Transmission Fluid, Brake and Clutch Fluid

5-speed Manual Transmission

Check the fluid level with the transmission at normal operating temperature and the vehicle sitting on level ground. Remove the transmission filler bolt and carefully feel inside the bolt hole with your finger. The fluid level should be up to the edge of the bolt hole. If it is not, add Genuine Honda Manual Transmission Fluid (MTF) until it starts to run out of the hole. Reinstall the filler bolt and tighten it securely.

If Honda MTF is not available, you may use an API service SG or SH grade motor oil with a viscosity of SAE 10W-30 or 10W-40 as a temporary replacement. However, motor oil does not contain the proper additives and continued use can cause stiffer shifting. Replace as soon as convenient.

The transmission should be drained and refilled with new fluid according to the time and distance recommendations in the maintenance schedule.

Brake and Clutch Fluid

Check the fluid level in the reservoirs monthly. There are up to three reservoirs, depending on equipment. They are:

- Brake fluid reservoir
- Clutch fluid reservoir (manual transmission only)
- ABS reservoir (cars with ABS)

The brake fluid in the brake and anti-lock brake systems should be replaced according to the time and distance recommendations in the maintenance schedule.
Brake Fluid
Always use Genuine Honda DOT 3 brake fluid. If it is not available, you should use only DOT 3 or DOT 4 fluid, from a sealed container, as a temporary replacement. However, the use of any non-Honda brake fluid can cause corrosion and decrease the life of the system. Have the brake fluid replaced with Honda DOT 3 brake fluid as soon as possible.

Brake fluid marked DOT 5 is not compatible with your car's braking system and can cause extensive damage.

Brake System
The fluid level should be between the M1N and MAX marks on the side of the reservoir. If the level is at or below the M1N mark, your brake system needs attention. Have the brake system inspected for leaks or worn brake pads.

Anti-lock Brake System
The fluid should be between the MIN and MAX marks on the side of the reservoir. If it is at or below the MIN mark, it indicates a possible problem in the ABS. Have the dealer inspect the system as soon as possible.
Brake and Clutch Fluid, Power Steering

**Clutch System**

The fluid should be between the MIN and MAX marks on the side of the reservoir. If it is not, add brake fluid to bring it up to that level. Use the same fluid specified for the brake system.

Low fluid level can indicate a leak in the clutch system. Have this system inspected as soon as possible.

**Power Steering**

Check the level when the engine is cold. Look at the side of the reservoir. The fluid should be between the UPPER LEVEL and LOWER LEVEL. If it is below the LOWER LEVEL, add power steering fluid to the UPPER LEVEL.

Always use Genuine Honda Power Steering Fluid. If it is not available, you may use another power steering fluid as an emergency replacement. However, continued use can cause increased wear and poor steering in cold weather. Have the power steering system drained and refilled with Honda PSF as soon as possible.

A low power steering fluid level can indicate a leak in the system. Check the fluid level frequently and have the system inspected as soon as possible.

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**NOTICE**

*Turning the steering wheel to full left or right lock and holding it there can damage the power steering pump.*
The air cleaner element should be cleaned or replaced according to the time and distance recommendations in the maintenance schedule.

**Cleaning (Severe Conditions)**
Clean the air cleaner element by blowing compressed air through it in the opposite direction to normal air flow. If you do not have access to compressed air (such as a service station), ask your Acura dealer to do this service.

Follow the replacement procedure for removal and reinstallation.

The air cleaner element is inside the air cleaner housing on the passenger's side of the engine compartment.

### Replacement

**To replace it:**

1. Loosen the three bolts and remove the air cleaner housing cover.
2. Lift up the old air cleaner element and pull it out of the duct. Clean the inside of the air cleaner housing with a damp rag.
3. Attach the new air cleaner element to the duct. Make sure the tab on the duct fits in the notch on the air cleaner element. Install the new air cleaner element in the air cleaner housing correctly placing the square part of the flange on the element in the mating recess on the housing.
4. Reinstall the air cleaner housing cover, tighten the three bolts.