

Driving Guidelines

Driving Through Water

Before driving through water, stop and make sure that:

- The water is not more than about 10 inches (25 cm) deep.
- The water is not flowing too fast. Deep rushing water can sweep you downstream. Even very shallow rushing water can wash the ground from under your tires and cause you to lose traction and possibly roll over.
- Both banks have gradual slopes and good traction, so you can enter the stream and exit safely.
- The surface under the water appears to provide good traction. Remember, the water may hide hazards, such as rocks, holes, mud, or slippery vegetation.

If you decide you can safely cross the water:

- Proceed at a slow, steady speed.
- Watch for submerged obstacles, including slippery rocks and holes.

NOTICE

Water entering the air intake system can cause severe engine damage.

If your Honda SXS becomes immersed in water (water level is above the floorboard), do not start the engine. Take your Honda SXS to your dealer for service.

If the engine stalled while driving through water, inspect the vehicle before starting the engine. Refer to *If Your Honda SXS Becomes Immersed in Water*, page 259.