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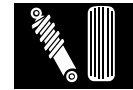
Applicable To

File Under

Bulletin No.

1997-99  
CR-V

ALL



98-050

Issue Date  
APRIL 1999

## Clunking Noise From the Front Suspension

### SYMPTOM

When driving over bumps, you hear a clunking noise from the front suspension.

### PROBABLE CAUSE

The upper arm flange bolts do not properly clamp the upper arm bushings.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the upper arm flange bolts.

### PARTS INFORMATION

Flange Bolt, 10 x 68 mm (4 required):  
P/N 90172-S04-003

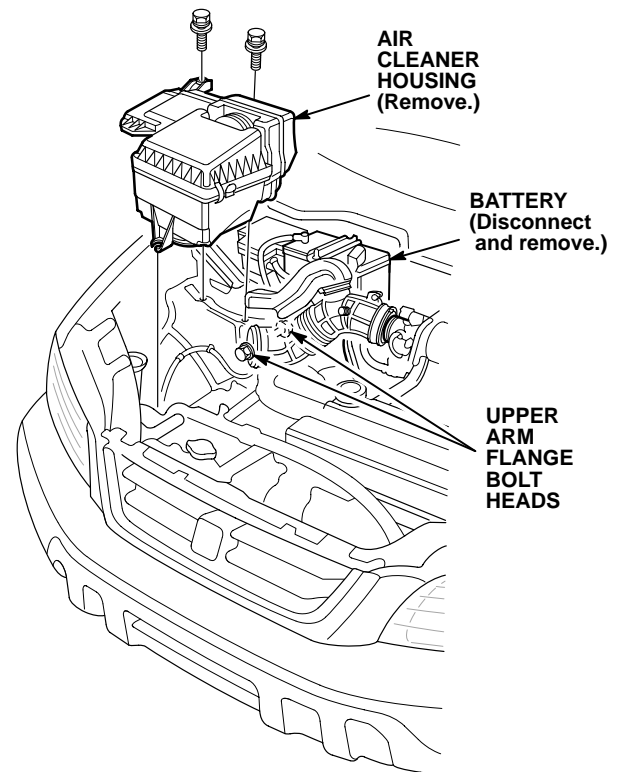
### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

The normal warranty applies.

Flat rate time: 0.9 hour  
Failed part: P/N 90172-S04-003  
Defect code: 042

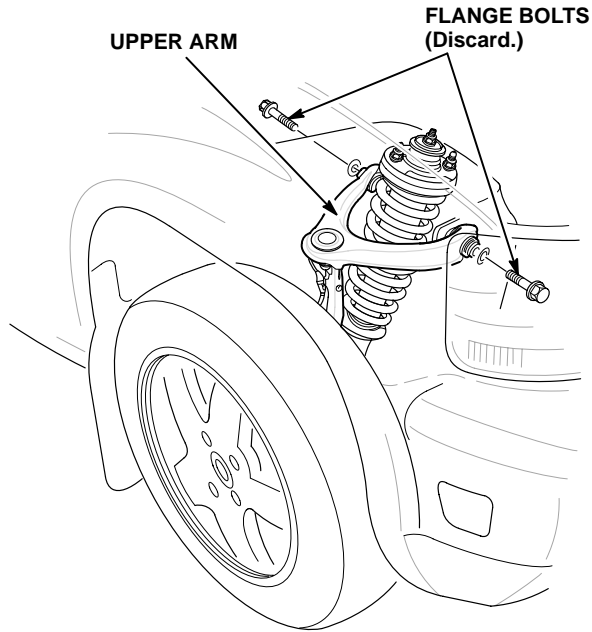
### REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Record your customer's radio station presets.
2. Disconnect and remove the battery.



3. Raise the vehicle on a lift, just enough to lift the wheels off the ground.
4. Remove the air cleaner housing.

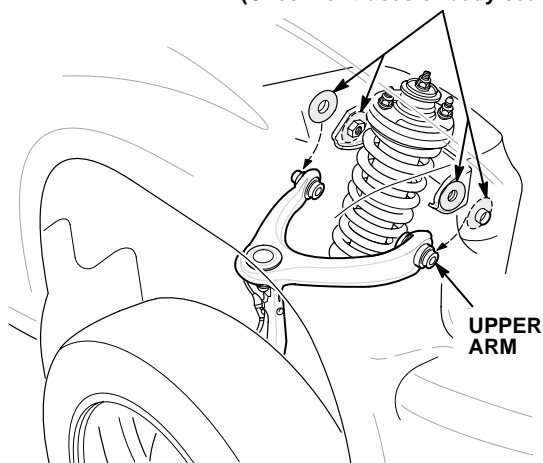
- Loosen the two flange bolts from the right upper arm. Repeat this step on the left side.



- While supporting the right front tire with your hand, remove the flange bolts, and ease the upper arm away from the upper arm mount. Discard the flange bolts. Repeat this step on the left side.
- Raise the vehicle about four feet off the ground.
- From inside the right front wheelwell, look for traces of body sealer in the upper arm mounting areas. If you find any body sealer, remove it with a gasket scraper. Repeat this step on the left side.

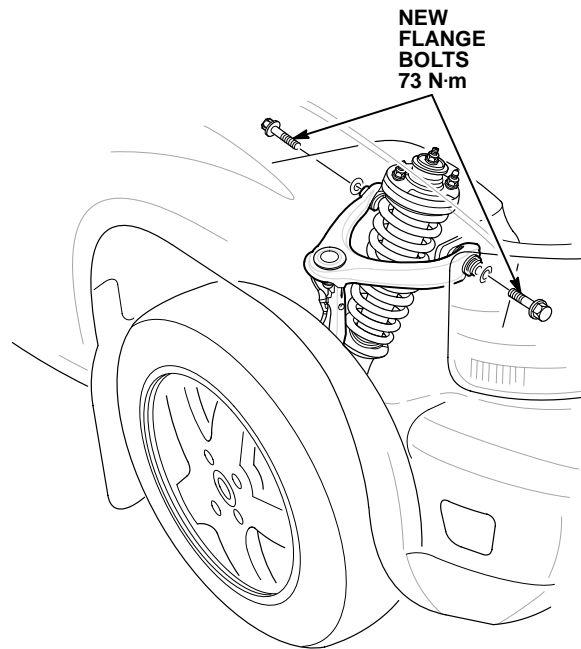
NOTE: Be careful not to scratch the body finish. If you do, repair the area with touch-up paint.

**UPPER ARM MOUNTING AREAS**  
(Check for traces of body sealer.)



- Lower the vehicle until the wheels are just off the ground.
- Reinstall the right upper arm with two new flange bolts. Leave the bolts loose. Repeat this step on the left side.

NOTE: When you install the new flange bolts, you may need to move the tire slightly with your hand to align the bolt holes.



- Lower the vehicle to the ground, and torque the four new flange bolts to 73 N·m.
- Reinstall the air cleaner housing. Torque the two flange bolts to 9.8 N·m.
- Reinstall the battery.
- Reset the radio station presets, and set the clock.
- Test-drive the vehicle over bumps to make sure the noise is gone.