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(SE, SEL, SEL Plus and Limited)

## Performance

The Accord 1.5-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder offers **ample peak torque**—starting at low engine speed (192 lb-ft @ 1600–5000 rpm)

Sonata's 2.5-liter naturally aspirated 4-cylinder has less peak torque—and it doesn't happen until the revs go much higher (181 lb-ft @ 4000 rpm)

## 2.0T

The Accord 2.0T engine has vast advantages in peak horsepower (252 hp @ 6500 rpm) and torque (273 lb-ft @ 1500–4000 rpm)

## 1.6T

The Hyundai's 1.6-liter turbo engine comes up short with just 180 hp @ 5500 rpm and 195 lb-ft @ 1500–4500 rpm

## Comfort & Convenience

Every Accord buyer enjoys **standard carpeted floor mats**

Every Sonata buyer must pay an additional \$155 for mats

## 40.4"

Rear-seat passengers in the Accord will enjoy 40.4 inches of legroom

## 34.8"

Sonata rear-seat occupants have to squeeze into 34.8 inches of rear legroom

Accord Sport Special Edition and above trims come standard with **remote engine start** to allow preconditioning of the cabin

Sonata SEL and above trims offer a BlueLink<sup>®</sup> feature that requires a cell signal—and a subscription fee after the trial period expires




Dual-zone automatic climate control in every Accord trim helps ensure passenger comfort

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Sonata SE buyers get by with manual heating and air conditioning system

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Safety & Driver Assistive	 <b>RDM standard</b> All Accord buyers enjoy the confidence and assistance of the <b>Road Departure Mitigation System (RDM)</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>nope</b> No Sonata has a feature to match the benefits of RDM
	Accord's <b>Traffic Sign Recognition (TSR)</b> <sup>2</sup> helps make for greater driver awareness	No Sonata driver can experience a feature like TSR

**The Verdict:** Accord wins this matchup on several fronts. It provides:



- More power when comparing both engine choices
- Greater spaciousness—especially in the rear seat
- More accommodating climate comfort across all trims
- More standard safety and driver-assistive features



<sup>1</sup>Road 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. <sup>2</sup>TSR cannot detect all traffic signs and may misidentify certain signs. Accuracy will vary based on weather and other factors. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for complying with all traffic regulations.