

Automatic Engine-Off Timer



What is it?

- Select Honda models include a feature called the “automatic engine-off timer” that’s designed to automatically turn off the engine after about 20 minutes of idling

Why has it been added?

- To reduce the chance of running out of fuel when idling for a long period of time
- In anticipation of future regulations
- To help drivers who might have forgotten to turn off their vehicle when parking

When is it enabled?

The timer starts when these conditions are met:

- Engine running
- Vehicle speed is 0 mph
- Transmission in Park (or, for manual-transmission models, the vehicle is completely stopped)
- Driver seatbelt unbuckled
- A door has been opened and closed

What happens?

- At the end of about 20 minutes, the power mode automatically switches to VEHICLE OFF

Note that:

- Before the engine stops, with all doors closed, you can restart the timer by opening any door
- The door lock and windows status will remain unchanged (for example, if the car was locked, it will stay locked)
- This is not a customizable setting

What should you remember?

- The automatic engine-off timer will switch the power mode to VEHICLE OFF after about 20 minutes if the vehicle is left idling and the operating criteria are met
- The automatic engine-off timer will turn off the climate control and other vehicle systems
- Never leave children, pets or people needing assistance unattended in the vehicle

Affected Models:

- 2022 and later Civic
- 2023 and later Accord, CR-V, HR-V, and Pilot

