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## New Driveshaft Boot Bands and Installation Tool

American Honda is changing to variable-size boot bands to secure the driveshaft CV joint boots. These variable-size boot bands are available in two lengths, and they require a new special tool for proper installation.

### PARTS INFORMATION

The two variable-size boot bands listed below replace all existing Honda single-size boot bands. The boot bands and the special tool can be ordered through American Honda using the normal parts ordering channels.

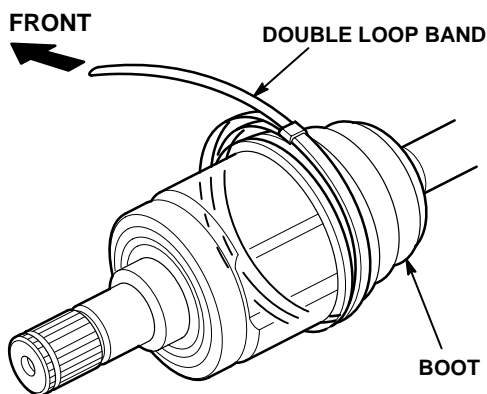
Boot Band, 350 mm: P/N 44327-SV4-305

Boot Band, 150 mm: P/N 44329-SV4-305

Boot Band Tool: T/N KD-3191

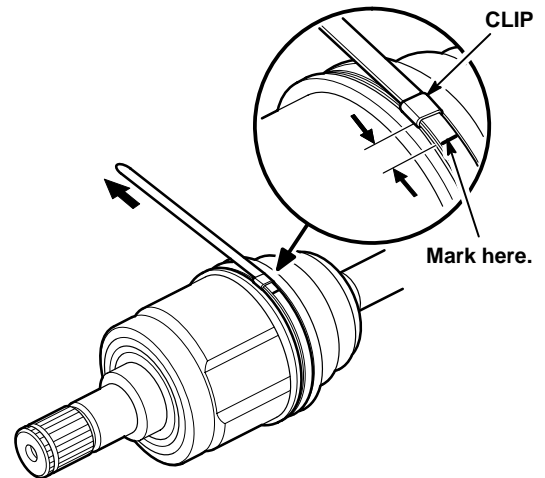
### PROCEDURE

1. Remove the old boot band. Take care not to damage the boot.
2. Remove and inspect the boot. Replace the boot if it is worn or damaged.
3. Install the boot, and fill it with the specified amount of grease. Refer to the appropriate shop manual for the grease type and amount.
4. Install the replacement boot band onto the boot with the end of the band toward the front of the vehicle.

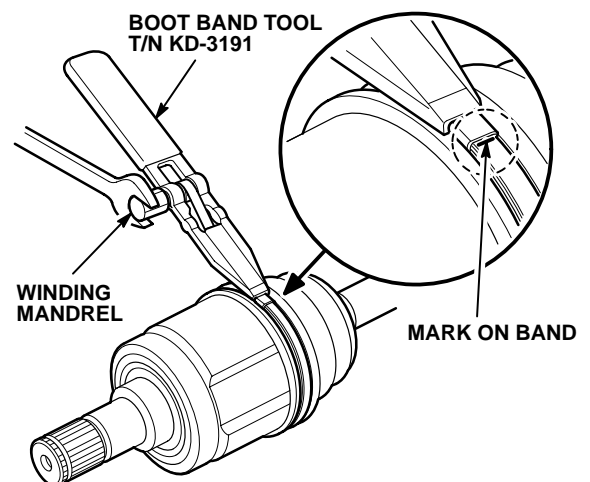


5. Take up the slack in the boot band by hand, and hold the boot band in place.

6. Measure and mark the band with a felt-tip pen to indicate the specified distance from the clip:
  - If you are installing a new boot, mark the band approximately 10 to 14 mm (0.4 to 0.6 in.) from the clip.
  - If you are reinstalling the original boot, mark the band 10 mm (0.4 in.) from the clip.

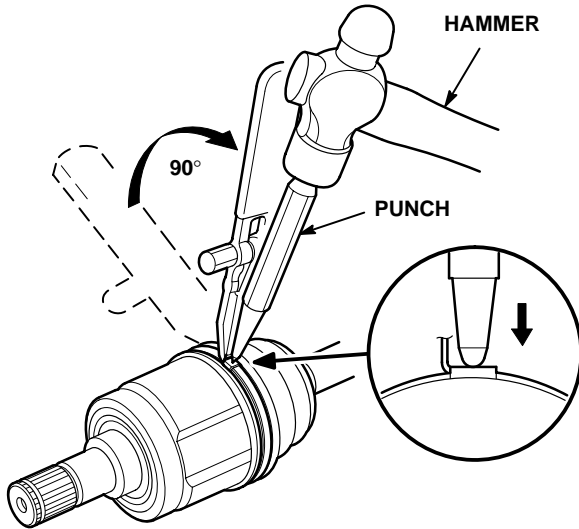


7. Thread the free end of the band through the tip of the boot band tool and into the slot on the winding mandrel.

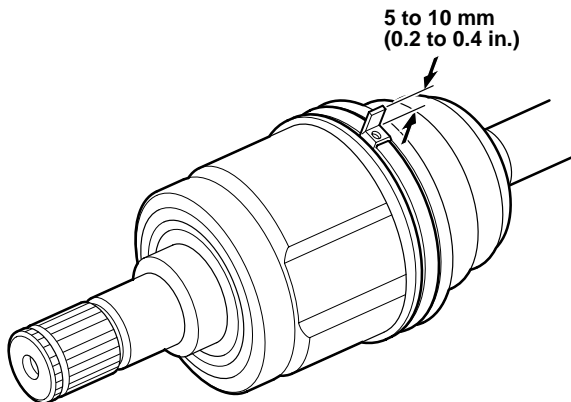


8. Take up the slack in the boot band by hand, then slowly turn the winding mandrel with a wrench. Tighten the band until the mark you made in step 6 meets the edge of the clip.

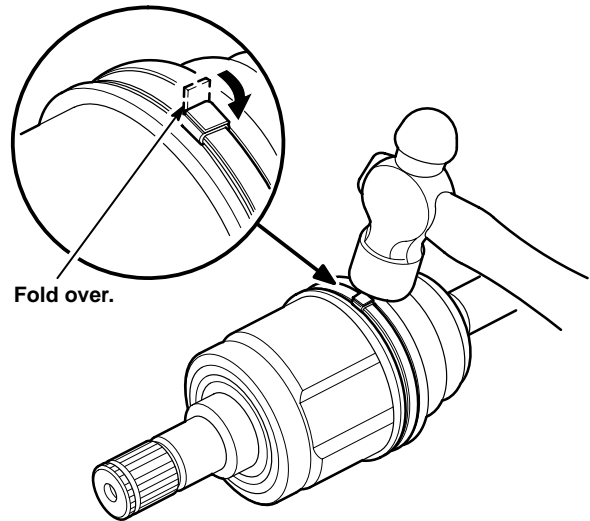
9. Raise up the boot band tool to bend the free end of the band 90 degrees, then center-punch the clip.



10. Unwind the boot band tool, and cut off the excess band 5 to 10 mm (0.2 to 0.4 in.) from the clip.



11. Secure the end of the boot band by tapping it down over the clip with a hammer.



12. Make sure that the band does not move, and that the clip and band do not interfere with the normal action of the driveshaft.
13. Repeat steps 4 through 12 to install the boot band on the other end of the boot.