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D R E A M S

The dream is to challenge conventional thinking.

Honda has been taking up that challenge for the past 40 years. Testing the dreams of our engineers in the intense environment of Formula One - at 300km / hour on racetracks all over the world.

Constantly creating new and innovative engineering solutions. Solutions that have been taken from the racetrack and adapted to produce such off-road excellence as the all-new MDX.

A 4WD with superior handling dynamics and safety. A 4WD that's powerful, yet fuel-efficient. It's a 4WD that seeks out adventure, yet doesn't compromise luxury.

Now it's your turn to challenge conventional thinking.

It's your turn to dream.

the cornerstone of
A D V E N T U R E



We each have a place we like to call our own.

It's that special corner of the world where reality ends and dreams begin. Where we feel free to explore, conquer and challenge.

Or to simply escape.

You may have visited this place before, or perhaps you're yet to find it. For this destination either lives in your memory, or energises your dreams. It's the kind of place where, after one visit, you truly believe that anything is possible.

Everyone's corner of the world is unique. Yours may be a secluded vineyard at sunset; a rolling valley on a distant horizon; or a rocky gorge in an unforgiving land. It is a place that belongs only to you. Yet the dream is shared by us all.

The MDX has the power to take you there.

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With its superior design, the MDX has the power to explore all four corners of the earth.

Propelled by an advanced 3.5 litre fuel-efficient engine, this class-leading V6 gives you V8 performance time after time, journey after journey.

Featuring 24 valves with SOHC Variable valve Timing and lift Electronic Control (VTEC) technology, the MDX delivers an amazing 345Nm of torque and a remarkable 191 kilowatts of exhilaration.

It offers you the driving experience of your dreams.

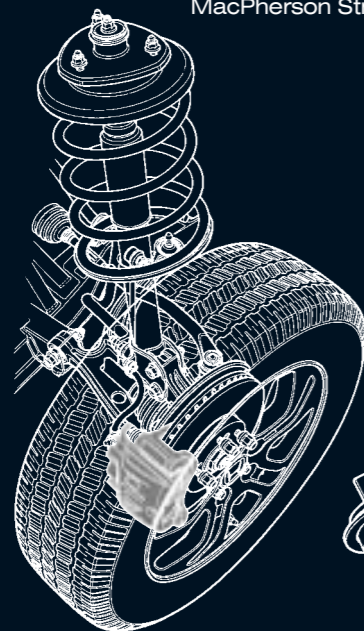
A dream that's evolved from over 200 Formula One Grands Prix and 71 chequered flags. The dream to take F1 advanced technology and transfer it to suit the on-road and off-road driving conditions of the MDX.



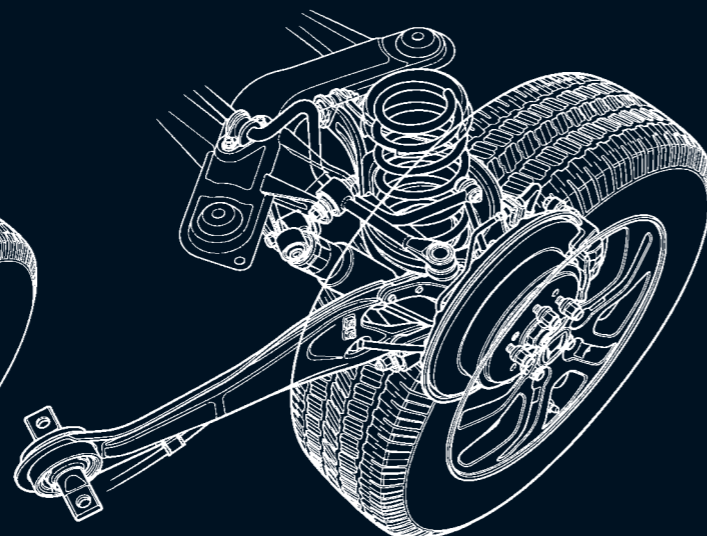


3.5 litre SOHC V6 VTEC engine

MacPherson Strut front suspension



Multi-link rear suspension



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An example of this transferred technology is the drive-by-wire throttle system adapted from Honda's NSX Supercar. This system replaces conventional throttle cable with an all-electronic system, eliminating the need for a mechanical connection between the cockpit and the engine. This reduces the overall weight by incorporating the cruise control function and helps reduce shift shock by better communication with the transmission.

The MDX's advanced chassis and suspension design was inspired by the high-performance vehicles on the Formula One circuit. Such technology and a class-leading power / weight ratio (of just 10.4) assist the MDX to deliver a sporty, responsive driving experience, at all speeds. Which is why the MDX manoeuvres more like a car than a 4WD, taking on the windiest of roads and the steepest of climbs with consummate ease.



designed with you in MIND

The Honda MDX is the ideal combination of strength and style. It has the off-road capabilities you'd expect, but with a uniquely refined edge.

The design of the MDX is a result of extensive analysis into the 4WD market. The objective was to find out what was on the road and how the competition performed; what 'style' of 4WD most people liked; what type of brand they bought; and how MDX performed against its competitors.

In its research, Honda discovered many 4WD brands compromised other features to accommodate extreme off-road capabilities. Compromises such as added weight, awkward entry and exit, poor fuel economy and reduced on-road performance.

These are compromises Honda wasn't prepared to make.

Instead, the ultimate goal was to design an off-road vehicle that redefined the meaning of the word, "luxury".

The electric sunroof with built-in tilt function, in-dash CD stacker, centre display screen, centre console armrest, illuminated vanity mirror and interior woodgrain trim, are all valuable features that make your driving experience as comfortable as possible. And the added convenience of cup holders, sunglasses holders and generous storage capacity, all simply reinforce the MDX's reputation as a truly impressive 4WD.

Of course the perfect complement to the MDX's style, is its ability to perform.

The MDX can climb a 31 degree paved slope with a two passenger load; it has 15cm of ground clearance and a 28 degree approach angle; a 21 degree departure angle; and a 21 degree break over angle for negotiating rough terrain. What's more the MDX can claw up a 28 degree dirt slope from a dead stop.

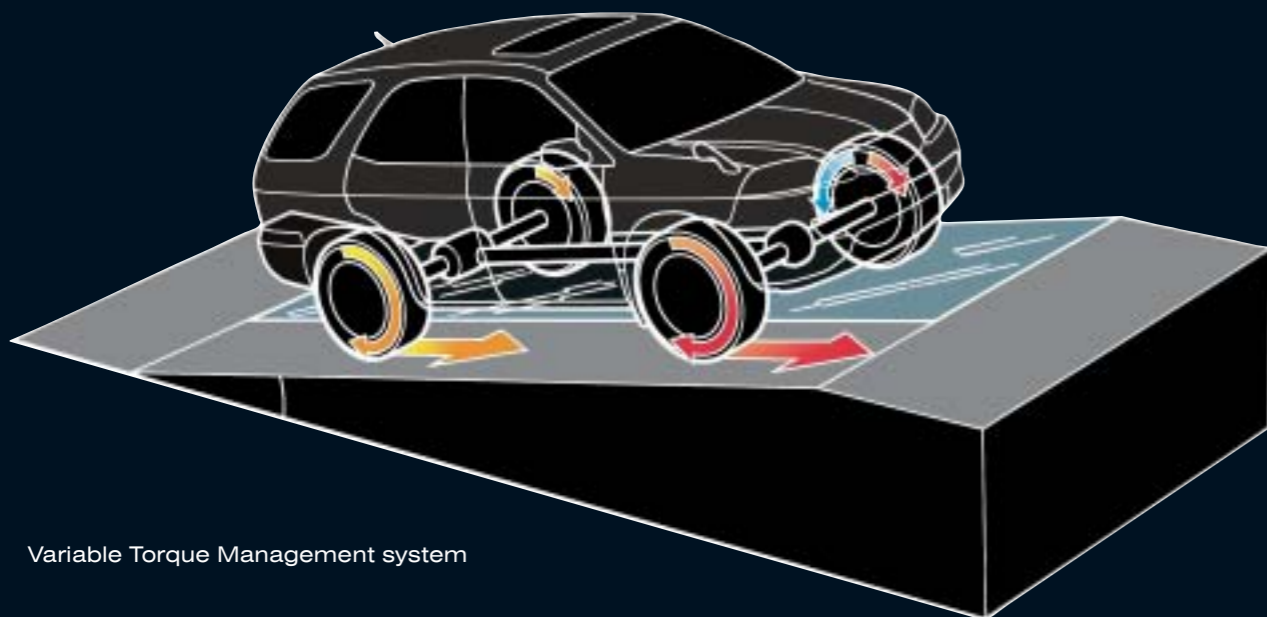
Extreme performance from a Medium Duty 4WD.



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T H E R E



Variable Torque Management system

You've no doubt heard the saying 'as unpredictable as the weather.' Well, Honda has engineered a 4WD that's one step ahead of it.

The MDX is equipped with an advanced, pro-active 4-wheel drive system called Variable Torque Management, otherwise known as VTM-4. A system that doesn't wait for slippage to occur before intervening. Instead, it pre-empts danger and delivers torque to the rear wheels in proportion to forward acceleration to supplement four-wheel drive.

VTM-4 is controlled by an Electronic Control Unit (ECU) that monitors vehicle speed and road conditions. The ECU electronically engages the rear differential clutches to supply just the right amount of torque to the rear wheels. When traction returns, the system disengages.



Variable Torque Management (VTM-4) works in three modes:

ALL WHEEL DRIVE (AWD)

VTM-4 distributes driving torque to all four wheels as the MDX accelerates. When you start out across a slippery intersection, torque is immediately available at the rear wheels. At a constant cruising speed, all the driving torque is delivered by the front wheels for smoothness, quietness, and fuel efficiency.

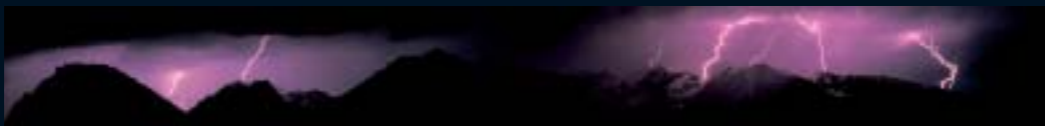
ON DEMAND PART-TIME 4WD

If sensors detect the front and rear wheels are rotating at different rates due to slippage at the front, the Electronic Control Unit (ECU) sends more torque to the rear wheels.

LOCK MODE

Pressing the VTM-4 button while in first, second, or reverse gear locks the rear differential clutches. This enables the rear axles to provide continuous traction to help drive the vehicle out of deep mud or snow. Maximum torque is applied to the rear wheels up to 10km/h. Anything above this speed and the torque applied gradually decreases as the MDX reaches 29 km/h.

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Front and side SRS airbags



Seats 7 in comfort



Optional roof rack shown

Working in conjunction with VTM-4 and the drive-by-wire throttle system is Honda's Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA). This safety feature enhances vehicle stability and provides greater driver control during acceleration, cornering, and braking. Brake force is applied to each of the four disc brakes while managing the throttle and ignition systems. VSA also provides a limited-slip differential effect by applying brake force to slipping wheels which, in-turn, directs drive force to the wheel with more grip.

Passenger safety was of the utmost importance when designing the MDX. That's why the MDX is also fitted with side airbags in addition to its dual-stage, dual-threshold, front iSRS airbags. These protective side airbags feature an advanced Occupant Passenger Detection System (OPDS), which reduces the risk of injury by inflating only when the occupants are sitting squarely in their seats.

Other safety features that add to MDX's performance, as well as providing you with a more secure drive, include progressive crumple zones; Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD); 3 point ELR seatbelts with front seat belt pretensioners; and side impact protection.





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V E R S A T I L E



With the release of the Honda MDX, "roughing it" has become a thing of the past.

The plush leather seats, beautifully-appointed interior and stylish wood grain trim makes the MDX a truly luxurious off-road vehicle.

Features like the electric sunroof, 17 inch alloy wheels, cruise control, adjustable power seats for both driver and passenger, sumptuous leather seats and automatic day/night rear vision mirror, all make the Honda MDX an absolute pleasure to drive. While the heated front seats and the world's first independent front/rear automatic climate control system guarantees you and your passengers a comfortable journey, regardless of the weather outside.

And to ensure all trips are enjoyed in the most luxurious comfort, a fully installed DVD system with 7 inch tilt-adjustable monitor promises that even the longest journey will be a pleasure cruise. Choose to listen through the infra-red wireless headphone system for private, undisturbed viewing, or switch to utilise the MDX's stereo for a 7-speaker surround sound experience. And for real fun, AV auxiliary points allow the use of video games, cameras or any other AV equipment.

For your convenience, a comprehensive centre display screen has been installed in the MDX's instrument panel. This second 7 inch, LCD screen displays fuel economy, compass heading, air-conditioning controls, range remaining, fan speed and even has an outside temperature display. Separate buttons also give you access to specific trip and mileage information.

The MDX's sound system must be heard to be believed. It boasts exceptional clarity with an AM/FM stereo cassette, steering wheel audio-controls, in-dash CD stacker that holds up to 6 CD's, 4 by 160mm speakers, 2 by 50mm door tweeters and 1 by 250mm third row sub-woofer. It's the kind of audio system that offers you another opportunity to sit back, relax and lose yourself in the moment.

As you can see, every feature of the Honda MDX has been carefully crafted to meet an exacting standard.

And that standard is nothing short of exceptional.



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Y O U R M D X

Even the best car in the world is worth nothing without the support to maintain it at its peak performance.

That's why we take just as much care building our Dealer network as we do building our cars.

At Honda, our Dealer staff and technicians are factory-trained and constantly being updated with the very latest changes in automotive technology. This is why no one else could possibly service and tune your MDX as well as we do.


Naturally, we recommend you service your MDX regularly to maintain its value. And similarly, we recommend you never accept anything less than Genuine Honda Parts and Accessories. It is for this reason every Honda Dealer maintains a comprehensive inventory of Genuine Parts to ensure your MDX performs exactly the way its designers intended.

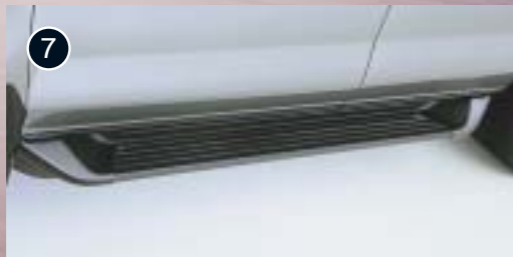
Proudly, like every Honda, your MDX comes with a 3 year / 100,000 km warranty. This includes a 3 year paint protection warranty and a 6 year rust perforation warranty.

All drivers will also be pleased to hear that MDX owners receive exclusive membership to Honda's Total Luxury Care Program which includes 24 hour roadside assistance, 365 days a year; pick up and delivery for servicing and a guaranteed loan car; plus a free detail with every service.

Committed to maintaining your vehicle value long after the sale, becoming a MDX owner also entitles you access to the exclusive after sales website, HondaONE. Providing you with personalised services and functions, HondaONE is a secure website that's all about you and your car. Updating you with an online service history, personalised service reminders and vehicle maintenance tips, HondaONE allows you to view your vehicle records with the simple click of a mouse button.

These are just some examples of the after-sales service Honda provides for you and your MDX long after you drive out of the showroom.





complete your MDX ADVENTURE

As if the MDX wasn't luxurious enough, you also have the choice to stylise your vehicle even further by choosing from a full range of genuine Honda accessories.

Practical yet elegant, these unique Honda products will enhance your MDX adventure.

Your Honda Dealer can assist you in selecting the appropriate accessories for the MDX, and have them expertly installed for you at the time of purchase. They are then instantly covered by the 3 year, 100,000 kilometre new car warranty.

1. Woodgrain Steering Wheel.
2. Woodgrain Panel Set.
3. Roof Rack.
4. Bike Attachment (Interior).
5. Tow Bar Kit.
6. Chrome Tow Ball.
7. Side Step Set.
8. Luggage Cover.



S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

POWERTRAIN

Engine	Aluminium-alloy V6 24 valve SOHC VTEC
Capacity	3.5 litre - 3471 cc
Maximum power	191 kW @ 5800rpm
Maximum torque	345Nm @ 3500rpm
Control system	Honda Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)
Fuel type	Premium unleaded
Emission standard	Low Emission Vehicle (LEV)
4-Wheel drive system	VTM-4 with locking rear differential function
Automatic transmission	5 speed with Grade Logic Control

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Body type	Monocoque
Front suspension	Independent strut
Rear suspension	Multi-link with trailing arm
Stabiliser bars	Front & rear
Power steering	✓
Wheel type	Alloy
Spare wheel type	Spacesaver
Front brakes	Vented disc
Rear brakes	Disc

EXTERIOR

Bumpers	Impact absorbing
Front fog lamps	✓
Front mud guards	✓
Front wiper	2 speed & variable intermittent
Headlights	Halogen type
Keyless entry	x 2
Power door mirrors	Body coloured
Rear mud guards	✓
Rear window demister	✓
Rear wiper	1 speed & Intermittent
Roof rack	■
Electric sunroof (with tilt function)	✓

INTERIOR

Accessory power outlet (10 amp)	x 3
Airconditioning	Front & rear independent climate control
Ashtray	Front
Auxiliary points	x 3
Central locking	✓
Centre console armrest	With storage compartment
Console panel trim	Woodgrain
Cruise control	✓
Cup holders	x 10
Dashboard warning lights	Comprehensive array
Digital clock	✓
Door pockets	Front & rear
Driver's footrest	✓
Driver's seat power adjustable (8-way)	With 2 memory settings
Driver's window	Auto up/down
Front passenger seat power adjustable (8 way)	✓
Glovebox	Lockable & illuminated
Head rests (all seating positions)	Adjustable
Heated front seats	✓
Interior illumination	Courtesy light
Lights-on warning	Auto off
Low fuel warning	✓
Outside temperature gauge	✓
Power door locks	✓
Power windows	✓
Rear under-floor storage compartment	✓
Rear view mirror	Automatic day / night type
Seats - front	Fully reclining
Seats - 2nd row	60/40 split fold down and reclining
Seats - 3rd row	50/50 split fold down and reclining

Seat trim material	Leather (1st and 2nd row) vinyl (3rd row)
Seatback pockets	Driver and front passengers' seats
Seatbelt height adjuster	Front
Steering column	Tilt adjustable
Steering wheel	Leather covered
Sunglass holder	✓
Tachometer	✓
Trip computer	✓
Trip meter	x 2
Vanity mirror with illumination	Driver and passenger
Windows	Heat absorbing

SAFETY FEATURES

Airbag iSRS - front	Driver & passenger
Airbag SRS - side	Driver & passenger
Anti-lock Brakes (ABS)	✓
Child proof door locks	✓
Child safety seat anchorages	x 5
Convex door mirror	Passenger side
Fire retardant interior	✓
Front windscreen	Laminated
Fuel tank roll over valve	✓
Hazard warning lights	✓
High mounted stop light	✓
Immobiliser system	✓
Progressive crumple zones	Front & rear
Screw type fuel cap	✓
Seatbelt reminder	Driver
Seatbelts - 3 point ELR	All seating positions
Seatbelt pretensioners	Front
Side impact protection	✓
Steering column	Energy absorbing type
Transmission shiftlock	✓
Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)	✓

DIMENSIONS

Length	4800 mm
Width	1955 mm
Height	1770 mm
Ground clearance - laden	150 mm
Weight - tare	1980 kg
Turning circle	11.4 m
Fuel economy combined (litres/100km)	12.9
Fuel tank capacity	73 litres
Wheel size	17 x 6.5 JJ
Tyre size	235/65 R17 104S
Maximum towing capacity - boat trailer with brakes other trailer with brakes trailer without brakes	2045 kg 1590 kg 455 kg
Seating capacity	7

AUDIO/VISUAL

AM/FM Radio, Stereo Cassette	✓
CD Changer 6 CD capacity	✓
DVD system with 7" TFT Screen	✓
Anti-theft type	✓
Front speakers	2 x 160 mm
Front tweeters	2 x 50mm
Rear speakers	2 x 160 mm
Sub-woofer (in 3rd row)	1 x 250 mm
Steering wheel mounted audio controls	✓
Antenna	Micro

COLOURS

Exterior:
Nighthawk Black Pearl
Midnight Blue Pearl
Starlight Silver Metallic
Sage Brush Pearl
Redrock Pearl
Sandstone Metallic

Interior:
Black
Black
Black
Black
Black
Black

✓ = Standard equipment ■ = Optional

C O L O U R S



Redrock Pearl



Sandstone Metallic



Sage Brush Pearl



Starlight Silver



Nighthawk Black Pearl



Midnight Blue Pearl

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Actual colours may vary slightly from those depicted