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2018 Acura MDX Owner's Manual

Your Comprehensive Guide to Vehicle Operation and Care

INTRODUCTION

This owner's manual provides detailed information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety features of your 2018 Acura MDX. To ensure safe and optimal performance, please read this manual thoroughly and keep it in your vehicle for future reference. All information, illustrations, and specifications contained in this manual are based on the latest product information available at the time of publication.



Image: Front cover of the 2018 Acura MDX Owner's Manual. This image displays the official publication for the vehicle, providing a visual reference for the manual itself.

SETUP AND INITIAL OPERATION

Before operating your 2018 Acura MDX, familiarize yourself with the vehicle's primary controls and adjustments.

- **Seat Adjustment:** Locate the controls on the side of the seat to adjust the seat position, height, and recline. Ensure a comfortable and safe driving posture.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Use the control panel on the driver's door to adjust the side mirrors. The rearview mirror can be manually adjusted.
- **Steering Wheel Adjustment:** Adjust the steering wheel for both tilt and telescopic reach using the lever located beneath the steering column.

- **Dashboard Controls:** Identify the location of the headlights, windshield wipers, turn signals, and horn.
- **Fueling the Vehicle:** The fuel filler door release is typically located on the driver's side, near the floor. Refer to the fuel cap for recommended fuel type.

OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE

This section covers the fundamental procedures for driving and utilizing the features of your Acura MDX.

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in Park (P).
2. Press the brake pedal firmly.
3. Press the ENGINE START/STOP button.

Transmission Operation

Your MDX is equipped with an automatic transmission. Use the gear selector buttons on the center console to select Park (P), Reverse (R), Neutral (N), or Drive (D). For enhanced control, use the paddle shifters for manual gear selection in Sport mode.

Climate Control System

The automatic climate control system allows you to set and maintain a desired cabin temperature. Use the temperature dials and fan speed controls to adjust settings. The AUTO button will automatically regulate fan speed and airflow distribution.

Infotainment System

The dual-screen infotainment system provides access to audio, navigation, and vehicle settings. Use the lower touchscreen for primary controls and the upper screen for display information. Refer to the dedicated infotainment manual for detailed instructions.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and safety of your 2018 Acura MDX. Adhere to the recommended service intervals.

Service Item	Interval (Miles/Months)	Description
Engine Oil & Filter Change	7,500 miles / 12 months	Replace engine oil and oil filter.
Tire Rotation	7,500 miles / 12 months	Rotate tires to ensure even wear.
Brake Inspection	15,000 miles / 24 months	Inspect brake pads, discs, and fluid levels.
Air Filter Replacement	15,000 miles / 24 months	Replace engine air filter and cabin air filter.

Note: These are general guidelines. Always refer to the Maintenance Minder system in your vehicle for precise service intervals based on driving conditions.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section addresses common issues you might encounter and provides basic troubleshooting steps.

- **Warning Light Illuminated:** If a warning light appears on the dashboard, consult the warning light section of this manual for its meaning and recommended action. Do not ignore warning lights.
- **Flat Tire:** Safely pull over to a level area. Refer to the "Flat Tire" section for instructions on using the spare tire and jack, or contact roadside assistance.
- **Engine Not Starting:** Check if the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N). Ensure the battery terminals are clean and tight. If the issue persists, it may indicate a battery or starter problem; contact an authorized dealer.
- **Brakes Squealing:** Minor squealing can be normal. If squealing is persistent or accompanied by reduced braking performance, have the brake system inspected by a qualified technician immediately.

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WARRANTY INFORMATION

Warranty coverage for your 2018 Acura MDX is provided in a separate warranty booklet or a dedicated section within this manual. Please refer to that specific document for details on coverage, terms, and conditions. It is important to understand your vehicle's warranty to ensure proper service and claims.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service appointments, please contact your authorized Acura dealer. You can find dealer information and additional resources on the official Acura website.

Authorized Acura Dealer: Consult your local dealer for expert service and genuine parts.

Acura Official Website: www.acura.com (for general information, dealer locator, and additional resources)

Roadside Assistance: Refer to your warranty booklet or vehicle registration for roadside assistance contact details.