



Applies To: **2001 Civic** – ALL  
**2002 Civic** – See VEHICLES AFFECTED

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## Trunk Release Handle Does Not Work

### SYMPTOM

The trunk release handle does not open the trunk.

### PROBABLE CAUSE

The valet trunk lock cylinder mount is deformed, causing the lock cylinder to engage, and lock the trunk release handle.

### VEHICLES AFFECTED

2 door:

- KE – From VIN 1HGEM2...2L600001 thru 1HGEM2...2L601036
- KG – From VIN 1HGEM2...2L600001 thru 1HGEM2...2L601055
- KX – From VIN 1HGEM2...2L900001 thru HGEM2...2L900641
- KK – From VIN 1HGEM2...2L500001 thru HGEM2...2L500009
- KK – From VIN 1HGEM2...2L500001 thru 1HGEM2...2L500009

4 door:

- KK – From VIN 1HGES...2L500001 thru 1HGES...2L500356
- KX – From VIN 1HGES...2L900001 thru VIN 1HGES...2L902282
- KK – From VIN 2HGES...2H750001 thru VIN 2HGES...2H750089
- KU – ALL JHMES....(Japan Produced)

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the door sill trim.

### PARTS INFORMATION

*Door Sill Trim, 4-door DX/LX/EX*

Gray:

P/N 84251-S5A-A00ZB, H/C 6462634

Mild Beige:

P/N 84251-S5A-A00ZC, H/C 6462642

*Door Sill Trim, 2-door EX*

Graphite Black:

P/N 84251-S5P-A10ZA, H/C 6527295

Mild Beige:

P/N 84251-S5P-A10ZB, H/C 6527303

### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

**In warranty:** The normal warranty applies.

Operation Number: 857131

Flat Rate Time: 0.4 hour

Failed Part: P/N 84251-S5A-A00ZC  
H/C 6462642

Defect Code: 077

Contention Code: B01

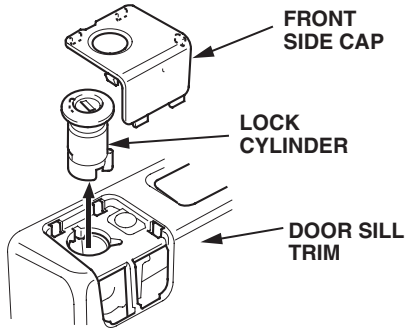
### DIAGNOSIS

Insert the key into the trunk lock cylinder, and make sure the trunk opens with the key.

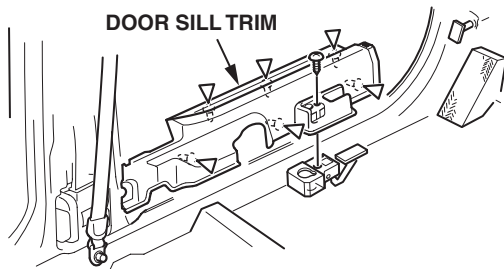
- If the trunk opens, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE.
- If the key is difficult to turn or the trunk does not open, check for a disconnected lock rod, a defective trunk lock, a disconnected cable, or a damaged cable.

## REPAIR PROCEDURE

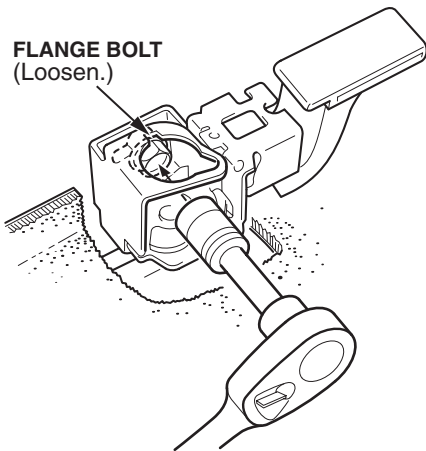
1. Remove the left B-pillar trim (see the shop manual).
2. Remove the left front kick panel (see the shop manual).
3. Using a flat-tip screwdriver wrapped with protective tape, remove the front side cap and the lock cylinder from the door sill trim.



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5. Remove the door sill trim (1 screw).

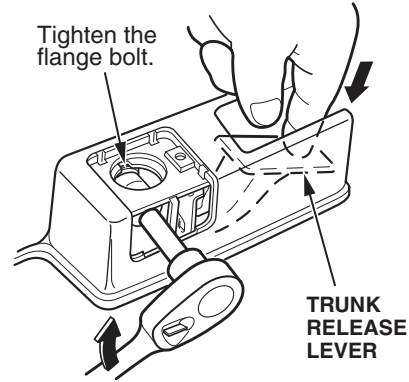


6. Loosen the 6 mm flange bolt on the trunk lid opener assembly.

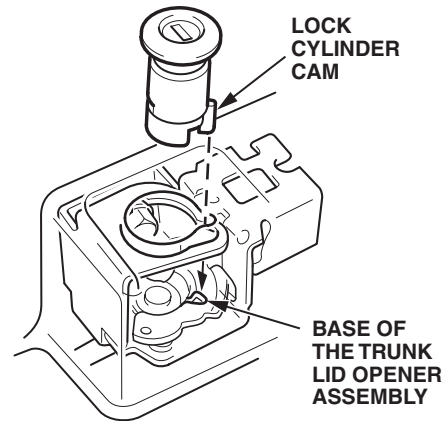


7. Install the new door sill trim, and align it with the trunk lid opener assembly.

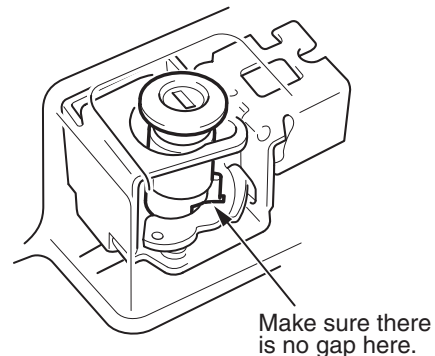
8. Push the trunk release lever to the floor, and torque the 6 mm flange bolt to 9.8 N·m (7.2 lb-ft).



9. Align the lock cylinder cam with the trunk lid opener assembly, and then install the lock cylinder into the door sill trim. If necessary, use a small screwdriver to move the lock cylinder cam so that it seats properly into the base of the trunk lid opener assembly.



10. Make sure there is no gap between the lock cylinder cam and the base of the trunk lid opener assembly. If there is a gap, loosen the 6 mm flange bolt, readjust the trunk lid opener assembly, and then torque the bolt to 9.8 N·m (7.2 lb-ft).



11. Lock and unlock the key cylinder several times, and operate the trunk release lever in both positions to make sure it works properly.
12. Install the front side cap.
13. Install the left front kick panel and the B-pillar trim.