

## Safety Recall: 2018–20 Ridgeline Fuel Pump Motor

### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim Level	VIN Range
2018–20	Ridgeline	ALL	Check the iN-VIN status for eligibility.

### BACKGROUND

On December 18, 2023, American Honda notified NHTSA of its intention to initiate a **STOP SALE** and **safety recall** for a certain number of 2018–20 Ridgeline units in order to replace the fuel pump motor manufactured with defective impellers.

Due to swelling of the fuel pump motor impeller, the fuel pump may seize and stop working. A defective impeller may cause the fuel pump to become inoperative, which could prevent an engine from functioning as intended. This limitation may cause a loss of motive power or a stall while being driven, increasing the risk of a crash or injury, creating a safety hazard.

If this bulletin appears during an iN VIN status inquiry, the vehicle is subject to a **safety recall**. Any affected vehicles in your dealer inventory are on **STOP SALE** until further notice. Refrain from calling Tech Line for updates.

### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of the affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign. They will be informed that due to a limited supply of parts (at this time) Honda is **prioritizing** the repair of customer vehicles experiencing symptoms related to this recall.

When **adequate replacement parts** become available, Honda will send a follow-up letter to customers instructing them to schedule an appointment for all vehicles affected by this recall. If a customer experiences the known symptoms associated with this **safety recall** (see CORRECTIVE ACTION), they are instructed to contact their local Honda dealer for the repair.

For any questions or concerns customers may have, you may have them contact American Honda Customer Support & Campaign Center at **1-888-234-2138**.

The following suggested text should be included on any repair order for an already sold affected vehicle that comes in for service. This information should be printed out completely any time service is conducted on an affected vehicle, and the recall repair has not yet been completed. Depending on parts availability, the normal procedures under SOM 7.2.1 will apply for this recall.

#### **Suggested Verbiage to be Included on the Repair Order**

*Customer was advised that:*

*The vehicle is subject to a recall affecting the fuel pump motor. The parts necessary to complete the recall repair are currently limited. Vehicles with eligible VINs and the following symptoms: difficulty starting, engine hesitation while driving, and/or an illuminated check engine light displayed with DTC P0087, are eligible for immediate repair. Once parts repair kits are available, if the vehicle has not been repaired, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive a notice to bring the vehicle in for a replacement of the components, regardless of symptom.*

**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.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Vehicles that are **both** shown as an eligible VIN and experiencing any of the following symptoms will be **prioritized** for repair: difficulty starting, engine hesitation while driving, and/or an illuminated check engine light displayed with DTC P0087 (Fuel Rail Pressure Too Low) stored.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible. If the allocated parts are available, follow the REPAIR PROCEDURE to replace the fuel pump motor. A limited number of parts have been allocated and will continue to be allocated based on availability at this time.

In the event that parts **are not** available, the **STOP SALE** remains in effect for that vehicle. To see if a vehicle in inventory is affected by this **safety recall**, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it. Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your new or used vehicle inventory.

## PARTS INFORMATION

NOTE:

- Due to a limited supply, parts will be automatically allocated to your dealership **based on availability**.
- Prioritize repairing customer vehicles that meet both the VIN status eligibility **and** exhibit a known symptom such as: difficulty starting, engine hesitation while driving, and/or an illuminated check engine light with DTC P0087 (Fuel Rail Pressure Too Low).

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Fuel Pump Motor Kit	06170-TZ5-305	1

**For dealers experiencing a strong fuel smell from storing a fuel pump motor replaced under this service bulletin,** the fuel pump motor may be disposed of immediately in accordance with local regulations. This only applies to the fuel pump motor replaced under this service bulletin. The published retention policy remains in effect for all other parts. If you have any questions about this exception or other parts retention issues, contact the WPI Administrative Office at **937-642-2737**.

## TOOL INFORMATION

Tool Name	Part Number	Quantity
Fuel Sender Wrench	070AA-T0AA100 or 07AAA-T0AA100	Fuel Sender Wrench

NOTE: 070AA-T0AA100 supersedes 07AAA-T0AA100. If your dealership has 07AAA-T0AA100, it can be used for this repair.

## REQUIRED MATERIAL

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Hondalock	08713-0002	1

NOTE: One bottle will repair approximately 50 vehicles.

## WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number	Description	Flat Rate Time	Defect Code	Symptom Code	Template ID	Failed Part Number
3101EH	Replace the fuel pump motor.	1.6 hr	6FE00	OGU00	A24025A	17045-TZ5-A10

Skill Level: Repair Technician

### ⚠ WARNING

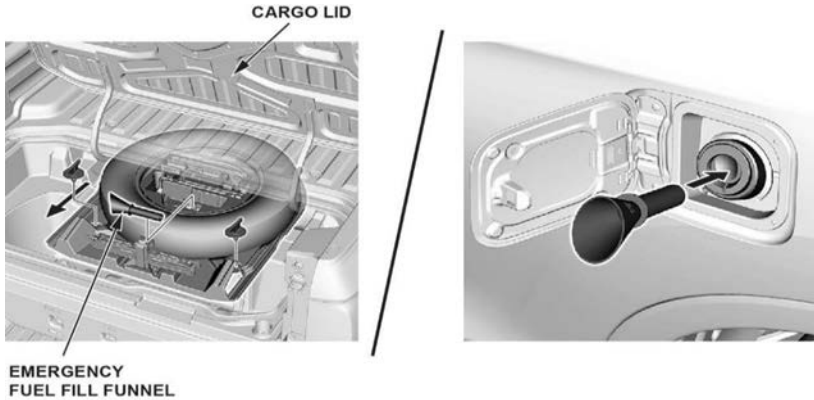
Fuel pump motor removal exposes fuel, which can ignite, causing a fire or explosion.

This can cause serious injury or death.

Always work in a well-ventilated area and keep sparks or open flames away.

1. Insert the emergency fuel fill funnel into the fuel filler neck to relieve the pressure in the fuel tank.

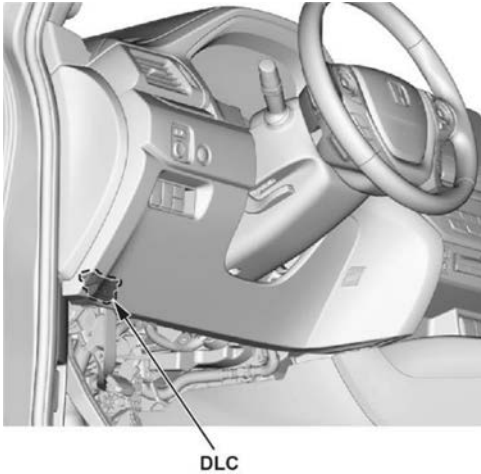
NOTE: The emergency fuel fill funnel is located in the toolbox under the cargo lid.



2. Relieve the fuel pressures.

*With an i-HDS:*

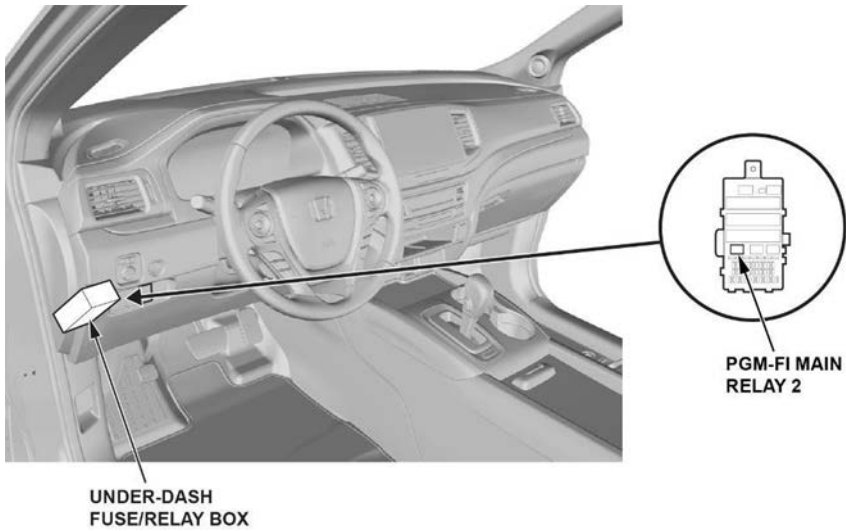
- Connect an i-HDS to the DLC located under the driver's side of the dashboard.



- Turn the ignition to ON.
- Select the **PGM-FI** system on the i-HDS.
- Select **FUEL PUMP OFF** from the **Inspection menu**.
- Start the engine and let it idle until it stalls.
- Turn the ignition to OFF.

*Without an i-HDS:*

- Remove the PGM-FI main relay 2 from the under-dash fuse/relay box.

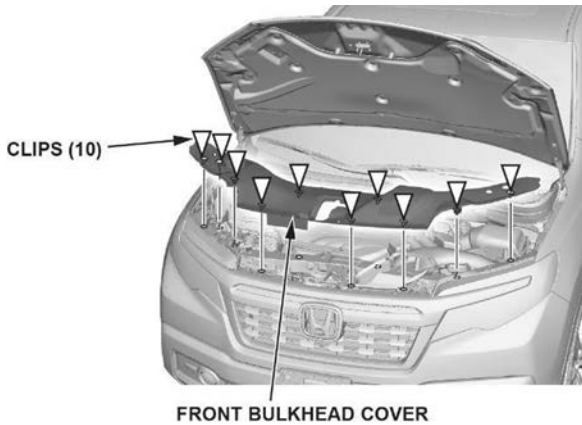


- Start the engine and let it idle until it stalls.
- Turn the ignition to OFF.
- Install the PGM-FI main relay 2.

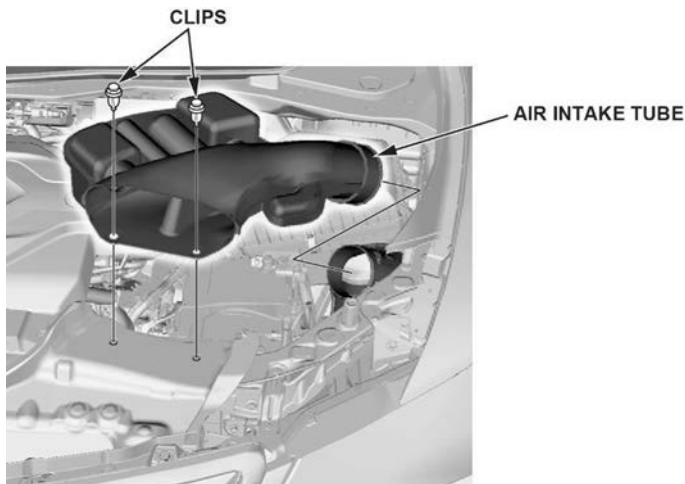
**NOTE:**

- Do not allow the engine to idle above 1,000 rpm or the PCM will continue to operate the fuel pump.
- A Pending or Confirmed DTC may be set during this procedure. After the repair is complete, check for DTCs, and clear them as needed.

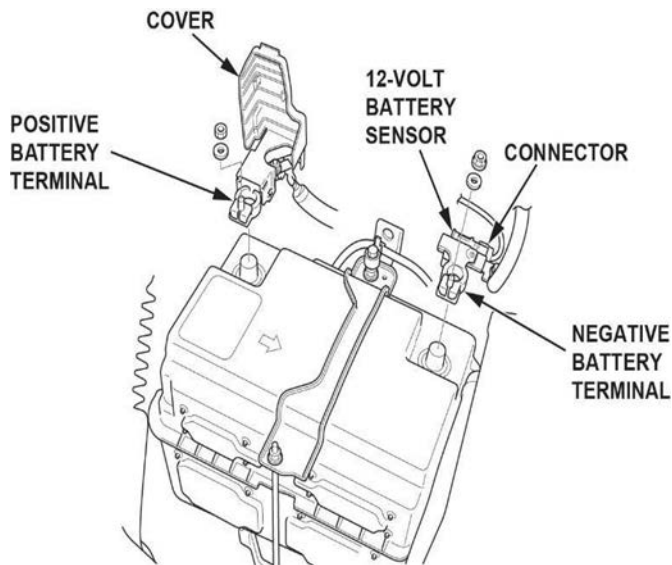
3. Remove the front bulkhead cover.



4. Remove the air intake tube.



5. Disconnect the 12-volt battery:



- Make sure the vehicle is in the OFF (LOCK) mode.
- Disconnect and isolate the negative cable with the 12-volt battery sensor from the 12-volt battery.

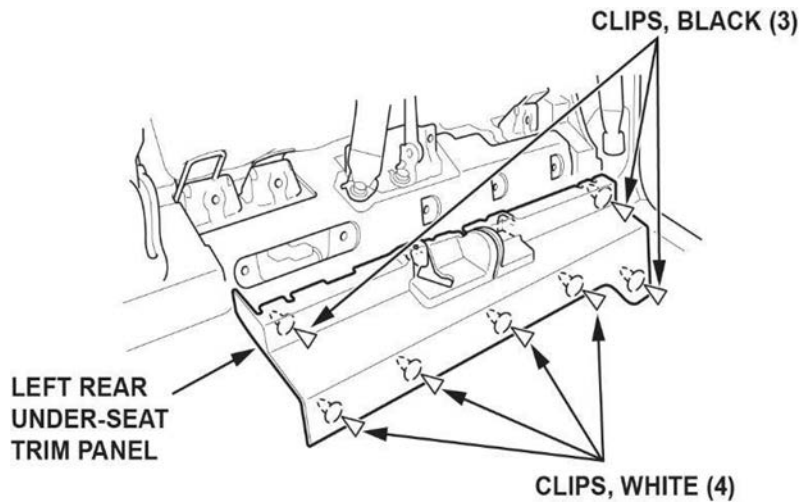
NOTE: Always disconnect the negative side first.

- To protect the 12-volt battery sensor connector from damage, do not hold it when removing the negative terminal.
- Do not disconnect the 12-volt battery sensor from the negative terminal.
- Open the cover.

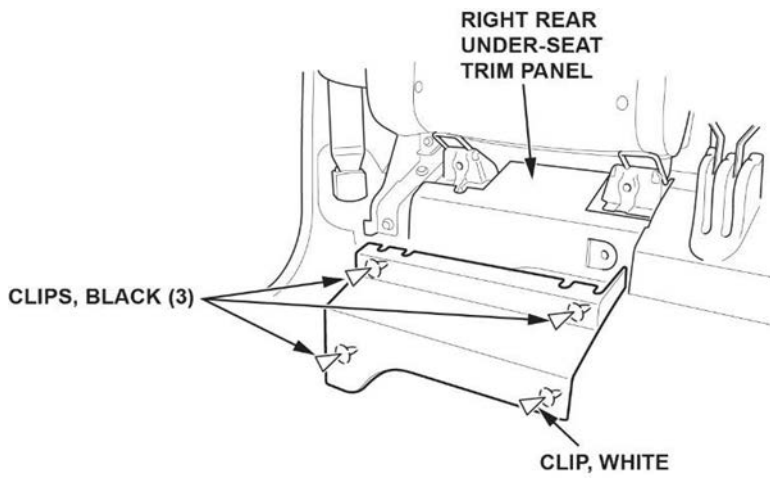
NOTE: If necessary, remove the cover.

- Disconnect the positive cable and the 12-volt battery terminal from the 12-volt battery.

6. Remove the left rear under-seat trim panel.

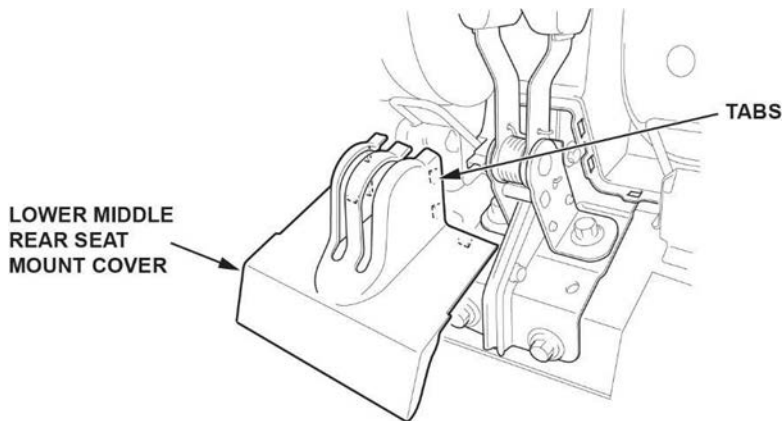


7. Remove the right rear under-seat trim panel.

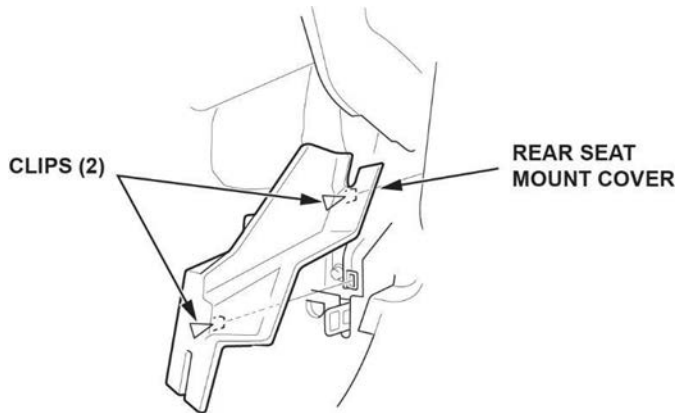


8. Remove the lower middle rear seat mount cover.

NOTE: Use an appropriate trim tool to release the tabs.

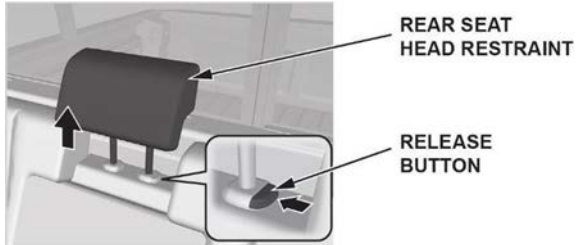


9. Remove both rear seat mount covers.



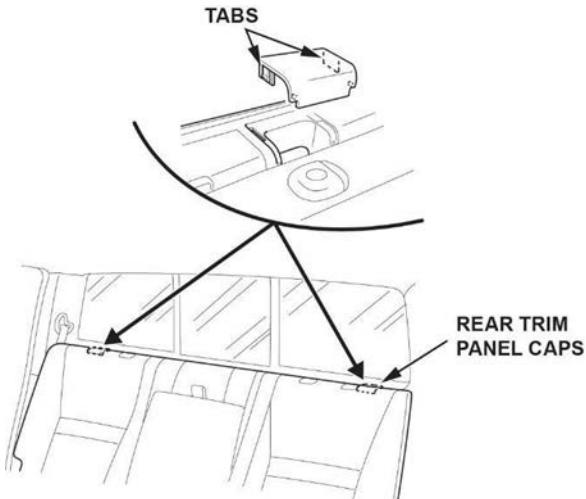
10. Remove both rear seat head restraints.

- Pull up each rear seat head restraint as far as it will go.
- Push the release button, then pull the head restraint up and out.

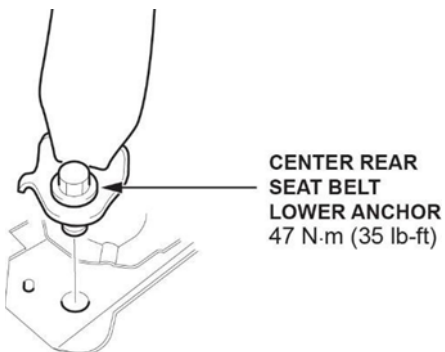


11. Remove both rear trim panel caps.

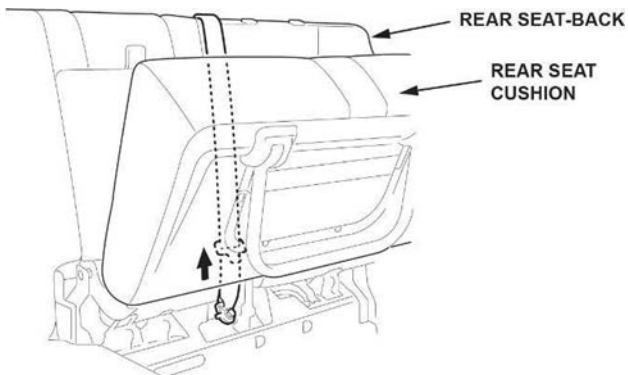
NOTE: Use an appropriate trim tool to release the tabs.



12. Remove the center rear seat belt lower anchor.



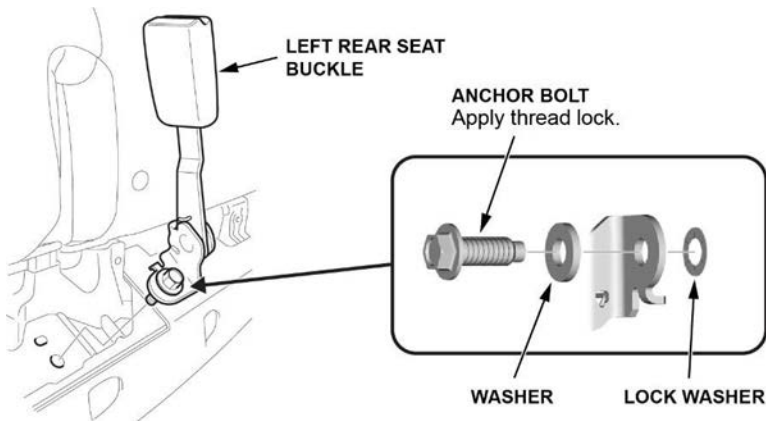
13. Pull out the center rear seat belt through the gap between the rear seat-back and rear seat cushion.



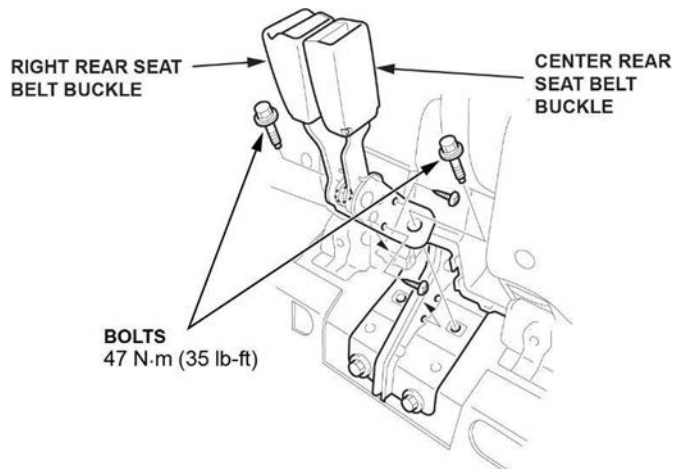
14. Remove the left rear seat belt buckle.

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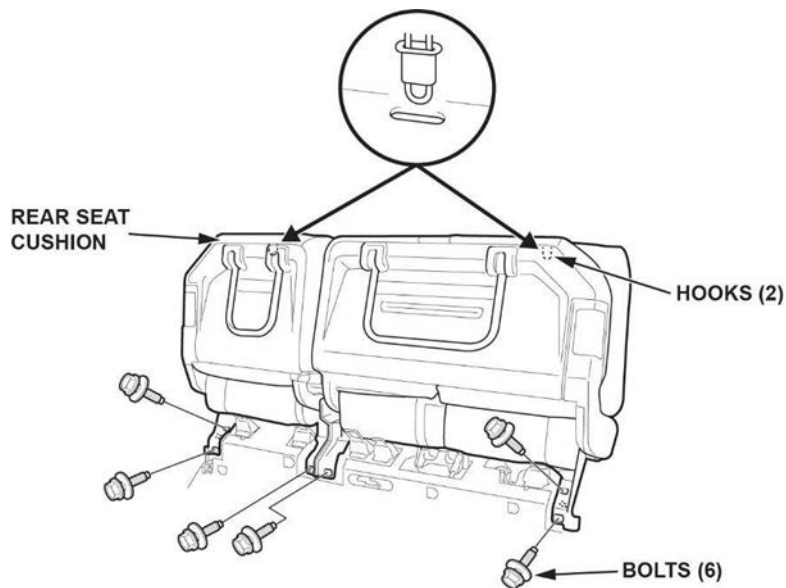
- Apply medium-strength thread lock (commercially available) to the anchor bolt before installation.
- Assemble the washer and the toothed lock washer on the anchor bolt as shown.



15. Remove the right rear and center rear seat belt buckles.



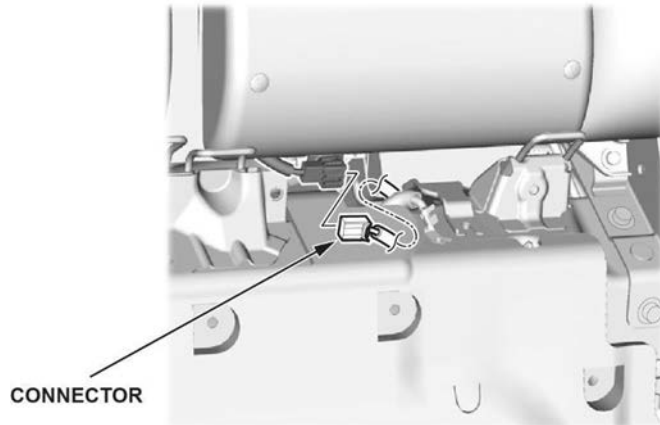
16. Remove the bolts and release the hooks from the body.



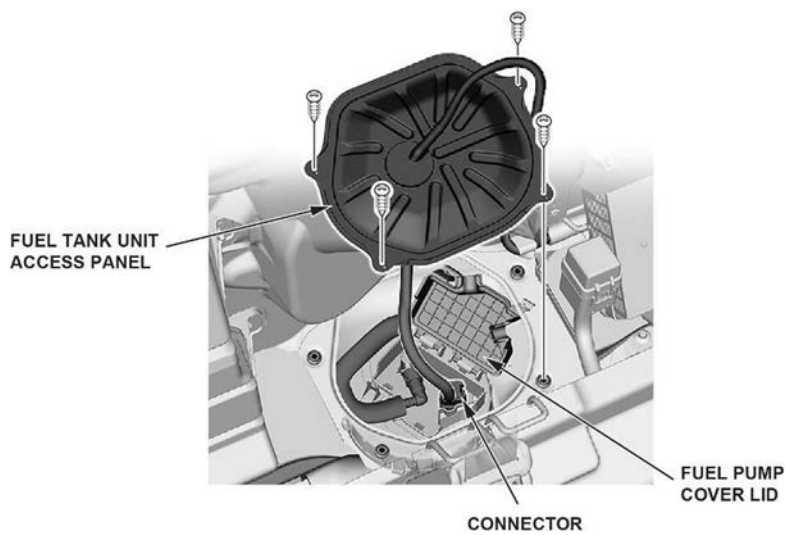


17. With the help of an assistant, remove the rear seat.

**With seat heater:** Disconnect the connector.

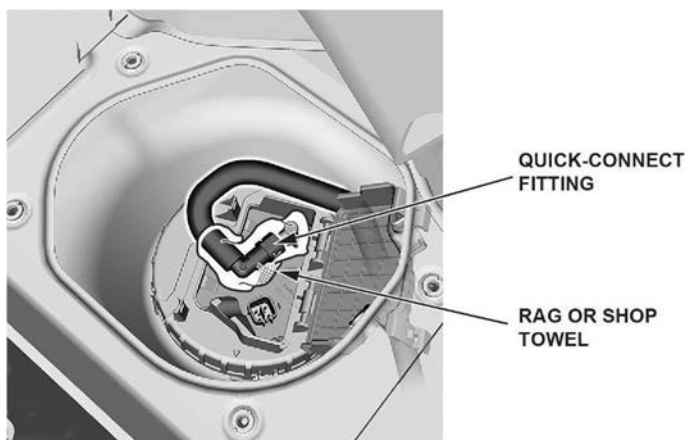


18. Remove the fuel tank unit access panel.

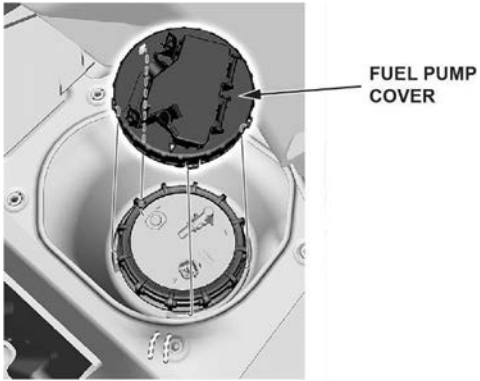


19. Open the fuel pump cover lid and disconnect the connector.

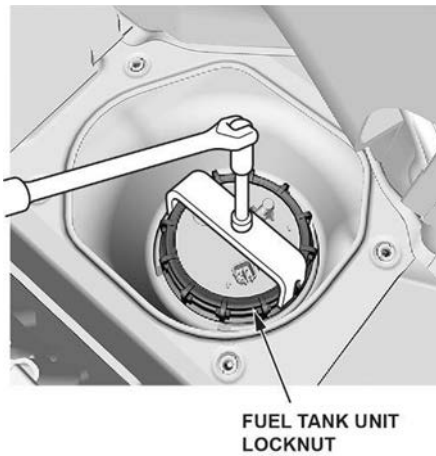
20. Place a rag or shop towel over the quick-connect fitting.



21. Disconnect the quick-connect fitting from the fuel tank unit.
22. Remove the fuel pump cover.



23. Remove the fuel tank unit locknut using the fuel sender wrench as shown.  
NOTE: Keep the fuel sender wrench from floating.

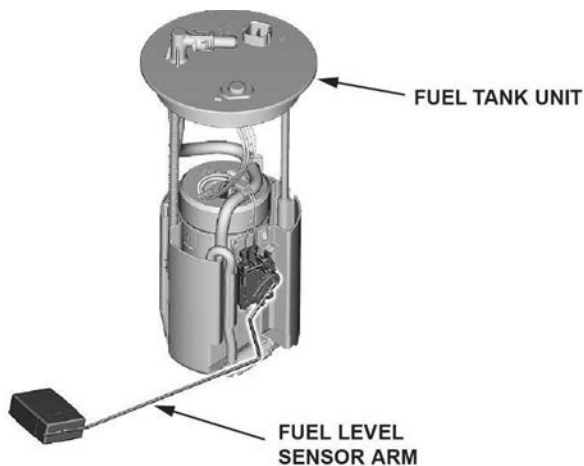


24. Remove the fuel tank unit locknut, then remove the fuel tank unit.

**NOTICE**

Do not bend or twist the fuel level sensor arm excessively. This may damage the fuel level sensor or cause it to send inaccurate readings.

NOTE: After unlocking the fuel tank unit cam lock ring, clean the top of the fuel pump flange and adjacent areas to make sure it's free of dirt, dust, and debris.



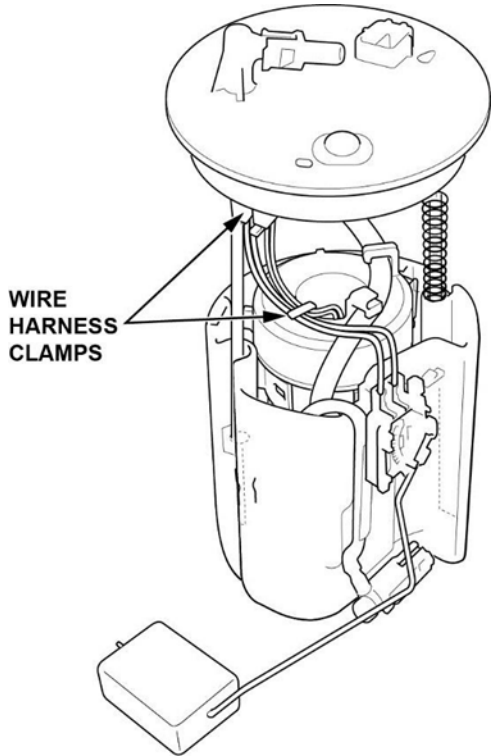
25. Prepare the fuel tank unit and parts to be replaced.

NOTE: Take a photo of the fuel tube and wire harness and note their routing for assembly. There are various types of routing.

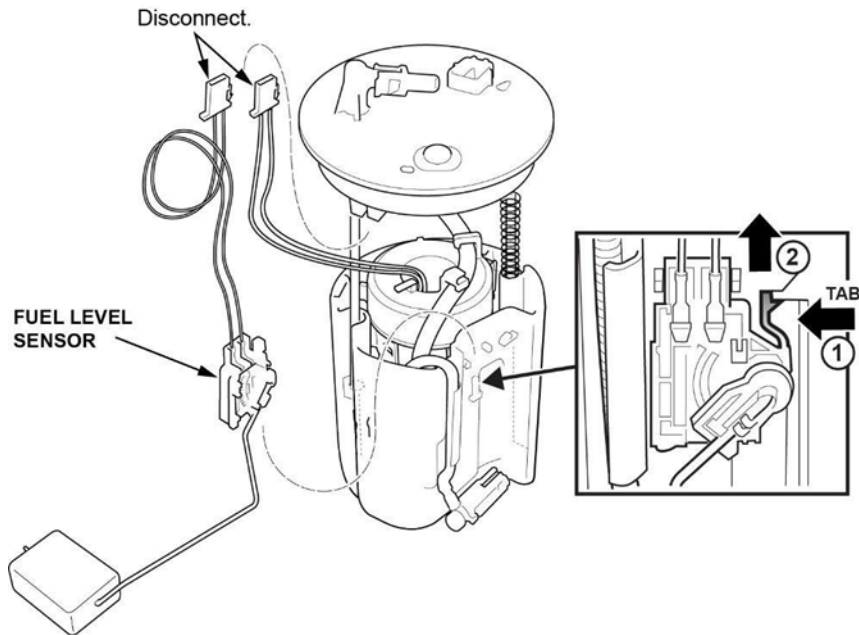
26. Spread the wire harness clamps and remove the wire harness. Make sure not to damage the wire harness.

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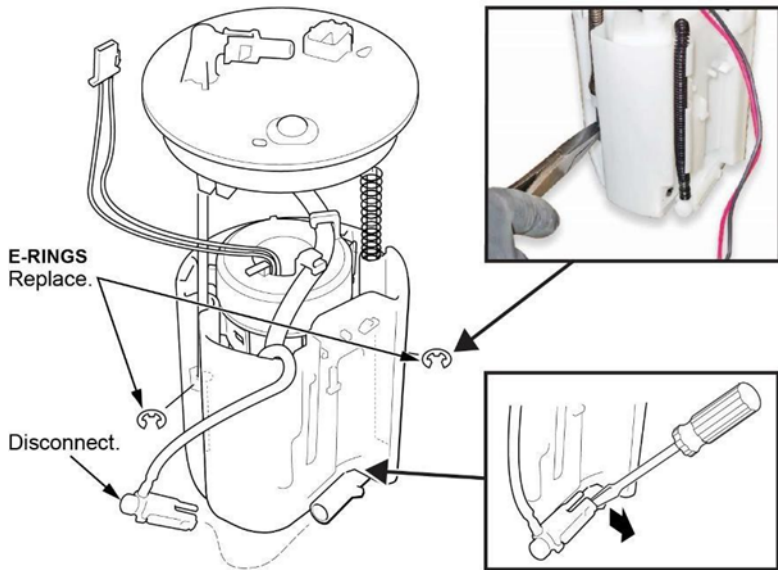
Do not spread the clamps too wide. Spreading them too wide may damage them.



27. Press the tab on the fuel level sensor to release the lock. Then, push up on the fuel level sensor.



28. Remove the E-rings and discard them.



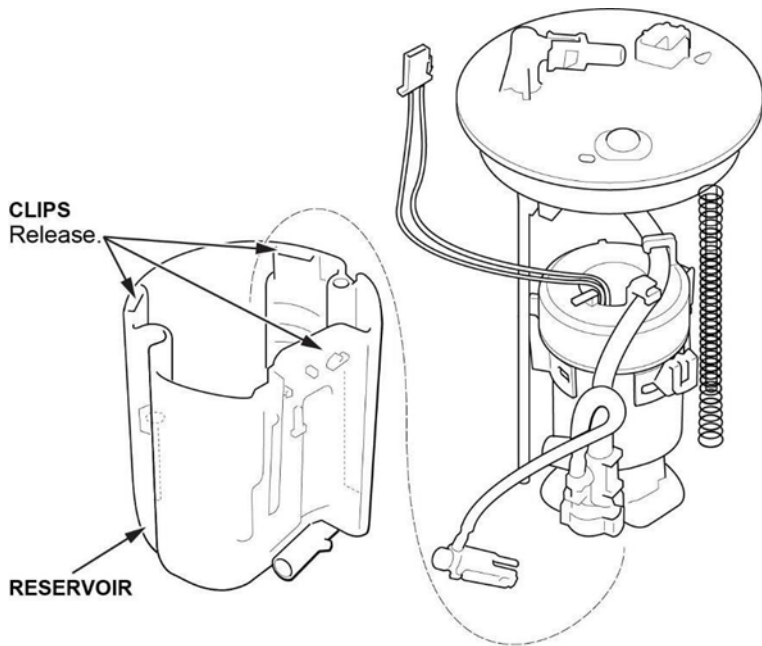
29. Disconnect the joint at the bottom of the reservoir.

30. Remove the fuel filter assembly from the reservoir by releasing the three clips.

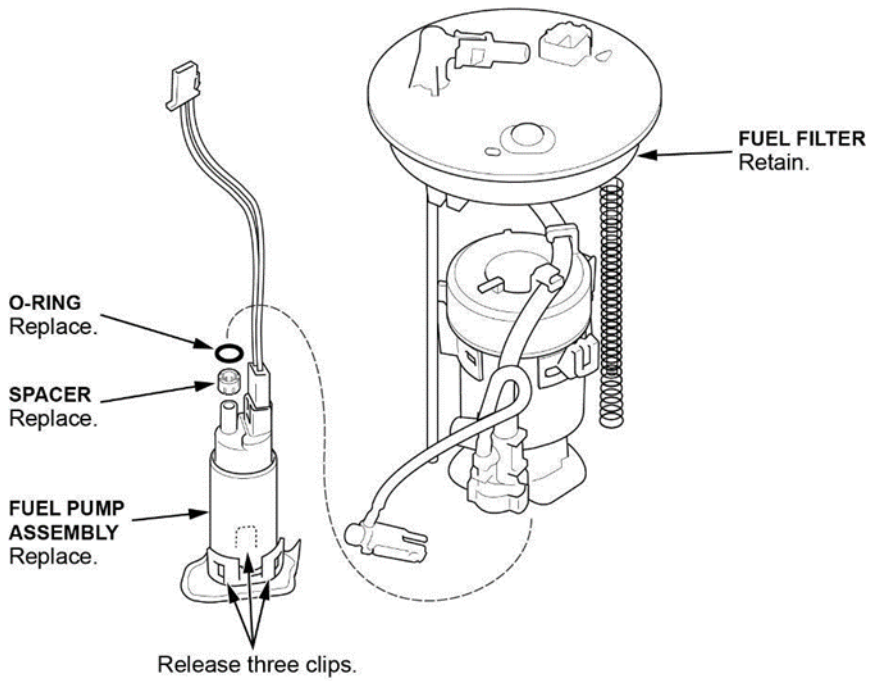
**NOTICE**

Do not spread the clips too wide. Spreading them too wide may damage them.

NOTE: The spring may slide off the sliding shaft. Retain this spring. It will be used during assembly.



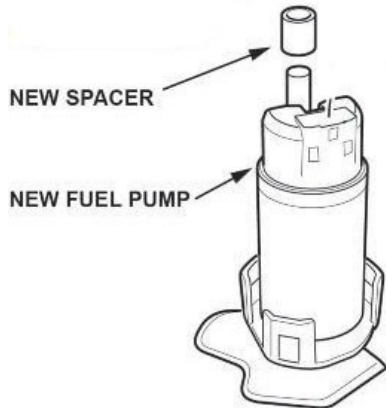
31. Release the three clips at the base of the fuel pump assembly and remove it from the fuel filter.



32. Pull the fuel pump assembly out of the fuel filter.

NOTE: If the O-ring remains on the fuel filter, use a flat-tip screwdriver wrapped in protective tape to remove it. Make sure not to damage the O-ring seat section.

33. Install the new spacer onto the new fuel pump motor.

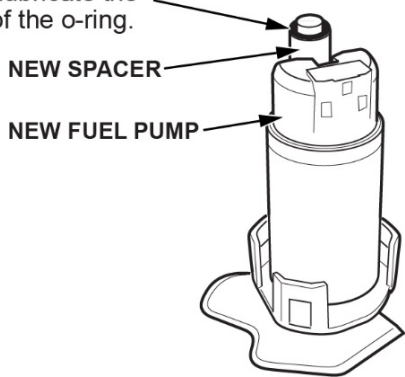


34. Install the new O-ring, then lubricate ONLY the outside edge of it, using clean engine oil.

NOTE: Do not pinch the O-ring during installation.

**NEW O-RING**

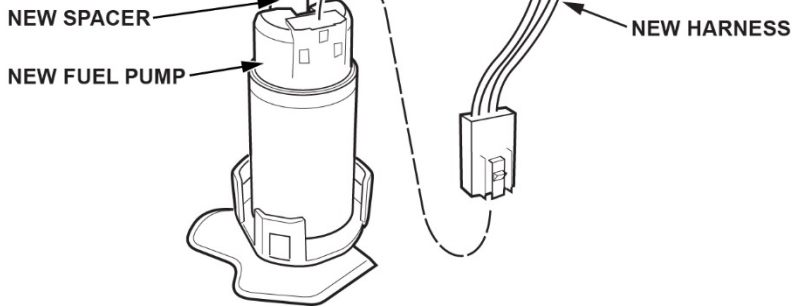
Lubricate after installing.  
Do not lubricate the  
inside of the o-ring.



35. Install the new harness and make sure the connection is secure and the connectors are firmly locked into place.

**NEW O-RING**

Lubricate after installing.  
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inside of the o-ring.



36. With the palm of your hand, press the fuel pump into the suction fuel filter.



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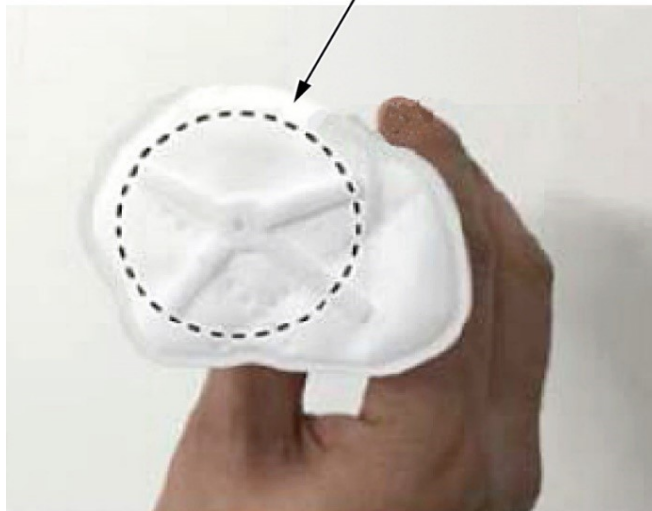
When pressing the fuel pump into the suction filter, make sure you do so with a single firm push. Failure to do so may damage the O-ring. If it is seated properly, you will hear a click.

If you do not hear the click, remove all parts and inspect the O-ring for damage. If the O-ring is damaged, it must be replaced. Reassemble using the above process.

**NOTE:**

- When inserting the pump, be careful not to break the suction filter.
- If the O-ring is damaged, replace it with a new one.
- After installing the fuel pump to the suction filter, make sure the clips are firmly attached to the new fuel pump.

**SUCTION FILTER**



**GOOD**



**NO GOOD**





37. Install the fuel filter assembly to the reservoir.

NOTE:

- Coat the O-ring with clean engine oil; do not use any other oil or fluid.
- Do not pinch the O-ring during installation.
- Insert the spring into the sliding shaft, and make sure it is lined up when installing the fuel filter.
- Make sure the fuel tube is routed **exactly** as before disassembly.
- Make sure the three clips are fully engaged.

38. Install the new E-rings.

NOTE: After installation, make sure the E-rings can be rotated with your finger. If they cannot be rotated, the E-rings may not be fully seated or may be incorrectly installed.

39. Install the fuel level sensor to the reservoir. Make sure the lock is engaged and the connection is secure.

NOTICE

Do not bend or twist the fuel level sensor arm excessively. This may damage the fuel level sensor or cause it to send inaccurate readings.

40. Install the wiring harness to the clamps.

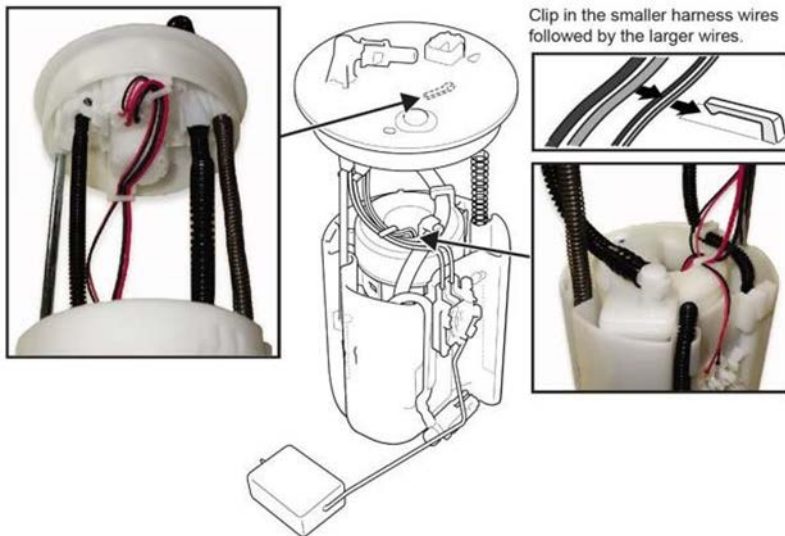
NOTICE

Do not spread the clamps too wide. Spreading them too wide may damage them.

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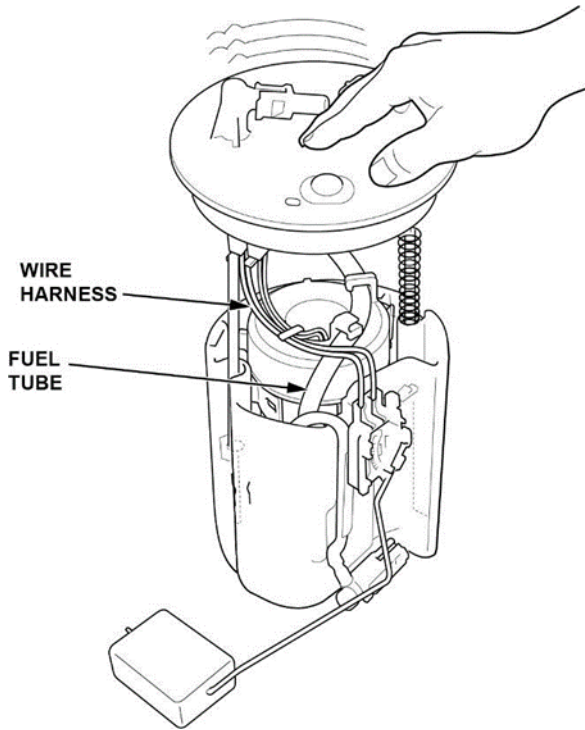
- Clip in the smaller harness wires followed by the larger wires.
- Make sure not to damage the wire harness.
- Make sure to route the wire harness exactly as shown in the photo taken before disassembly.

**HARNES ROUTING:**





41. While compressing the fuel tank unit, make sure the movement is smooth and the fuel tube and wiring harness do not stretch, pinch, or bind.



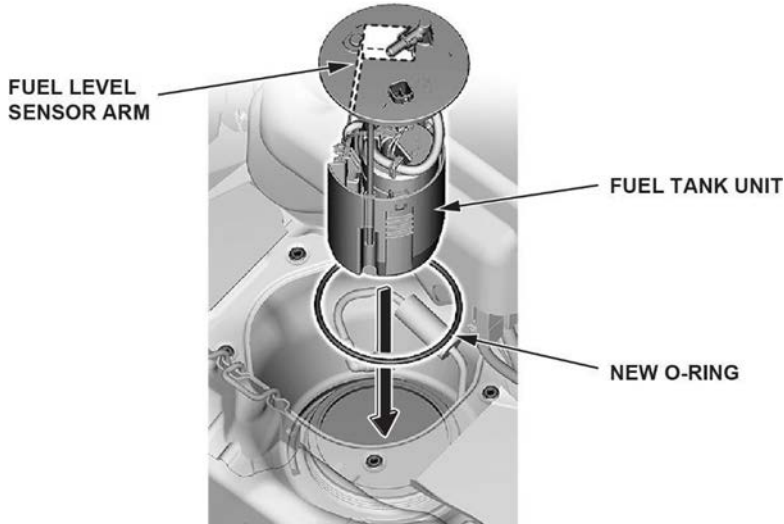
42. Insert the fuel tank unit partially into the fuel tank with a new O-ring.

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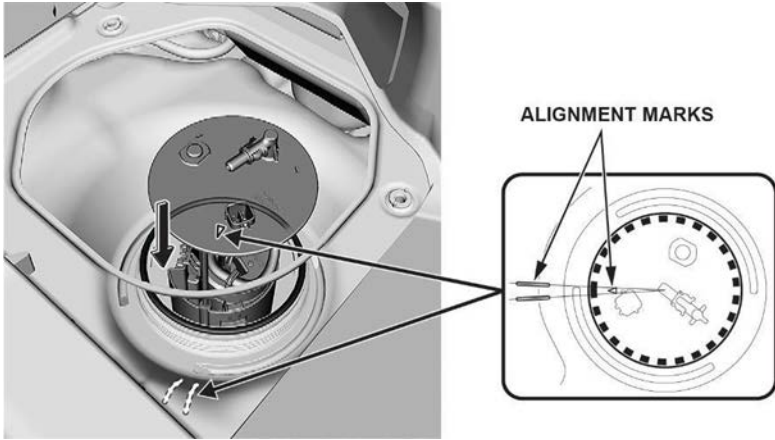
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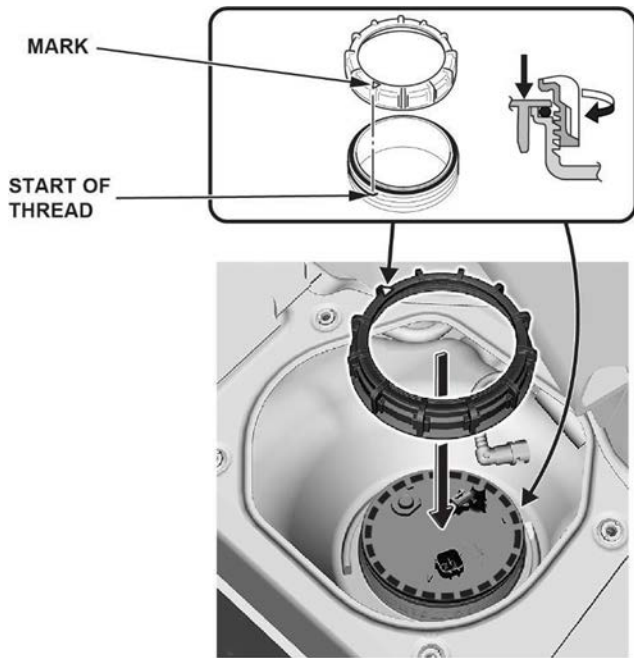
- Before installing the new O-ring, clean the fuel tank around the fuel pump opening where the O-ring will seat. The tank opening must be free of dirt, dust, and debris.
- Be careful not to damage the O-ring.
- Do not coat the O-ring with any oil.



43. Line up the mark on the fuel tank unit to the marks on the fuel tank, then insert the fuel tank unit into the fuel tank.  
NOTE: To avoid any leaks, check the O-ring, either visually or by hand, to make sure it is not pinched.



44. Line up the mark on the new locknut to the start of the thread on the fuel tank.

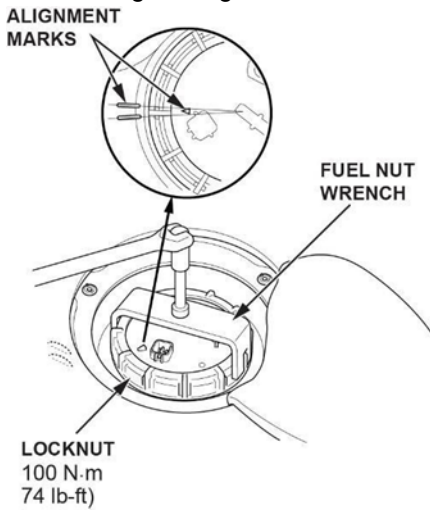


45. Press down on the fuel tank unit while turning the locknut clockwise by hand.

46. Using the fuel nut wrench, tighten the locknut to **100 N·m (74 lb-ft)**.

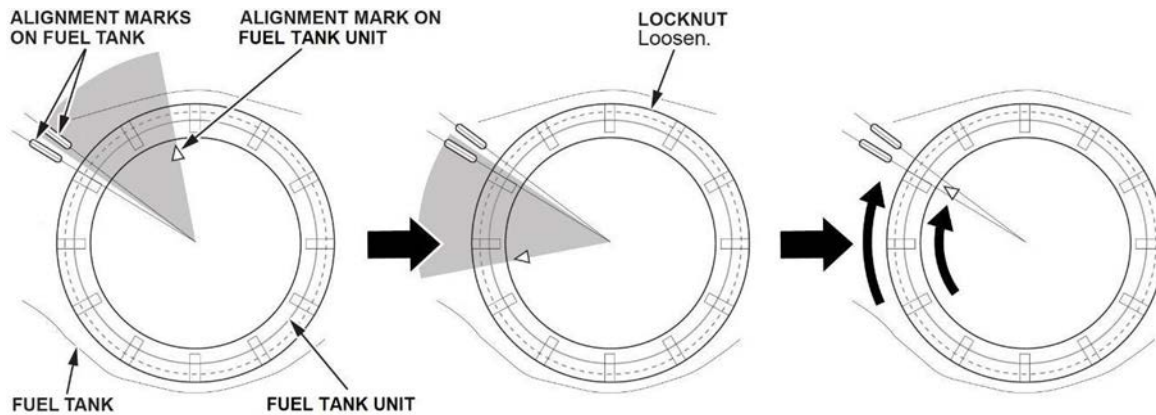
NOTE:

- During installation, check the O-ring, either visually or by hand, to make sure it is not pinched.
- After tightening, make sure the mark on the fuel tank unit is still lined up with the marks on the fuel tank.



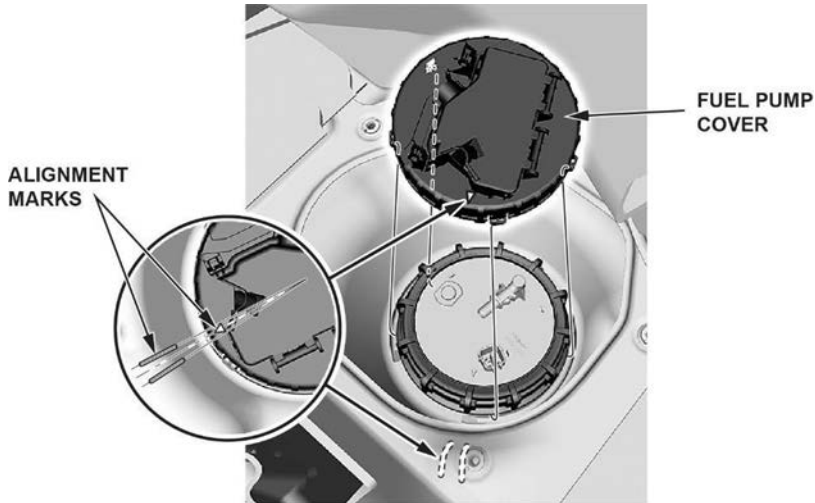
47. If the marks do not line up, friction between the fuel tank unit and the locknut may cause the fuel tank unit to turn while tightening. Observe the difference (shaded area) and loosen the locknut until the fuel tank unit can be rotated. Rotate the fuel tank unit counterclockwise by the same amount and repeat the tightening process.

NOTE: Repeat this step as necessary until the marks are lined up when the locknut is tightened to the specified torque.

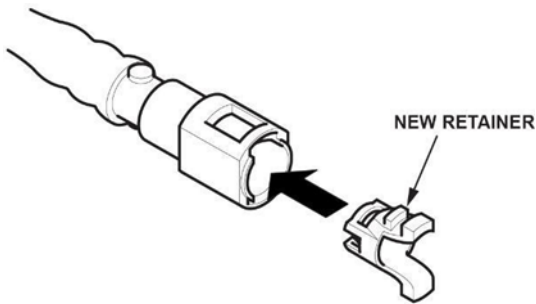


48. Install the fuel pump cover.

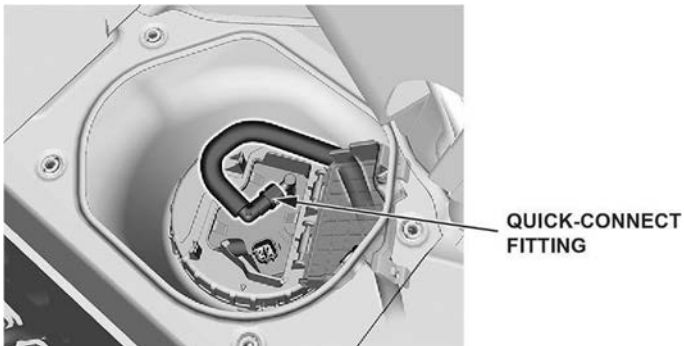
NOTE: Line up the mark on the fuel pump cover with marks on the fuel tank



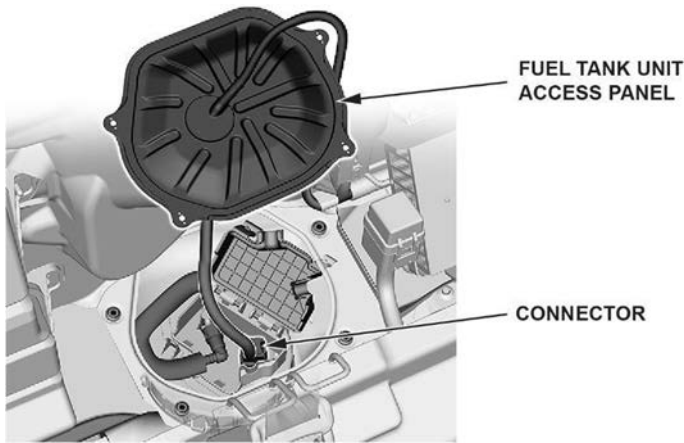
49. Remove the quick-connect fitting retainer from the fuel tank unit, then install a new retainer onto the quick-connect fitting.



50. Connect the fuel line quick-connect fitting.



51. Connect the fuel tank unit connector.



52. Connect the 12-volt battery terminals **4.0–6.0 N·m (3.0–4.4 lb-ft)**.

- Clean the 12-volt battery terminals.
- Connect the positive cable and the 12-volt battery terminal to the 12-volt battery.

NOTE: Always connect the positive side first.

- Install the cover.
- Connect the negative cable and the 12-volt battery sensor to the 12-volt battery.

NOTE: To protect the 12-volt battery sensor connector from damage, do not hold it when installing the negative terminal.

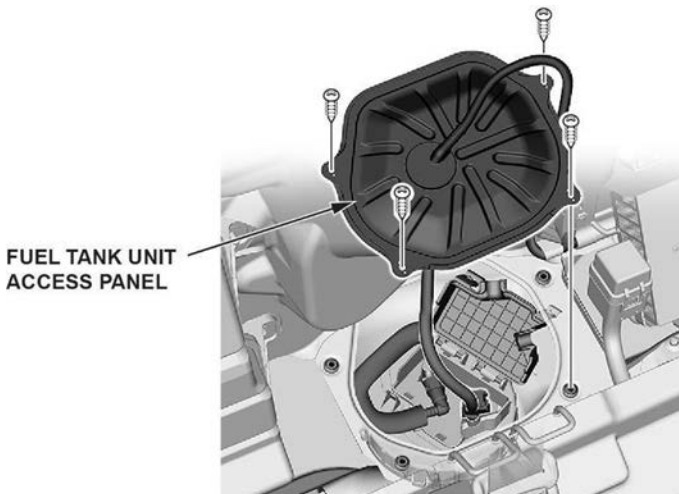
- Apply multipurpose grease to the terminals to prevent corrosion.

53. Install the intake tube.

54. Install the bulkhead cover.

55. Turn the ignition to ON, but do not turn the engine on. After the fuel pump runs for about **2 seconds**, the fuel line will be pressurized. Repeat two or three times, then make sure there is no fuel leakage.

56. Install the fuel tank unit access panel.



57. Install the remaining parts in the reverse order of removal.

58. Clear all DTCs using an i-HDS.

