

2020 Honda Accord vs. 2020 Nissan Altima



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Value

Accord

(LX, Sport, EX, EX-L, Sport 2.0T, EX-L 2.0T and Touring 2.0T)

At trade-in or selling time, the Accord owner will be in a much stronger position; for example, the LX trim's ALG residual values are 55% after 36 months and 39% after 60 months¹

It doesn't cost more to pick your favorite-color Accord, as they're no extra charge

Altima

(S, SR, SV, SL and Platinum)

ALG expects the Altima S FWD to suffer double-digit drops below the Honda—41% residual value after 36 months and 26% after 60 months¹

Choosing an Altima in Pearl White, Sunset Drift or Scarlet Ember costs an extra \$395

Performance

192 lb-ft @ 1600–5000 rpm²

The Accord 1.5-liter turbocharged engine's peak torque is greater, starts sooner and lasts longer

Accord's 2.0-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder comes out on top when using regular gas (252 hp @ 6500 rpm; 273 lb-ft @ 1500–4000 rpm)³

Accord Sport and Sport 2.0T trims offer the precise control of a slick-shifting 6-speed manual transmission

180 lb-ft @ 1600 rpm

The Altima 2.5-liter FWD's torque peak is lower and happens much later

The fancy Altima 2.0T engine makes just 236 hp @ 5600 rpm and 267 lb-ft @ 4000 rpm on regular

No Altima lets driving enthusiasts enjoy that level of engagement

Comfort & Convenience

40.4 inches

Rear-seat riders in the Honda will enjoy an expansive 40.4 inches of legroom

Accord offers occupants up to 105.6 cubic feet of passenger volume to stretch out in

With 16.7 cubic feet of cargo capacity, Accord can really haul the groceries

Carpeted floor mats provide protection on every Accord trim at no extra cost

Dual-zone automatic climate control makes enhanced comfort standard in every Accord trim

All Accord trims provide the convenience of automatic brake hold

35.2 inches

2nd-row passengers in the Altima get 35.2 inches of legroom—more than 5 inches less than Accord

The Altima offers at most only 100.8 cubic feet of room in the cabin

At 15.4 cubic feet, the Nissan's trunk overflows easier

Every Altima buyer has to spend \$140 more to get a set of carpeted floor mats

The climate control on Altima S and SR trims is neither dual-zone nor automatic

You won't find automatic brake hold on Altima S or SR

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Safety & Driver-Assistive	Every Accord makes for greater driving confidence with the standard Road Departure Mitigation System (RDM) ⁴	Nissan offers no feature similar to RDM
	Accord drivers can choose from among three rearview camera ⁵ angles when backing up	All Altima drivers can only see one angle behind them
	The Lane Keeping Assist System (LKAS) ⁶ and Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) ⁷ are standard on every Accord trim	Only buyers of Altima SV and above models get to have similar technology
	Accord's Traffic Sign Recognition (TSR) enhances driver awareness	A system similar to TSR is available only on Altima SL and Platinum

The Verdict: The Accord's strong advantages over the Altima make the Honda the obvious choice. It provides:



- Greater value over years of ownership
- More engaging performance
- Greater space for people and cargo
- A longer list of standard convenience features
- Honda Sensing[®]—the most complete suite of safety and driver-assistive features



¹ALG Residual Value as of 8/2/2019. ²192 lb-ft @ 1600–5000 rpm (SAE net). ³252 hp @ 6500 rpm, 273 lb-ft @ 1500–4000 rpm (SAE net). ⁴Road Departure Mitigation only alerts drivers when lane drift is detected without a turn signal in use and can apply mild steering torque to assist driver in maintaining proper lane position and/or brake pressure to slow the vehicle's departure from a detected lane. RDM may not detect all lane markings or lane departures; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. ⁵Always visually confirm that it is safe to drive before backing up; the rearview camera display does not provide complete information about all conditions and objects at the rear of your vehicle. ⁶LKAS only assists driver in maintaining proper lane position when lane markings are identified without a turn signal in use and can only apply mild steering torque to assist. LKAS may not detect all lane markings; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. ⁷ACC cannot detect all objects ahead and may not detect a given object; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and other factors. ACC should not be used in heavy traffic, poor weather or on winding roads. ACC only includes a limited braking function. Driver remains responsible for slowing or stopping the vehicle to avoid a collision.