

Safety Recall: 2018–20 Accord Hybrid Fuel Pump Motor

AFFECTED VEHICLES

| Year | Model | Trim Level | VIN Range |
|---------|---------------|------------|--|
| 2018–20 | Accord Hybrid | 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 Accord Hybrid 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 *Service Operations Manual* (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-TWA-306 | 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-TLA0100 | 1 |

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

| Operation Number | Description | Flat Rate Time | Defect Code | Symptom Code | Template ID | Failed Part Number |
|------------------|--|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 3101EH | Replace the fuel pump motor and do the VSA sensor neutral position memorization procedure. | 1.1 hr | 6FE00 | AHX00 | A24040A | 17045-TWA-A01 |

Skill Level: Repair Technician

REPAIR PROCEDURE

⚠ WARNING

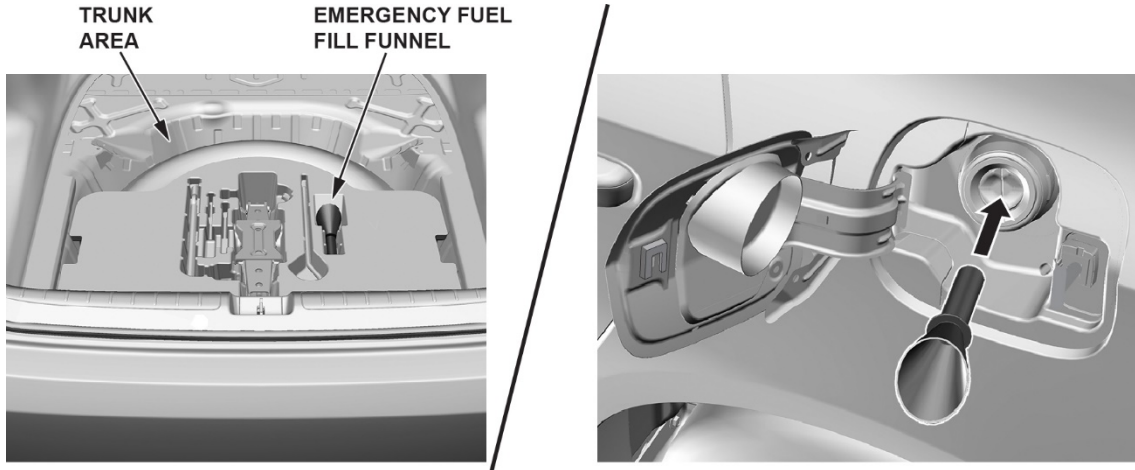
Fuel pump motor removal exposes fuel, which can ignite, causing a fire or explosion.

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 in the trunk toolbox.

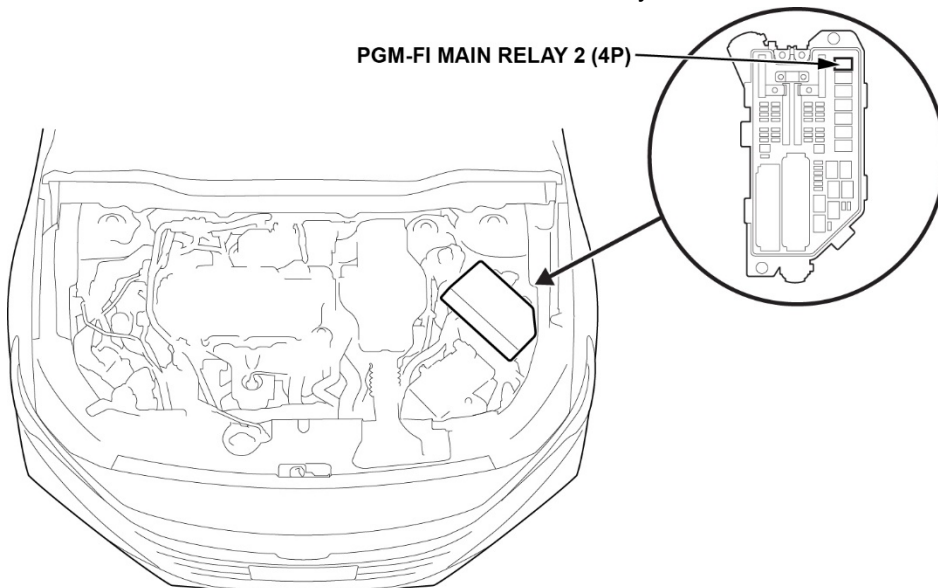


2. Relieve the fuel pressure.

With an i-HDS:

1. Connect an i-HDS to the vehicle.
2. Turn the vehicle to ON.
3. Select the **PGM-FI** system on i-HDS.
4. Select **FUEL PUMP OFF** from the **Function Test** menu.
5. Turn the vehicle to OFF.

Without an i-HDS: Remove the PGM-FI main relay 2.



3. Do the following within **60 seconds** to start the engine in PGM-FI maintenance mode.
 - Turn the vehicle to ON without stepping on the brake pedal.
 - With the shift position in P, press the accelerator pedal to the floor twice.
 - Press the brake pedal, shift the transmission to N, then press the accelerator pedal to the floor twice.
 - Press the brake pedal, shift the transmission to P, then press the accelerator pedal to the floor twice. The vehicle is now in maintenance mode and **Maintenance Mode** will be displayed on the MID.
4. Start the engine and let it idle until it stalls.

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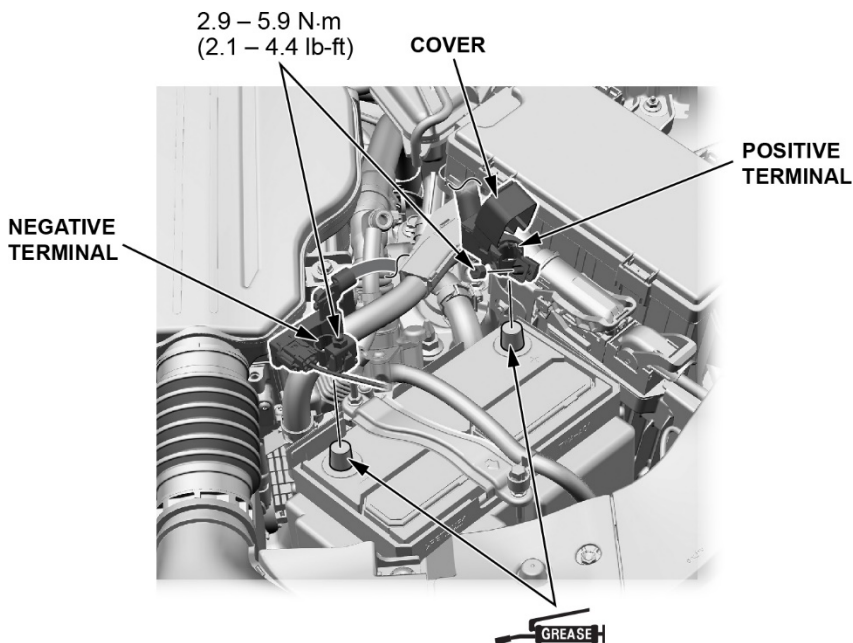
- If the engine coolant temperature is too hot, the engine may not start until the engine coolant temperature drops.
 - To stop the engine and cancel the maintenance mode, turn the vehicle to OFF.
 - The VSA operates normally while the vehicle is in maintenance mode.
 - During cold starts in maintenance mode, there may be some additional transmission noise. This is normal.
 - When starting the engine in maintenance mode, you may hear a groan/rattle for the first minute or when the engine decelerates. This noise is caused by gear tolerances when the generator is not under load. This noise is considered normal while in maintenance mode.
5. Turn the vehicle to OFF.
 6. If the PGM-FI main relay 2 was removed in step 2, reinstall it now.
 7. Disconnect both 12-volt battery terminals, torque specifications at **2.9–5.9 N·m (2.1–4.4 ft-lb)**.

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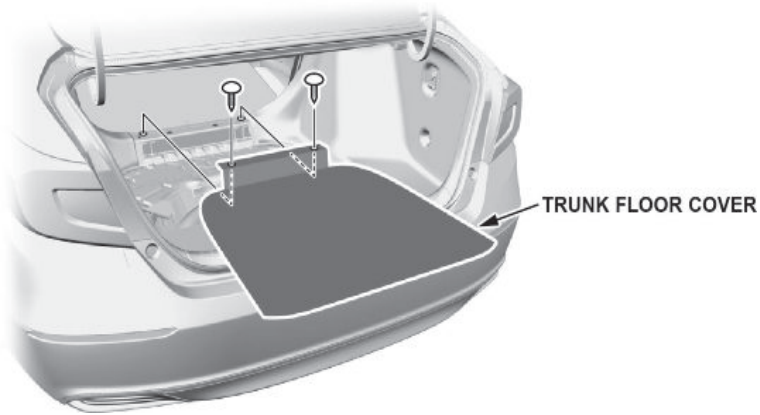
To protect the terminal connector from damage, do not hold it when removing the negative terminal.

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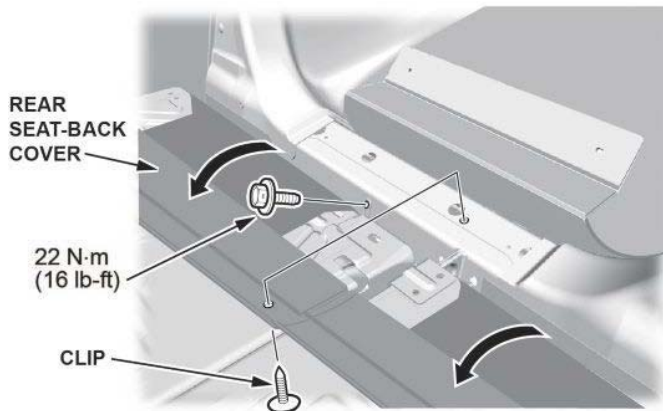
- Always disconnect the negative terminal first.
- Do not disconnect the 12-volt battery sensor from the cable.



8. Remove the trunk floor cover.

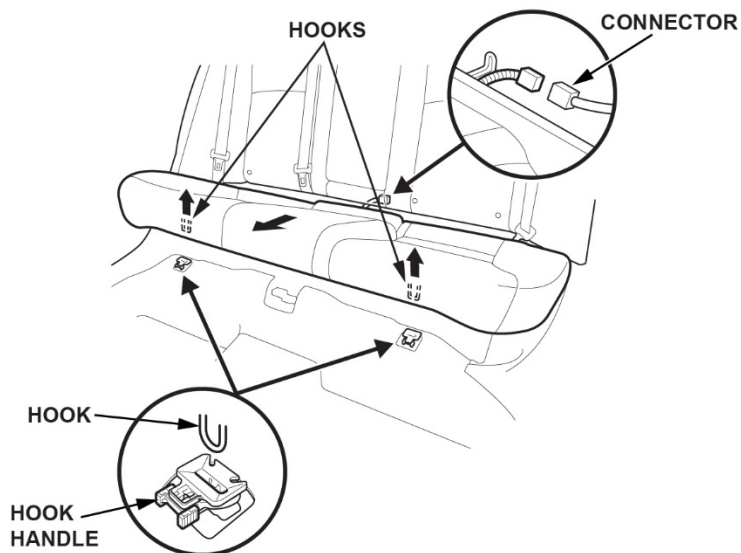


9. Fold down both rear seatbacks.
10. Remove the clip, then turn over the rear seat back cover.



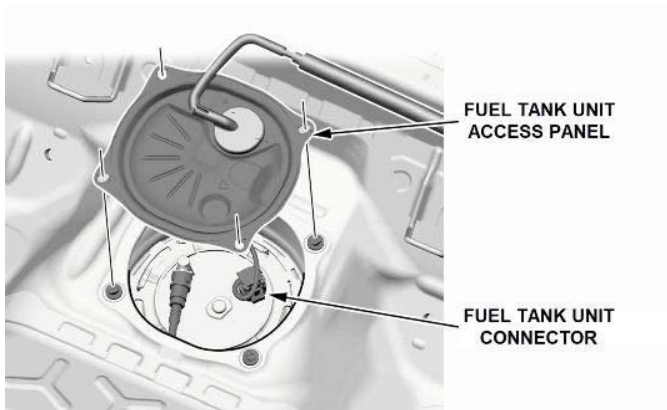
11. Remove the bolt.
12. Fold up both rear seatbacks.
13. While pushing down on the seat cushion, pull the seat hook handles to release the hooks.

With rear seat heaters: Disconnect the connectors.

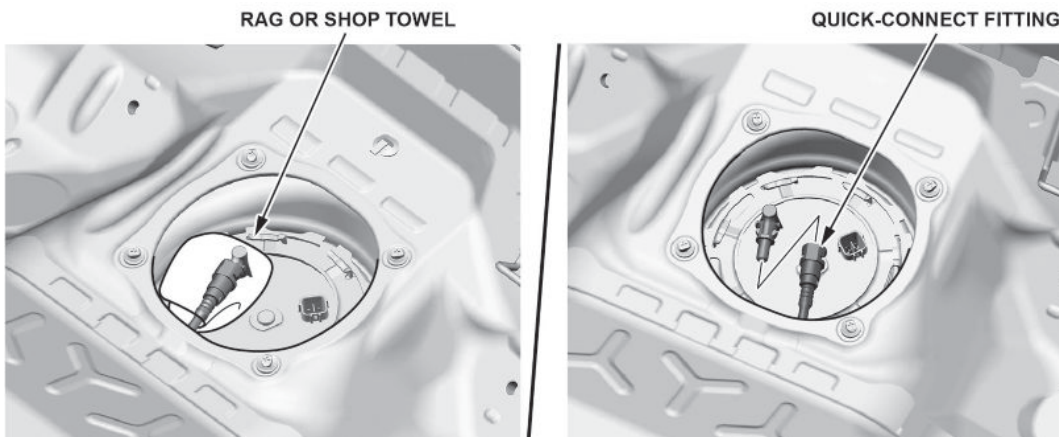


14. Remove the rear seat cushion.

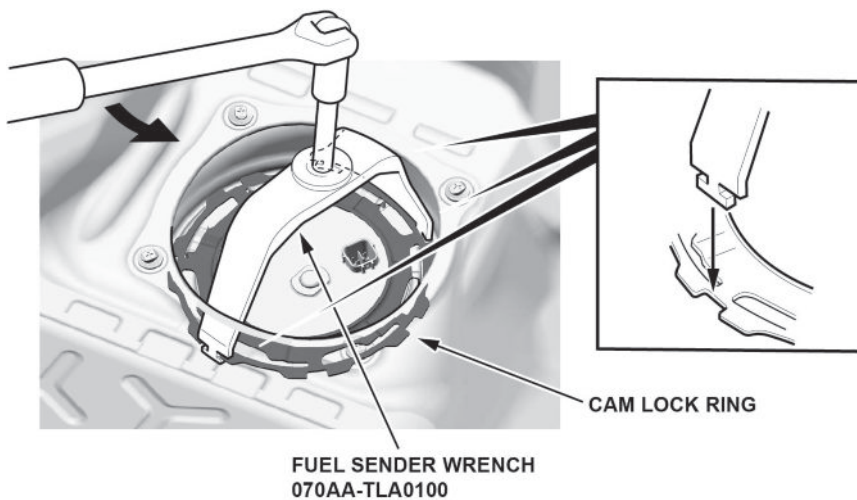
15. Remove the fuel tank unit access panel and disconnect the connector.



16. Place a rag or shop towel over the quick-connect fitting and disconnect it.



17. Set the fuel sender wrench (070AA-TLA0100) as shown.



18. Turn the fuel tank unit cam lock ring counterclockwise to unlock it.

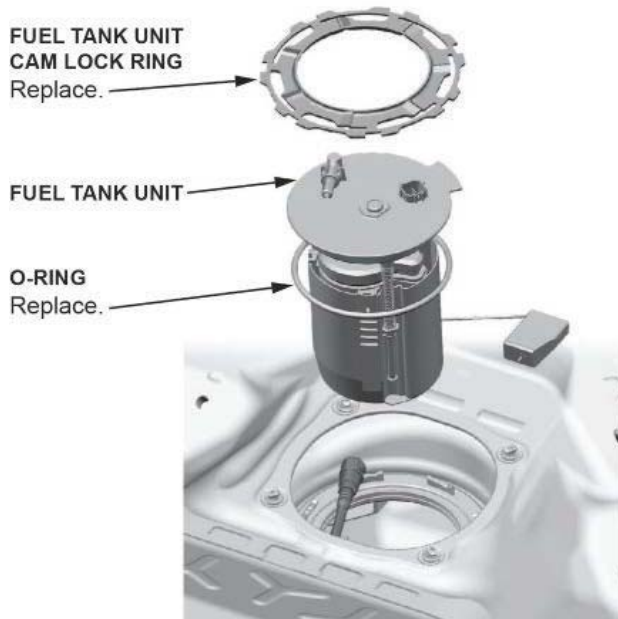
NOTE:

- Keep the fuel sender wrench from floating.
- After removing the fuel pump unit, clean the fuel tank around the fuel pump opening.

19. 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.



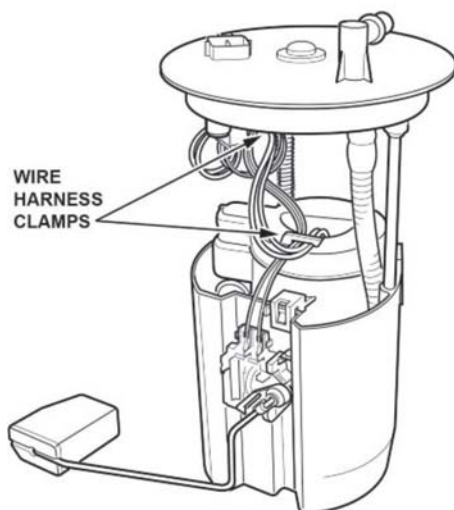
20. Disassemble the fuel tank unit and prepare the fuel pump and parts to be replaced.

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

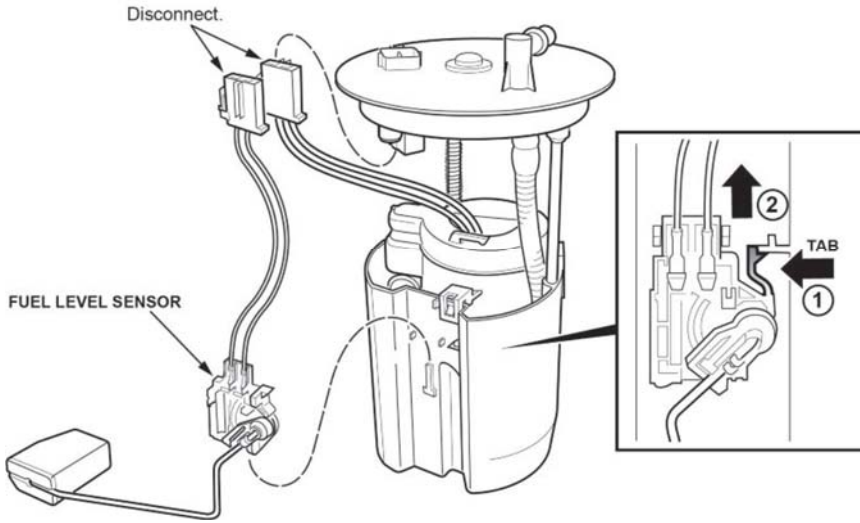
21. Spread the wire harness clamps and remove the wire harness. Make sure not to damage the wire harness.

NOTICE

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

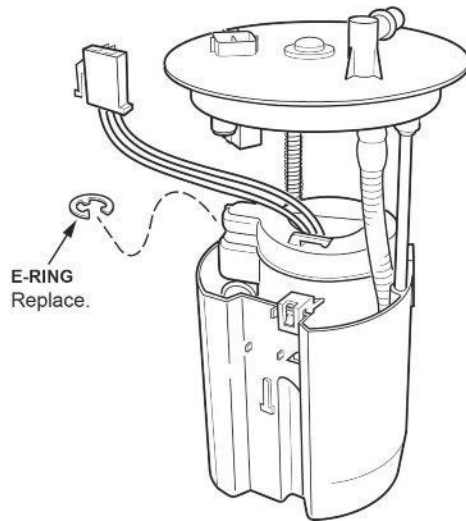


22. Press the tab on the fuel level sensor to release the lock, then, push up on the fuel level sensor to remove it.



23. Disconnect the fuel level sensor harness.

24. Remove the E-ring and discard it.

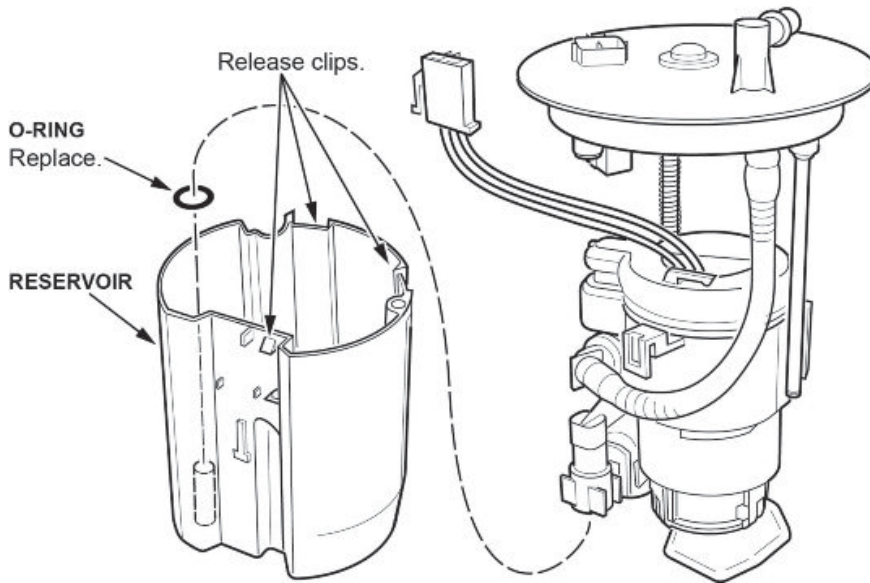


25. Remove the fuel filter assembly from the reservoir by releasing the three clips.

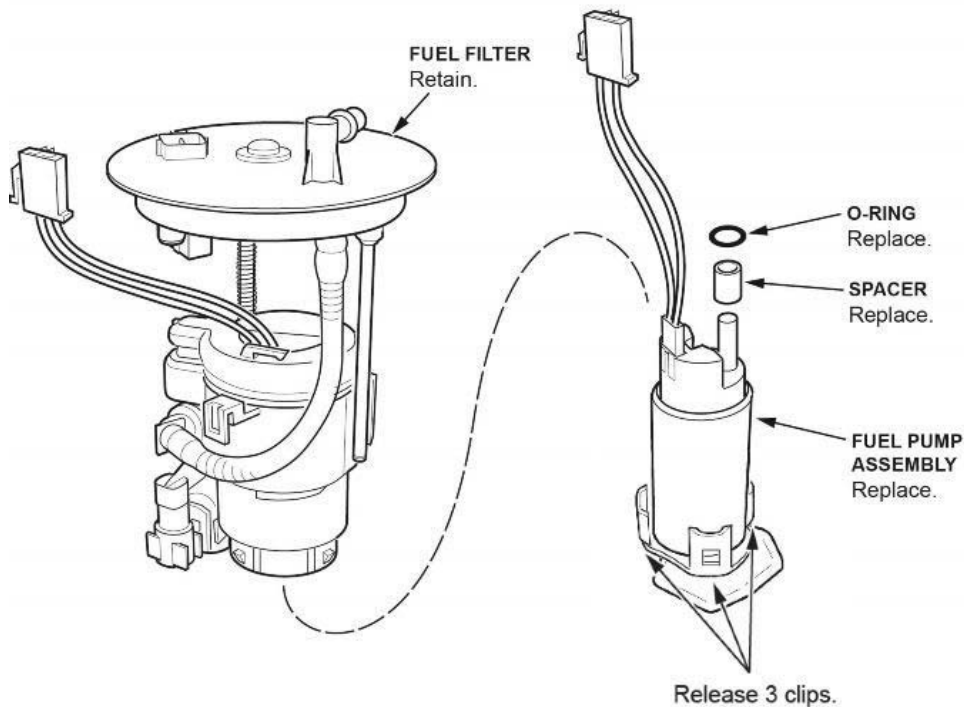
NOTICE

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.



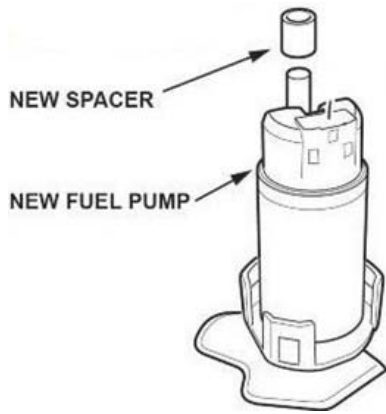
26. Release the three clips at the base of the fuel pump assembly and remove it from the fuel filter.



27. 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.

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



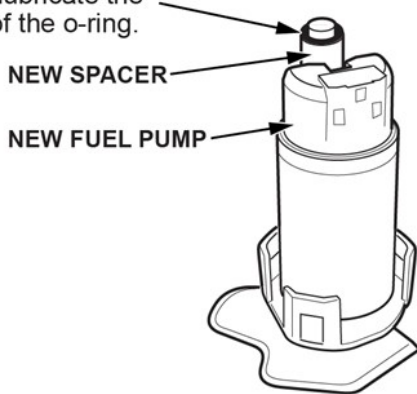
29. Install the new O-ring, then lubricate ONLY the outside edge of it, using clean engine oil.

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

NEW O-RING

Lubricate after installing.

Do not lubricate the inside of the o-ring.

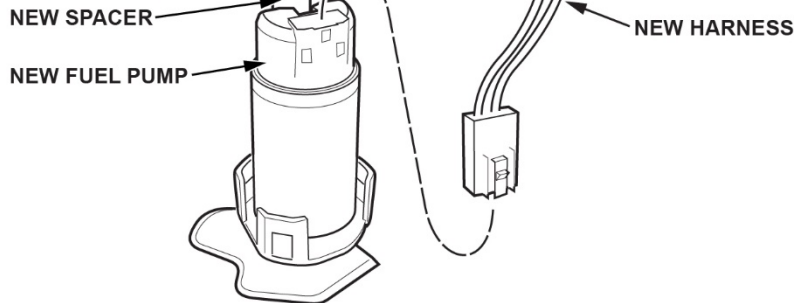


30. Install the new harness and making sure the connection is secure and the connectors are firmly locked into place.

NEW O-RING

Lubricate after installing.

Do not lubricate the inside of the o-ring.



31. With the palm of your hands press the fuel pump into the suction fuel filter.

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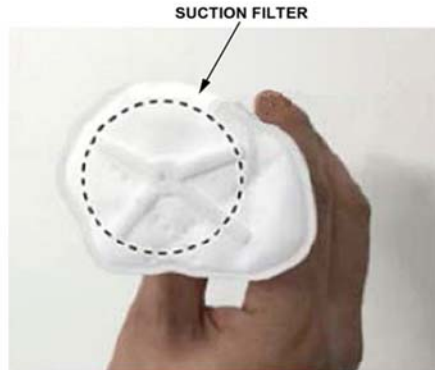
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NOTICE

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.

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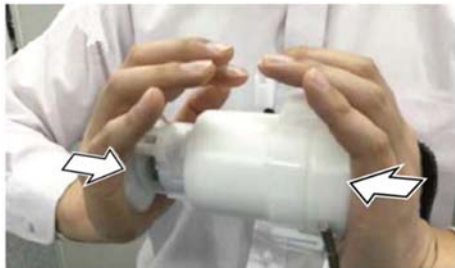
- When inserting the pump be careful not to break the suction filter
- If the O-ring is damaged, replace it with a new one.
- After installing the fuel pump to the suction filter, make sure the clips are firmly attached to the new fuel pump.



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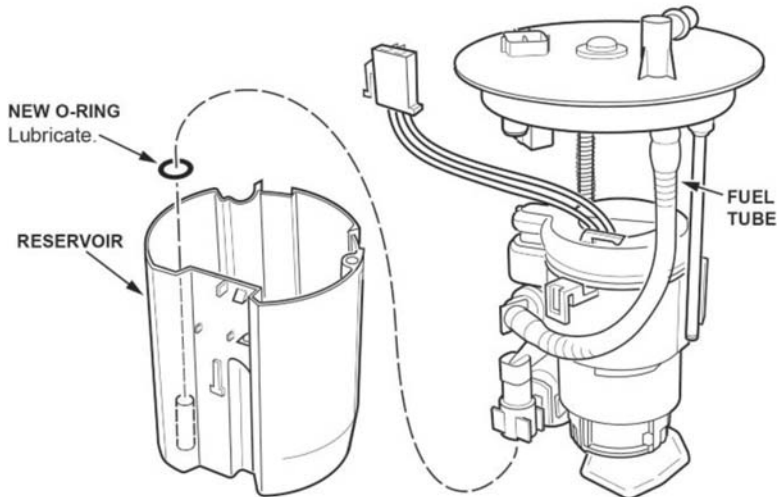
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32. Install the fuel filter assembly to the reservoir.

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 to route the fuel tube **exactly** as shown in the photo taken before disassembly.
- Make sure the three clips are fully engaged.



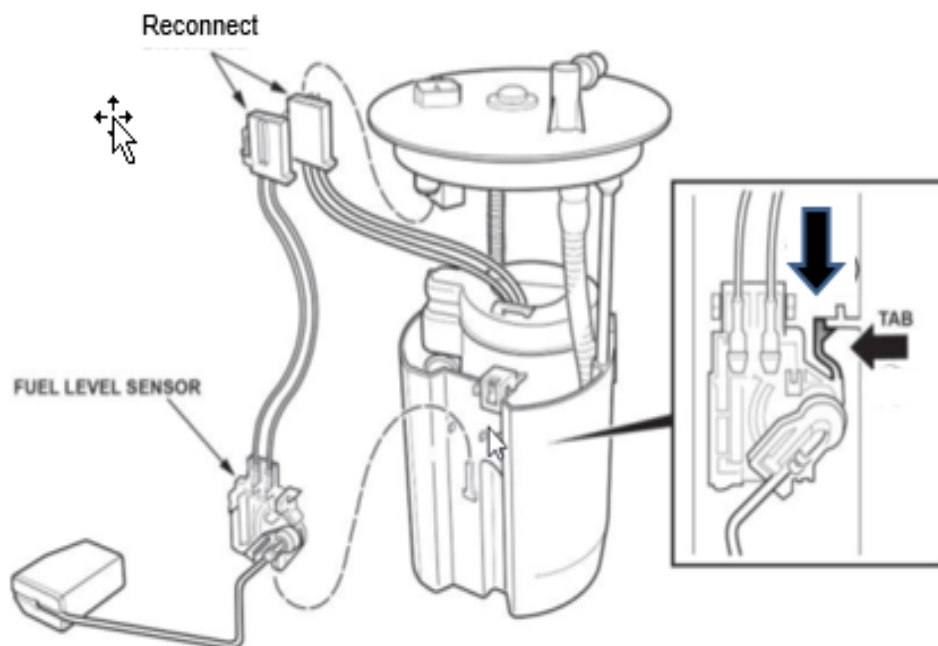
33. Install the new E-ring.

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

34. Install the fuel level sensor to the reservoir and reconnect the wiring. 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.



35. Install the wiring harness to the clamps.

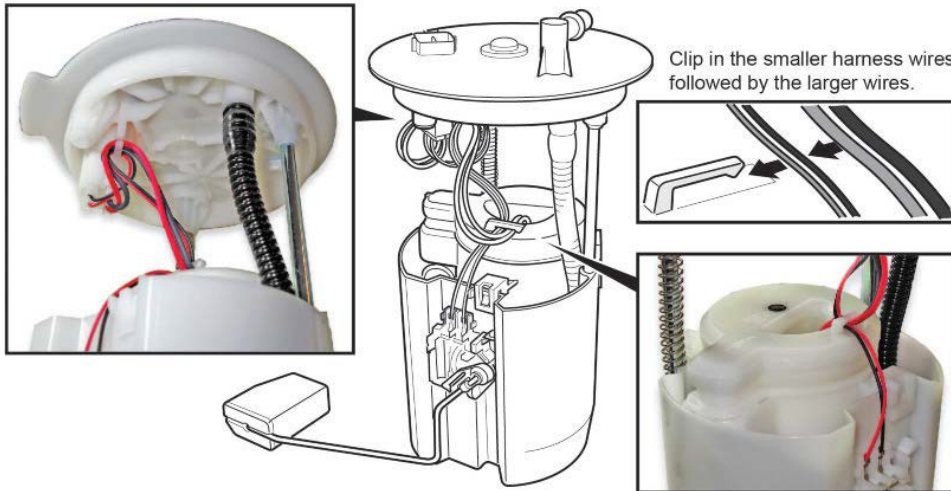
NOTICE

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

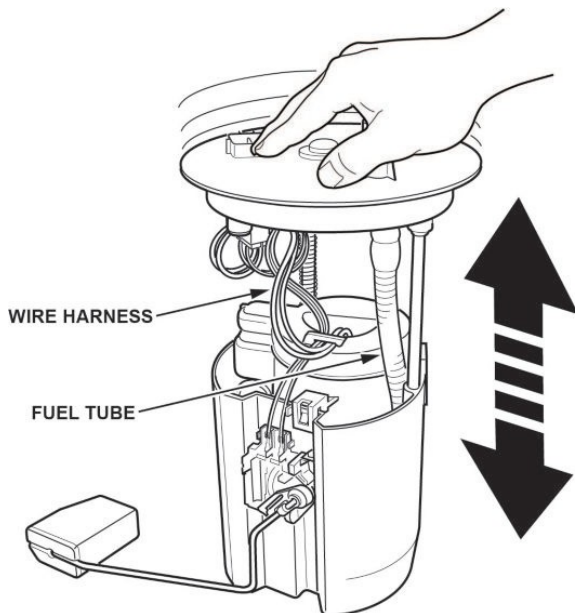
NOTE:

- 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:



36. 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.



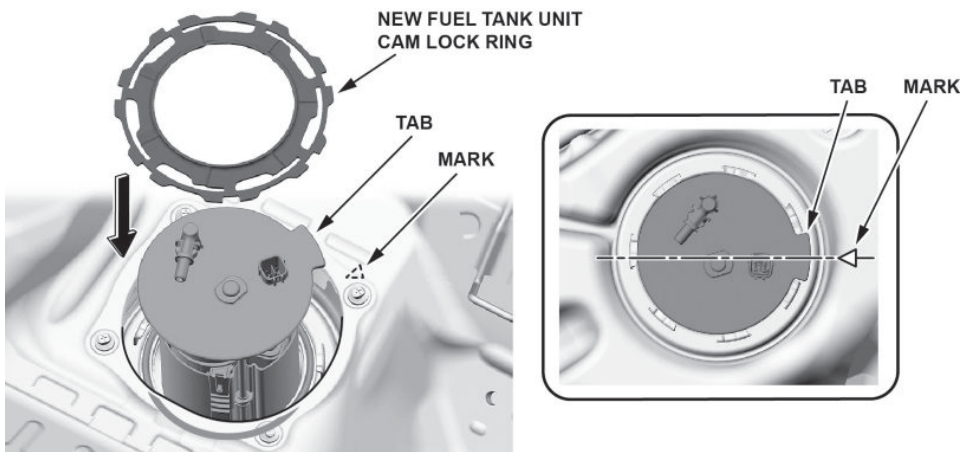
37. Line up the tab of the fuel tank unit as shown, then partially install the new fuel tank unit cam lock ring with a new O-ring.

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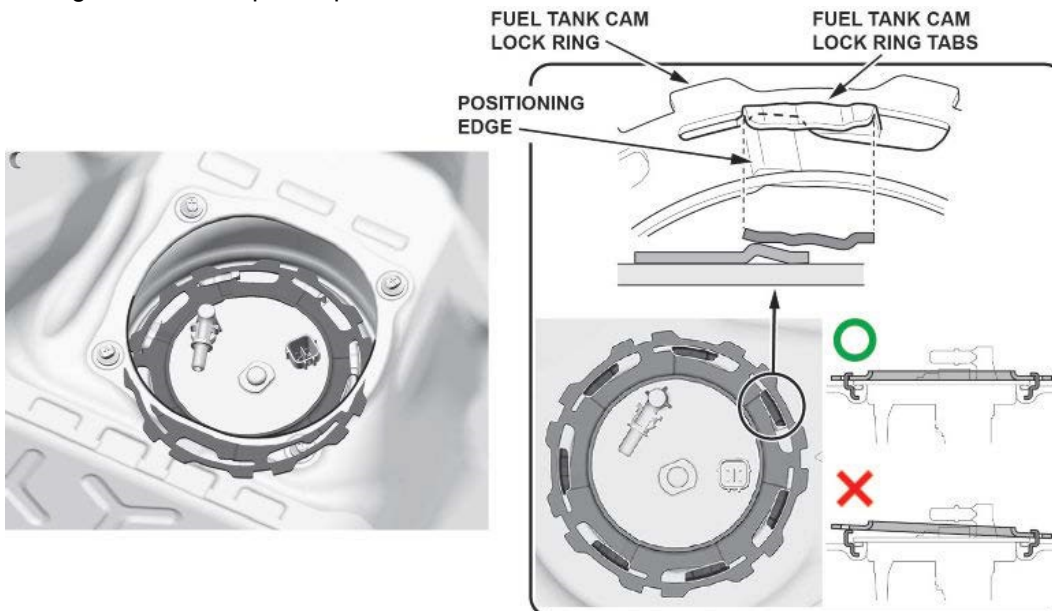
NOTE:

- 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.



38. Turn the fuel tank unit cam lock ring by hand and slide the fuel tank unit cam lock tabs to the positioning edge as shown.

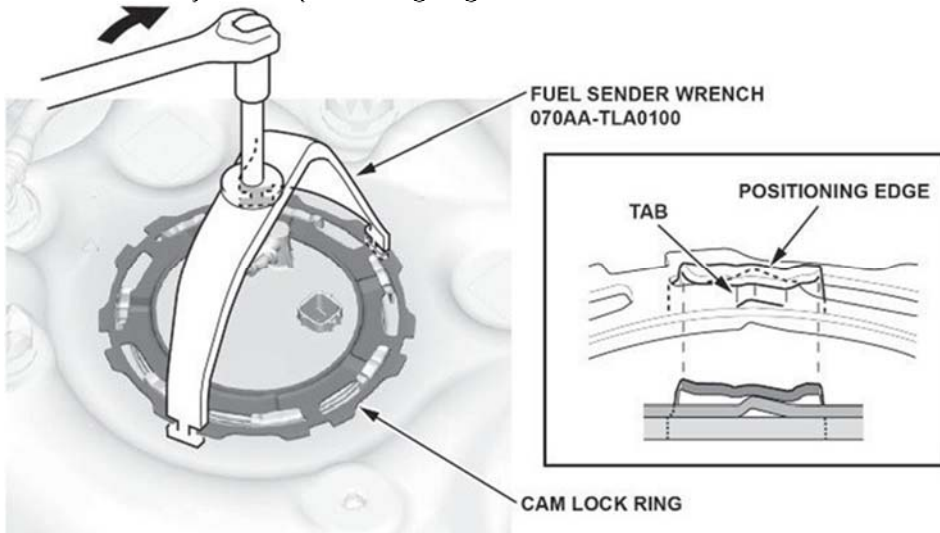
NOTE: Make sure the fuel cam lock ring is not floating. If the cam lock ring is not properly installed, the fuel tank can be damaged and will require replacement.



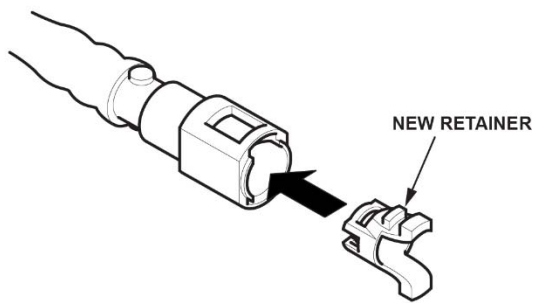
39. Tighten the fuel tank unit cam lock ring by turning it clockwise using the fuel sender wrench.

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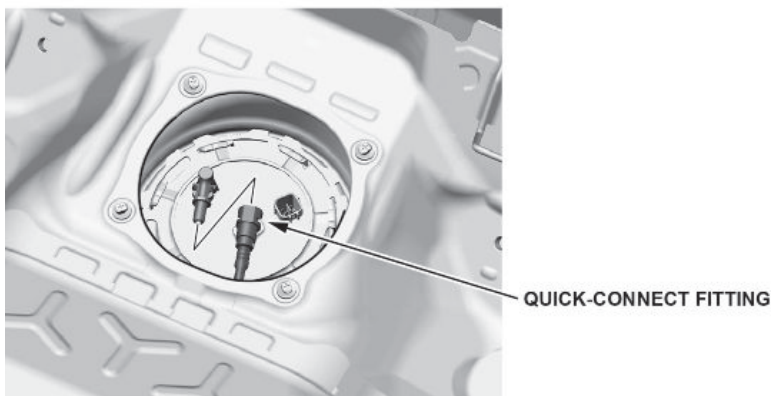
- Keep the fuel sender wrench from floating.
- Securely set the positioning edge of the fuel tank to the tabs on the cam lock ring as shown.



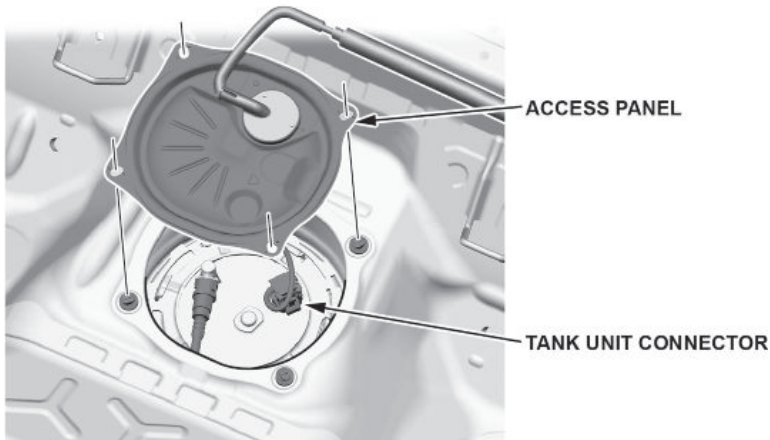
40. Remove the quick-connect fitting retainer from the fuel tank unit, then install a new retainer onto the quick-connect fitting.



41. Connect the fuel line quick-connect fitting.



42. Connect the fuel tank unit connector, but don't install the access panel at this time.



43. Connect the 12-volt battery terminals, torque specifications at **2.9–5.9 N·m (2.1–4.4 ft-lb)**.
44. 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 this **two or three times**, then make sure there is no fuel leakage.
45. Install the fuel tank unit access panel.
46. Install the remaining parts in the reverse order of removal.
47. Clear all DTCs using an i-HDS.
48. Do the VSA Sensor Neutral Position Memorization procedure.
49. *California residents only:* Fill out a Vehicle Emissions Recall – Proof of Correction certificate, and use **AHX** as the recall number. Have the service advisor give the certificate to your customer, and advise him or her to keep it as proof that the recall was completed. Your customer will need to submit this certificate to the DMV only if the DMV requests it. If you need more certificates, use reorder number **Y0657**.

| Vehicle Emission Recall - Proof of Correction | | | | |
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| License Number | Make | Year Model | Body Type | Vehicle Identification Number |
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| Manufacturer _____ | | | Recall Number AHX | |
| The above described vehicle has been repaired, modified and/or equipped with new emission control devices to meet applicable California Emission Control Laws. | | | | |
| Dealer's Name | | Address, City, State and Zip | | |
| Date | Dealership's Authorized Signature | | | |
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| Return this certificate to DMV only when required - otherwise retain for your records. | | | | |

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