



# Initiate the instrument cluster self-test

This procedure tests all the lights and gauges of the Honda/Acura instrument cluster.

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## INTRODUCTION

You'll probably never need to diagnose an instrument light problem with your car, but that doesn't mean you can't have fun performing this test. And knowing that the gauges and lights are working is reassuring.

If you want to show this to friends, be warned that HID headlights service life can be reduced by turning them on and off needlessly. The bulbs aren't cheap. I recommend pulling the fuses for them before doing this repeated.

**This procedure is specific to HONDAs and ACURAs.**



### PARTS:

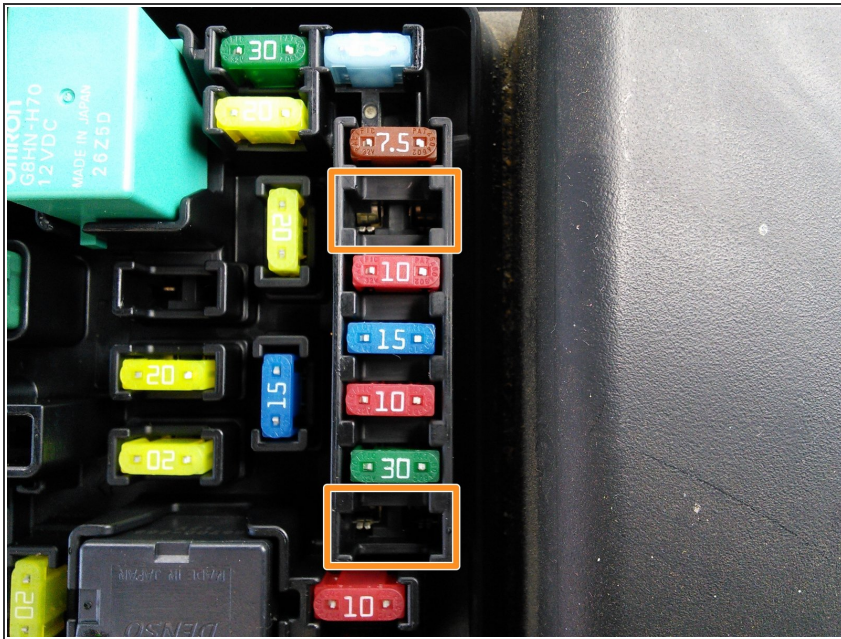
- [Fuse Box Tool](#) (1)

*For removing the headlight fuses (optional).*

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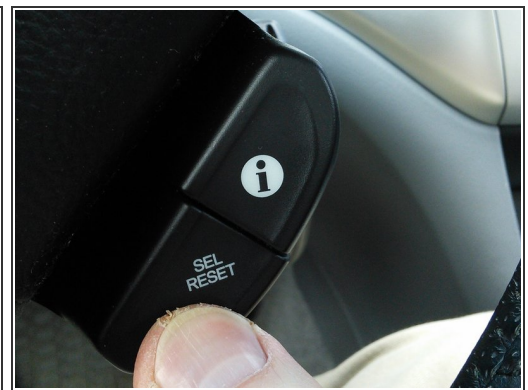
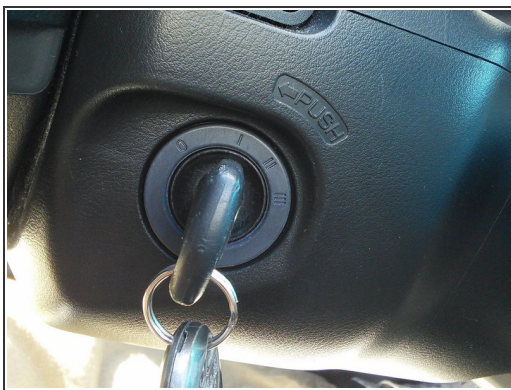


## Step 1 — Save the headlights from excessive use



- This procedure involves turning on and off the headlights repeatedly, which can reduce the HID headlights' mean lifetime before failure. As a precursor, consider removing the 15A **left & right low headlight fuses** from the under-hood fuse box, positions 1 and 6. (Refer to your Owners Manual for instructions, or an iFixit guide.)
- ⚠ Be sure to reinstall the low beam headlight fuses before driving the vehicle.

## Step 2 — Starting the self test inputs



- Insert the ignition key into the ignition lock. Leave it in the 0 or I position.
- Push and hold the **Sel/Reset** knob (on the instrument panel by the fuel gauge), or the Sel/reset button on the right hand of the steering wheel below the *Multi-Information Display Info* button.



### Step 3



- Turn the headlights ON.

### Step 4



- Turn the ignition switch to ON (position II).
  - ❗ Some of the instrument lights will come on. If you aren't wearing your seatbelt, the seatbelt warning chime will sound.

## Step 5



- Within five seconds, and still holding in the **Sel/Reset** button, turn the headlights OFF, then ON, then OFF again.

## Step 6 — Final inputs, and here comes the show



- Within 5 seconds, release the **Sel/reset** button.
- Push and release the **Sel/reset** button 3 times repeatedly.
- ❗ The instrument cluster begins its self-test.
- Each successive press of the **Sel/reset** button initiates a new cycling of all the gauges.
- To end, turn the ignition switch to OFF, or vehicle speed exceeds 1.5 mph.

⚠ If you removed the 15A headlight fuses from the under-hood fuse box in step 1, reinstall them before driving.