

Honda CR-V *Maintenance Schedule*



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To you, your Honda CR-V is more than just a car. It's a nightclub for one where the DJ plays only your favorite music while on your way to home from work. It's a personal escape for the times you just feel like driving. It's a shuttle for family road trips and memories of the past, present, and future.

Your Honda CR-V is more than just a means to get around—it's all these things and more. The best way to continue making memories and memorable experiences is by keeping your CR-V in as good a condition as possible. For that very reason, this *Honda CR-V Maintenance Schedule* eBook was created.

Some of the topics covered in the eBook include:

- Importance of maintenance
- Honda Maintenance Minder™ system
 - Maintenance milestones
 - Maintenance safety

To learn more about how to pack miles and miles onto your Honda CR-V, keep reading.





Importance of Maintenance

Similar to how you, your family, and your pets need regular checkups to assure that they're healthy, so does your Honda CR-V. Taking a quick peek under the hood and around your vehicle can act not only as a checkup to make sure it's running in good condition, but it can also act as a preventative measure.

For example, you take your vehicle to be serviced and the mechanics find that your oil needs to be changed. Taking the steps to replace your engine oil before it becomes a larger issue is the whole purpose of preventative "medicine."

Doing the Dirty Work for You

Equipped with the Maintenance Minder™ system, the Honda CR-V will let you know when a maintenance service is needed soon. Gone are the days of needing to flip through your owner's manual to see what service your CR-V requires next based on mileage. This digital system does the dirty work for you.

Keeping track of both your mileage and what's going on under the hood, the Maintenance Minder™ system will display an alert on your dashboard with a particular code to let you know what service your car needs.

Here's how the system works.



Navigating the System

If your CR-V is due for a maintenance service now, each time you turn the ignition to ON, you'll see a display with the maintenance message on the dashboard.

If you're not currently seeing a code message, that means your CR-V isn't currently due for service. You can, however, check your vehicle's oil life and what services are due soon. This is done in one of two ways.

The first way for drivers with the information display to view their upcoming necessary services is by pressing the TRIP knob until the engine life percentage and a series of letters and numbers appears. This can only be done if the ignition is turned to ON.

For drivers with an information interface, you'll also be able to quickly access the Maintenance Minder™ system. To view your upcoming maintenance, press the Display/Information button until a tiny wrench appears on your dashboard. Press ENTER to view the oil life percentage of your Honda CR-V and any upcoming maintenance recommendations.



Deciphering the System

Whether the Maintenance Minder™ message is displayed to indicate a service is due or you're looking to see what services are forthcoming, this easy-to-digest reference guide will provide the breakdown of each item you may see displayed.

- Oil Life
 1. Displays a number from zero to 100 indicating the estimated percentage of oil left

- Main Maintenance Items
 - Code A:** Replace engine oil
 - Code B:** Replace engine oil and inspect:
 - Brake hoses & lines
 - Suspension components
 - All fluid levels
 - Exhaust system
 - Driveshaft
 - Tie rods, steering gearbox, and boots

- Maintenance Sub Items
 1. Rotate tires
 2. Replace air cleaner elements, dust and pollen filter, and inspect drive belt
 3. Replace transmission fluid
 4. Replace spark plugs and inspect valve clearance
 5. Replace engine coolant
 6. Replace rear differential fluid
 7. Replace brake fluid



Keep That Manual Nearby

Even though the Maintenance Minder™ system works to monitor your Honda CR-V maintenance schedule, you'll still want to use your owner's manual as a reference guide.

Inside the manual, you'll find information on additional maintenance messages and icons, how to reset your display, and more.

Maintenance for Each Step of the Way

In addition to keeping an eye on your Maintenance Minder™ system for upcoming and due services, having a general idea of what services are needed at each mileage milestone is a great way to fully stay on top of your car's health.

We've listed out the services needed for each driving milestone below.



Check Every Month

While you don't need your car serviced every month, it is a good idea to make it a habit of checking key aspects of your vehicle. Regularly, you should:

- See if your check engine light has popped up
- Check the pressure of each tire
- Check your engine's oil level

Additionally, walk around your CR-V while it's running. This will let you know if any of your exterior lights need to be changed. The same can be done with your interior cabin lights.

The Rule of Three

Staying on top of the health of your CR-V starts in the early stages of driving. When your odometer hits 3,000 miles or after three months, whichever comes first, you'll want to check that certain parts are still in working order.

Here are some of the areas of your vehicle that need to be checked at this point.



Fluid Levels

Using the rule of three (3,000 miles or three months), you'll want to check to make sure the fluids of your CR-V are adequately filled, including:

- Automatic transmission fluid
- Engine oil
 - Power steering fluid
 - Windshield washer fluid

When checking the fluid levels of your Honda CR-V, refer to your owner's manual for both instructions on how to check these levels as well as an image on where these reservoirs are located.

In addition to assuring you have enough engine oil, Non Turbo CR-V drivers may also need their oil changed. It is recommended that those driving in severe conditions have their oil changed at this time or at the 6-month mark, whichever comes first.

Some severe conditions include driving in dusty environments, extreme temperatures, and rough terrain.



Filters

To have a properly working engine oil and fuel filter, you must ensure it's free from any clogs. Regularly checking and changing these filters when needed can help improve the performance of your CR-V in terms of power. Clean engine and fuel filters also help improve the longevity of your Honda by removing potentially damaging impurities.

Other Checks

In addition to checking your fluid levels and filters, there's a handful of miscellaneous items you'll want to check at 3,000 miles or every three months, including:

- Battery and cables
- Belts
- Exhaust
- Hoses

Most of the power of your engine is transferred through the belt of your vehicle. Since the belt of your car is a vital component of the engine and the accessories it powers—like power steering, air conditioning, the alternator, and more—it'll wear, crack, fray, or become glazed over time.



If it's not replaced, you run the risk of these accessories failing. Should the belt completely break, you also run the risk of damaging your engine. Checking this part every few months will help you stay on top of the health of your belt.

Likewise, periodically checking the health of your hoses is important, too. The radiator hose is the main component that keeps your engine from overheating. Checking for cracks or leaks will let you know if the proper amount of coolant is reaching your engine.

If there are any issues, you'll want this replaced right away. Insufficient coolant levels could lead to your engine overheating and causing damage to the system.



Honda CR-V Maintenance Schedule for 6,000 Miles

When your Honda CR-V reaches 6,000 miles or is six months old, whichever comes first, you'll want to do another round of checks on your vehicle. In addition to the service checks performed at 3,000 miles, you'll also want to check the chassis lubrication, engine air filter, and wiper blades.

Changing your wiper blades regularly is extremely important when it comes to visibility. With broken, worn, or cracked wiper blades, you won't be able to properly remove snow, rain, or debris from your windshield. Skipping, streaking, or squeaking wiper blades are an indication that your blades may need to be changed sooner.

For those who are driving under normal conditions with a Non Turbo engine, now's the time to have your engine oil replaced. This will need to be done every 6,000 miles or every year, whichever comes first.

You'll also need a genuine injector cleaner top-off and inspection of several parts. Focuses of these inspections include:

- Front and rear brakes
- Tie-rod ends
- Steering gearbox
- Driveshaft boot

Lastly, checking the suspension components and rotating the tires of your Honda CR-V will be performed at this time.



A Year's Worth of Memories: 12,500-Mile Maintenance

After roughly a year of adventure with your Honda CR-V comes your next round of service maintenance. In addition to those performed at the 6,000-mile mark, you'll also need the following services:

- Engine oil filter replacement
- Engine coolant (antifreeze) inspection
- Dust and pollen filter replacement
- CVT fluid check
- Brakes line inspection
- Rear differential fluid replacement

At this time, your service professional will inspect the exhaust system and fuel lines and their connections. During this inspection, they'll look for loose connections, cracks, and deterioration of your fuel lines. Any loose connections will be tightened and any damaged parts will be replaced.

The exhaust system will similarly be checked. Areas of focus during the exhaust system inspection include exhaust pipes, catalytic converter heat shields, and muffler.

These services will be repeated every 12,500 miles.



Additional Services

Going forward, you'll want to check with your automotive technician about any maintenance services that are needed over the upcoming years. Generally speaking, depending on your mileage, you'll need your spark plugs serviced, your tires rotated, and any universal repairs to any number of the already mentioned parts.

Although extremely durable, there comes a time when your spark plugs need to be maintained or serviced. These tiny parts create a miniature lightning bolt and is the driving force behind the combustion that's needed to start your car. Without properly working spark plugs, your car won't start.

The periodic repositioning of your tires will help keep proper balance, traction, and tread wear on your tires. Each vehicle will require tire rotations at different times depending on several factors, so keeping an eye on your tires is important and one of the reasons it's recommended to inspect your tires each month.



Maintenance Safety

When checking your Honda CR-V every few months for required maintenance, you'll want to exercise these safety precautions so the service is easy and safe from start to finish.

Maintenance Safety

These safety tips are necessary to keep you safe while working on your Honda CR-V:

- **Reduce risk of fire**

Keep cigarettes, flames, and any sparks away from the vehicle battery and fuel parts. Never leave flammable products, such as towels and rags, under the hood of your CR-V.

- **Perform service with proper protection**

Always wear protective eyewear and clothing when performing maintenance. In addition, always work in a well-ventilated area to avoid exposure to carbon monoxide.

- **Stationary Maintenance**

When working on your CR-V, only perform any service while your vehicle is completely stationary and on a flat surface. Enable the parking brake, too.

- **Engine Off**

Always have the engine turned OFF when working on your Honda. Unless instructed, never turn the engine ON. Moving parts with an active engine can possibly lead to injury and/or damage.



Schedule Your Honda CR-V Maintenance

With your Honda CR-V in as good a condition as possible, you'll feel more confident during each drive. With a happy and healthy Honda, you'll also find yourself making hundreds of new memories over the years. Staying on top of a maintenance schedule is the best and only way to assure any of this is possible.

Created to help give additional insight into what is required to keep your Honda in the best condition as possible, this ***Honda CR-V Maintenance Schedule*** eBook is here for you to review any time you need it.