

Headlights Fogging in Civic Hatchbacks

AFFECTED VEHICLES

2017–18 Civic Hatchback

The headlights in the Civic Hatchback are semi-sealed and have ventilation holes to help prevent heat deformation. When air flows in and out, however, it also includes any moisture that's in it. If the air outside of the headlights is cooler than the temperature of the air inside them, the headlights can fog up, just like a windshield on a cold day.

This fogging is normal and should clear up over time. We cover this in the online owner's manual. But if your customer doesn't want to wait that long, here's a way to clear it up in your shop.

1. Turn off the engine, and connect the battery to a battery charger.
2. Turn on the high beams, and wait for about **70 minutes**. Any fogging should clear up by that time.

Keep in mind there's no need to replace the headlights unless the lenses are cracked or broken (letting water leak in), there's standing water at the bottom of the housing, or the headlights have stopped working because of it.