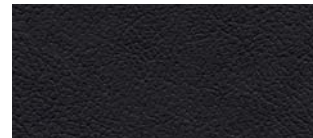
Naples Gold Metallic



Parchment



Parchment (Type S)



Ebony



Ebony (Type S)

THE ACURA EXPERIENCE



At Acura, our commitment to excellence goes far beyond engineering our vehicles. We're just as committed to making your ownership experience a rewarding one. That's why every new Acura includes: A complimentary tank of gas at time of delivery • Carpeted floor mats • 6,000 and 12,000 kilometre scheduled maintenance • 24-hour Roadside Assistance for the first three years of ownership which includes Dispatch, Emergency Roadside Service, Emergency Lockout Service, Traffic Accident Services and more. See your Acura Dealer for details.

ACURA PLUS

As a new Acura owner, you can prolong your worry-free ownership experience by purchasing additional coverage. Just choose from our flexible selection of Mechanical Coverage that extends up to 7 years/160,000 km, whichever comes first. You can also extend your Roadside Assistance. Ask your Acura Dealer for full details.

WARRANTIES

Your new Acura vehicle includes the following warranties: Major component - 5-year/100,000 km limited warranty • Vehicle - 3-year/60,000 km distributors limited warranty • Rust Perforation - 5-year unlimited distance warranty • Surface Corrosion - 3-year unlimited distance warranty • Accessories - 3-year/60,000 km limited warranty (when installed by an authorized Acura Dealer at time of new vehicle delivery). Regular maintenance items and parts are subject to normal wear and replacement, and therefore not covered by warranty. Certain other items are excluded. See your Acura Dealer for complete details.

LEASING AND FINANCING

We offer an array of options to make owning an Acura even easier. Ask your Acura Dealer for complete details on: *Acura Leadership Leasing**, *Acura Future Value Financing** and *Conventional Financing**.

*A genuine service of Honda Canada Finance Inc. Conditions, restrictions and pre-payment requirements might apply O.A.C. "Acura Future Value Financing" does not apply in the province of Quebec.

Specifications, features, illustrations and equipment shown in this catalogue are based upon the latest available information at the time of publication. Although descriptions are believed to be correct, accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Honda Canada Inc. reserves the right to make changes at any time, without notice or obligation, in colours, specifications, accessories, materials and models. Some vehicles are shown with optional equipment. Some vehicles shown are U.S. models, Canadian specifications may vary. ®Bose is a registered trademark of Bose Corporation. ®Homelink is a registered trademark of Prince Corporation, a Division of Johnson Controls. Acura, a division of Honda Canada Inc., 715 Milner Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M1B 2K8. 1-888-9-ACURA-9. www.acura.ca. Acura, NSX, RL, TL, CL, EL, RSX and MDX are registered trademarks of Honda Motor Co. Ltd.



www.acura.ca