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Read This *Before* Swapping or Replacing an AcuraLink Telematics Unit

AFFECTED VEHICLES

2016–17 ILX (Tech Plus and Tech Plus A-Spec), 2014–17 MDX (Tech and Advance), 2016–17 RDX (Tech and Advance), 2014–17 RLX, and 2015–17 TLX (Tech and Advance)

We've made an important change to the AcuraLink telematics unit that you need to be aware of. This change switches the coverage of the internal cellular module from Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) to Long Term Evolution (LTE).

You can easy tell a CDMA unit from an LTE unit by its label. CDMA units have a **white** label; LTE units have a **blue** label.



If you need to replace the telematics unit, here are some important things to remember:

- The change in telematics units from CDMA to LTE may have been in the middle of a model year. The parts catalog correctly reflects the VIN change over point. To ensure you're ordering the right part, **always** enter the VIN into the parts catalog.
- If you're swapping telematics units for troubleshooting, **always** use units with the **same** color label. **Never** swap different color label units; there will be problems with AcuraLink Real-Time Traffic, Real-Time Vehicle Status, and 24/7 Live Assistance.
- If you're replacing a blue label unit, make sure it's with a **new**, **unused** blue label unit.
- For the MDX, you'll find that the telematics unit has superseded to the blue label unit. Only install a blue label unit in a vehicle with a white label unit if it is going to be a permanent installation; otherwise, you'll never be able to go back to the white label unit.

For parts ordering info, see PIB B16-0023, Identify the Correct Telematics Control Unit.

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