RidgeLine

2009 Honda
Pickup trucks have always been about muscle, backbone and testosterone...
Where is it written that big has to mean inefficient? Why is it acceptable for a pickup truck to treat passengers like cargo? Or make driving feel more like work than fun? Who says you have to stick to tradition instead of finding a better way to do things? Not Honda. When we developed the Ridgeline, our goal was to make a truck every bit as tough as it needs to be, but also to send it charging into new territory. And with this emphasis on innovation, you don’t expect us to rest on our laurels. Upgrades for 2009 include greater engine output, bolder exterior styling such as 18” alloy wheels on RTL, and more high-tech features inside.

...then Honda gave them a brain and made them a whole lot better.

Ridgeline RTS shown in Bali Blue Pearl.
Tough meets intelligent.
It singlehandedly gave the entire Swiss army an identity crisis.

**Rigid meets flexible.** It’s so versatile, the dictionary lists Ridgeline as a noun, a verb and an adjective. With an extra-wide flat cargo bed as well as innovative features like a dual-action tailgate and lockable In-Bed Trunk,* the Ridgeline takes on new challenges, doing things no pickup truck ever dreamed of.

The dual-action tailgate not only swings down like ordinary tailgates, but it also swings out to the side, allowing you easy access to the vehicle’s In-Bed Trunk.

Because the Ridgeline’s rear wheelwells don’t intrude into the cargo area, the 49.5” wide bed allows a thick stack of 4’ x 8’ plywood sheets to lie flat.

The 2009 Ridgeline adds two additional heavy-duty tie-down cleats, giving you a total of eight. Securing up to 1,100 lbs, they let you safely transport even the most uncooperative cargo.*

The lockable In-Bed Trunk keeps gear secure and out of sight. With its waterproof, 8.5-cubic-foot capacity, it can accommodate large items like golf bags or even a 76-quart cooler.

The Ridgeline is constructed of Steel-Reinforced Composite (SRC) material. Both stronger and lighter than regular steel, it’s designed to take almost any abuse you can dish out.

Honda reminds you to properly secure all items stored in the cargo area.

The Ridgeline’s tailgate is designed to safely accommodate large, heavy items like an ATV. Its 300-lb dynamic load capacity makes it one of the strongest tailgates around.

*Shown with accessory bed extender.

*Ridgeline RTL shown in Billet Silver Metallic.
Efficient meets powerful. Lean muscle. Zero fat. This is the key to getting the most out of every one of the Ridgeline’s 250 horses. Tow-ready features include an integrated Class III trailer hitch (trailer harness standard on RTS and above), a revised 5-speed automatic specifically geared for the task, a high-capacity radiator with dual electric fans, a heavy-duty power-steering-fluid cooler and a high-capacity automatic transmission-fluid cooler. The rigid chassis design and large brake rotors also contribute to its towing abilities. What it all means is that you can handle the big loads – up to 5,000 lbs¹ – without breaking a sweat.

The Ridgeline 3.5-liter V-6 is proof that power doesn’t have to be raw, it can be refined. Employing Honda’s patented Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control (VTEC®), it provides abundant power whenever you need it. Engine updates including a revised two-stage intake manifold give you more torque, especially at the low end, for increased towing ability. The unique high-mounted fresh-air intake system packs cooler air into the combustion chambers to help keep output strong, even in heavy-duty driving and towing conditions.

Additionally, the engine provides surprising fuel efficiency² and one of the lowest emissions ratings in its class.
A ride so smooth, it’ll have you believing the world is flat.

Tough meets refined.
You know that bone-jarring jolt you feel every time your truck hits a bump? Think you’ll miss it? The Ridgeline’s chassis, independent suspension and sophisticated 4WD system have been designed and tuned to not only handle heavy-duty work and off-road use, but also to provide a surprisingly refined ride. And like every Honda, they help make the Ridgeline a blast to drive.

Unlike the solid rear axle setup found in most other trucks, the Ridgeline enjoys the advantages of 4-wheel independent suspension. It provides not only superior on- and off-road handling, but also a more composed ride with unmatched stability.

When the benefits of 4WD are needed, the vehicle’s Variable Torque Management* 4-wheel-drive system (VTM-4®) sends up to 70% of engine torque to the rear wheels.

VTM-4 Lock* helps you get moving in low-traction conditions such as ice or loose gravel. Press the dash-mounted button and the rear differential will lock and stay locked up to 18 mph in forward or reverse gear.

Under normal driving conditions such as cruising on dry pavement, the VTM-4 system sends all power to the front wheels. This maximizes fuel efficiency2 when 4WD isn’t needed.

The integrated closed-box frame with unit-body construction not only provides strength and class-leading torsional rigidity, but it also makes the ride both quieter and smoother.

Like most 4-wheel-drive systems, the Ridgeline responds reactively to wheel slippage, sending power where it’s needed most. But unlike competing systems, it also responds proactively based on the amount of torque the engine is producing. By anticipating the need for additional traction, it ensures a smooth and almost transparent transition between 2- and 4-wheel drive.
Ridgeline RTL shown in Sterling Gray Metallic.

Its confidence-inspiring powers extend beyond the ability to pull a boat up a ramp.

Slip meets grip. The Ridgeline is clear evidence of Honda’s commitment to delivering the highest level of safety, regardless of the size of your bank account. Additional standard safety features for 2009 include active front head restraints and Daytime Running Lights (DRL). And the Ridgeline was the first 4-door pickup truck ever to earn 5-star safety ratings in both frontal- and side-impact crash tests from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).*

The Ridgeline’s first line of defense is a reinforced unit body that incorporates a closed-box frame with internal high-strength steel frame stiffeners. Both the frame rails and all seven cross-members feature box-section construction. The result is a remarkably high torsional rigidity, 5-star crash-test ratings,* and the lowest chance of rollover among all pickup trucks tested by the NHTSA.†

On RTL models with satellite navigation, the navigation screen doubles as a rearview camera display, showing you what’s directly behind the vehicle when you’re in reverse.

The Ridgeline’s standard Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) continually checks the pressure of each tire, alerting the driver with an in-dash display when a particular tire’s pressure is significantly low.

Front, front side, and side curtain airbags are all standard.** The front seats feature active head restraints that are designed to move up and forward in a rear collision to help keep head movement to a minimum, potentially reducing whiplash injuries.

The anti-lock braking system (ABS) also features Brake Assist, which can help apply maximum braking in certain emergency situations. Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD) varies the brake force to each wheel to help balance dynamic loads.

Vehicle Stability Assist™ (VSA™) with traction control can detect understeer or oversteer and reduce the amount of engine torque and/or use the vehicle’s ABS system to brake individual wheels as needed to help restore your intended course.

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**Honda reminds you and your passengers to always buckle up. Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat.
If it’s gear you’re hauling, the rear seats offer plenty of under-seat storage. They also lift up to make room for large objects— even a full-size mountain bike. The rear seat’s 60/40 split also allows for both gear and passengers.

Honda reminds you to properly secure all items stored in the cargo area.

The Ridgeline doesn’t have a cabin; it has a 5-star resort.

Rugged meets roomy. Think of it as the great indoors. The Ridgeline’s unique body design allows for a wider, deeper cabin, with plenty of room for five full-size adults. But just because it’s big doesn’t mean it’s not sophisticated. RTS and above models feature dual-zone automatic climate control and an 8-way power driver’s seat with power lumbar support. In addition, RTL models add heated front seats, carpeted floor mats, leather trim, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and a power moonroof.
Rugged performance means you’ll get where you’re going. Advanced systems inside help keep you connected and informed until you get there. The available Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System\(^4\) with voice recognition links to 7 million points of interest\(^*\) as well as Zagat Survey\(^5\) ratings and reviews. New for ’09, the Bluetooth\(^6\) HandsFreeLink\(^\circ\) on RTL with navigation connects with your Bluetooth-compatible phone and lets you make and receive calls with your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. The standard audio system utilizes 6 speakers and is MP3/WMA\(^7\)-compatible. Select models add a subwoofer, a 6-disc in-dash CD changer, XM\(^8\) Radio\(^\circ\) and an MP3/auxiliary input jack.

Thoughtful details throughout the cabin elevate ease-of-use to a whole new level. The new steering-wheel design features integrated buttons for the cruise control on all models and audio-system functions on RTS and RTL. The cavernous center console contains multiple storage compartments, as well as a 115-volt power outlet on RTL that lets you plug in a laptop or other electronic devices. Redesigned control knobs allow for easy operation, even with gloved hands. The sliding rear window opens and closes at the push of a dash-mounted button.

\(^*\)Some roads unverified. See the navigation system owner’s manual for more details on coverage.
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"We only have one future, and it will be made of our dreams."

—Soichiro Honda
### ENGINE
- 3.5-Liter, 24-Valve, SOHC i-VTEC® V-6 Engine
- 260 hp @ 5,700 rpm (SAE net)
- 247 lb-ft @ 4,300 rpm (SAE net)
- Bore and Stroke (mm): 89 x 93
- Compression Ratio: 10:1
- Drive-by-Wire™ Throttle System
- Variable Torque Management® 4-Wheel Drive System (VTM-4™)
- 5-Speed Automatic Transmission
- Gear Ratios: 1st: 2.697, 2nd: 1.606, 3rd: 1.071, 4th: 0.766, 5th: 0.538, Reverse: 1.889, Final Drive: 4.533
- Direct Ignition System with Immobilizer
- ULEV-2 Emissions Rating (CARB)
- 100X k/l/Miles No Scheduled Tune-Ups*

### DRIVE/TRAILAXLE
- High-Mounted 3-Foot Sidewall Air Intake
- Multi-Point Fuel Injection
- Variable Rear Differential
- Heavy-Duty Automatic Transmission Fluid Cooler
- Variable Power-Assisted Rack-and-Pinion Steering
- Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)
- Vehicle Stability Assist
- Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD)
- 100K Miles On-Demand All-Wheel Drive

### TOWING
- Integrated Class III Trailer Hitch
- Pre-Wired for Trailer Brake Controller
- 6050-lb Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)
- 10,085-lb Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCCR)
- 5000-lb Towing Capacity
- Total Payload Capacity (lbs): 1546 (RT/RTS), 1497 (RTL), 1486 (RTL w/Navi)
- Pre-Wired for Trailer Harness (RTS and RTL include Trailer Harness)
- Pre-Wired for Trailer Brake Controller

### BODY/SUSPENSION/CHASSIS
- Stabilizer Bar (mm, front/rear): 23.0/25.4
- Steel-Reinforced Composite (SRC) Cargo Bed
- MacPherson Strut Front Suspension
- Multi-Link Rear Suspension with trailing Arms
- Variable Power-Assisted Rack-and-Pinion Steering
- Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)
- Vehicle Stability Assist
- Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD)
- 100K Miles On-Demand All-Wheel Drive

### SAFETY
- 3-Point Seat Belts at All Seating Positions
- Front 3-Point Seat Belts with Automatic Tensioning System
- Adjustable Front Seat-Belt Anchors
- Dual-Stage, Dual-Threshold Front Airbags (SRS)
- Front Side Airbags with Passenger-Side Occupant Position Detection System (OPDS)
- Side Curtain Airbags with Roller Sensor
- Driver’s and Front Passenger’s Active Head Restraints
- Side-Impact Door Beams

### EXTERIOR MEASUREMENTS
- Wheelbase (in): 122.0
- Length (in): 207.0
- Height (in): 70.3
- Width (in): 778
- Track (in, front/rear): 671/686.9
- Minimum Ground Clearance (in): 6.2
- Approach/Departure Angles (degrees): 24.5/22.0
- Cargo Bed Length (in, tailgate up/down): 60.7/79.0
- Cargo Bed Width (in, between wheelwells): 49.5
- Heavy-Duty Tie-Down Cleats (lbs/cap): 350
- In-Bed Trunk® Capacity (cu ft): 8.5
- Curb Weight (lbs): 4504
- Weight Distribution (%): 58/42

### INTERIOR MEASUREMENTS
- Headroom (in, front/rear): 40.7/39.1
- Headroom with Moonroof (in, front/rear): 40.2/39.1
- Legroom (in, front/rear): 40.8/36.4
- Shoulder Room (in, front/rear): 63.2/62.6
- Hiproom (in, front/rear): 51.6/57.2
- Passenger Volume (cu ft): 112.0
- 2nd-Row Under-Seat Storage (cu ft): 2.6
- Seating Capacity: 5

### EPA MILEAGE ESTIMATES/CAPACITIES
- Compression Ratio: 10.0:1
- Engine Size: 3.5 L
- Bore: 89 mm, Stroke: 93 mm
- Horsepower: 260 hp @ 5,700 rpm
- Torque: 247 lb-ft @ 4,300 rpm
- Transmission: 5-Speed Automatic
- Fuel Economy: 15城市/20高速公路/17综合
- Fuel: Unleaded
- Reserve: 22.0
- curb重量: 1,546 lbs (RT/RTS), 1,497 lbs (RTL), 1,486 lbs (RTL w/Navi)

### EXTERIOR FEATURES
- RT
- RTS
- RTL
- Power Moonroof
- Dual-Action Tailgate
- In-Bed Trunk
- Variable Intermittent Windshield Wipers with Automatic Heated Wiper Zone
- Remote Entry System
- Security System
- Privacy Glass
- Heat-Rejecting Green-Tinted Glass
- Body-Colored Door Handles
- Folding Power Side Mirrors
- Integrated Bed Lights (4) with Auto-Off Timer
- Heavy-Duty Tow Hooks (front and rear)
- Multi-Reflector Halogen Headlights with Auto-Off
- Fog Lights

### COMFORT & CONVENIENCE
- Air Conditioning with Air-Filtration System
- Dual-Zone Automatic Climate Control with Air-Filtration System
- Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System® with Voice Recognition and Rearview Camera Available
- Bluetooth® HandsFreeLink® with Navigation
- Power Windows with Auto-Up/Down Driver’s Window
- Power Sliding Rear Cabin Window
- Power Door Locks
- Steering-Wheel Mounted Controls
- Cruise Control
- Ambient Console Lighting
- Map Lights
- Sunglasses Holder
- Rearview Mirror with Compass
- 115-Volt Power Outlet (center console)
- Door-Pocket Storage Bins
- Grab Rails (front and rear)
- Rear Console Vents
- All-Weather Heavy-Duty Floor Mats
- Carpet Floor Mats

### SEATING
- Leather-Trimmed Interior
- Heated Front Seats
- Driver’s Seat Adjustment 6-Way Manual 8-Way Power 9-Way Power
- Driver’s Seat with Power Lumbar Support
- 60/40 Lift-Up Rear Seat with Under-Seat Storage
- Head Restraints at all seating positions

### AUDIO SYSTEM
- 100-Watt AM/FM/CD Audio System with 6 Speakers
- 160-Watt AM/FM/6-Disc In-Dash CD Audio System with 7 Speakers, Including Subwoofer
- MP3/Windows Media® Audio (WMA) Playback Capability
- XM Radio®
- MP3/Auxiliary Input Jack

*Does not apply to fluid and filter changes. May vary with driving conditions. Please see your owner’s manual for more details.*
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