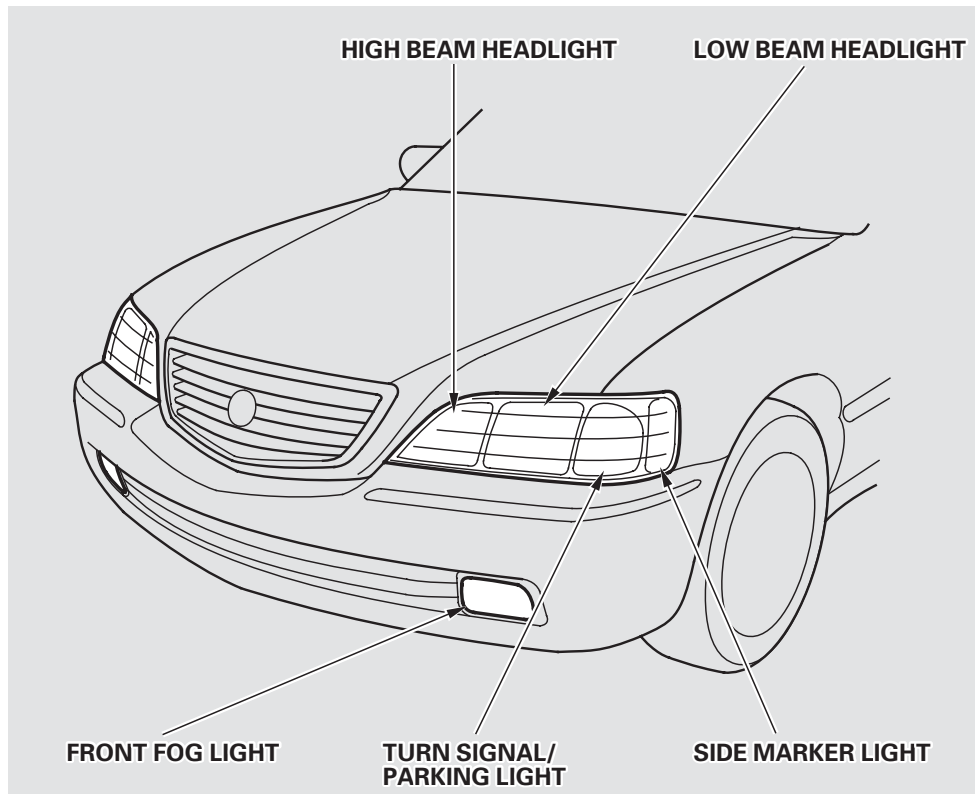
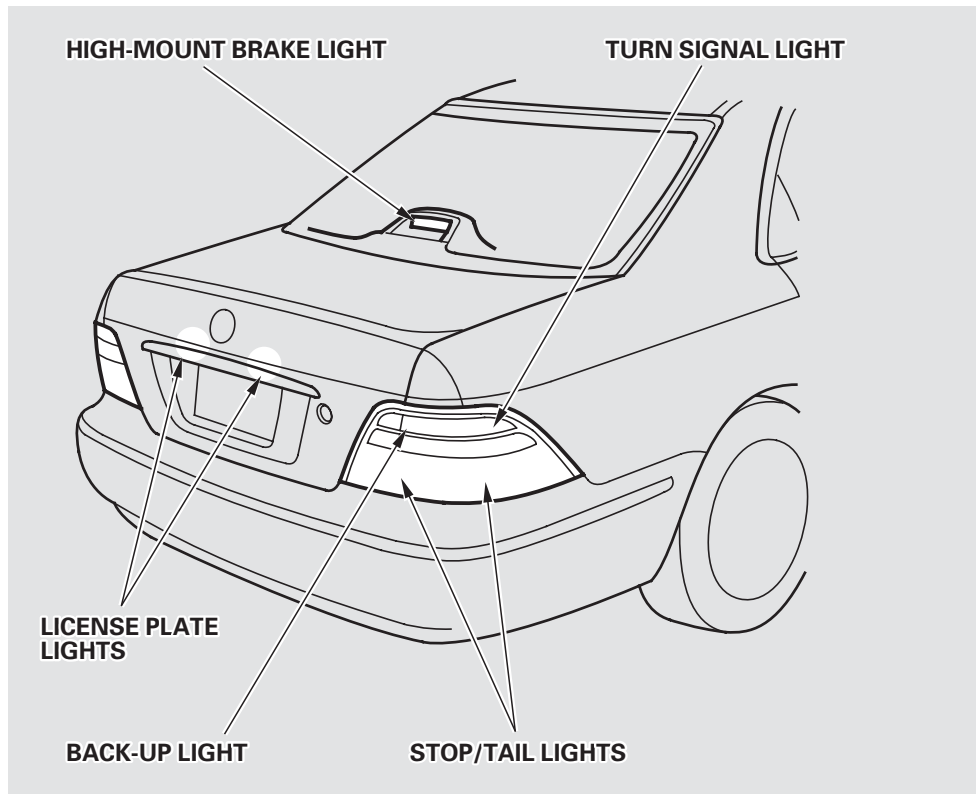




Lights

Check the operation of your car's exterior lights at least once a month. A burned out bulb can create an unsafe condition by reducing your car's visibility and the ability to signal your intentions to other drivers.





Check the following:

- Headlights (low and high beam)
- Fog lights
- Parking lights
- Taillights
- Brake lights
- Turn signals
- Back-up lights
- Hazard light function
- License plate light
- Side marker lights
- High-mount brake light
- Daytime running lights (Canadian models)

If you find any bulbs are burned out, replace them as soon as possible. Refer to the chart on page [313](#) to determine what type of replacement bulb is needed.



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Headlight Aiming

The headlights were properly aimed when your car was new. If you regularly carry heavy items in the trunk or pull a trailer, readjustment may be required. Adjustment of the headlights should be performed by an Acura technician or other qualified mechanic.

Replacing a High Beam Headlight Bulb

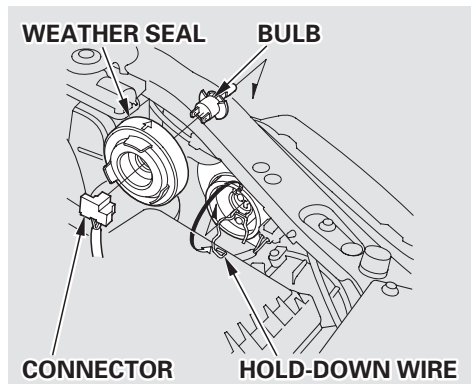
The low beam headlight bulbs are a type of high voltage discharge tube. High voltage can remain in the circuit even with the light switch off and the key removed. Because of this, you should not attempt to examine or change a low beam headlight bulb yourself. If a low beam headlight bulb fails, take the car to your dealer to have it replaced.

Halogen bulbs are used for the high beam headlight bulbs. When replacing a high beam headlight bulb, handle it by its base and protect the glass from contact with your skin or hard objects. If you touch the glass, clean it with denatured alcohol and a clean cloth.

NOTICE

Halogen bulbs get very hot when lit. Oil, perspiration, or a scratch on the glass can cause the bulb to overheat and shatter.

1. Open the hood.
2. Remove the electrical connector from the bulb by pulling the connector straight back.
3. Remove the rubber weather seal by pulling on the tab.



4. Unclip the end of the hold-down wire from its slot. Pivot it out of the way and remove the bulb.
5. Insert the new bulb into the hole, making sure the bulb is right side up and the nubs on the bulb base fit in the indentations in the headlight assembly. Pivot the hold-down wire back in place and clip the end into the slot.

6. Install the rubber seal over the back of the headlight assembly. Make sure it is right side up; it is marked "→."
7. Push the electrical connector onto the new bulb. Turn on the headlights to test the new bulb.

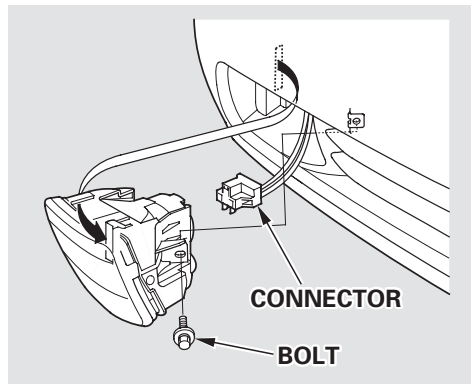
Replacing a Fog Light Bulb

Your car uses halogen fog light bulbs. See page [262](#) for information on replacing a halogen bulb.

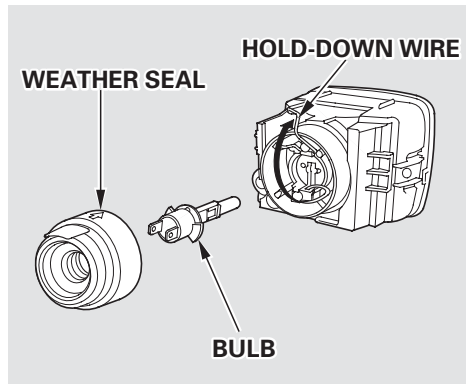
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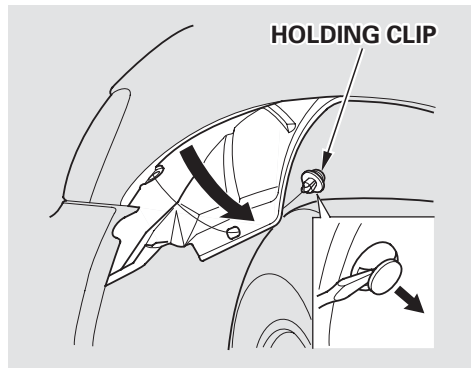
1. Use a wrench to loosen the light assembly's mounting bolt.
2. Remove the light assembly from the bumper.
3. Remove the electrical connector from the bulb by pulling the connector straight back.



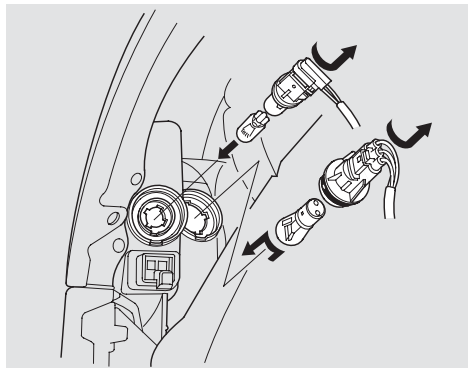
4. Remove the rubber weather seal by pulling on the tab.
5. Unclip the end of the hold-down wire from its slot. Pivot the wire out of the way and remove the bulb.

6. Insert the new bulb into the hole, making sure the bulb is right side up and the nubs on the bulb base fit in the indentations in the fog light assembly. Pivot the hold-down wire back in place and clip the end into the slot.
7. Install the rubber seal over the back of the fog light assembly. Make sure it is right side up; it is marked "→."
8. Push the electrical connector onto the new bulb. Turn on the front fog lights to test the new bulb.
9. Put the light assembly into the bumper. Tighten the mounting bolt.

Replacing Front Turn Signal/ Parking and Side Marker Light Bulbs



1. If you are changing the bulb on the driver's side, start the engine, turn the steering wheel all the way to the right, and turn off the engine. If you are changing the bulb on the passenger's side, turn the steering wheel to the left.



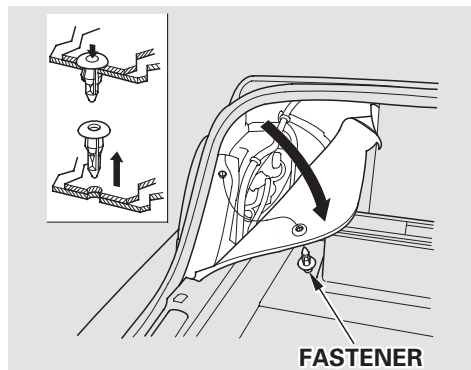
2. Use a flat-tipped screwdriver to remove the holding clip from the inner fender.
3. Pull the inner fender cover back.
4. Remove the socket from the headlight assembly by turning it one-quarter turn counterclockwise.

5. To remove the front turn signal/parking light bulb, push it in slightly and turn it counterclockwise. To remove the side marker bulb, pull it straight out of its socket.
6. Install the new bulb into the socket.
7. Insert the socket back into the headlight assembly. Turn it clockwise to lock it in place.
8. Test the lights to make sure the new bulb is working.
9. Put the inner fender cover in place. Install the holding clip. Lock it in place by pushing on the center.

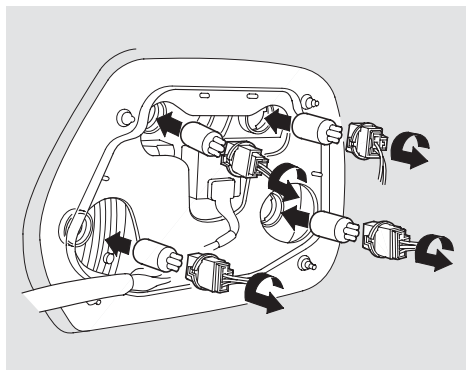


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Replacing Rear Bulbs

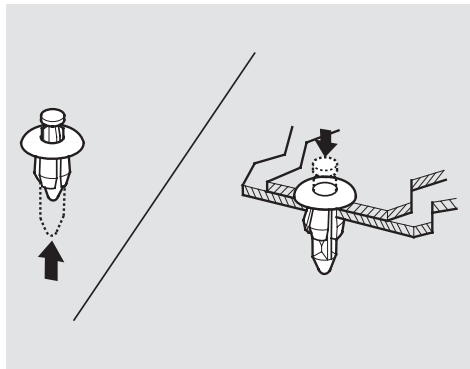


1. Open the trunk.
Undo the fastener on the side of the trunk lining by pushing on the center of the fastener's head until it pops in. Pull the lining back.



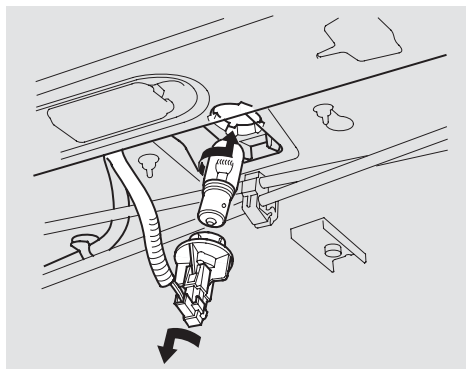
2. Determine which of the four bulbs is burned out: stop/taillights, back-up light, or turn signal.
3. Remove the socket by turning it one-quarter turn counterclockwise.

4. Pull the bulb straight out of its socket.
Push the new bulb straight into the socket until it bottoms.
5. Reinstall the socket into the light assembly by turning it clockwise until it locks.
6. Test the lights to make sure the new bulb is working.
7. Reinstall the trunk lining. Make sure it is installed under the edge of the trunk seal.



8. Reset the fastener by pushing on the pointed end until it pops back almost flush with the fingers on the housing.
9. Put the fastener in the hole in the side of the trunk lining and push on the center until it locks (the center is flush with the head).

Replacing a High-mount Brake Light Bulb



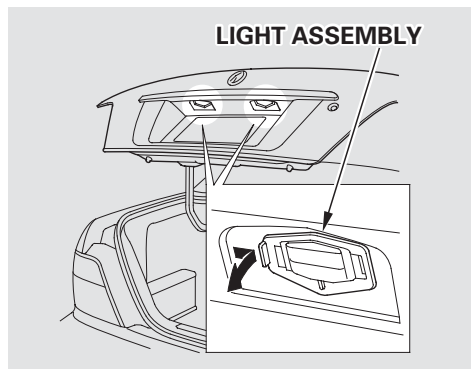
1. Open the trunk and remove the socket from the light assembly by turning it one-quarter turn counter-clockwise.
2. Remove the bulb by pushing it in slightly and turning it counter-clockwise.
Install the new bulb in the socket.

3. Reinstall the socket. Turn it clockwise until it locks.
4. Test the lights to make sure the new bulb is working.

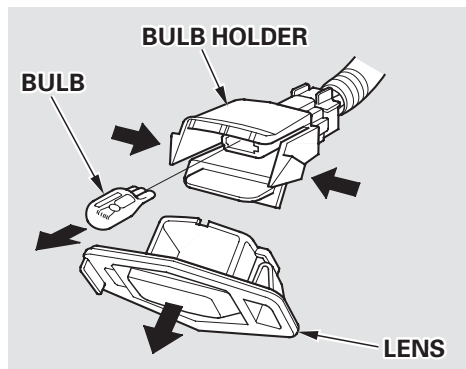


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Replacing a Rear License Plate Bulb



1. Remove the license light assembly by carefully prying on the left edge of the lens with a flat-tip screwdriver and pulling the assembly out.

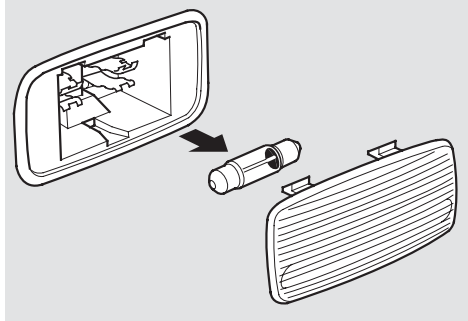


2. Remove the lens from the bulb holder by pulling the lens while squeezing the tabs on both sides of the holder.

3. Pull the bulb straight out of its socket. Push the new bulb in until it bottoms in the socket.
4. Turn on the parking lights and check that the new bulb is working.
5. Put the lens back on the bulb holder and push it until it latches.
6. Slide the right side of the light assembly into the hole. Push on the left side to latch the assembly into place.

Replacing Bulbs in the Interior Courtesy Lights

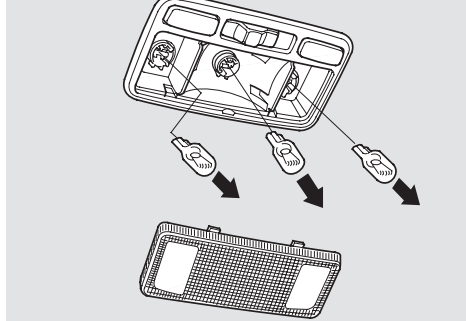
DOOR LIGHT



The courtesy lights in the doors and roof come apart the same way. They do not use the same type of bulb.

1. Remove the lens by carefully prying on the edge of the lens with a fingernail file or a small flat-tip screwdriver. Do not pry on the edge of the housing around the lens.

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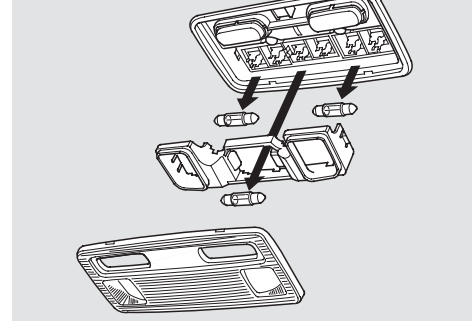
Door light:

Pry on the top middle of the lens.

Front ceiling light:

Pry on the front edge of the lens in the middle.

REAR



Rear ceiling light:

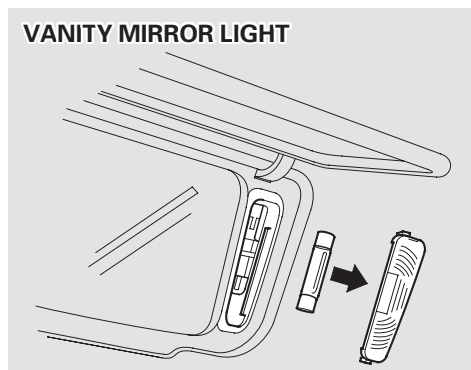
Pry on the rear edge of the lens in the middle. Remove the bulb cover by pulling it straight down.

Vanity mirror light:

Pry on the top middle of the lens.

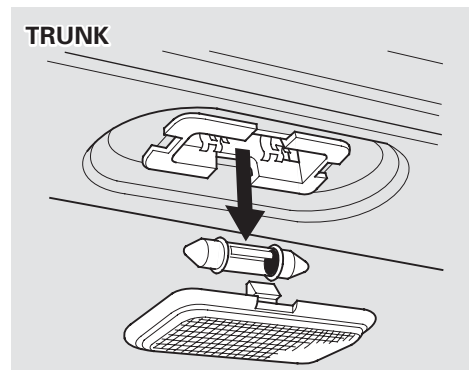
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2. Remove the bulb by pulling it straight out of its metal tabs.
3. Push the new bulb into the metal tabs. Snap the lens back in place.

Replacing the Trunk Light Bulb



1. Remove the lens by carefully prying on the edge of the lens in the middle with a fingernail file or a small flat-tip screwdriver. Do not pry on the edge of the housing around the lens.

2. Remove the bulb by pulling it straight out of its metal tabs.
3. Push the new bulb into the metal tabs. Snap the lens back in place.