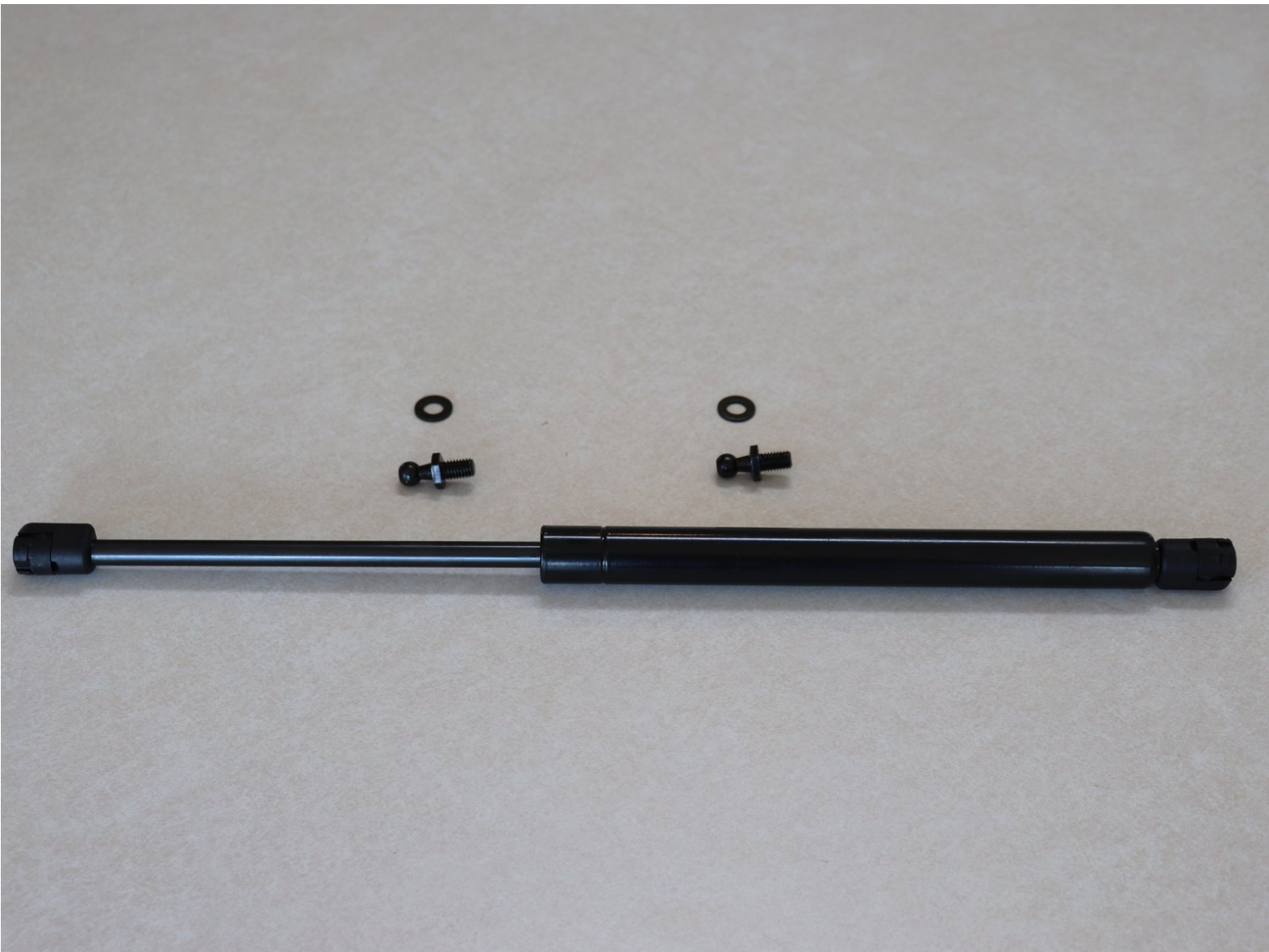




2002-2006 Acura Integra Hatch Strut Replacement

This guide will show how to remove and replace an aging hatch strut (lift support) on a 2002-2006 Acura Integra (RSX).

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INTRODUCTION

This guide shows the process of replacing a hatch strut on a 2002-2006 Acura Integra (DC5 or RSX). A hatch strut, also referred to as a hatch lift support, is a vital component to keeping the hatch of a vehicle open. As they age and become worn out they'll no longer function properly. In cold temperatures a worn hatch strut may even fail to keep the hatch open.

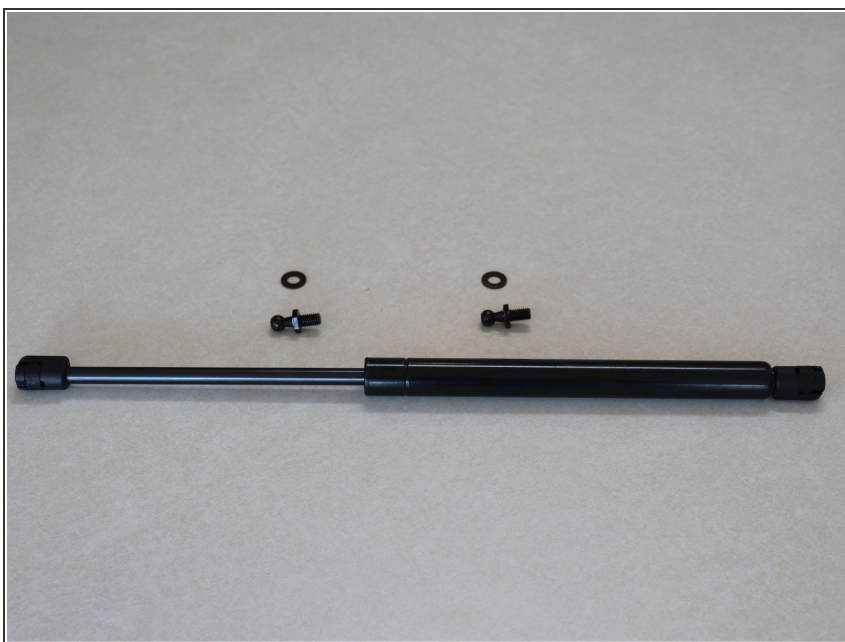
All that is needed are a replacement hatch strut, a 12mm wrench, and a crescent wrench. There is a wide variety of aftermarket hatch struts for this vehicle and there is no electrical work required for this fast fix. This guide utilizes a [Monroe Max-Lift Lift Support. \(Part Number: 900077\)](#) but any compatible replacement will suffice. It is recommended to have a helper stand by to hold the weight of the hatch or to safely prop it open during the replacement process. A simple fix like this can save you the time and money of going to a repair shop and helps build basic auto maintenance skills.



TOOLS:

- [12mm Wrench](#) (1)
 - [Adjustable Wrench](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Hatch Strut



- Acquire a compatible hatch strut (lift support). This guide uses a [Monroe Max-Lift Lift Support. \(Part Number: 900077\)](#)



Step 2



- Go to the rear of the vehicle.
- Pull up on the trunk handle to lift open the trunk.

Step 3



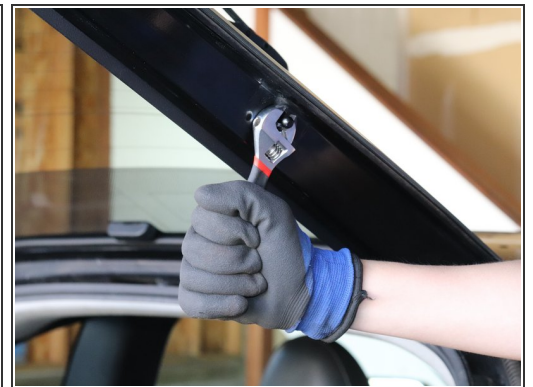
-  Prop open hatch or have someone help support the hatch weight.
 - Remove the upper ball mount.
 - Turn the upper ball mount counterclockwise with a 12mm wrench.
-  It will pop off when it's completely unscrewed.

Step 4



- Remove the lower ball mount.
- Turn the lower ball mount counterclockwise with a 12mm wrench.
- ⓘ It will pop off when it's completely unscrewed.

Step 5



- Place a washer on the new upper ball mount.
- Turn it clockwise to hand tighten the new upper ball mount.
- Turn it clockwise with the crescent wrench to finish tightening.

Step 6



- Place a washer on the new lower ball mount.
- Turn it clockwise to hand tighten the new lower ball mount.
- Turn it clockwise with a crescent wrench to finish tightening the new lower ball mount.

Step 7



- Place a lower hatch strut socket over the new lower ball mount.
- Push it firmly onto the new lower ball mount. It will pop on easily.

Step 8



- Place the upper hatch strut socket over the new upper ball mount.
- Press it firmly onto the new upper ball mount. It will pop on easily.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.