

Installing Dension Ice-Link on 2001-2003 Acura CL Type-S with Factory (Bose) Head Unit and Navigation System



This could be in YOUR CL (and probably TL too)!

Awwwwwww yeah!



This is what comes with the Ice-Link kit you order from Dension USA.

The “Pro-Clip” (a separate item also from Dension) is not pictured, but the part # is listed below.

The following is what I ordered from Dension:

PART #:	DESCRIPTION:	PRICE:
PRC852654_2	Acura CL (01-03) Angled Mount	\$29.95
I11_Honda_R2	iceLink v1.1 for 1998-2004 Honda/Acura	\$219.00
Shipping:	FedEx Home Delivery	\$12.61
Total:		\$261.56



Lift up the lid on the arm rest and pry the “wood” trim up with a flat-head screwdriver you have wrapped with protective tape.

Pretty much any tape will do for this. I used masking tape, but electrical tape or duct tape would probably work too. You just want to avoid scratching your car’s bits and pieces.

Pry up both pieces on either side of the center console.

You may also want to use a towel or something to lay these things on outside the car. Either that, or gently place them out of the way in your back seat.



This is what it’ll look like after you’ve removed both pieces of “wood” trim.

Next, we'll remove the center console which includes the arm rest the storage area and the drink holders. Note that the 2003 model will have a different-looking drink holder cover that slides open instead of hinges.



Now, remove the padding at the bottom of the storage area inside the arm rest.

Remove the two screws with a Phillips screwdriver.



Next, remove the two screws at the front of the center console unit.



The entire center console unit should now lift out in one piece. Lift the back end up first, then slide the front end straight back while lifting the back.



You'll need to unplug the cord that connects to the accessory power outlet inside the storage bin in order to remove the center console unit from the car.



So assuming that you have the black interior, your car should basically now look like this with the center console removed entirely.

Next we'll start hacking apart the dashboard.



Remove the two screws at the rear of the shift-lever area (there is one on both sides).



Now remove the two screws that are on the bottom corners of the head unit.



Now remove the two screws that are on the passenger's side which hold on the "knee panel"





Now, pry off the knee panel on the passenger's side. This is a little delicate, and there is one metal clip that is easier to pop out with the help of your trusty, taped up, flathead screwdriver.



So, with the passenger's side "knee panel" removed, you start to see the guts of your dash area.

Now let's do the driver's side...but it's a bit more complicated than the passenger's side (still easy though).

Start by removing the two screws that hold on the driver's side "knee panel".



But don't try to pop off the driver's side "knee panel" yet!

There is a third, hidden screw behind the large panel under the steering column. We'll remove that panel first...



Start by removing the fuse panel on the left side of the dashboard. This photo shows that panel being popped off.



Now, remove this one screw that secures the large panel underneath the steering column.



It takes some coaxing, but the large panel underneath the steering column will pop out entirely. You'll just need to start pulling from the top, and the clips holding it in will release...you just have to pull on the right place.



Now you will have easy access to that hidden, third screw that is still holding the driver's side "knee panel" on. Remove that screw (circled in the pic).



Now, very similar to the passenger's side, the driver's side "knee panel" should pop right off.

Use your taped up, flathead screwdriver to help release the clip as pictured.



So now, the driver's side knee panel is removed, and the guts of the dashboard are further exposed.



Now, gently pry up the trim around the shift lever. Damn! This flathead screwdriver is useful!



...and I guess now is as good a time as any to pop out the plastic piece where you normally stash your cell phone.

I bet you didn't even know that thing popped out so easily! Neither did I.

Now, we'll remove the two switch assemblies for the seat heaters.



This photo just shows the passenger's side seat heater switch assembly.

You'll need to press in the little metal flap circled in the picture in order to lift the switch assemblies up through the holes the toggle switches are in.



This photo shows the driver's side seat heater switch assembly popped out.

Press in on the little plastic thing at the bottom to release the plug from the switch assembly.

Note that on the passenger's side you may need to unplug the plug before the switch assembly can be lifted up and out of the hole.



Both switch assemblies should now be removed.

Note that the grayish-brown one goes on the driver's side! The one that is a more saturated brown is for the passenger's side. This probably matters since the driver's side is probably higher wattage since it has both a seat heater and a backrest heater while the passenger's side only has the seat heater (cheap bastards!)



Now you can pry off the plastic piece that the seat heater switch assemblies had been nested in.



Now, you can unscrew the two gold-colored screws underneath the coin holder.

You'll probably want to make sure the coin holder is completely empty before proceeding.



Then the panel underneath the head unit should pull out. You will need to unplug the socket for the accessory outlet as shown below.





Now, your dashboard will pretty much look like this...except without the two red circles.



Remove the two screws on either side of the head unit as shown.

The two screws are circled in the prior photo.



Now, remove the three screws from the passenger's side that are holding the head unit in.



And remove the three screws on the driver's side of the head unit.



The head unit and the Climate Control panel should both slide out pretty easily now, but not very far because the cables for the climate control unit don't have much slack.



You can pull it out far enough to see the empty 14-pin plug in the back of the head unit though! This is where the Ice-Link plugs into. Woohoo! Let's test it out!



Put your Ice-link assembly together and plug that puppy into the back of your head unit.
(shown here not fully plugged in)

AWWWWWWW Yeah! It works!



Now, to get the head unit out farther, you can either unplug the two plugs on the back of the climate control unit, or just separate the climate control unit from the stereo's head unit.

I separated them rather than unplugging the climate control. You just remove a *single* screw on both sides that connects them.



Now, that the climate control unit and the head unit are separated, the head unit should pull out with ease. The climate control just sits back where it belongs, more or less.



I chose to run the cable coming from the Ice-Link, iPod Dock through an opening toward the front of the passenger's side.

The "knee panel" will cover it up once we put it back, so no worries.

This next photo just shows how I opted to secure all the Ice-Link paraphernalia behind the head unit. I strapped the Ice-link stuff to itself with zip-ties. Then, I literally stuffed it in this little nook at the very bottom of the cubby behind the head unit. Then, I crammed in some packing foam above the Ice-Link stuff in order to keep anything from moving around.

There are also two holes in the Ice-Link unit for mounting, but I just didn't want to put any holes in the car, even if they were totally hidden from view. I'm paranoid like that.



Now you can start putting everything back together by following this document in reverse order.



The above photo shows everything put back together except the two “wood” trim panels. Note how the wire from the back of the Denon iPod Dock unit is run behind the passenger’s side “knee panel”.

And finally, with a little fussing, the Pro-Clip mount will wrap around the “wood” trim panel. The wire also causes no problems running directly under the back of the “wood” trim panel. Clean and tight!



Enjoy your new iPod-equipped CL! **BOOYEAH!**



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