



For over a decade we've been providing simple answers for America's complex driving needs. With practical, fuel-efficient cars that are surprisingly roomy, comfortable and fun to drive. Along with the kind of engineering refinements and standard features you've come to expect from Honda.

Since its creation in 1948, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has always been an engineering-oriented company. In fact, Honda has always had an engineer as president. That's why research and development has consistently played such a vital role

Rack & Pinion Steering

in the evolution of our products.

At Honda, we believe our reputation for quality and innovative engineering has been rewarded by owner loyalty and high resale value. In fact, Honda enjoys one of the strongest owner loyalties of all imported cars. In 1980, almost one third of all Honda owners purchasing a new car bought another Honda. And the average retail value of all Honda cars ever sold in America is over 90 percent of the original suggested retail price.

The desire to constantly refine and test our engineering has

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Steering Shaft

Tie Rod



**Front Suspension** 

Coil Spring

brought Honda to the international racing circuit, the harshest test of automotive technology. The Honda way is to test, refine and retest, reaching always for perfection.

Honda also owns and operates highly sophisticated proving grounds, where product refinements can be tested 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Two of the most important lessons learned on the racetrack and test track are efficiency and simplicity. And we've applied both lessons to the production of every Honda Prelude Sport Coupe.

We begin by designing in enough room for driver and passenger comfort. We then engineer all necessary components around them, keeping in mind that certain items must be easily accessible for required servicing. That's an important reason why Honda engines have always been mounted transversely. This configuration provides maximum interior space, while also keeping the spark plugs and oil filter right up front for easy accessibility.

And Honda is unique in that every one of its cars ever sold in America has featured front-wheel drive and a transverse-mounted engine. Placing the engine over the driving wheels provides increased traction, and delivers the power in the direction the car is

being steered. Additionally, front-wheel drive increases available interior room, as there's no bulky drive shaft tunnel running through the passenger compartment.

The sporty Honda Prelude utilizes a 4-wheel independent MacPherson strut suspension system, so that each wheel reacts individually to road conditions. It assists also in providing comfortable, yet sportive road handling.

The Prelude also features rack and pinion steering, as do most modern race cars. Our reasons are similar. Rack and pinion steering furnishes quick steering response. And just enough road feel to keep the driver informed and involved.

Our sport coupe's aerodynamic profile presents an efficient chisel-

shaped nose to the wind. This allows air flow to pass smoothly over the car, for reduced wind noise, great handling and increased fuel economy.

To aid the Prelude in maneuvering as gracefully as it looks, an optional variable-assist power steering system gives maximum assist when the car is stationary, or moving slowly. That helps make parking and maneuvering in traffic surprisingly simple. Yet at highway speeds the power assist is minimal, for excellent control and feel of the road.



in an instrument cluster that also includes our maintenance reminder and electronic warning system. As well as a light panel that monitors important driving data, including a low-fuel warning light and oil level/pressure indicator.

Attention to detail has always been an important consideration in the design and construction of Honda cars. For example, beneath each of the Prelude's rectangular headlamps are grilles designed to prevent snow buildup. That helps to insure adequate headlight illumination in winter driving conditions. The placement of a convenient passenger assist handle on the right windshield post represents another thoughtful touch.

This year, you'll find the Honda Prelude Sport Coupe exemplifies our high standards of quality craftsmanship and attention to fit, finish and detail. And presents further proof that a sportive car's lively performance doesn't have to detract from its efficiency and commonsense advantages.

Variable-assist power steering is available only with our optional 3-speed automatic transmission.

The Prelude's cockpit is the product of exhaustive testing and research, focused on the driver and his immediate environment. For driver convenience, a separate speedometer and tachometer are housed



Honda Prelude Sport Coupe. Think of it as a civilized sports car. A sleek, responsive automobile designed for uncomplicated sportive handling and fuel-efficient fun.

And a car to be enjoyed for many moons. Both because of the attention to quality engineering that goes into all our cars and the Prelude's unique power-operated moonroof.

Honda engineering refinements help deliver a comfortable, yet sporty driving experience. So do the Prelude's lively 1751cc engine, stylish interior and generous standard features. Like our front-wheel drive, smooth 5-speed manual transmission and power-assisted, self-adjusting front disc brakes with dual-diagonal circuits.

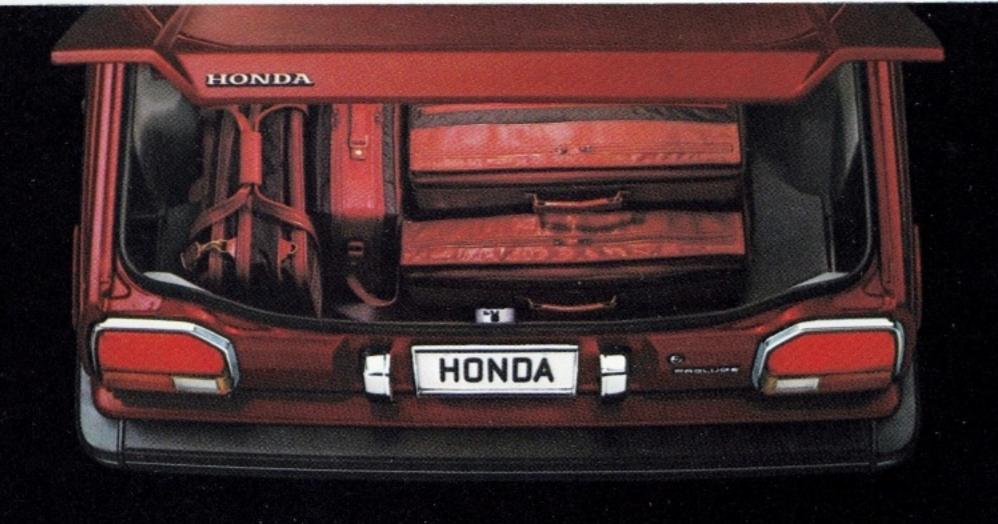
Additional refinements are numerous. And include our steel-belted radial tires and remote-control driver's door mirror. Honda's 3-speed automatic transmission, which comes with variable-assist power steering, is optional.







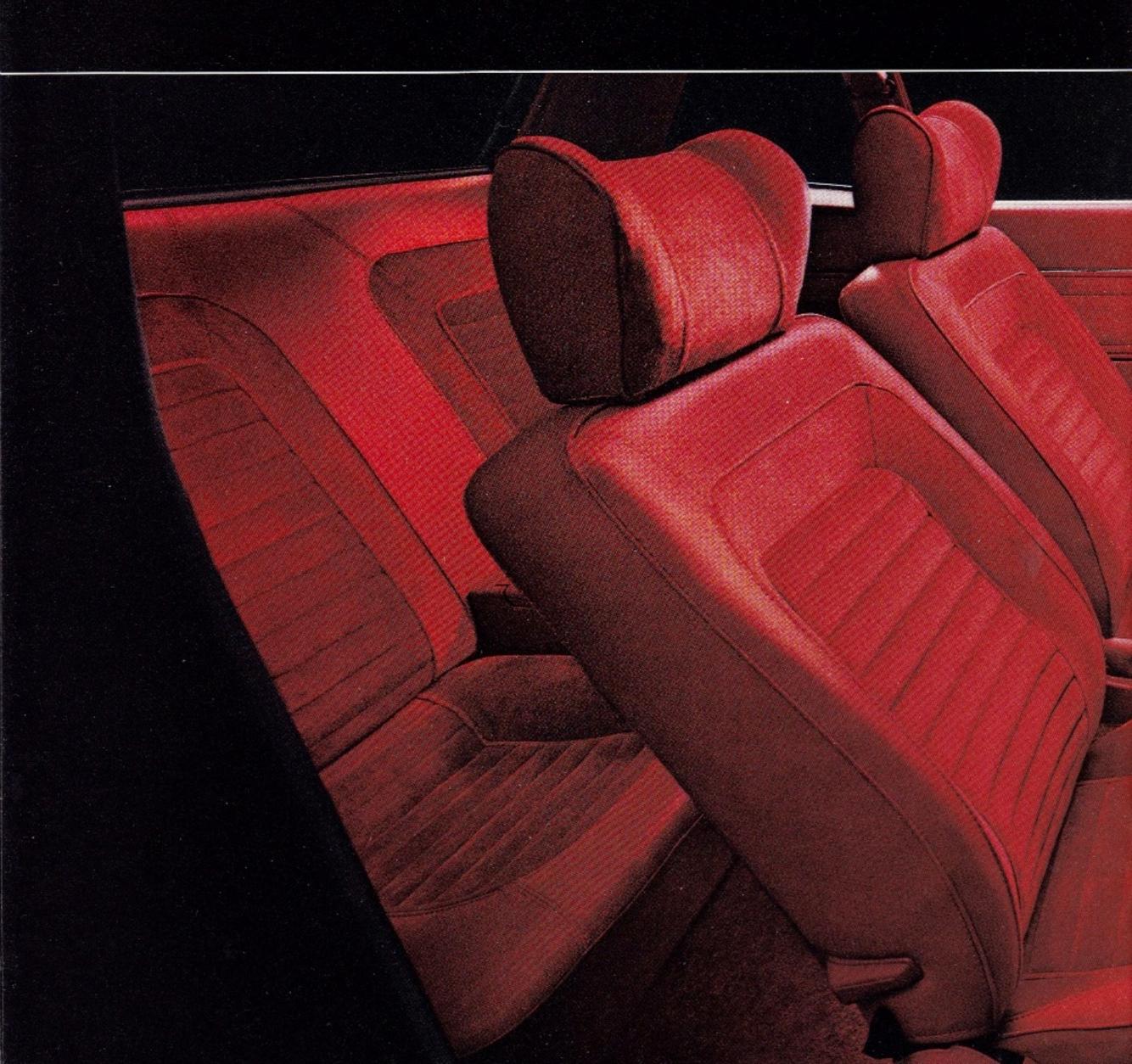
Stylish, handsome features to be enjoyed from any angle. With a tinted-glass moonroof for open-air driving at the touch of a switch. Fresh air and sunshine by day, and the moon and stars at night. The automatic retractable wind deflector helps shield you from the wind. And for shade, you simply slide the manual sunshade forward when the moonroof is closed.





You'll appreciate thoughtful finishing touches inside, like a spacious trunk that's lined to help protect your cargo. And the convenience of a remote trunk lid release, automatic trunk light and stowage boxes for small items. Outside, protective body side mouldings, sporty wheel trim rings, front wheel mud guards and a locking fuel filler door combine function with style.

The Prelude's cockpit design incorporates a light panel that monitors important driving data and includes a low-fuel warning light. The instrument panel features a trip odometer, convenient coin box, glove compartment, cigarette lighter and quartz digital clock. A two-speed plus intermittent action wiper/washer control lever is located to the right of the sporty steering wheel. The Prelude's stylish interior sports headrests that adjust forward, backward and vertically. As well as elegant color-coordinated seat fabric, with plush, deep-pile carpeting throughout. And generous interior appointments. Seen here with Honda's optional air conditioning and stereo entertainment system.







Honda's quartz halogen fog lamps aid visibility in inclement weather. Front bumper guards can lessen possible damage to your new Prelude. The stainless steel trunk rack, above, mounts simply on the Prelude. Two stylish black rear bumper guards fit the contour of the bumper. Rear wheel mud guards, besides being good-looking, help keep the car clean.

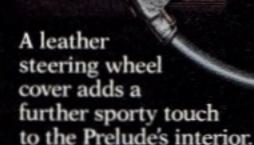


Honda's stainless steel fender well trim and door edge guards are designed for paint protection. Precision-made aluminum alloy wheels enhance the car's sporty good looks. In addition to a long list of standard features, we also offer a complete range of optional Honda accessories for your new Prelude.





Above are Honda's AM/FM stereo with push-button tuning, and AM/FM stereo with push-button tuning and eight-track player.



Honda air conditioning is designed to be an integral part of the heating and ventilation system. With a 3-speed blower and fully adjustable outlets.

For 1982 there are eight different Honda entertainment systems to choose from. Like the AM/FM stereo with electronic tuning, digital display and autoreverse cassette with Dolby\* shown in dash above.

Power as well as manual radio antennas are available.

They both telescope completely into the windshield post to minimize potential damage.

## 1982 Honda Prelude Accessories

Entertainment Systems

AM Monaural Radio
with Push-Button Tuning

AM/FM Monaural Radio
with Push-Button Tuning

AM/FM Stereo Radio
with Push-Button Tuning

AM/FM Stereo Radio
with Push-Button Tuning,
8-Track Player

AM/FM Stereo Radio with Manual Tuning, Autoreverse Cassette AM/FM Stereo Radio

with Push-Button Tuning, Autoreverse Cassette

AM/FM Stereo Radio with Push-Button Tuning, Autoreverse Cassette with Dolby®

AM/FM Stereo Radio with Electronic Tuning, Digital Display, Autoreverse Cassette with Dolby® Stereo Speakers Antenna, Power or Manual

Antenna, Power or Manual Power Booster (80 watt)

Comfort/Convenience

Air Conditioning
Teak Deck Luggage Rack—
Trunk Mount
Stainless Steel Luggage
Rack—Trunk Mount
Roof Carrier with
Ski Attachment
Remote-Control

Appearance
Gearshift Knobs
Floor Mats
Steering Wheel
Cover
Aluminum Alloy
Wheels

Right Side Mirror

Fog Lamp Kit, Quartz Halogen

Protection

Bumper Guards Door Edge Guards Fender Well Trim Rear Wheel Mud Guards Touch-Up Paint

The optional remote-control right-side mirror is helpful for changing lanes and right turns.

## Features and Standard Equipment

5-Speed Manual Transmission Variable-Assist Power Steering (with **Optional Automatic** Transmission Only) Power-Operated Moonroof Power-Assisted, Self-Adjusting Brakes Steel-Belted Radial Ply Tires Bright Metal Wheel Trim Rings Protective Body Side Mouldings Bright Metal Window Reveal Mouldings Matte Black Window Frames and **Door Center Posts** Tinted Glass Front Side Window Defrosters Locking Fuel Filler Door

Rear Window Defroster

Two-Speed Plus Intermittent Wipers Remote Trunk Lid Release Remote Control Outside Rearview Mirror Day/Night Rearview Mirror Vanity Mirror—Right Sun Visor Reclining Front Bucket Seats with 4-Way Adjustable Headrests Padded Door Armrests Moquette Interior Trim Including **Door Panels** Map Pocket in Driver's Door Full Carpeting Four-Spoke Sport Steering Wheel Trunk Light Maintenance Reminder Resettable Trip Odometer Low-Fuel Warning Light

**Tachometer** Electronic Warning System Quartz Digital Clock Combination Oil Pressure and Oil Level Light Combination Light Switch on Steering Column Glove Compartment Light Cigarette Lighter Coin Box Stowage Boxes in Rear Seat Side Panels and Center Armrest Passenger Assist Handle— Right Windshield Post Stowage Boxes in Each Side of Trunk Floor Mud Guards—Front Wheels

## **Specifications** Front-Wheel Drive, Transverse-Mounted Engine General Advanced Stratified Charge, 4-Cylinder OHC Engine Type 1751cc Piston Displacement Compression Ratio 8.8:175 @ 4500 rpm Net Horsepower 95.8 @ 3000 rpm Net Torque (lb.-ft.) 13.2 gallons (50 liters) **Fuel Tank Capacity** Unleaded Fuel Required Transmission Standard Manual 5-Speed Single Dry Plate, Diaphragm Spring Clutch—Type Torque Converter with 3 Forward Speeds Automatic Four-Wheel Independent Suspension Type MacPherson Struts with Coil Springs Front & Rear Rack and Pinion Steering Type Variable-Assist—Included with Optional Automatic Transmission Only Power Steering 33.5 ft. (10.2 meters) Turning Circle—Curb to Curb Power-Assisted, Self-Adjusting, with Dual-Diagonal Circuits Brakes—Type Disc Front Drum Rear Steel-Belted, Radial Ply Tires—Type 175/70 SR13 Size Dimensions 55.1 in. (1400 mm) 161.4 in. (4100 mm) Tread-Front Length 55.5 in. (1410 mm) 91.3 in. (2320 mm) Tread—Rear Wheelbase 51.0 in. (1295 mm) 64.4 in. (1635 mm) Height Width Approx. Curb Weight 2138 lbs. (970 kg) 5-Speed 2186 lbs. (992 kg) Automatic Color & Trim Options

\*For 5-speed transmission. 29 EPA Est. MPG, 40 Est. Hwy. Use Est. MPG for comparison. Your mileage may differ depending on speed, weather and trip length. California figures will be lower. And you can expect actual highway mileage to be less.

Windsor Blue/Ivory

Paisley Red/Red

Arctic Silver/Red

Owner loyalty and resale value statements are based on figures derived from R. L. Polk, May 1981, and *Kelley Blue Book Used Car Values*, July-September 1981.

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Exterior/Interior

Metallic)

(All Exterior Colors Are