

## **Engine Won't Start? MIL On? Immobilizer System Indicator Blinking? Check for Loose Alternator Bolts**

### **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

2001–05 Civic

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Troubleshooting a vehicle for any or all of these symptoms?

- The engine cranks, but won't start.
- The MIL comes on.
- The Immobilizer System indicator blinks while the engine cranks.
- The HDS can't communicate with the ECM/PCM.

Check for loose alternator bolts. If these bolts are loose for any reason, such as the alternator was serviced or an accessory A/C was installed on a DX model at the dealership, the alternator can overcharge and fry the ECM/PCM.

If the alternator bolts are loose, tighten them and try restarting the engine. If it still won't start, then check the ECM/PCM connector for battery voltage and ground. If your readings are good, then replace the ECM/PCM.

Keep in mind any ECM/PCM damage caused by loose alternator bolts from A/C installation or body repair **isn't** covered by warranty.