

Automatic Transmission Shifts into Park by Itself? Understanding Auto Park Mode

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All models with 9-speed automatic transmission

If you're wondering why Hondas with 9-speed automatic transmission shift into Park by themselves, it's because of a convenience feature called **Auto Park Mode**. This feature automatically shifts the transmission into Park when you turn the ignition to OFF, or if you stop the vehicle, unbuckle the driver's seatbelt, and open the driver's door.

There are times, though, when you need to keep the transmission in Neutral such as running the vehicle through an unattended conveyer-style car wash or loading the vehicle onto a flatbed. So, our engineers came up with a way to bypass Auto Park Mode; it's called **Car Wash Mode**.

Here's how to set it:

1. With the engine running, press the brake pedal, then press the Neutral button on the electronic gear selector.
2. Within **5 seconds**, press the **ENGINE START/STOP** button. The ignition goes to ACCESSORY and the engine shuts off.
3. When you see **Shift to Park** in the MID and **N** in the instrument panel, Car Wash Mode is set.

You now have **15 minutes** before the transmission automatically shifts into Park and the ignition goes to OFF.