



Over the Air System Updates

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Version 1

2026 Prelude: Software Updates

APPLIES TO

Year	Model	Trim Level	VIN Range
2026	Prelude	ALL	ALL

INTRODUCTION

Vehicles equipped with the System Updates application are capable of downloading and installing Over the Air System updates (OTA). A connection to a Wi-Fi network is needed to perform the update over the air.

System updates contain upgrades that fix operational errors and/or provide a variety of enhancements, which adds new functionality. Information about the various software releases can be found in this document.

CURRENT SOFTWARE VERSIONS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

NOTE: If the vehicle was manufactured after the release date, it may contain newer software versions than listed below.

Control Unit	Trim	Software Version	Release Date
AUDIO (1)	All	8A050-36W-AA21	7/16/2026

Control Unit	Trim	Software Version	Release Date
AUDIO (2)	All	8A070-36W-AA21	7/16/2026

Control Unit	Trim	Software Version	Release Date
TCU	All	Initial Release	Initial Release

AUDIO (1)

Version: 8A050-36W-AA21

Release: 7/16/26

This update adds the following enhancements:

- Update to Android 14 OS
- Various UI enhancements and performance Enhancements
- Improves issue where no audio is heard during a Bluetooth phone call
- Improves automatic connection of Wireless CarPlay after power off and on
- Improves issue where the display can black out after engine start

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

AUDIO (2)

Version: 8A070-36W-AA21

Release: 7/16/2026

This update is primarily intended to resolve or improve the following items:
Update version number to stay current with other software.

TCU

Version: 8B010-36W-A0XX

Initial Release

FAQ

Do I need to connect to Wi-Fi to perform an Over the Air (OTA) System Update?

Yes, it is necessary to connect the vehicle to a Wi-Fi network to perform over-the-air updates. To connect to a Wi-Fi network, follow these steps:

1. Go to the **HOME** screen on the audio display screen by pressing the **HOME** button.
2. Select **General Settings**.
3. Select **Connections**.
4. Select **Wi-Fi**.
5. Select **Change Mode**.
6. Select **Network**.

NOTE:

- When the mode is changed from Smartphone Connection to Network, a pop-up appears; select **Confirm**.
Select the desired **Wi-Fi** network.
- To download updates automatically, check Use This Network to automatically download system updates.
Select **Connect**.
- A password may be required.
See the Owner's Manual for additional information.

How do I check for an available OTA System Update?

Follow these steps to check for an available Over the Air (OTA) System Update:

1. Go to the **HOME** screen on the vehicle display audio screen by pressing the **HOME** button.
2. Select the **System Updates** application.
3. Select **Check for Updates**.
4. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete any available updates.

See the Owner's Manual for additional information.

Will any functions be unavailable during an OTA System Update?

Some functions will not work during the update process. Perform all updates while parked in a safe location.

Can a dealer perform the OTA System Update for me?

Yes, you can schedule an appointment with your dealer to complete the OTA System Update. The dealer may apply a service charge to perform the update.

How do I check the software version currently installed in my vehicle?

Use the following procedure to confirm the version and update status. Press the **HOME** button.

1. Select **System Updates**.

NOTE: If System Updates are not displayed on the home screen, select **All Apps**.

2. Select **Settings**.
3. Select **Version Status**.

See the Owner's Manual for additional information.

Can updates be performed using a USB device?

No, updates cannot be performed using a USB device.

See the Owner's Manual for additional information.