

 Honda Odyssey



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*The Dream: To create a dynamic and prestigious car that makes everyone in the family happy.*

Odyssey model shown.



Everyone's happy, including the judges.





## Our family's new adventure. by Karen.

Odyssey Luxury model shown.

We're forever dropping off and picking up the kids, so when my husband, Steve, suggested a family car, it really made sense. Okay, not exactly. It only really started to make sense when we looked at the new Odyssey. We instantly knew it was the perfect seven-seater for our family.

It's got a sexy look – sleek and sophisticated, which immediately impressed me. Apart from being stylish, it's got great functions and touches that make it so practical for us. In short, it made me feel like a proud mum. As indeed I am! Three times over, thank you:

three boys – Jeremy, sixteen; Tom, nine; and Oscar, who just turned five.

Dealing with the kids is simple in the Odyssey. It's really inclusive. We can interact with the kids regardless of which row they're in, without feeling like we're climbing over bus seats – and trust me, that's a comfortable feeling.

In fact, I'd have to say that everything about the car puts us at ease. We're completely comforted by the comprehensive list of safety features in the new Odyssey. Hmm... comfortable and comforting – that's a pretty good way to describe it.

There are two models, the Odyssey and the Odyssey Luxury. We test drove both and they're each as great to drive as the other. Thanks in large part to the double wishbone suspension that comes standard on both models, they drive as well as any sedan we've ever had.

Now look, we did go for the Luxury model, but it's not an ego thing. In the end it won out because it comes with a shopping list of standard features that we love, including fog lights, aero bumpers and aero side skirts. It's got things like tri-zone climate control, a 6 CD stacker with 6 speaker sound system, 8 way power adjustable driver's seat and a sunroof. My husband just loves wheels too, so he couldn't

go past the 17" alloys. And okay, I'll admit, I do love a few little perks and the Luxury's leather<sup>†</sup> seats fit the bill nicely. See what I mean? It's got everything!

Honestly, I'd have looked at the Odyssey years ago if I knew it was so well equipped and such a breeze to drive.

Oh, I'm supposed to talk about engines. Just quickly, the Odyssey has a 2.4 litre, 4 cylinder, DOHC i-VTEC engine. But Steve wants to talk about that more, so I'll leave that to him, even though I'm the chauffeur around these parts.

<sup>†</sup> Leather interior includes some PVC vinyl material.



## Let's go on a trip. by Steve.

Well as my better half, Karen, mentioned the Odyssey packs a 2.4 litre, 4 cylinder, DOHC i-VTEC engine. But in talking performance, it's not just size that counts. It generates an impressive 132kW of power at 6500rpm and a maximum torque of 218Nm at 4500rpm – impressive for a family car. So getting up hills, with a car full of tykes and cricket bags, isn't a problem.

When you spend your weekends taxiing kids all over the place, two things become very important – ease and economy. The Odyssey comes with a 5-speed automatic transmission with Grade Logic Control as standard, which is perfect for a start. But I was pleasantly surprised that it only uses 8.9 litres of fuel per 100 kms\*. So it's pretty clear to me that Honda's commitment to improving fuel efficiency is working. As they say, they 'Drive Every Drop' of fuel. And the added bonus is that it's a Low Emission Vehicle. So we're doing our little bit for the environment too.

Everything's just easy – that's what's so great about it. For example, they've created a first class design and made the powertrain more compact, so that the turning circle is only 5.4 metres at the wheel centre. What's that mean? Well that's around the same as a Honda Civic so to me it means the Odyssey drives like a sedan. It's like a small car in a family car's clothing.

Aside from the mechanics, it's a pleasure to drive. I particularly notice this on the long drives, thanks to the double wishbone suspension which provides really great stability and comfort.

I was reading up on the car before we went down to the Dealer and I found out they've made improvements to the chassis in the new Odyssey. It's now more rigid, better balanced and has a lower centre of gravity. That all sounds pretty complicated but what it does is reduce the amount of engine vibration and road and wind noise that reaches the cabin. So when you think about that and the fact there's damping and absorption material throughout the car, you can start to imagine the comfortable silence we enjoy. Well anyway I do, the kids always want the music on, of course.



Odyssey model shown.

\*The fuel consumption figure is based on ADR81/02 combined test results for Odyssey.

## Enjoying the journey. by Jeremy.

I've grown almost a whole foot this year so space was my only concern in the new car. And now with our new Odyssey I don't have to worry anymore.

From the outside it looks so compact but then you get in and there's heaps of room. Sometimes Mum drives my teammates and me to our 'away' games, so the car is pretty full. But that isn't a drama. I reckon it's because of the way the seats are set up.

They're in a V-shape arrangement. The seats are staggered so that the space is maximised and we can all chat without looking at the back of each other's heads or getting left out of the action. It just feels like we're all hanging out, never like we're on a bus.

Plus, thanks to the V-shape design, we can all see out the windscreen on both sides of the head restraints in front of us. Which is cool for me because I love watching the road.

My teammates and I all love the personal space we get, no matter which row we're in. In the second row, there's loads of head-room and a big centre arm rest. And the third row has so much knee-room, legroom and space for your feet under the seat in front, you could almost mistake them for front seats!

How could I best describe it? Basically it feels like going to one of those premium cinemas instead of a normal one. Comfort was definitely a high priority in the Odyssey. So I can just spread out, relax and enjoy the drive.

So yeah, I love it. I'm on my learners' so I especially love it when Dad lets me drive. Well, I love it when my little brothers aren't in the car – they just tease me; saying I'm hopeless. That's pretty distracting. It's good to learn in because it's got a big view out the windscreen – you can see everything. Dad says it's got something to do with the narrowed 'A' pillar that gives it such a huge field of view. Me, I just say give me the keys!



Overseas model shown.



Overseas model shown.



Overseas model shown.



**1. Interior.** The controls on the stylish dash blend into the console and are all perfectly positioned so they're literally at our fingertips. **2. Folding seats.** The third row seats neatly fold, providing us with huge storage space. **3. Electric third row seats.** We can adjust the third row seats to the position we need, all at the touch of a button (Luxury model only). **4. Tri-zone climate control.** We each get to choose our own perfect temperature from the front to the back seats (Luxury model only). **5. Tilt and telescopic steering wheel.** We can adjust the steering wheel up, down, in and out to the position that's most comfortable for each of us.

Odyssey Luxury model shown.

## A story with style. by Karen.

I have to admit I'm a gadgets girl. So the 'steering wheel mounted cruise control' had me at hello. Any excuse to use the features and I'm there. I'll use cruise control just going to the shops, fiddle with the power windows even when it's cold out, press the keyless entry button when I'm nowhere near the car just to see how far away it's still active, that kind of thing.

It's not just the hi-tech buttons; it's how they blend into the dashboard and console. It's deliberately functional and stylish, so it's like having my cake and eating it too. And that's what I love the most.

Oh and I do love the electric third row seats<sup>#</sup>. They're really handy because they all fold flat at the touch of a button, so getting everyone and everything in and out is so convenient – you can just tell Honda have put a lot of thought into it. One of my girlfriends had the previous model and noticed that it's easier to get in and out of ours because it's lower to the ground and there's more legroom and space between the seats. So obviously they think about improving everything, including the small stuff.

It's when I'm driving that it hits home just how thoroughly Honda has considered the family. My husband and I share the driving, so the tilt and telescopic steering wheel allows us to adjust the wheel up, down, in and out to our own perfect height. And it might sound excessive but the six cup holders and four bottle holders are genius. Honestly, they remove so many of those 'oops, sorry Mum' moments. Especially with our youngest who's just learning that cup holders are for cups. Sometimes the drinks go in upside-down, but we're working on that. So yeah, I'm eternally grateful for those little touches since I want our leather<sup>†</sup> seats to look as prestigious as they are comfy forever.

<sup>#</sup> Odyssey Luxury only. <sup>†</sup> Leather interior includes some PVC vinyl material.



Odyssey model shown.

**All's well that ends well.**  
by Steve.

It's amazing how quickly things change. It feels like yesterday when all I wanted was a rally car. But with a family, things like safety happily replace 'speedy and sporty'. And like us, the Odyssey values this above everything. You can just tell from the shopping list of safety features that they care about keeping my family safe on the road. Let me explain what I mean.

There's an impressive array of features included in case of a collision. Its most important attributes are the driver and front passenger, side and full-length curtain airbags.

It's also got driver and front passenger seatbelt pretensioners and active head restraints for a bit of extra neck support. Not to mention, every seat has a 3-point ELR seatbelt.

And with Honda's revolutionary G-Con technology, we know that safety is well and truly covered. What is G-Con? It's an advanced shielding system to help prevent injury. Personally my favourite features are the progressive crumple zones. Simply because they absorb the impact of a crash, which means less impact makes it into the cabin.

Safety outside the car is included as well because the Odyssey is fitted with ACE (Advanced Compatible Engineering) – a system that disperses the force of impact in real-world situations.

Of course a bingle is the last thing you'd want and the Odyssey has loads of features to help prevent accidents. Things like Motion Adaptive Electronic Power Steering where the steering reacts to help the driver under slippery conditions. This works with the VSA (Vehicle Stability Assist) that anticipates potentially dangerous moves

and corrects them. And there's always the ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) with EBD (Electronic Brake-force Distribution) and BA (Brake Assist) to help you stop quickly, smoothly and safely.

And to top it all off the Luxury model also has automatic on/off HID (High Intensity Discharge) headlights! That may not sound like much, but when you've got a bunch of kids, anything that the car will do on its own is my kind of feature.



# The wrap up.

by Steve.



Odyssey Luxury model shown.



With our new Odyssey, Honda gave us a comprehensive range of ongoing service. For starters we got a 3 year /100,000km warranty, which is great. I was also happy with the six year rust perforation warranty<sup>™</sup> that comes with it too. Finding time for, or even remembering servicing is sometimes a struggle in a big family so

having access to the HondaONE website for service reminders is great. I can organise the maintenance hassle-free, just by sitting at the computer. And with our complimentary five year subscription to 'Honda. The Magazine,' I'm always 'in the know' about the latest Honda news. Just like our local Honda Dealership, who always keep

up-to-date with the latest training, and stock a seemingly endless supply of Genuine Honda Parts and Accessories. Gee, I really feel like I'm in the best hands with Honda.

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Dreams do come true.



### What if there was a car that only emitted water?

Obviously the world would be a better place and the good news is, such a car already exists: the Honda FCX Clarity. It works by converting hydrogen into electricity, which leaves you with only one emission, H<sub>2</sub>O. And in 2008, this totally new fuel-cell vehicle went into production.



### What if a plane had its engines mounted on top of the wing?

Well, it would be original and it would be called the HondaJet. Secondly, the engines would have to be in a special position on the wing we call 'The Sweet Spot'. That would then result in less drag at high speeds, 30% better fuel economy and because there is no need for structural engine mounts on the fuselage, 30% more cabin space.



### What if we had our own solar cell production company?

In recent times Honda has branched out into mass solar cell production. Honda's unique C.I.G.S solar cell produces the highest level of conversion efficiency in the thin film category and only requires half the energy to manufacture, so it's environmentally friendly throughout its entire life. Why does a vehicle company produce solar cells? Purely so we know that we are doing everything possible to help prevent global warming.



### What if we tested our new technologies in the most extreme conditions possible?

At Honda we have always believed that racing is fundamental to our development. It's the ultimate testing ground and regardless of whether we win or lose, the same question is always asked – how can we improve performance? And you can be sure that for every improvement made on the track, there is an equal improvement made to every Honda vehicle that hits the road.



### What if our technology was more... alive?

ASIMO, the World's Most Advanced Humanoid Robot, was born from a dream to create a robot that could benefit people in everyday life. His name stands for Advanced Step in Innovative MObility, a title he's definitely worthy of. Currently ASIMO's capabilities include: running at 6 km/h, walking on uneven surfaces, turning smoothly, climbing stairs, pushing a cart, receiving and delivering trays and he can even dance a little boogie if the occasion calls for it. Our dream is that one day everyone will have an ASIMO of their own to help around the home or office.

A whole family  
of colours.



Deep Bordeaux Pearlescent



Premium Night Blue Pearlescent



Alabaster Silver Metallic



Polished Metal Metallic



Crystal Black Pearlescent



Premium White Pearlescent

Odyssey Luxury model shown.

# Odyssey Specifications.

DESCRIPTION	ODYSSEY	ODYSSEY LUXURY
<b>POWERTRAIN</b>		
Engine type	Inline 4 cylinder, 4 valves per cylinder DOHC i-VTEC	Inline 4 cylinder, 4 valves per cylinder DOHC i-VTEC
Capacity	2.4 litre – 2354 cc	2.4 litre – 2354 cc
Maximum power	132kW @ 6500 rpm	132kW @ 6500 rpm
Maximum torque	218Nm @ 4500 rpm	218Nm @ 4500 rpm
Compression ratio	10.5	10.5
Bore x stroke (mm)	87.0 x 99.0	87.0 x 99.0
Emission standard	Euro 4	Euro 4
CO2 emissions (g/km)	212	212
Automatic transmission	5 speed with Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold	5 speed with Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold
Fuel type	Unleaded (RON 91)	Unleaded (RON 91)
Fuel supply system	Honda Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)	Honda Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)
Fuel consumption		
– combined (litres/100km)*	8.9	8.9
– urban (litres/100km)*	12.1	12.1
– extra urban (litres/100km)*	7.1	7.1
Drive By Wire throttle (DBW)	✓	✓
<b>CHASSIS</b>		
Body type	Monocoque	Monocoque
Front and rear suspension type	Independent double wishbone coil spring with stabiliser	Independent double wishbone coil spring with stabiliser
Stabiliser bars	Front and rear	Front and rear
Steering system type	Electric power steering rack and pinion	Electric power steering rack and pinion
Front brakes	Ventilated disc	Ventilated disc
Rear brakes	Solid disc	Solid disc
<b>EXTERIOR</b>		
Aero front and rear bumpers	■^	✓
Aero side skirts	■^	✓
Body coloured bumpers	✓	✓
Door handles	Chrome	Chrome
Exhaust	Dual	Dual
Electric sunroof	–	✓
Fog lights	■	✓
Headlights	Halogen	HID with washers
– auto on/off	–	✓
– beam height adjustment	–	Automatic
Keyless entry	✓	✓
Powered body coloured door mirrors with indicators	✓	✓
Rear window demister	✓	✓
Windshield wipers		
– Front	2-speed and variable intermittent with speed-sensing	2-speed and variable intermittent with speed-sensing
– Rear	Intermittent (linked to reverse gear)	Intermittent (linked to reverse gear)
<b>INTERIOR</b>		
Accessory power outlet (12v)	✓	✓
Air conditioning	Climate control with rear ventilation	Tri-zone climate control
Aluminium side step garnish	■	✓
Ashtray	✓	✓
Cigarette lighter	✓	✓
Comprehensive interior illumination	✓	✓
Cruise control	✓	✓
Cup holders		
– number of cup holders	6	6
– number of bottle holders	4	4
Digital clock (in radio)	✓	✓
Door pockets	All doors	All doors
Driver's footrest	✓	✓
Driver seat		
– manual height adjustment	✓	–
– power adjustment (8-way)	–	✓
Dust and pollen filter	✓	✓
Foldable centre table	1st row seats	1st row seats
Front door lining illumination	–	✓
Head restraints	7	7
Heated front seats	–	✓
Leather wrapped gear shift knob	■	✓
Leather wrapped steering wheel	■	✓
Information display		
– instant fuel economy (litres/100km)	✓	✓
– average fuel economy (litres/100km)	✓	✓
– distance to empty	✓	✓
– outside temperature indicator	✓	✓
– odometer	✓	✓
– trip meter (Trip A/Trip B)	✓	✓
Lights-on warning	✓	✓
Low fuel warning	✓	✓
Power windows	✓	✓
– auto up/down	Driver only	Driver only
Seats		
– 1st row	Fully reclining	Fully reclining
– 2nd row	60:40 split with fold down	60:40 split with fold down
– 3rd row	Retractable	Power retractable
Seat armrest		
– driver and front passenger seats	✓	✓
– 2nd row seat centre	✓	✓
Seat back pocket	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
Seat trim material	Cloth	Leather†

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DESCRIPTION	ODYSSEY	ODYSSEY LUXURY
<b>INTERIOR CONT.</b>		
Seatbelt height adjuster	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
Steering column	Tilt and telescopic adjustment	Tilt and telescopic adjustment
Tachometer	✓	✓
Vanity mirror	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger (with lights)
Windows	UV cut glass and heat absorbing	UV cut glass and heat absorbing
<b>SAFETY</b>		
Active head restraints	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE)	✓	✓
Airbags i-SRS		
– front	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
– side	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
Airbags SRS		
– curtain	Full length	Full length
Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)	✓	✓
Central locking	✓	✓
Child protection locks	✓	✓
Child safety seat anchorages	5	5
Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD)	✓	✓
Hazard warning lights	✓	✓
High mounted brake light	✓	✓
Honda G-Con technology	✓	✓
Immobiliser system	✓	✓
Motion Adaptive EPS (MAE)	✓	✓
Progressive crumple zones	✓	✓
Rear view mirror	Day/night type	Day/night type
Seatbelt with pretensioner and load limiter	Driver and front passenger	Driver and front passenger
Seatbelt reminder	Driver	Driver
Seatbelts - 3 point ELR	All seating positions	All seating positions
Security alarm system	✓	✓
Side impact protection	✓	✓
Steering column	Energy absorbing type	Energy absorbing type
Transmission shift lock	✓	✓
Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) with Traction Control System (TCS)	✓	✓
Windscreen	Laminated	Laminated
<b>DIMENSIONS/WEIGHTS/CAPACITIES</b>		
Overall length (mm)	4810	4810
Overall width (mm)	1800	1800
Overall height (mm)	1545	1545
Wheelbase (mm)	2830	2830
Track (mm)		
– front	1560	1560
– rear	1560	1560
Ground clearance (mm)		
– non-load	149.6	149.6
– full-load	110	110
Kerb weight (kg)	1645	1700
Maximum permissible weight (kg)	2270	2300
Fuel tank capacity (litres)	60	60
Maximum towing capacity (kg)		
– trailer with brakes	1000	1000
– trailer without brakes	450	450
– down force/tongue load	50	50
Boot capacity (litres)		
– VDA standard		
– 3rd row seat up	259	259
– 3rd row seat down	708	708
Seating capacity	7	7
Turning radius at wheel centre (metres)	5.4	5.4
<b>TYRES AND WHEELS</b>		
Wheel size	16 x 6.5 JJ	17 x 7.0 JJ
Tyre size	215/60R16 95H	215/55R17 94V
Wheel type	Alloy	Alloy
Spare wheel type	Temporary	Temporary
<b>AUDIO SYSTEM</b>		
AM/FM radio, single CD with MP3 and WMA	✓	–
AM/FM radio, 6 CD stacker with MP3	–	✓
Antenna	In-glass type	In-glass type
Auxiliary jack	Centre table	In radio
Front door speakers	2	2
Front tweeters	2	2
Rear door speakers	2	2
Steering wheel-mounted audio controls	✓	✓
<b>COLOUR GUIDE</b>		
<b>EXTERIOR</b>		<b>INTERIOR</b>
Alabaster Silver Metallic	Grey	Black
Crystal Black Pearlescent	Grey	Black
Deep Bordeaux Pearlescent	Grey	Black
Polished Metal Metallic	Grey	Black
Premium Night Blue Pearlescent	Grey	Black
Premium White Pearlescent	Grey	Black

✓ Standard feature. – Not available. ■ Optional feature. ^Alternative design. † Leather interior includes some PVC vinyl material.

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