

Ridgeline Buying Check List

Compiled at the Ridgeline Owners Club.

<http://www.ridgelineownersclub.com>

Items to Bring Along:

- A Couple Music CDs
- 12v Power Outlet Accessory
- A Tire Gauge
- A flashlight if buying at night.
- an iPod or alike if buying Navi model.

Issues Reported by Owners:

- Wind Noise - starts at 40mph coming from the windshield. Most likely upper molding. Any RL with a VIN # ending with 16000 or higher should already have this fixed.
- Steering Wheel Creak - apply forward pressure to the wheel and make sure it doesn't creak.
- Key Remotes - Test each of the two keys to make sure both are programmed. Test the lock/unlock buttons. you should also get a 3rd valet key.
- Kinked Windshield Washer Hose - Check to make sure that the windshield wash squirts from both sides.
- Water Leak - Water leaking into the interior, usually passenger seat or rear seats, check under seat and floor mats, drive in puddles if possible.

General Outside:

- Don't buy the Honda Care warranty from the dealer unless you can match christn's price. You can PM 'christin' in this forum to get it for \$25.00 over cost. Currently \$1075 for the 7/0/100 plan. See the "Honda Care Warranty Pricing" thread for more details.
- Bring a tire gauge, make sure tires are at 32psi when cold (3 hours after being driven). If warm add a few pounds then re-check when cold.
- Open/close all 4 doors, check rubber seals/strips for tears or the like.
- Open tail gate both ways, down and sideways. When open sideways the external bed lights should come on.
- Check In-Bed Trunk locks with key remote. Unlock and open. There should be a drain plug in the front left corner on the bottom.
- Check spare tire tray, both wingnuts should be secure. Also make sure the tools kit is there on top of the spare and secure. Spare should be at 60psi.
- Check the both mirrors fold in and back.
- Turn on headlights, check low and hi beams, parking lights, license plate lights, turn signals, break lights, reverse lights.
- Check moldings around all windows for large gaps, tears or other problems
- Check body/panels for fit, dents, scratches.

Engine:

- Pop the hood and make a general visual inspection to make sure everything looks right
- Check fluid levels - Coolant, Power Steering, Brake, Oil, Transmission. For Transmission the engine needs to be hot, normal operating temperature. Check tranny dipstick right after shutting engine off. For oil, the engine should be off 5 - 10 minutes before checking.
- Check belt tension - should deflect a little bit when pushed, I don't know the exact spec but just make sure it is not overly loose and about to fall off or too tight with no deflection at all
- Start engine and look under the hood again, listen for any strange noises
- Test drive truck for a few miles, go on freeway if possible. Listen and feel for any strange noises or vibrations. It should be very quiet and smooth driving.
- After the test drive let it sit for a bit then check underneath to make sure there are no leaks from the engine oil, transmission, coolant system and rear differential.

General Inside:

- Inspect all fabric on seats for any tears, holes or other irregularities.
- Check both rear seats to make sure they flip up and stick. Needs a little push to make them stick. Fold down and then lower the center back armrest/cup holder tray.
- Check all 5 headrests for smooth operation up and down. To lower you need to push the button/slide tab near its base.
- There should be 3 rubber floor mats, 2 in front and 1 in the rear.
- Check power seat for normal operation in all possible functions, such as up down, forward/back, incline and lumbar support.
- Apply the parking brake and release
- Check switch operation for all windows, sunroof, both mirrors & heater, door and window locks. (Note key must be in the ignition in the On II position).
- Check all 3 power outlets, 2 in front and 1 in rear. (Note key must be in the ignition in the Accessory I position).
- Turn on radio, check AM, FM, XM (if equipped). Put a CD in to make sure it plays, if a CD changer, put in multiple CD and ensure that you can change between them. (Note key must be in the ignition in the Accessory I position).
- Seat Heater - check that both work, it will take about a minute before you'll feel heat depending on outdoor temperature. (Note key must be in the ignition in the Accessory I position).
- Check climate control functions, making sure that both heat and a/c work as expected.
- Center Console - Armrest should slide back and forth and also lift up to reveal coin holder. Slide center console forward, in the tray should be two plastic dividers you can slide up and out to different positions.
- Open glove box, should drop down slowly, not free falling.
- Honk the horn.
- Make sure Steering Wheel controls work to control radio.

- Navigation system equipped models - hit the map button and make sure the map displayed and the location is correct.
- Navigation system equipped models - check voice recognition, it the speak button on the steering wheel and say "what time is it", should say the time after a few seconds.

Items Delivered with Truck:

- Two Remote Keys, One Valet Key (3 Total Keys)
- Owner's Manual
- Honda Service History Booklet
- Quick Start Guide
- Warranties Booklet
- Sticker (monroneu sticker)
- Michelin Tire Warranty
- Continental Spare Tire Warranty
- Radio Anti-Theft code & Navi code card (if equipped)
- Navigation system manual (if equipped)
- XM Radio channel guide (if equipped)
- Manuals for any accessories equipped.
- Key for Locking Wheel Lugs (if equipped)
- Locking Pin for Trailer Kit (if equipped)