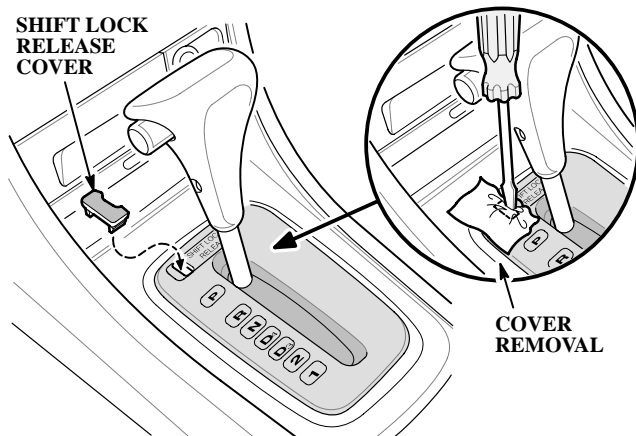




Shift Lock Release Cover on '99 Integras

On late-production '99 Integras, a small cover fits into the shift lock release slot on the shift indicator panel. Early '99 models had a slot, but no cover. When you do a TQI on an Integra, make sure the cover is installed. If it's not, remove it from the plastic bag in the glove box, and press it into place. If you can't find the cover, order another one (P/N 54714-S04-A71).

To remove the cover without damaging it, place a cloth over it, then carefully pry up the edge with a small, flat-tipped screwdriver.



Engine Flush Can't Fix Bad Maintenance

An engine flush is no substitute for good oil maintenance. (Under normal driving conditions, this means changing the oil every 7,500 miles and replacing the filter every other oil change.) Any engine allowed to run more than 7,500 miles between oil changes is a candidate for accelerated wear and sludge build-up, whether or not you "clean" it with a flush. Engine flushing can remove some soft deposits, but it can't restore worn out parts. Because of this, American Honda hasn't tested any engine flushing systems, nor do we recommend any.



Starter Relay Buzz

If the ignition switch is turned very slowly when cranking the engine (all models except SLX), you may hear a buzz from the starter relay. Don't try to fix it; there's nothing wrong. Just tell the customer to turn the switch a little faster, and the relay won't buzz.



Wheel Balancing Tips

Before you balance the wheels on any vehicle, follow these tips:

- Find out why the wheel balance is needed. Is it just routine maintenance, or are you trying to solve a complaint like steering wheel, tire, or front end vibration? If it's a complaint, ask the customer about the driving conditions that produce the complaint.
- Before you drive the vehicle to diagnose the complaint, make sure the tires are inflated to the correct pressure. Check the door sticker or Owner's Manual. Don't use the maximum inflation rate shown on the tire's sidewall.
- Drive the vehicle far enough to warm the tires and eliminate any flat spots. During the drive, reproduce the complaint conditions; this way, you're more likely to find out if balancing the wheels will fix the problem.



Pull Grab Handle Down *Before* Removal

This may sound simple, but it'll save you some grief: To remove the grab handles on a '99 3.2TL, pull down the handles *before* you pop open the bolt covers. A lot of techs pop the covers with the handle up. Big mistake. If you do this, you'll break the bolt covers, which means you've trashed the handle.

Let everyone in your shop know about this easily avoidable problem, and we'll revise the '99-00 S/M to make the handle removal clearer.

