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Here is your custom negotiation strategy and vehicle analysis. Keep this handy on your phone when you walk onto the lot.

Your Dealership Vehicle Acquisition Plan

1. Executive Assessment & Profit Channel Analysis

Leverage Position: MEDIUM

Dealer Profit Strategy Detected: Fee Recapture & Finance Markup. [REDACTED] Honda operates in a market with uncapped documentation fees and frequently utilizes "Desert Protection" add-on packages to reclaim margin lost on the advertised price.

Budget Reality Check: UNLIKELY. Your Max OTD Budget of \$35,000 is lower than the advertised price of \$35,233 before taxes and fees. In Arizona (85382), sales tax alone will add approximately \$2,800. To hit \$35,000 OTD, we must negotiate a dealer discount of roughly \$4,500, which is highly aggressive for a 2026 model year.

2. Forensic Fee Audit & Recovery Plan

Total Potential Recovery: \$2,195

- **Doc Fee Audit:** Arizona has no state cap. [REDACTED] Honda typically charges between \$499 and \$699. We will target a credit against the sales price to offset this.
- **Shadow Fee Detection:** Watch for "VTR" (Vehicle Theft Recovery) or "Window Etching" often pre-loaded on the contract.
- **Junk Fees:** REMOVE: Nitrogen (\$199), Door Edge Guards (\$399), Interior Protection (\$899), and Tint Markup (\$699).

3. Market Position & Vehicle Red Flags

The vehicle is Market Priced for a 2026 model, but the "Recent Price Drop" suggests the dealer is eager to move current inventory to make room for incoming units.

- The 2026 CR-V EX utilizes a carryover 1.5T engine; ensure the oil dilution software updates from previous generations are factory-verified for this VIN.
- **Conditional Pricing Trap:** The \$35,233 price likely requires financing through Honda Financial Services (HFS). We must verify if the \$1,000 in rebates (Grad/Loyalty) is already baked into the advertised price or can be applied on top.

4. The Negotiation Sequence (What to Say)

Preferred Method: Text

Step 1: Forensic Breakdown Request

"We are interested in the 2026 CR-V EX (VIN: ...107). Please text over a complete Out-The-Door (OTD) breakdown including the dealer discount, doc fees, and any installed add-ons. We are pre-approved but open to your financing if the rate is competitive. We will not be making a trip to Peoria until the numbers are transparent."

Step 2: The Price Anchor & Fee Strike

"We have reviewed the breakdown. We are prepared to move forward at \$35,000 OTD. This includes our \$1,000 in qualifying rebates (Grad/Loyalty) and assumes the removal of all non-tax/title dealer add-ons. If you can hit this number, we can finalize the credit app and schedule the trade-in appraisal for this afternoon."

Step 3: The Trade-In Play

"Now that we are agreed on the \$35,000 OTD price for the CR-V, let's look at the 2023 Leaf. We have a standing cash offer of \$13,500 from a third party. If you can match that and apply the tax savings to the deal, we have a finished agreement."

5. The F&I Office Defense

Since you are using Dealer Financing, the F&I manager will attempt to "buy rate" (e.g., if HFS offers 4.9%, they may quote you 5.9%). Demand to see the "Buy Rate" sheet. Explicitly decline "Gap Insurance" as your \$15,000 in total equity (Cash + Trade) makes Gap insurance a mathematical waste of money.

6. Mandatory Equity Audit: The "Underwater" Check

Risk Assessment: Your risk is LOW. With a \$13,000 trade-in and \$2,000 cash down, you are financing less than 60% of the vehicle's value, providing an immediate equity cushion.

Action Required: Use our [Underwater Calculator](#) to visualize your equity curve. Even with the high depreciation of the incoming Honda, your massive down payment ensures you remain in a positive equity position throughout the loan term.

7. Walk-Away Triggers & Dealer Tactics

- **The "Desert Package" Ultimatum:** If the dealer claims the \$1,500+ in add-ons "cannot be removed because they are already on the car," walk away. This is a profit-padding tactic.
- **The Trade-In Lowball:** Because the Nissan Leaf is an EV with volatile resale value, they may offer \$10,000. Do not negotiate the CR-V price and the trade-in value simultaneously. Keep them as two separate transactions.

8. Deal Scorecard

- **Buyer Leverage:** Med
- **Price Position:** Market
- **Risk Level:** Low
- **Negotiation Aggressiveness:** Aggressive

9. Target Out-The-Door (OTD) Offer Range

**Includes verified state caps and standard dealer fees for zip code 85382.*

- **Opening Offer:** \$34,250
- **Likely Dealer Counter:** \$36,800
- **Realistic Purchase Range:** \$35,500 to \$36,200
- **Absolute Walk-Away Price:** \$35,001

10. Final Forensic Advice

Our analysis indicates that hitting \$35,000 OTD on a \$35,233 MSRP vehicle in Arizona is nearly impossible without a massive dealer loss. Your strongest weapon is your \$13,000 trade equity; do not let them use that equity to hide a high sales price on the new CR-V.

Recommended Reading: Before starting your negotiations, please review our guide on [12 Common Dealer Negotiation Tactics](#).

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