
Electronically Retrieving Audio Unit Serial Numbers

Currently Applies To: '01–07 Accords, '01–07 Civics, '02–07 CR-Vs, '03–07 Elements, '07 Fits, '01–07 Odysseys, '03–07 Pilots, '06–07 Ridgelines, and '02–07 S2000s

If you remove power from an audio unit with theft protection, you've got to enter a unique five-digit anti-theft code into the unit or it doesn't work. This anti-theft code and the audio unit's eight-digit serial number are listed on the anti-theft ID card that comes with the vehicle. If this card gets lost, you need to get the anti-theft code from the *IN*. In order to do that, you first need to get the audio unit serial number. Some Honda models let you do that electronically. Here's how:

Method 1 (all applicable models except '03–07 Accords with the navigation system)

1. Turn the ignition switch to ON (II).
2. Turn on the audio unit, and make sure you see **CoDE** in the display. If you don't see this message, pull the backup fuse for **1 minute**, and then go back to step 1.
3. Turn off the audio unit.
4. Press and hold the **1** and **6** preset buttons, then turn on the audio unit. The display toggles between two screens. The first screen displays a **U** and the first four digits of the serial number (for example, **U2200**). The second screen displays an **L** and the last four digits of the serial number (for example, **L0055**). Ignore the **U** and **L**, and write down all eight digits. Then go to step 5.
5. Enter the eight-digit serial number into the *IN* to get the anti-theft code.
 - From the main menu, click on **SERVICE**.
 - Click on **Vehicle Information**.
 - Click on **Anti-Theft Code Inquiry**.
 - Select **RADIO/CD** from the **Product** list, enter the serial number from the audio unit display in the **Serial Number** field, and click on **Submit**. You'll see the five-digit anti-theft code for that audio unit.
 - Enter the anti-theft code into the audio unit. Refer to the applicable O/M for details.

Method 2 ('03–07 Accords with the navigation system)

1. Turn the ignition switch to ACC (I).
2. Turn on the audio unit, and make sure you see **CoDE** in the upper display. If you don't see this message, pull the backup fuse for **1 minute**, and then go back to step 1.
3. Turn off the audio unit.
4. Press and hold the top halves of the **SEEK/SKIP** and **CH/DISC** bars, and then press and release the **PWR/VOL** knob. This display toggles between two screens. The first screen displays a **U** and the first four digits of the serial number (for example, **U2200**). The second screen displays an **L** and the last four digits of the serial number (for example, **L0055**). Ignore the **U** and **L**, and write down all eight digits. Then go to step 5.
5. Enter the eight-digit serial number into the *IN* to get the five-digit anti-theft code.
 - From the main menu, click on **SERVICE**.
 - Click on **Vehicle Information**.
 - Click on **Anti-Theft Code Inquiry**.
 - Select **RADIO/CD** from the **Product** list, enter the serial number from the audio unit display in the **Serial Number** field, and click on **Submit**. You'll see the five-digit anti-theft code for that audio unit.
6. Use the **TUNE** knob to enter the first four digits of the anti-theft code into the audio unit. (Ignore the last digit; it's not used.) When you turn the **TUNE** knob, **CoDE** disappears, and a single digit is displayed. Turn the knob left or right to select each of the anti-theft code digits. When you press the **TUNE** knob, the system beeps and accepts each digit as it spells out **CoDE** on the display.