

Family portrait

Brochure photo in real life: recreating a "family portrait" with all six original early 1990s Acura models.

Our correspondent, a world class Acura fan, owns all six, carefully acquired in the highest trim level available for each body style, all with manual transmissions, and in his preferred color for each.

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I'd been wanting to do this for years. Or at least since May 2018, when I added the last piece to this puzzle. I decided to have a little fun bright and early on a Sunday morning and stage my cars like a photo that might have appeared in an early '90s full-line brochure from Acura, since these six cars are the complete roster of body styles available in Acura dealerships from 1991 to 1993 (after that, the Integra body style changed). Luckily, I only had one neighbor drive by at 6:00 am while I was on top of my stepladder looking like a goofball. Here are details on each of the cars (left to right below, top to bottom at right):

MODEL YEAR / MODEL	TRANSMISSION	COLOR	ODOMETER
1992 Acura NSX	5-speed manual	Formula Red	115,000 miles
1992 Acura Integra GS-R	5-speed manual	Aztec Green	251,000 miles
1994 Acura Legend GS Sedan	6-speed manual	Desert Mist	161,000 miles
1994 Acura Legend LS Coupe	6-speed manual	Desert Mist	566,000 miles
1994 Acura Vigor GS	5-speed manual	Arcadia Green	114,000 miles
1992 Acura Integra GS Sedan	5-speed manual	Torino Red	73,000 miles

I had some fun putting this together. The alarm went off at 4:45 am, and it took about an hour to set up the cars, then only about 15 minutes to shoot. But it took 16 years to put together the collection. Two cars came from Utah, two from California, one from Washington and one from Colorado. Not a single car was found on Phoenix Craigslist, despite my persistent digging. ■

