

Additional required maintenance

In addition to the maintenance messages shown in the odometer / trip meter display, having these specific services (if applicable) performed at the distance recommended is vital to keeping your Honda in optimum operating condition. Please refer to your Owner's Manual for details.

Recommended km/yr	Specific Additional Required Maintenance
12,000 km	Replace VTM-4 rear differential fluid and every 24,000 km thereafter if vehicle is regularly driven in mountainous areas at very low speeds, or if vehicle is frequently used to tow a trailer. - use only Genuine Honda VTM-4 rear differential fluid
Every 24,000 km	Replace air cleaner element if vehicle is regularly driven in dusty conditions.
Every 24,000 km	Replace dust and pollen filter if vehicle is regularly driven in urban areas with high concentrations of emissions from industry and diesel-powered vehicles.
Every 48,000 km	Replace automatic transmission fluid and every 48,000 km thereafter if vehicle is regularly driven in mountainous areas at very low speeds, or if vehicle is frequently used to tow a trailer. - use only Genuine Honda ATF
Every 100,000 km	Replace timing belt if vehicle is regularly driven in very low temperatures (under -29 C, 20 F), or towing a trailer.
Every 256,000 km	Inspect idle speed.
Every 3 years	Replace brake fluid. - use only Genuine Honda heavy-duty brake fluid DOT 3

Note: Check the following vehicle components as indicated in order to ensure your Honda operates at peak performance.

Check	Timing
Engine oil and coolant level	Each fuel stop
Brake fluid level	Monthly
Automatic transmission fluid level	Monthly
Tire inflation and condition	Monthly
All lights	Monthly

What it doesn't do:

The Maintenance Minder™ does not monitor the engine oil level in your Honda. Maintaining proper engine oil level is critical to preserving engine life and trouble free operation, so ensuring your engine oil is at the right level by checking it regularly is a good habit to form – please see your owner's manual for details. If it has been more than 12 months since your last oil change, Honda requires the engine oil be changed regardless of the % service oil life displayed. Also, Maintenance Minder™ does not monitor brake pad thickness, brake fluid condition or tire tread depth. Ensuring that these critical items are within specification is important for your safety on the road. If your brake fluid is more than 3 years old, Honda requires you have it changed. Determining the condition of any of these items is something your Honda Dealer will be pleased to assist with.

Understanding Maintenance Minder™ and following the recommended Honda Maintenance Schedule is the best way to ensure a happy and lengthy Honda ownership experience. Every Honda owner has different driving characteristics, which means each has their own unique service requirements. To guarantee the job is done right to meet your specific needs, your Honda Dealer will use only Genuine Honda Parts installed by Honda Factory Trained Technicians who know your Honda better than anyone else. As the primary goal of Maintenance Minder™ is to ensure you're maintaining the car as needed, your Honda Technician will reset the Maintenance Minder™ according to the type of service you have completed on your Honda. Doing so allows the system to clearly determine the next maintenance items required at your next service visit.

For further details on your specific schedule, please speak to your Honda Dealer's Service Advisor.



The Honda Maintenance Minder System

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The Maintenance Minder™ found in Honda vehicles monitors a number of variables to determine when the time is right for you to bring your Honda in for a Genuine Honda Oil Change. When the remaining service life of your engine oil reaches 15%, you will be alerted on your dashboard by a “service due soon” message. Along with this message, a letter (A or B) indicating the required service type will appear. Depending on the mileage at the time of your required oil change, additional required maintenance items indicated by a numeric sub-symbol (1-6) will also appear. These sub symbols are accumulated between oil change intervals in order to make it convenient for you to properly maintain your Honda. Under most driving conditions, you can expect the “service due soon” message to appear every 8,000 - 12,000kms, which occurs about every 4-8 months for many drivers.

Type A Service:

Replace engine oil. Engine oil cleans, lubricates and cools the engine’s moving and stationary parts to protect against wear and friction. Over time, engine oil deteriorates and loses its ability to properly protect the engine.

Depending on distance driven and past maintenance items performed, Type A may be accompanied by displayed sub items indicating other maintenance is due.

Type B Service:

The Type B service includes engine oil and filter change, brake service and comprehensive chassis inspections. Depending on distance driven and past maintenance items performed, it may be accompanied by displayed sub items indicating other maintenance is due.

Replace engine oil and filter. In addition to replacing the engine’s oil, the oil filter is also replaced at this interval. The oil filter helps prevent wear and damage by trapping and retaining fine particles that are generated during engine operation.

Brake system inspection and service (including ABS). Brake components operate in a harsh environment where they are exposed to extreme temperatures and severe road and weather conditions. All brake components and friction materials are inspected for wear and deterioration, then serviced to remove accumulation of debris and corrosion and to replenish lubricants that deteriorate with time and use. Where necessary, the parking brake is adjusted and the brake fluid reservoir is topped up.

Chassis inspections: The suspension, steering, brake hydraulic system, driveline, exhaust system and fuel system are inspected for wear, damage, or irregularities that may require attention.

Maintenance Sub-Symbols

Sub Item 1

Tire rotation and inspection. The tires are inspected for damage and abnormal wear that may indicate a need for wheel alignment adjustment or suspension repairs. Rotation is done to maintain even distribution of wear and maximize longevity. Pressures are checked and adjusted if needed.

Sub Item 2

Replace air cleaner element: The air cleaner element prevents foreign materials such as dust and debris from entering the engine and causing internal damage and premature wear. A clogged air filter affects engine performance, can increase fuel consumption and contribute to engine oil contamination.

Replace dust and pollen filter: This filter removes dust, pollen and debris from outside air that enters the passenger cabin through the heating and air conditioning system. A dirty filter reduces the quality and velocity of air exiting the vents.

Inspect and adjust drive belt: Depending on engine model, external engine drive belts may operate the water pump, alternator, power steering pump, or air conditioning compressor. Inspection to identify wear, damage, or deterioration is necessary to avoid unexpected belt failure. Some belts require manual tension measurement and adjustment while others may have an automatic tensioning system.

Sub Item 3

Replace transmission fluid: Transmission fluid cools and lubricates internal transmission components. Its properties diminish over time and distance driven. Replacement is necessary to maintain proper operation and protection against wear.

Replace transfer case fluid (4WD trucks):

Similarly to transmission fluid, transfer case fluid’s properties diminish over time and distance driven. Replacement is necessary to maintain proper operation and protection against wear.

Sub Item 4

Replace spark plugs: The spark plugs ignite the air/fuel mixture in the combustion chambers. Replacement is necessary to maintain smooth engine power delivery, fuel efficiency and low exhaust emissions.

Replace timing belt and inspect water pump (V6 only): The timing belt drives the engine’s camshafts to open and close the intake and exhaust valves at the proper time. It also drives the water pump. The timing belt gradually wears and deteriorates and must be replaced to avoid failure and potentially severe engine damage. The water pump is easily accessed during timing belt replacement and should be inspected and if necessary, replaced.

Inspect valve clearance: Valve clearances can change with normal wear and require periodic inspection and adjustment. Improper clearances can affect engine performance and efficiency and may cause abnormal noise.

Sub Item 5

Replace engine coolant: Engine coolant absorbs and transfers heat generated during engine operation, inhibits corrosion, protects against freezing and boiling, and lubricates the water pump. Its properties deteriorate over time, requiring periodic replacement.

Sub Item 6

Replace rear differential fluid: (4WD trucks, S2000) The rear differential transfers and controls power to the rear wheels. Its fluid degrades over time and distance and must be replaced when indicated to prevent wear and damage to internal components.

Main Items

The alpha character “A” indicates that the following maintenance needs to be performed:
“A” Replace engine oil.”



Sub-Symbols

The numeric references “1” and “3” indicate that, in addition to the “A” service, you also require the following maintenance services:
“1” Rotate tires. Inspect for wear and adjust pressure.
“3” Replace automatic transmission fluid.