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#### Engine Shuts Off, but Power Mode Stays in ON or ACCESSORY

**Currently Applies To:** All models with one-push start

When you shift into Park and shut off the engine, does the power mode stay in ON or ACCESSORY? The culprit could be a misadjusted shift cable. If it's not adjusted right, it puts pressure on the shift lever, keeping the park pin switch from opening. The power control unit needs the park pin switch position input to switch the power mode to VEHICLE OFF (LOCK).

To find and fix this problem, hook up the HDS, and go to the **ONE-PUSH START/PCU Data List**. Scroll down to **AT SHIFT POSITION P** and **AT SHIFT POSITION P-PIN**.

Shift into Park while keeping your foot on the brake pedal. Then, without pressing the release button, pull back on the shift lever (toward Reverse). The AT SHIFT POSITION P signal should read ON and the AT SHIFT POSITION P-PIN signal should read OFF.

Another test is to shift into Reverse while pressing the brake pedal. Then, press the release button and gently push the shift lever into Park. When it goes into Park, the AT SHIFT POSITION P signal should then read ON and the AT SHIFT POSITION P-PIN signal should read OFF.

If you don't get the expected results from either of those tests, refer to the electronic service manual and adjust the shift cable.

# 5.1 Surround Sound DVD Dialogue Comes From Just Front Speakers

**Currently Applies To:** RES-equipped '11 and later Odyssey and '09 and later Pilot

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article replaces the one issued in **September 2009** 

Here's something you really ought to know about: When you play a DVD with 5.1 surround sound (Dolby Digital), you'll hear the dialogue coming from just the front speakers. You **won't** hear it coming from any of the rear speakers.

If your customer is complaining that it's hard to hear the dialogue while sitting in the back, that's the reason why. There's really nothing to fix. The backseat passengers can either listen with the wireless headphones or someone up front can crank up the volume on the front center speaker.

With some DVDs, you can turn the Dolby Digital on and off. With it turned off, you'll hear dialogue coming from **every** speaker but you'll lose all of those cool surround-sound effects.

### **Never** Use Conventional Wheel & Tire Assemblies on PAX Vehicles

Currently Applies To: '05-09 Odyssey Touring

Is it OK to use conventional wheel & tire assemblies on vehicles equipped with the Michelin PAX system? Our answer to that question is **No**. Here's why:

- Raises Serious Safety Concerns: On vehicles
  designed for the PAX system, if there's a major
  drop in tire pressure, a message comes up on the
  MID that essentially tells you it's OK to keep
  driving. That message comes up because you can
  safely drive on a PAX tire for a limited distance,
  even when it's significantly underinflated or flat.
  The problem is that message will come up even if
  the vehicle is later outfitted with conventional
  wheel & tire assemblies. Driving on underinflated
  conventional tires can result in a blown tire and
  loss of control.
- Affects Ride and Handling: Since the vehicle was designed for the PAX system, its suspension is specifically tuned for it. Running on conventional wheel & tire assemblies can compromise the vehicle's ride and handling.

For those reasons, we **don't** recommend or approve of using conventional wheel & tire assemblies on PAX-equipped vehicles, and we clearly state this in the owner's manual. Any person or business that installs a conventional wheel & tire assembly on a vehicle designed for the PAX system does so at their own risk and is soley responsible for any resulting loss or damage.

And just a reminder: PAX system wheels, tires, and components are available from Tire Rack at www.hondatires.com. To place an order, you must be an authorized PAX-certified Honda dealer.

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# MIL On With DTC P2279 After Throttle Body Cleaning or Replacement

**Currently Applies To:** '08–13 Accord L4, '06–13 Accord V6, '14 Accord Plug-In, '12–13 Civic, '06–13 CR-V, '06–13 Odyssey, '05–13 Pilot, and '06–13 Ridgeline

Just cleaned or replaced the throttle body and now you've got a fluctuating idle, the MIL is on with DTC P2279 (intake air system leak), or both? What's probably happened is the throttle plate is now in a different position from the one the ECM/PCM had learned.

To fix this problem, the ECM/PCM has to relearn the current closed throttle position. Here's how to do it:

- Go to INSPECTION MENU in the HDS, and select ETCS TEST.
- Select TP POSITION CHECK, and clear the throttle position learned value.
- 3. Turn off the ignition, then, turn it back on.
- 4. Reset the ECM/PCM.
- 5. Do the idle learn procedure.
- Recheck for DTCs. If DTC P2279 doesn't reset, you're done. If it does, continue with normal troubleshooting.

## S/M Fix: Brake System Bleeding, '06–13 Civic Hybrid

Currently Applies To: '06-13 Civic Hybrid

There's an error in the advanced hydraulic booster brake system bleeding procedure of the electronic service manual. When you're doing the servo unit and power unit bleeding procedure, you need to turn the ignition switch back to ON (II) when you repeat the bleed process. As currently written, the ignition switch stays in LOCK (0).

Here's how it should read:

'06-11 Models

15. Repeat step 10 to step 14 two times.

'12-13 Models

13. Repeat step 8 to step 12 two times.

We're fixing the electronic service manual to reflect these changes, but don't forget to mark up your hard copies of the '06–11 S/M as well.



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