



Applies To: **2001-02 – ALL**
2003 Civic 2-Door – From VIN 1HGEM2...3L000001 thru 1HGEM2...3L071731
2003 Civic 4-Door – From VIN 1HGES....3L000001 thru 1HGES....3L032321

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Water Leaks Into the Trunk From a Body Seam

SYMPTOM

Water in the trunk.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Lack of sealer at various seams.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Apply 3M Ultra Pro Seam Sealer to the affected seam(s).

PARTS INFORMATION

3M Ultra Pro Seam Sealer: 3M P/N 051135-08302

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

In warranty: The normal warranty applies.

| OP# | Description | FRT |
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| 857012 | Remove the trunk liner and spare tire cover, then leak test | 0.6 |
| A | Repair procedure A | 0.2 |
| B | Repair procedure B | 0.2 |
| C | Repair procedure C | 0.4 |
| D | Leak test to check the repair | 0.2 |

Failed Part: P/N 68500-S5P-305ZZ
H/C 7265317

Defect Code: 059

Contention Code: B06

Skill Level: Repair Technician

Out of warranty: Any repair performed after warranty expiration may be eligible for goodwill consideration by the District Parts and Service Manager or your Zone Office. You must request consideration, and get a decision, before starting work.

DIAGNOSIS

Remove the spare tire cover, and pull back on the trunk liner to expose the trunk seams. Raise the rear of the vehicle, and place jack stands in the proper locations. Remove the rear tires, then spray water into the left and right sides of the wheelwell area to verify where the water is coming through.

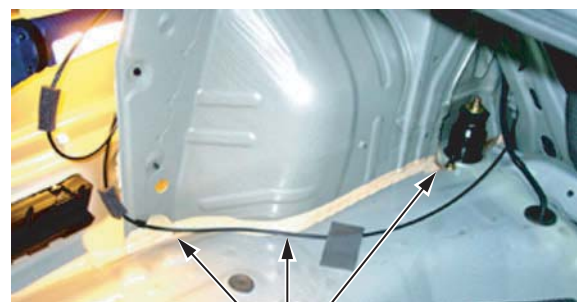
- If you don't see the water leak at the seam(s), look for other points of water entry.
- If water is coming through the seam between the trunk floor and the wheelhouse, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE A.
- If water is coming through the seam between the wheelhouse and the side panel, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE B.
- If water is coming through the seam at the shock tower, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE C.

REPAIR PROCEDURE A

1. Clean and dry the affected area at the seam between the trunk floor and the wheelhouse. Apply 3M seam sealer to the affected areas shown.

NOTE: The leak may occur on the left and/or right side of the vehicle.

Driver's side shown



Apply sealer.

2. Allow 15 to 20 minutes for the seam sealer to cure.
3. Retest with water to verify that the leak has been repaired.
4. Reinstall the rear wheels, the spare tire cover, and the trunk liner.



CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

REPAIR PROCEDURE B

1. Clean and dry the affected area at the wheelhouse and side panel area. Apply 3M seam sealer to the area shown.

NOTE: The leak may occur on the left and/or right side of the vehicle.

Driver's side shown



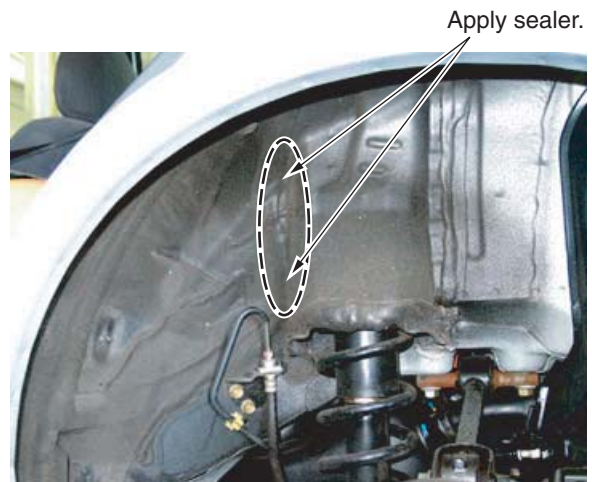
2. Allow 15 to 20 minutes for the seam sealer to cure.
3. Retest with water to verify that the leak has been repaired.
4. Reinstall the rear wheels, the spare tire cover, and the trunk liner.

REPAIR PROCEDURE C

1. Clean and dry the affected area around the shock tower and around the seam in the wheelwell area. Apply 3M seam sealer to the areas shown.

NOTE: The leak may occur on the left and/or right side of the vehicle.

Driver's side shown



2. Allow 15 to 20 minutes for the seam sealer to cure.
3. Retest with water to verify that the leak has been repaired.
4. Reinstall the rear wheels, the spare tire cover, and the trunk liner.