


 Applies To: **See VEHICLES AFFECTED**
**April 29, 2003**

## Trunk Lid Is Difficult to Close (Supersedes 02-061, dated December 17, 2002)

### SYMPTOM

The trunk lid may be difficult to close or won't latch closed.

### PROBABLE CAUSE

The trunk lid may be misaligned, and the trunk lid opener cable, trunk lid latch, lock cylinder, lock rod, and/or the trunk lid latch striker may need adjustment or replacement.

### VEHICLES AFFECTED

2001 Civic: ALL

2002 Civic (2-Door):

From VIN 1HGEM2...2L000001 thru  
1HGEM2...2L087027

2002 Civic (4-Door):

From VIN 1HGES1...2L000001 thru  
1HGES1...2L064845

From VIN 2HGES1...2H500001 thru  
2HGES1...2H541695

From VIN JHMES1...2S000001 thru end of  
production

From VIN JHMES2...2S000001 thru end of  
production

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Adjust the trunk lid and/or the trunk lid latch, or replace components as needed.

### PARTS INFORMATION

Lock Cylinder:

P/N 74861-SZ3-G01, H/C 6046486

Lock Cylinder Rod (2-Door):

P/N 74863-S5P-A00, H/C 6524748

Trunk Lid Latch:

P/N 74851-S5A-A01, H/C 6471106

Trunk Lid Opener Cable (2-Door):

P/N 74880-S5P-A01, H/C 6590780

Trunk Lid Opener Cable (4-Door):

P/N 74880-S5A-A02, H/C 6849848

### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

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

OP#	DESCRIPTION	FRT
823512	Inspect trunk lid hinges (REPAIR PROCEDURE A)	0.1
A	Adjust the trunk lid hinges (REPAIR PROCEDURE A)	0.2
B	Inspect the striker (REPAIR PROCEDURE B)	0.1
C	Adjust the striker (REPAIR PROCEDURE B)	0.2
D	Inspect the trunk lid latch (REPAIR PROCEDURE C)	0.1
E	Replace the trunk lid latch (REPAIR PROCEDURE C)	0.2
F	Inspect the trunk lid opener cable (REPAIR PROCEDURE D)	0.2
G	Replace the trunk lid opener cable (REPAIR PROCEDURE D)	0.8
H	Inspect the trunk lock cylinder (REPAIR PROCEDURE E)	0.1
I	Replace the trunk lock cylinder (REPAIR PROCEDURE E)	0.4

Failed Part: P/N 68500-S5P-A90ZZ  
H/C 6528640

Defect Code: 082

Contention Code: B99

Skill Level: Repair Technician

**Out of warranty:** Any repair performed after warranty expiration may be eligible for goodwill consideration by the District Parts and Service Manager or your Zone Office. You must request consideration, and get a decision, before starting work.

### REPAIR PROCEDURE A

1. Check the side to side alignment of the trunk lid latch to the striker. The gaps of the trunk lid should be even on all sides. Refer to page 20-128 of the 2001-03 Civic Service Manual.

- If the trunk is misaligned, go to step 2.
- If the trunk lid is properly aligned on all sides, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE B.

2. Adjust the trunk lid hinges. Refer to page 20-128 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
3. Check the trunk operation.
  - If the trunk opens and closes smoothly, and is properly aligned, return the vehicle to the customer.
  - If the trunk lid is still difficult to close, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE B.

#### **REPAIR PROCEDURE B**

1. Check the depth adjustment of the trunk lid. The trunk lid flushness should be even on all sides and corners. Refer to page 20-128 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
  - If the trunk is misaligned, go to step 2.
  - If the trunk lid is properly aligned on all sides and corners, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE C.
2. Adjust the striker depth position and the trunk lid edge cushions. Refer to page 20-128 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
3. Check the trunk operation.
  - If the trunk opens and closes smoothly, return the vehicle to the customer.
  - If the trunk lid is still difficult to close, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE C.

#### **REPAIR PROCEDURE C**

1. Check the operation of the trunk lid latch. Use a small screwdriver to manually set and release the latch. Refer to page 20-152 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
  - If the latch is difficult to set or release, go to step 2.
  - If the latch operates properly, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE D.
2. Replace the trunk lid latch. Refer to page 20-152 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
3. Check the trunk operation.
  - If the trunk opens and closes smoothly, return the vehicle to the customer.
  - If the trunk lid is still difficult to close, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE D.

#### **REPAIR PROCEDURE D**

1. Check the operation of the trunk lid opener cable. Disconnect the cable from the trunk lid latch. Refer to page 20-147 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual. Check that there is no friction or binding of the cable by holding the outside casing, and pulling back and forth on the inner cable.
  - If the cable is difficult to move or binds, go to step 2.
  - If the cable operates smoothly, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE E.
2. Replace the trunk lid opener cable. Refer to page 20-146 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
3. Check the trunk operation.
  - If the trunk opens and closes smoothly, return the vehicle to the customer.
  - If the trunk lid is still difficult to close, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE E.

#### **REPAIR PROCEDURE E**

1. Check the operation of the trunk lid lock cylinder. Look at the back of the lock cylinder while you turn the key from lock to unlock. Refer to page 20-153 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
  - If the lock cylinder is difficult to turn or binds, go to step 2.
  - If the lock cylinder operates properly, and the trunk lid is still difficult to close, refer to the appropriate body repair manual, and check for body inaccuracies.
2. Replace the lock cylinder, and re-key the cylinder to the customer's original key. On 2-door Civics, replace the lock cylinder and the lock cylinder rod. Refer to page 20-153 of the 2001–03 Civic Service Manual.
3. Check the trunk operation, and return the vehicle to the customer.