



2014 Acura MDX AWD Fuel Economy: 18/27 Class: Small SUV Base Price: \$56,505

Acura MDX Offers Luxury Performance The 2014 MDX is the third generation of Acura's seven-passenger luxury performance SUV, the first to be developed from the ground up using an all-new, purpose-built platform (body and chassis) fully optimized for the needs of today's luxury SUV buyers.

The new MDX, like its flagship sedan counterpart, the RLX, harnesses a host of Acura signature technologies to deliver on Acura's "Synergy between Man and Machine" product direction, and to offer higher levels of luxury, quietness, comfort and prestige in a vehicle that performs "at the will of the driver" with intuitive control and exhilarating dynamic performance.

Developed on the image of an "Executive Family Jet," the 2014 MDX is sleek and refined, prestigious and powerful, and designed to deliver on the unique performance and functional needs of the



luxury SUV driver and passengers, be they kids or clients. In designing the new MDX, Acura engineers focused on three core values: class-leading fuel economy ratings; new levels of prestige and luxury comfort; and top-level safety performance. At the same time, they sought to further enhance the MDX's dynamic performance while maintaining its core appeal – the family-friendly, seven-passenger cabin and nimble, mid-size SUV exterior size and appearance.

2014 Lexus LX570 5-DR SUV Fuel Economy: 12/17 Class: Standard SUV Base Price: \$81,780

Lexus LX 570 Delivers Brilliant Combination of Luxury and Capability in a Full-Size SUV

Navigate urban traffic in superlative comfort with room for eight? Wind along rutted, off-road trails to a secluded vacation home? Tow a horse trailer? The Lexus LX 570 can dispatch all of those duties with aplomb, all the while providing the comfort, luxury and infotainment technology expected from a Lexus flagship model. A safari would not be out of the question.

The Lexus LX was the first premium, full-capability prestige three-row luxury utility vehicle, and the latest edition, refreshed in 2013, wears the bold brand-signature spindle grille front design.

While many luxury buyers find an all-wheel drive crossover fits their needs, those requiring true off-pavement driving capability and high towing capacity find those capabilities with seating for up to eight in the LX 570. For nearly 20 years, the Lexus

LX models have offered an optimal balance of luxury, off-road capability and everyday usability. It's the luxury SUV that can take the whole family on a camping adventure, including towing the camper. The LX 570 comes standard with a 7,000-pound towing capacity.

Engine/Transmission/Drivetrain/ Performance

- 5.7-liter V8 produces 383 horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 403 lb.-ft. peak torque at 3,600 rpm.
- An electronically-controlled six-speed automatic transmission estimates road conditions and predicts the driver's intention in order to select the appropriate gear ratio for the vehicle's speed and the driving conditions.
- A sequential shift mode allows the driver to select gears manually.
- Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) helps maintain directional control during cornering and can be disengaged via the "TRAC off" switch.
- Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) helps provide additional control for off-road driving by helping to keep the vehicle from rolling back when transitioning from the brake to the gas pedal on a steep incline or slippery surface.

Chassis/Body/Suspension/Tires/Brakes

- Body-on-frame construction provides ruggedness and durability in challenging driving conditions, along with impressive ride isolation characteristics and a 7,000pound maximum towing capability.
- The Active Height Control (AHC) system lowers the chassis by about two



inches for easy entry and exit and returns automatically to its normal height when the vehicle begins to accelerate.

- Split five-spoke, 20-inch alloy wheels with Liquid Graphite finish and 285/50R20 tires
- The multi-terrain Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) determines road-surface conditions and automatically optimizes lock-up control, selecting the suitable ABS profile for on- and off-road driving surfaces.
- Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD)
 employs the ABS to properly balance
 braking forces between the front and rear
 wheels, while Brake Assist (BA) provides
 auxiliary force to assist the driver during
 emergency braking.
- Crawl Control feature provides optimum throttle and brake modulation when maneuvering over rough, uneven or difficult terrain.
- Turn Assist helps tighten the vehicle's turning circle by adding more brake force to the inside rear wheel.