

Exterior Trim

Upper Grille Replacement

Special Tools Required

KTC trim tool set SOJATP2014 *

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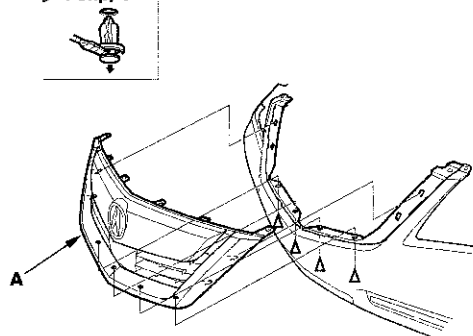
NOTE:

- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the bumper and the grille.

1. Remove the front bumper (see page 20-149).
2. Detach the clips, then remove the upper grille (A).

Fastener Locations

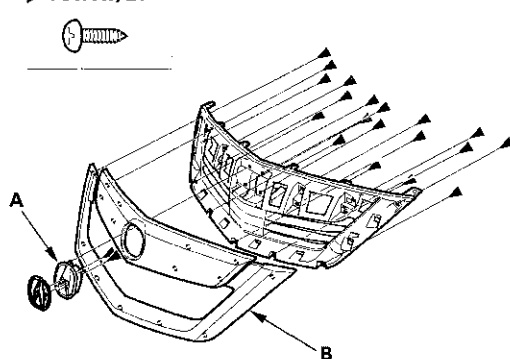
▷ : Clip, 4



3. If necessary, remove the screws, then remove the emblem base (A) and the grille molding (B) from the upper grille.

Fastener Locations

▶ : Screw, 21



4. Install the grille in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
- Push the clips into place securely.

Upper Fender Trim Replacement

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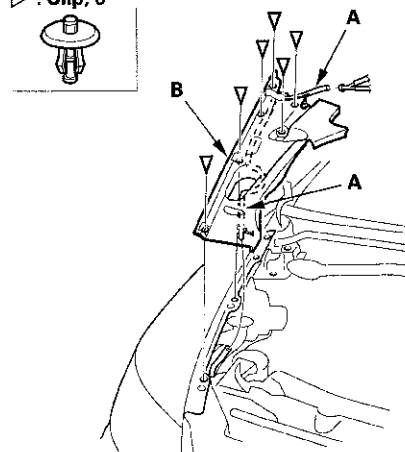
NOTE:

- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the grille and the body.

1. Disconnect the washer reservoir tubes (A). Detach the clips, then remove the right upper fender trim (B).

Fastener Locations

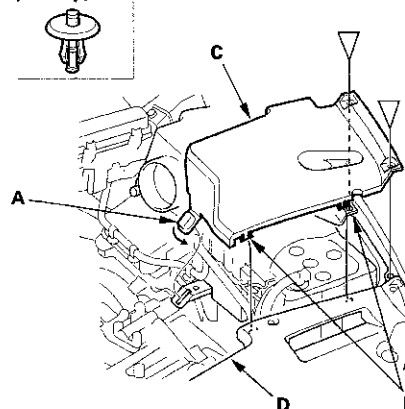
▷ : Clip, 6



2. Release the hooks (A, B) and remove the clips, then remove the battery trim (C) from the upper grille cover (D).

Fastener Locations

▷ : Clip, 2



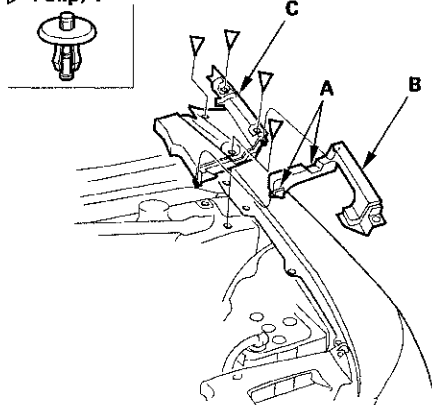


Upper Grille Cover Replacement

3. Detach the clips, and release the hooks (A), then remove the left upper fender trim (B) and remove the left upper trim (C).

Fastener Locations

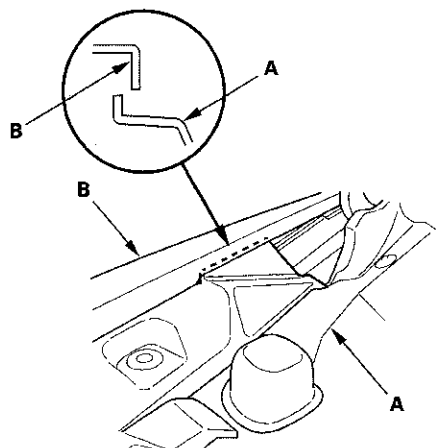
▷ : Clip, 4



4. Install the upper fender trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
- Push the clips into place securely.
- Make sure the windshield washer tubes are connected properly.
- Make sure the rear end of the upper fender trim (A) is installed under the body (B) properly.

NOTE: Right side is shown; left side is similar



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- Push pin puller 07AAC-SJAA100
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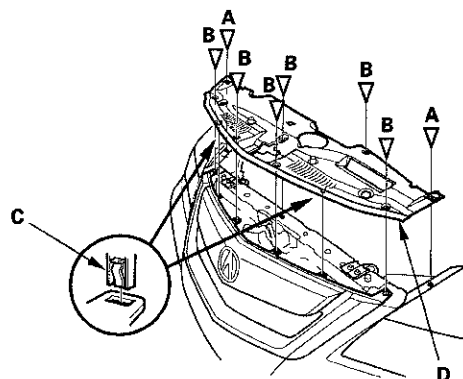
NOTE:

- Use the special tool to remove the clips.
- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the front bulkhead and the body.

1. Pull up the front portion of the upper fender trim, from each side (see page 20-162).
2. Detach the clips (A, B). Using a trim tool, detach the clip (C), then remove the upper grille cover (D).

Fastener Locations

A ▷ : Clip, 2 B ▷ : Clip, 6



3. Install the upper grille cover in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
- Push the clips into place securely.

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Cowl Cover Replacement

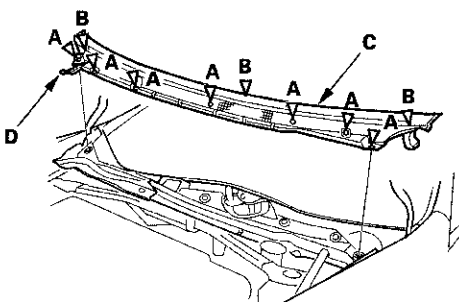
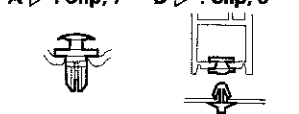
NOTE:

- Take care not to scratch the cowl cover and the body.
- Use a clip remover to remove the hood rear seal clips.

1. Detach the clips (A, B), then remove the cowl cover upper trim (C).

Fastener Locations

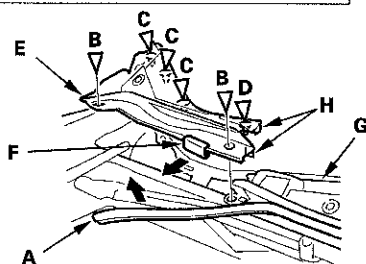
A ▷ : Clip, 7 B ▷ : Clip, 3



2. Disconnect the windshield washer tubes (D).
3. Remove the windshield wiper arms (see page 22-386).
4. Remove the rear hood seal (A), then detach the clips (B, C, D) by carefully pulling the passenger's cowl cover (E) upward, and release the hook (F) on the passenger's cowl cover from the driver's cowl cover (G), then remove the cover by releasing the hooks (H).

Fastener Locations

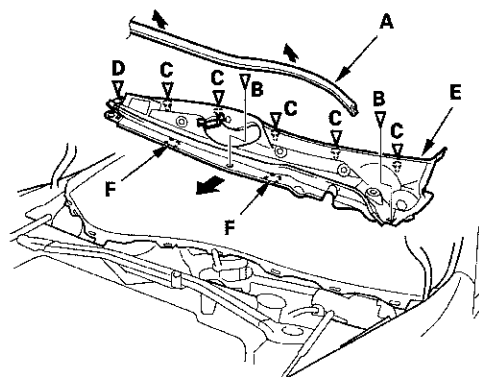
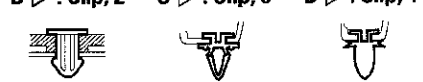
B ▷ : Clip, 2 C ▷ : Clip, 3 D ▷ : Clip, 1



5. Remove the rear hood seal (A), then detach the clips (B, C, D) by carefully pulling the driver's cowl cover (E) upward, then remove the cover by releasing the hooks (F).

Fastener Locations

B ▷ : Clip, 2 C ▷ : Clip, 5 D ▷ : Clip, 1



6. Install the covers in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
 - If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
 - Make sure the washer tubes are connected securely.
 - Push the clips into place securely.



Windshield Side Trim Replacement

Special Tools Required

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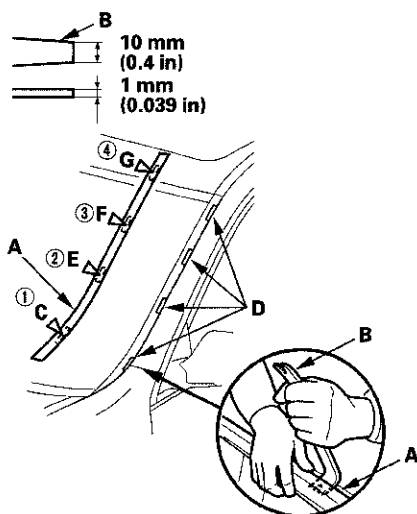
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NOTE:

- Put on gloves to protect your hands.
- Take care not to damage the windshield.
- Do not use any metal tools to remove the windshield side trim, or you may chip the edge of the windshield and crack the windshield.
- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to bend the windshield side trim.

Trim Replacement

1. Remove the cowl cover upper trim (see page 20-164).
2. Remove the windshield side trim (A).
 - 1 Carefully insert a trim tool (B) under the trim next to the lower clip (C).
 - 2 While pushing the clip portion of the trim to the pillar side by hand, gently pry up the trim to release the trim from the retainers (D).
 - 3 Gradually work your way up to release each of the upper clips (E, F, G).



3. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- Make sure the trim is installed securely.
- Replace any damaged retainer.

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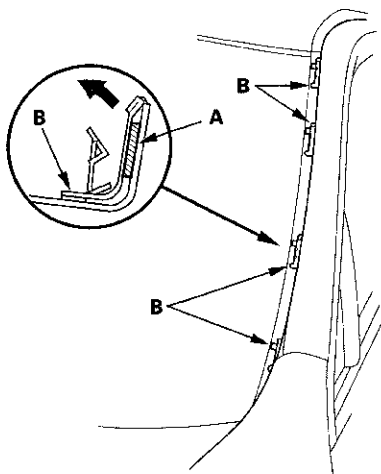
Windshield Side Trim Replacement (cont'd)

Retainer Replacement

1. Gradually separate the adhesive tape (A) under the retainers (B) while heating them with a heat gun to about 212–248 °F (100–120 °C).

NOTE:

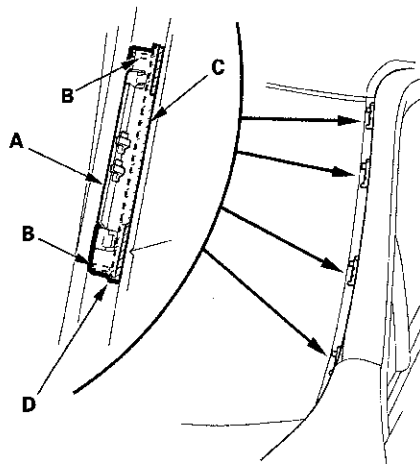
- Do not overheat the painted surface around the retainers.
- To keep the exterior plastic parts near the A-pillar from being overheated by a heat gun, wrap them with an aluminum foil.



2. Using isopropyl alcohol on a shop towel, clean the body bonding surface. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.

3. Install the retainers (A).

- 1 Peel the adhesive backing away from the retainers.
- 2 Line up the retainers with the alignment marks (B) on the body, and attach them with adhesive tape (C).
- 3 Apply epoxy two-part adhesive (D) around the edge of the retainers as shown.





Roof Molding Replacement

Special Tools Required

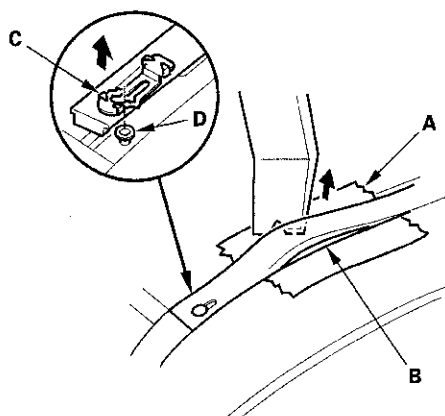
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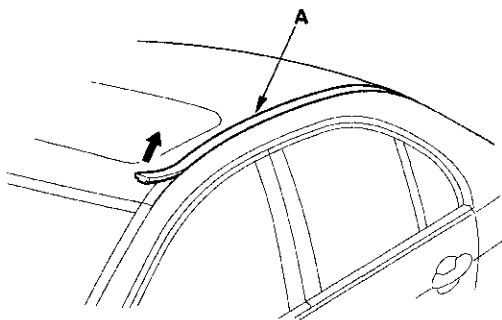
- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the body.

1. Apply protective tape (A) to the body. Using a trim tool, pry up on the roof molding (B).

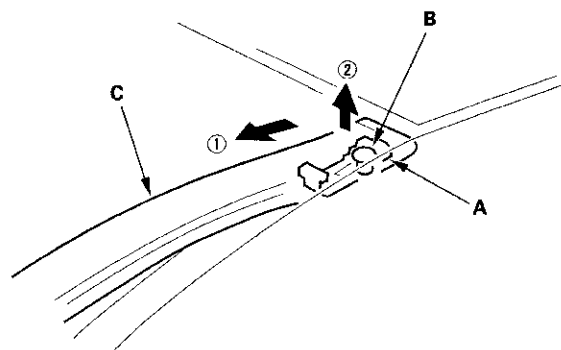


2. Pull up and slide the roof molding to release the front bracket (C) from the pin (D).

3. Pull up the front portion of the roof molding (A).

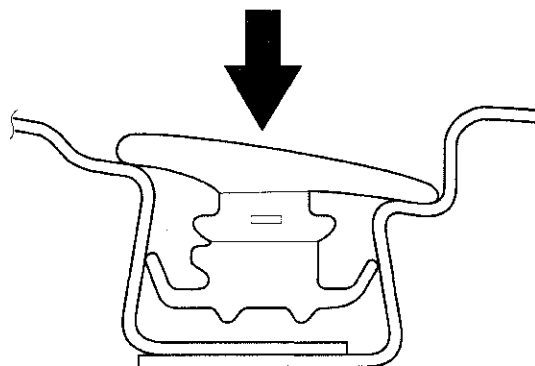


4. Pull up, and release the rear bracket (A) from the pin (B), then remove the roof molding (C).



5. Install the molding in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- Take care not to damage the windshield molding.
- Make sure the roof molding is installed securely.



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Roof Drip Molding Replacement

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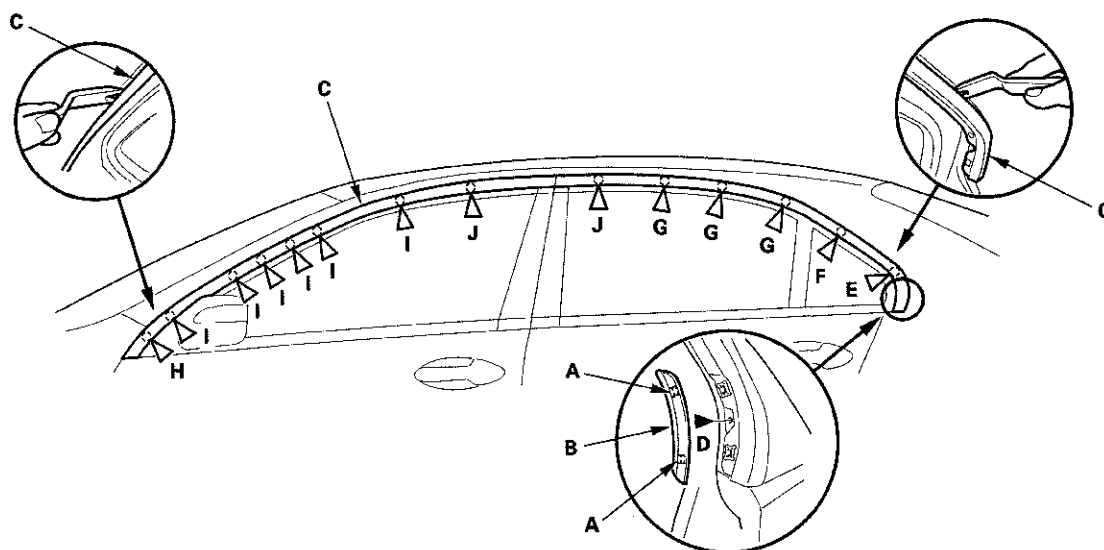
NOTE:

- Put on gloves to protect your hands.
- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the trim and the panels.
- After removing the roof drip molding, be sure to replace it with a new one.

1. Detach the hooks (A), then remove the rear pillar trim cover (B).

Fastener Locations

D ▶ : Screw, 1 E ▶ : Clip, 1 F ▶ : Clip, 1 G ▶ : Clip, 3 H ▶ : Clip, 1 I ▶ : Clip, 6 J ▶ : Clip, 2



2. Remove the roof drip molding (C).

- 1 Remove the screw (D).
- 2 Detach the clips (E, F, G, H, I, J) in alphabetical order.

3. Remove the remaining clips from the body, and attach them to the molding.

4. Align the molding with the body, and starting with the middle clips (J), snap the clips into place in reverse alphabetical order.

5. Reinstall the rear pillar trim cover.



Door Molding Replacement

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NOTE:

- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Be careful not to pry too far or you may bend the molding.
- Put on gloves to protect your hands.

1. Remove these items:

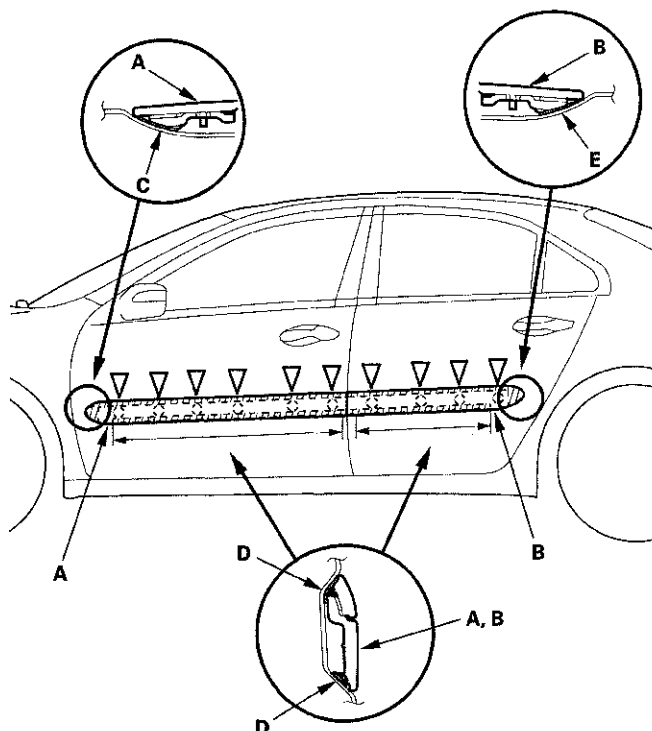
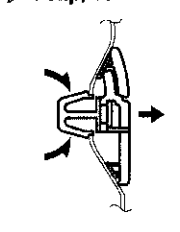
- Front door panel (see page 20-9) and plastic cover (see step 3 on page 20-12)
- Rear door panel (see page 20-21) and plastic cover (see step 2 on page 20-27)

2. Release the clips, and gently pry the front door molding (A) or rear door molding (B) away from the door while separating the adhesive tape (C, D, E).

Adhesive tape (C, D, E): Thickness 1.2 mm (0.047 in)

Fastener Locations

▷ : Clip, 10



3. Install the moldings in the reverse order of removal.

NOTE: If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.

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Side Sill Panel Replacement

Special Tools Required

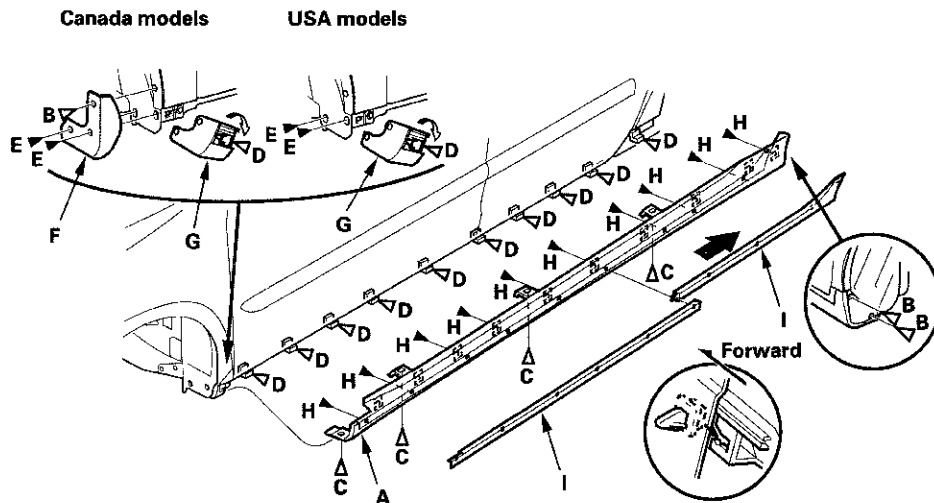
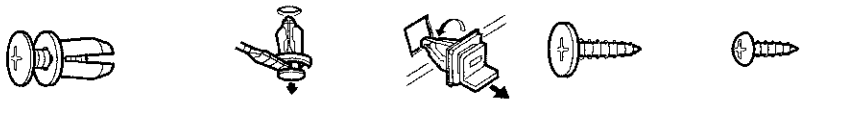
Push pin puller 07AAC-SJAA100

NOTE: Use the special tool to remove the clips.

1. Remove the side sill panel (A).
 - 1 On the front of the rear wheel arch, remove the clips (B).
 - 2 Remove the expansion clips (C).
 - 3 Slide the side sill panel rearward and remove it. The side clips (D) will stay in the body.
 - 4 Remove the side clips (D) by turning the clip 45 ° from the body.
 - 5 On the back of the front wheel arch, remove two screws (E) and clip (B) and on a Canada model, remove the front splash guard (F).
 - 6 Turn the side sill inner trim (G) 45 ° to release the side clip (D), then remove the trim.
 - 7 If necessary, remove the screws (H), then remove the moldings (I).

Fastener Locations

B ▷ : Clip
Canada models, 3
USA models, 2
C ▷ : Clip, 4
D ▷ : Clip, 11
E ▷ : Screw, 2
H ▷ : Screw, 10



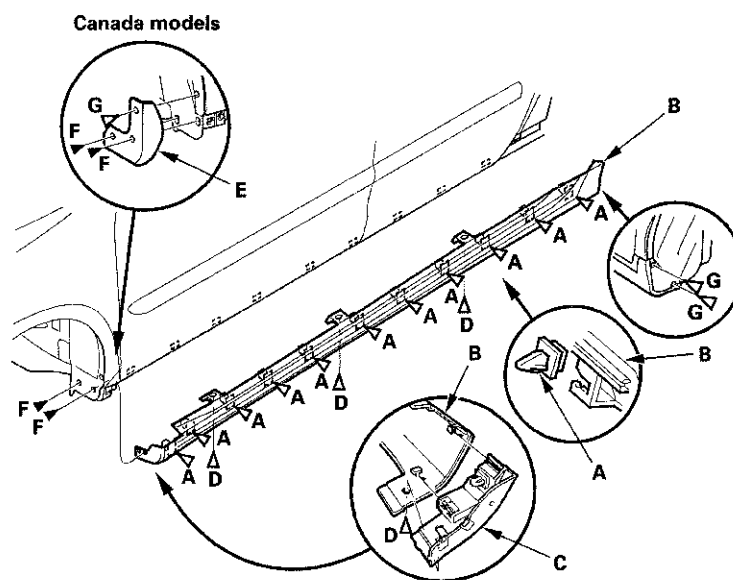
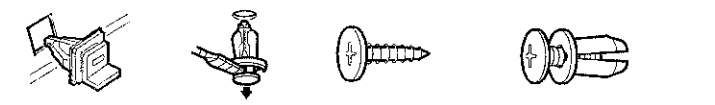


2. If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.

3. Install the side clips (A) on the side sill panel (B).

Fastener Locations

A ▷ : Clip, 11 D ▷ : Clip, 4 F ▷ : Screw, 2 G ▷ : Clip
Canada models, 3
USA models, 2



4. Install the side sill inner trim (C) on the side sill panel, and install the clip (D).

5. Hold the panel up, and fit all the side clips into the holes in the body, then push on the panel until the clips snap into place.

6. Install all the expansion clips (D).

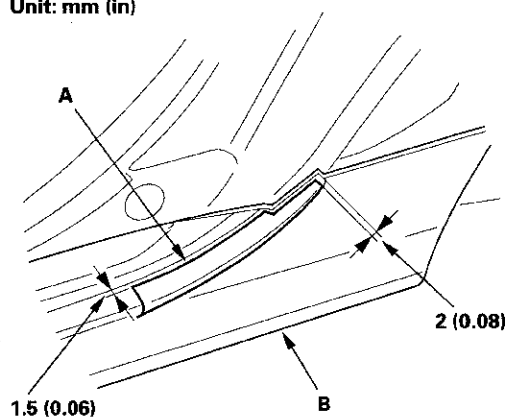
7. Install the front splash guard (E) (Canada models), the screws (F), and the clips (G).

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Side Sill Protection Tape Replacement

1. Slowly peel off the old side sill protection tape.
2. Using isopropyl alcohol on a shop towel, clean the side sill panel bonding surface. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.
3. Peel the adhesive backing from the side sill protection tape.
4. Align the side sill protection tape (A) with the edge of the side sill panel (B), then press it into place.

Unit: mm (in)





Rear License Trim Replacement

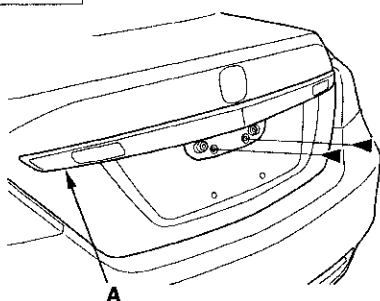
NOTE:

- Put on gloves to protect your hands.
- Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.

1. Remove the trunk lid trim (see page 20-85).
2. Remove the screws from the rear license trim (A).

Fastener Locations

► : Screw, 2

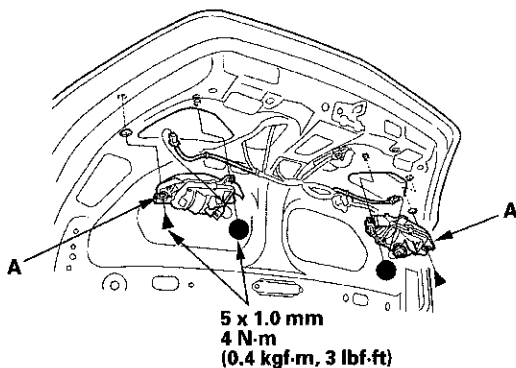


3. From inside the trunk lid, remove the bolts and the nuts securing the rear license trim and both back-up lights (A).

Fastener Locations

► : Bolt, 2

● : Nut, 2

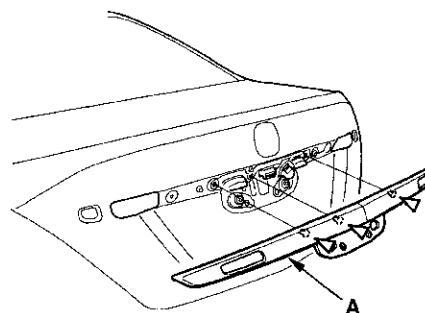
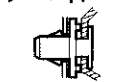


4. Remove the back-up lights from both sides.

5. Gently close the trunk lid, and pull the rear license trim (A) out to detach the clip, then remove the trim. Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.

Fastener Locations

▷ : Clip, 3



6. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
- Push the clips into place securely.

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Taillight Trim Replacement

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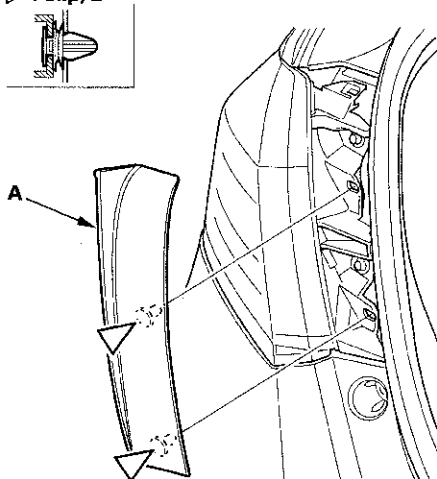
NOTE:

- Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when removing components.
- Take care not to scratch the body.

1. Detach the clips, then remove the taillight trim (A).

Fastener Locations

▷ : Clip, 2



2. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.
- Push the clips and the hooks into place securely.

Trunk Opening Panel Replacement

Special Tools Required

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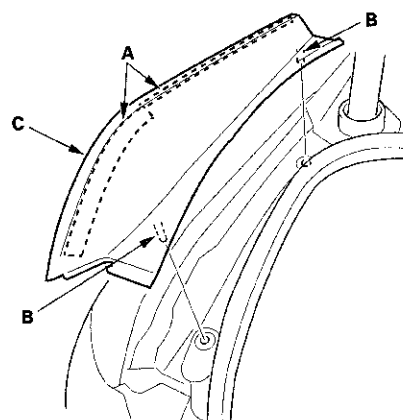
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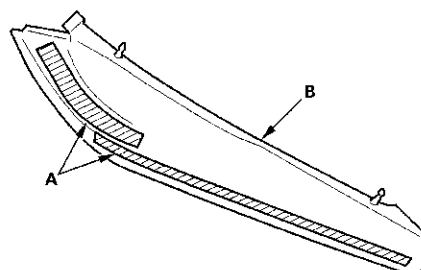
1. Remove the taillight trim.

2. Separate the double-sided adhesive tape (A), and use a trim tool to detach the pins (B) of the trunk opening panel (C).



3. Install the trunk opening panel in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- Scrape off the remaining double-sided adhesive tape from the cover and the body, then clean the cover and the body surface with a shop towel dampened with isopropyl alcohol.
- Apply new adhesive tape (A) to the trunk opening panel (B).
- Push the adhesive portions and the pins into place securely.

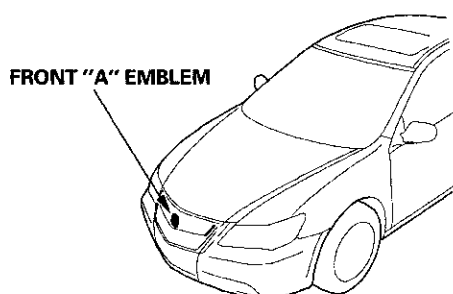




Emblem/Sticker Replacement

NOTE: When removing the emblems/stickers, take care not to scratch the body.

1. Using isopropyl alcohol on a shop towel, clean the body bonding surface. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.
2. Apply the emblem/sticker where shown. When installing the ULEV sticker on the inside surface of the left rear door quarter glass, align the sticker with the edge of the glass mark and black ceramic as shown, then press the sticker into place, and remove the application tape.



Unit: mm (in)

Adhesive tape: Thickness 0.8 mm (0.03 in)

