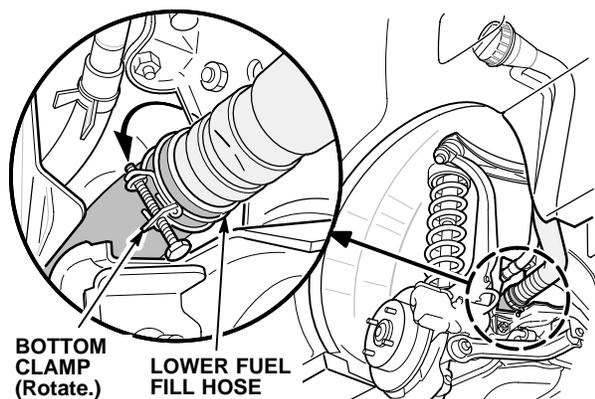


Tech Line's Holiday Hours

While many people are off to enjoy the holiday season, half of our diligent Tech Line staff will be here to answer your technical questions. Their holiday hours are 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., PT, on December 28, 29, and 30. At lunch time on these days (12:00 to 1:00 P.M., PT), phone coverage will be minimal. So that everyone can be with family and friends on the holidays, Tech Line will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Rear Creak on '98 TLs

If a '98 3.2TL or 2.5TL creaks in the rear when entering a driveway, the noise may be caused by the fuel fill hose clamp rubbing against the rear beam. To stop the noise, remove the plastic cover at the lower fuel fill hose. Then loosen the bottom clamp on the hose, and rotate the clamp so it isn't touching anything. Finish up by retightening the clamp and reinstalling the plastic cover.



Finding Campaign Warranty Codes

If you need warranty defect codes or contention codes for recalls, product updates, or product improvement campaigns, you'll find them on page 1 of the Acura Service Bulletin Index, S/B 95-004, or on the applicable S/B.

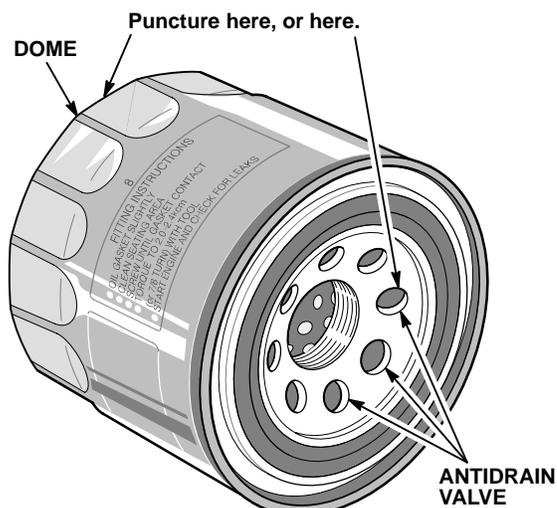
To look up a campaign that's not in the index, use the DCS terminal. If it's not on DCS yet (there's a month's delay before published info gets on the system), call the Warranty Department at 310-783-3240.

What to Do with Used Oil Filters

Here's some useful oil filter info we got from an environmental fact sheet put out by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).



Since used oil is known to be a harmful pollutant, all the used oil coming through your shop must be recycled, even the residual oil inside oil filters. To drain the oil from a used filter, make a hole in the filter's dome or through its antidrain valve with a punch. The hole breaks the vacuum inside the filter and allows the trapped oil to drain out. It takes about 12 hours to completely drain an oil filter.



A quicker way to remove the oil is with an oil filter crusher. Crushers can be ordered through the Acura Tool and Equipment program.

Oil filters contain scrap metal, so they're usually accepted by the recycler who picks up your used oil. If your waste oil recycler will not accept used oil filters, check with your state environmental or waste management agency for disposal recommendations. Some states don't allow used oil filters in landfills.

Use TL S/M for RL Mirror R&R

To remove and reinstall the automatic dimming mirror on a '99 3.5RL, *refer to page 20-27 of the '99 3.2TL S/M*. Mirror replacement was inadvertently left out of the '96-99 3.5RL S/M, but it'll be in the '96-00 S/M.

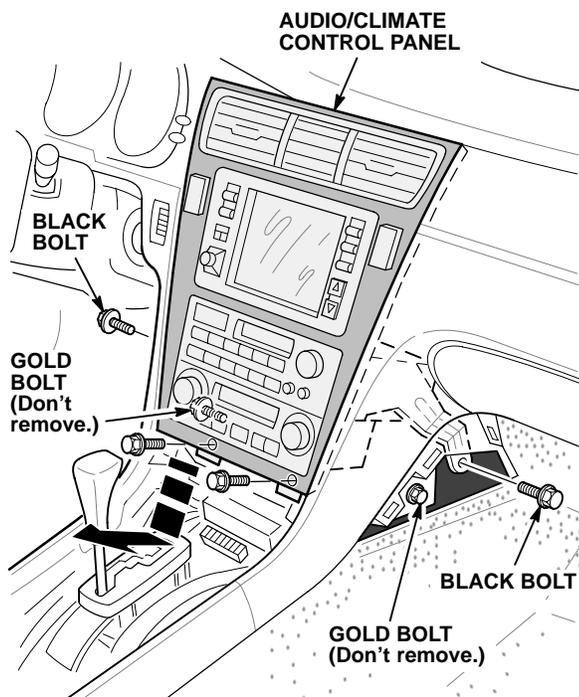


S/M Update: Audio/Climate Control Panel R&R

To remove and reinstall the audio/climate control panel on a '99 3.5RL, don't use the '96-99 3.5RL S/M; it only shows panel removal for '96-98 vehicles. For '99s, use the procedure below. And write this note before step 1 on page 20-49 of the S/M:

For audio panel removal on '99 3.5RLs, refer to the December '98 issue of S/N.

1. Carefully pull out the console lower carpet on the left side (three clips) and right side (four clips).
2. Pry up and remove the A/T gear position indicator trim (four clips, indicator light, and, if equipped, seat heater switch connectors). The heater connectors are driver's and passenger's seat-specific; don't mix them up.
3. Pry up (rear first) and lift out the console panel around the shift lever (four side clips, two front hooks, and one connector).
4. Remove the two bolts at the bottom of the audio/climate control panel.



5. Remove the panel's two side bolts (black) under the carpet on the left and right sides of the console. Don't remove the gold-colored bolts; they're part of the SRS unit bracket.
6. Carefully pull the panel down, and then out to remove it.

7. To reinstall the panel, push its lower half into place, then carefully push in the top until its hooks catch under the dashboard.
8. Reinstall the four bolts, and torque them to 7.2 lb-ft (9.8 NVm).
9. Reinstall the console panel, the A/T gear position indicator trim, and the carpet.



Diff's Now Available for Several Models

Differential assemblies are now available for '91-95 Legends, '92-94 Vigors, '95-98 2.5TLs, '96-98 3.2TLs, and '96-98 3.5RLs. These are *complete* assemblies (bearing preloads, pinion height, and ring gear backlash are pre-adjusted). And there's no core charge. Just order the one you need from this list.

Vehicle	Differential P/N
'91-95 Legend (M/T)	41200-PY5-050
'91-95 Legend (A/T)	41200-PY4-040
'92-94 Vigor	41200-PW8-A01
'95-98 2.5TL	41200-P1V-000
'96-98 3.2TL	41200-P5H-010
'96-98 3.5RL	41200-P5D-000



Radio Static When Operating Mirrors

On '96-98 SLXs, you may notice some static in the radio speakers when you adjust the mirrors or automatically fold them in or out. Don't replace speakers, mirrors, switches, or any other parts in an attempt to correct the static. It's considered a normal characteristic of the vehicle.

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