

July 7, 2025

Version 3

Warranty Extension: Engine Does Not Auto Restart After Entering Auto Idle Stop

Supersedes Version 2, dated March 20, 2023, to revise the information highlighted in yellow.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2016–20	MDX (with 9A/T)	ALL	Check the iN VIN Status for eligibility

REVISION SUMMARY

- Under BACKGROUND, information was added.
- Under INSPECTION PROCEDURE, information was removed.

BACKGROUND

Under certain circumstances, after coming to a stop and engaging idle stop the vehicle may not restart automatically due to excessive cylinder pressure and/or low cranking torque. Typically, the client can immediately restart the vehicle by selecting Park and pressing the ENGINE START/STOP button.

NOTE: If 23-001 Product Update: PGM-FI Idle Stop Software Update is applicable to the VIN, the PGM-FI software must be updated first before the warranty extension applies.

Acura is extending the warranty coverage for valve adjustment and starter replacement related to this condition to 10 years from the original date of purchase with no mileage limitation.

Acura is also implementing an additional **eighteen (18) month** period for **2016** model year Acura MDX vehicles, commencing at the expiration of the 10 year warranty extension period for each vehicle, for valve adjustment and starter replacement related to this condition under warranty.

CLIENT NOTIFICATION

Owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign.

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to verify eligibility.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the starter assembly, starter relays and adjust the valves.

CLIENT INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Acura automobile dealer.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Intake Manifold Cover Gasket (Upper)	17112-5G0-A01	1
Intake Manifold Gasket	17105-R9P-A01	1
Throttle Body Gasket	16176-RYE-A10	1
Starter Motor Assy.	31200-5J2-A53	1
Flange Bolt (12X120)	90051-5J4-000	1
Flange Bolt (12X45)	90165-SDA-A00	2
Power Relay Assy.	39794-SDA-A03	2

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Hondabond (one tube repairs 4 vehicles)	08718-0004	1

TOOLS INFORMATION

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Relay Puller	07AAC-000A2A1	1

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

The normal warranty applies.

Operation Number	Description	Flat Rate Time	Defect Code	Symptom Code	Template ID	Failed Part Number
1181FF	Replace the Starter, Starter Relays and Adjust Valves	3.0 hr	6T600	HCS00	B23002A	31200-5J2-A53

Skill Level: Repair Technician

INSPECTION PROCEDURE

Does 23-001 Product Update: PGM-FI Idle Stop Software Update apply to the VIN?

Yes – Confirm 23-001 Product Update: PGM-FI Idle Stop Software Update is closed by checking VIN inquiry.

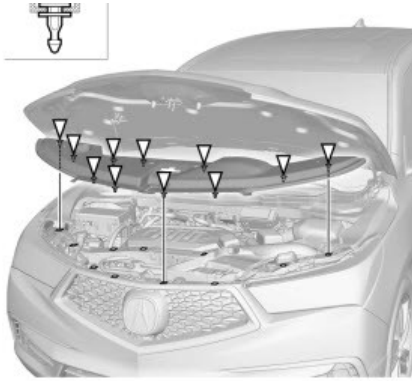
- If closed, proceed to the repair procedure.
- If open, do 23-001 Product Update: PGM-FI Idle Stop Software Update. Repair is complete.

No – Proceed to the repair procedure.

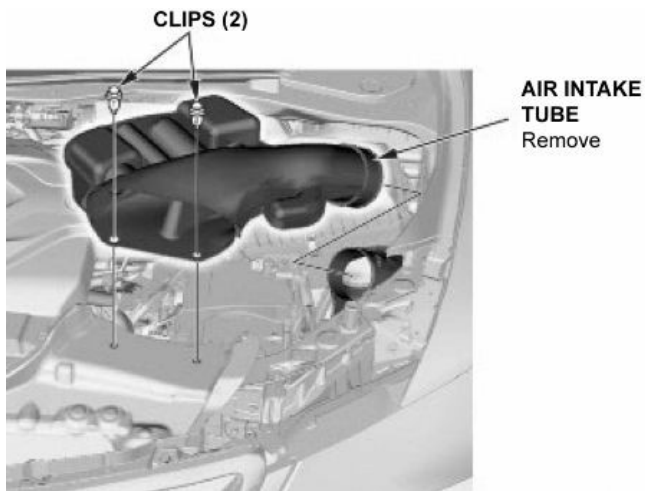
REPAIR PROCEDURE

Starter Removal and Installation.

1. Remove front bulkhead cover.

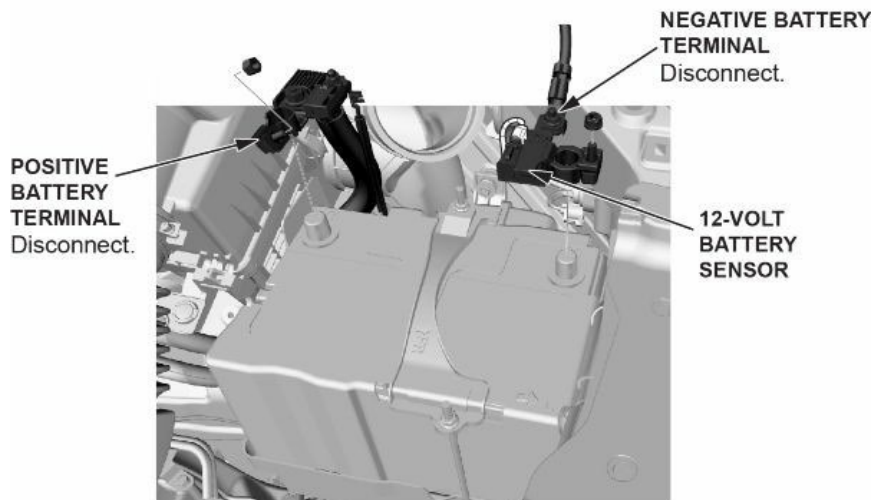


2. Remove the air intake tube.



3. Disconnect 12 volt battery.

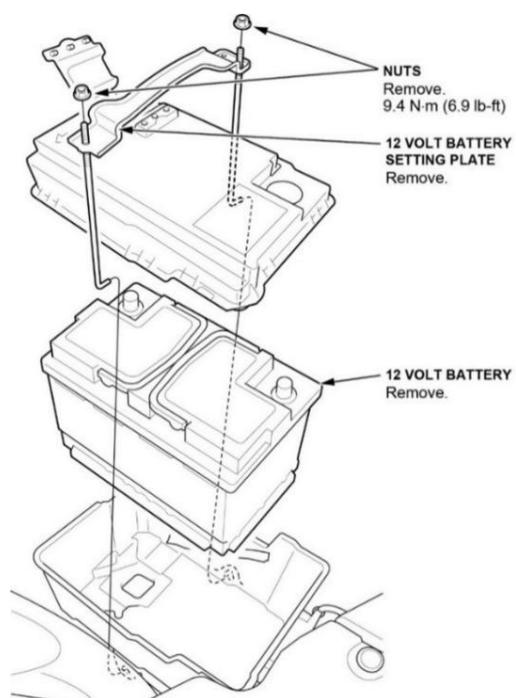
NOTE: Do not disconnect the sensor from the negative terminal.



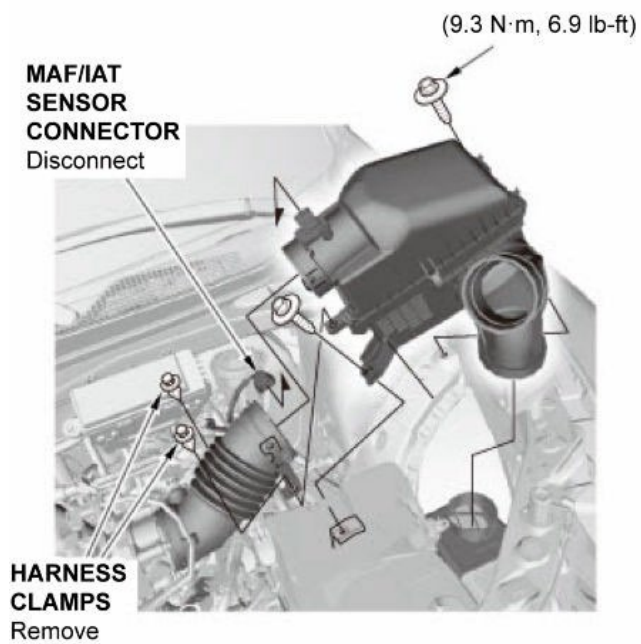
4. Disconnect the battery fan connector.



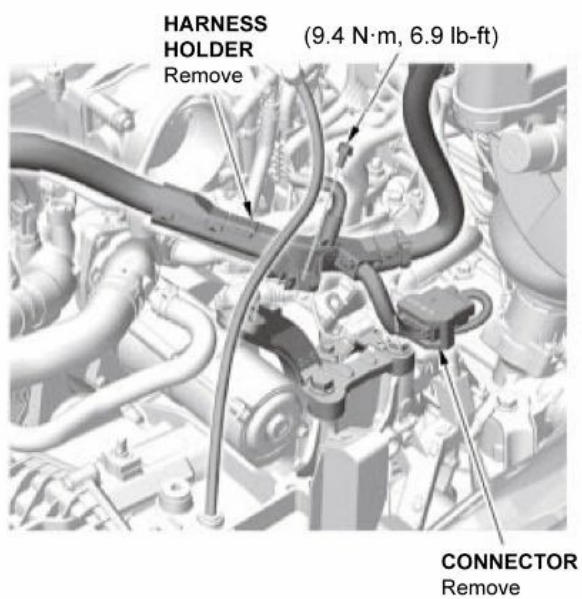
5. Remove the 12 volt battery.



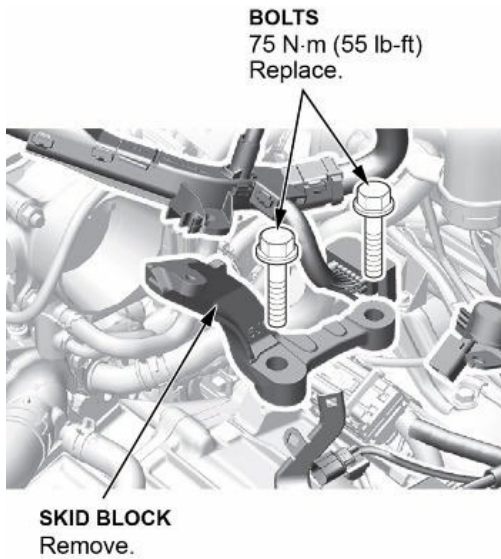
6. Remove the air cleaner.



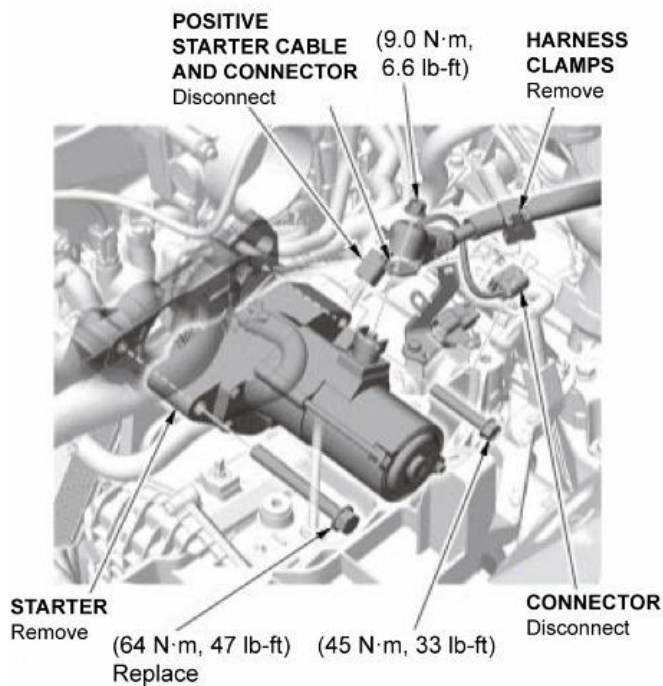
7. Disconnect the connector, then remove the harness holder.



8. Remove the skid block.



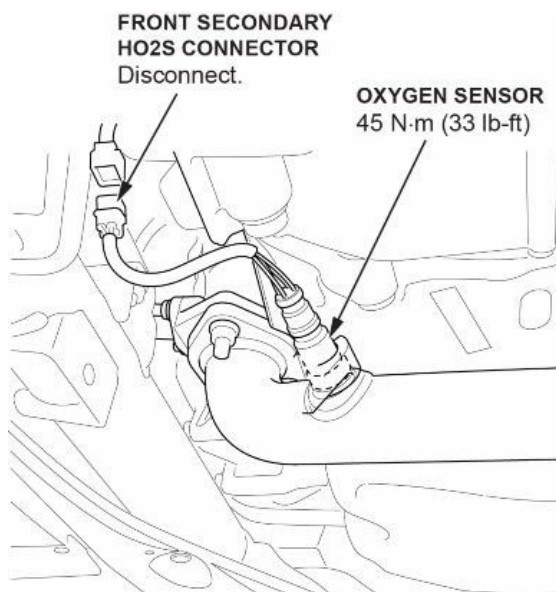
9. Disconnect the connector, remove the harness clamp, disconnect the positive starter cable and the connector, remove the bolts, then remove the starter.



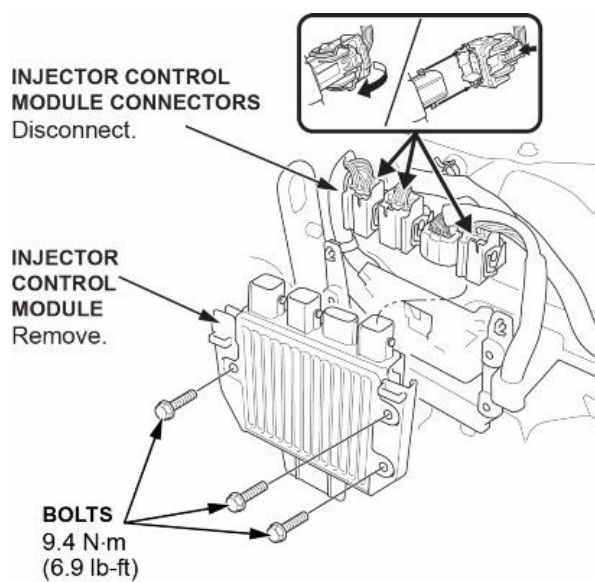
10. Reinstall the parts in the reverse order of removal.
11. Replace start cut relay 1 and starter cut relay 2.
12. Connect the HDS to the DLC.
13. Turn the vehicle to the ON mode.
14. Make sure the HDS communicates with the vehicle, then select **Idle Stop Starter Counter Clear** in the **ADJUSTMENT MENU** with the HDS.

Valve Clearance Adjustment

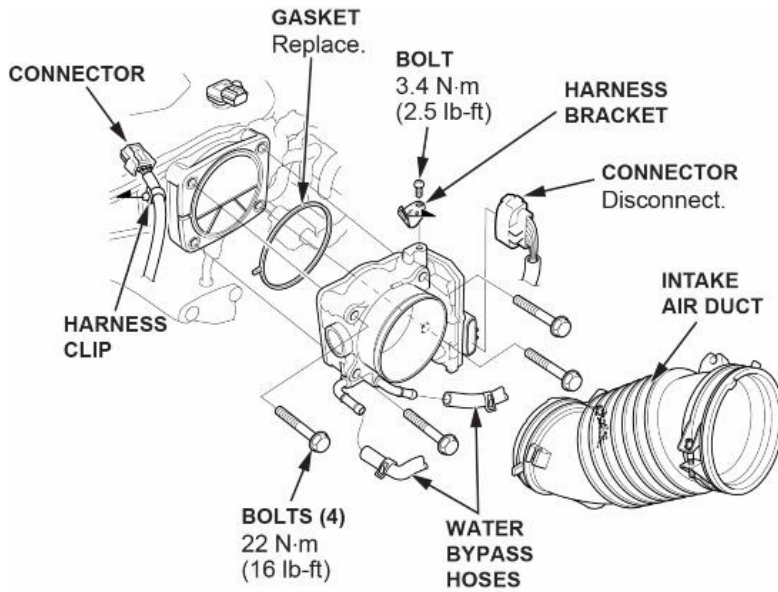
1. Disconnect the front secondary HO2S connector.



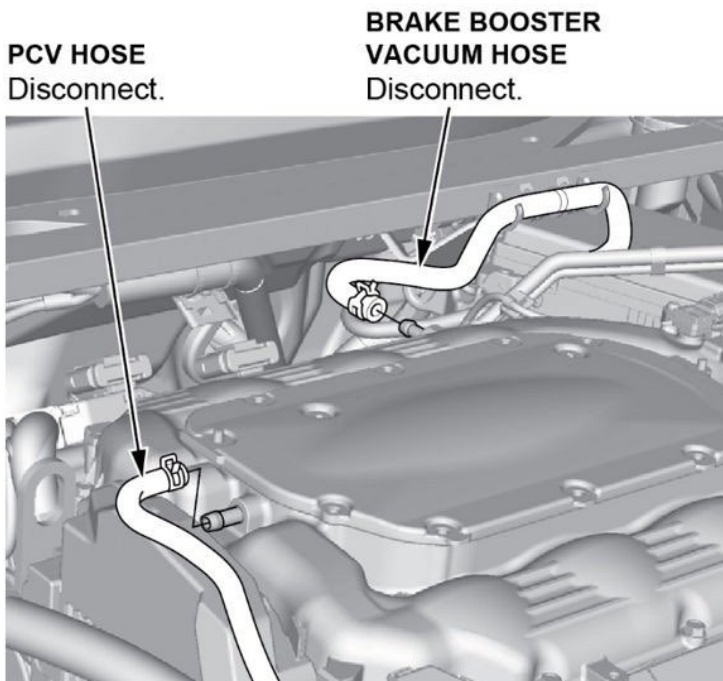
2. Remove injector control module.



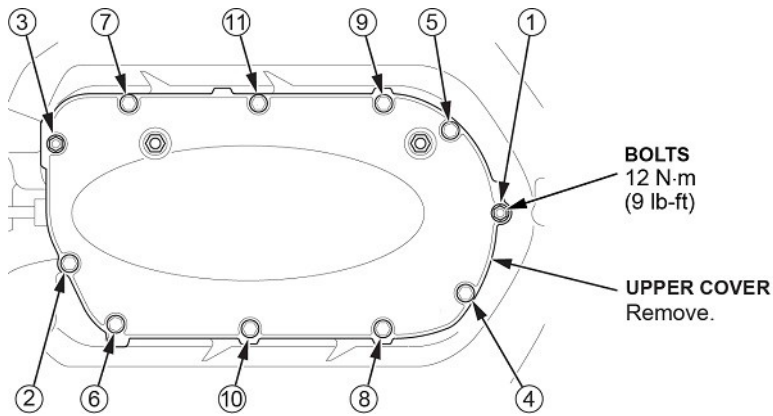
3. Remove the intake air duct. Disconnect the connectors and EVAP purge hose. Remove the throttle body without disconnecting the water bypass hoses.



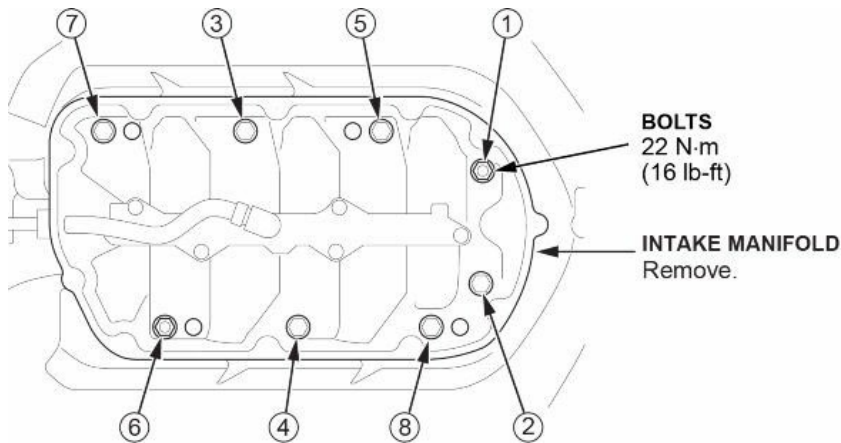
4. Disconnect the PCV hose and the brake booster vacuum hose.



5. Remove the upper cover mounting bolts and nuts sequentially in three steps. Remove the upper cover.



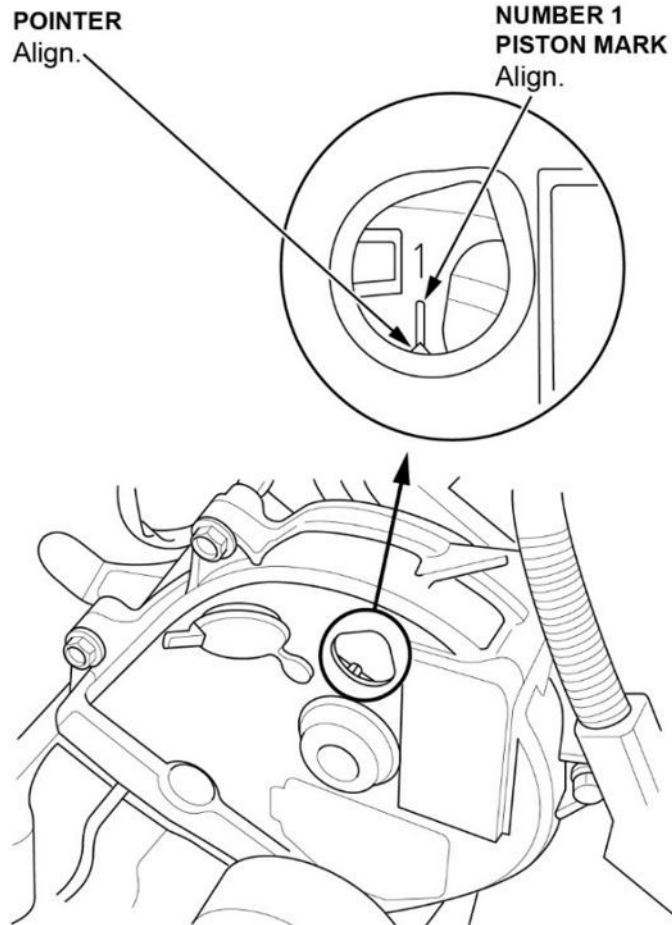
6. Remove the intake manifold mounting bolts and nuts sequentially in three steps. Remove the intake manifold.



7. Remove the ignition coils, positive alternator cable, A/C compressor clutch connector, and harness holders on both cylinder heads.
8. Disconnect rocker arm oil pressure sensor connector
9. Remove cylinder head covers.

NOTE: Connect the HDS to the DLC and monitor ECT SENSOR 1. When the engine has cooled down and the coolant temperature is less than **100°F (38°C)**, adjust the valve clearance.

10. Set the No. 1 piston at top dead center (TDC). Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 1 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.



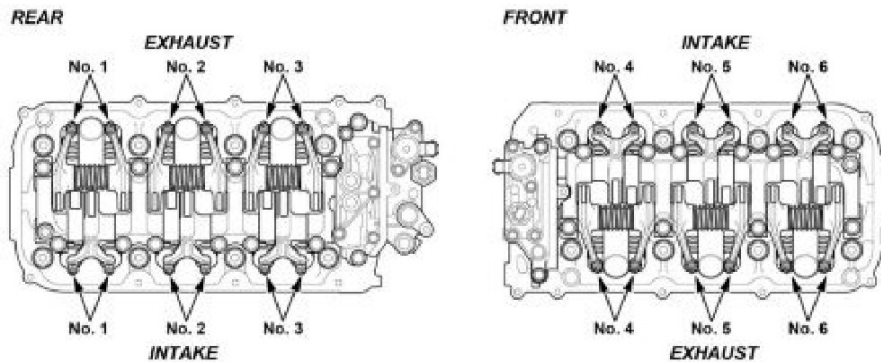
11. Select the correct feeler gauge for the valve clearance you are going to check.

Valve Clearance Spec:

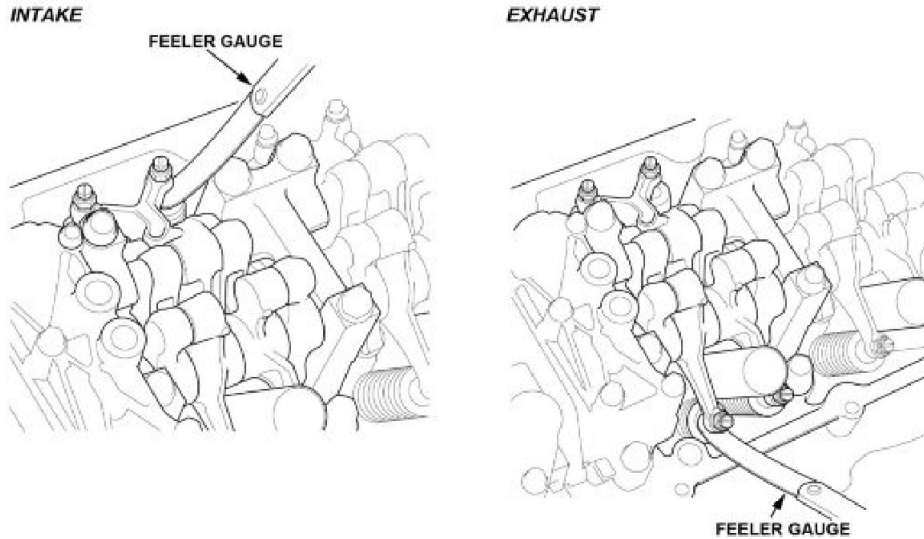
- **Intake: 0.20-0.24 mm (0.008-0.009 in)**
- **Exhaust: 0.28-0.32 mm (0.011-0.012 in)**

For this repair, you will set the valve clearance to these specs:

- **Intake 0.22 mm**
- **Exhaust 0.30 mm**



12. Insert the feeler gauge between the adjusting screw and the end of the valve stem on the No. 1 cylinder and slide it back and forth; you should feel a slight amount of drag.

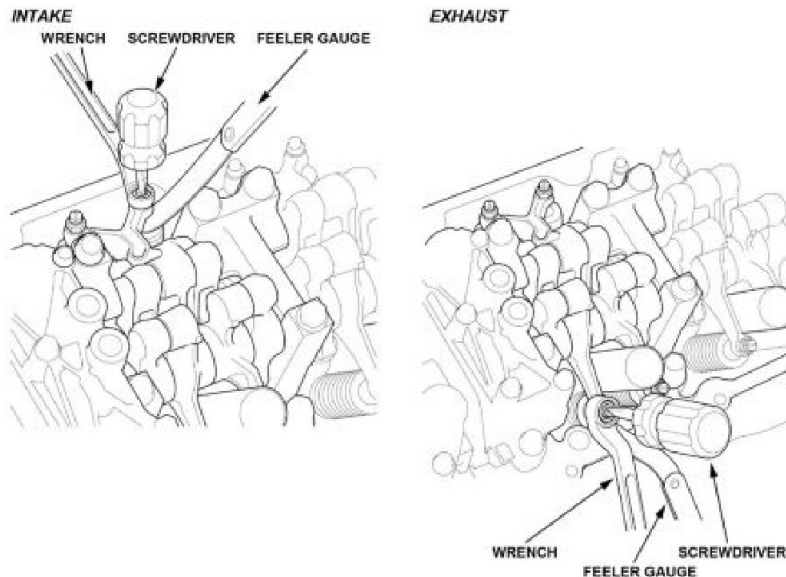


13. If you feel too much or too little drag, loosen the locknut, then turn the adjusting screw until the drag on the feeler gauge is correct.
14. While holding the adjusting screw with the screwdriver, tighten the locknut, then recheck the clearance. Repeat the adjustment, if necessary.

Specified Torque:

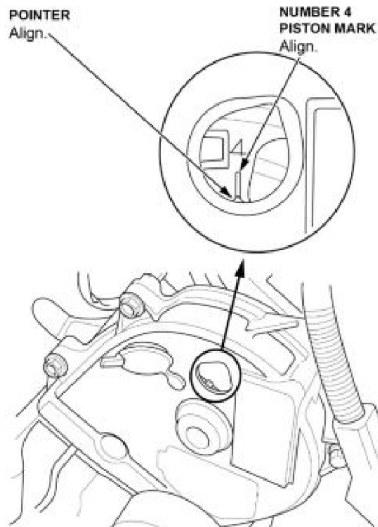
- Intake: 20 N·m (15 lbf·ft)
- Exhaust: 20 N·m (15 lbf·ft)

Apply new engine oil to the nut threads.



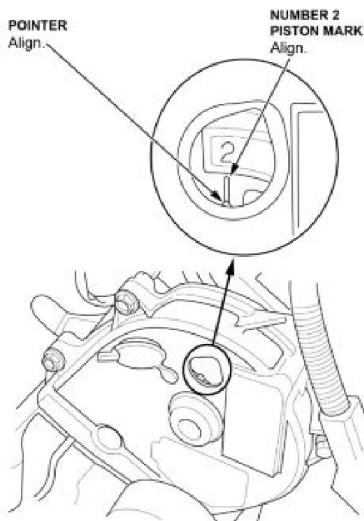
15. Rotate the crankshaft clockwise. Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 4 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.

16. Check, and if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on the No. 4 cylinder.



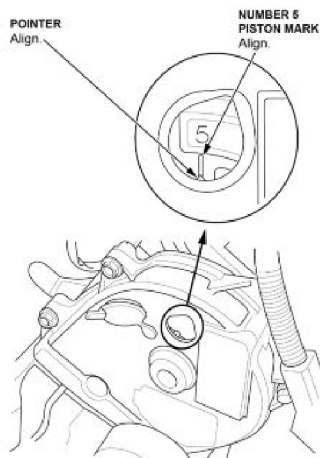
17. Rotate the crankshaft clockwise. Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 2 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.

18. Check, and if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on the No. 2 cylinder.

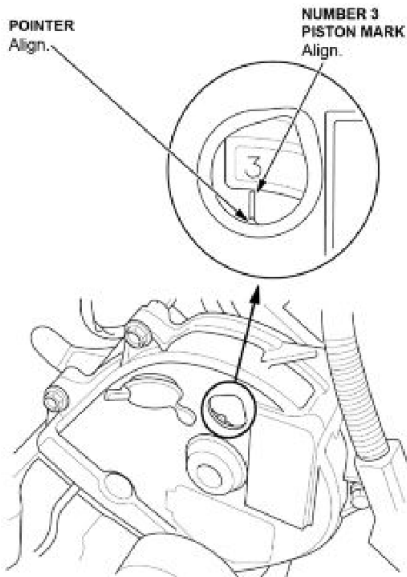


19. Rotate the crankshaft clockwise. Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 5 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.

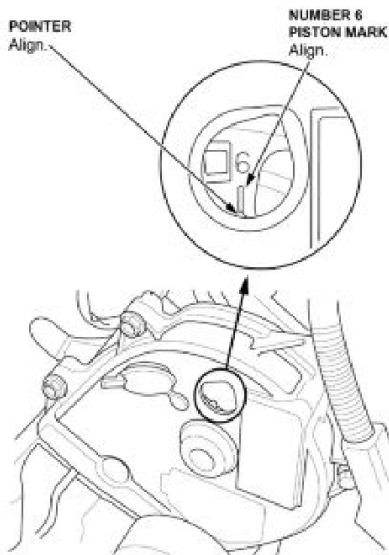
20. Check, and if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on the No. 5 cylinder.



21. Rotate the crankshaft clockwise. Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 3 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.
22. Check, and if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on the No. 3 cylinder.

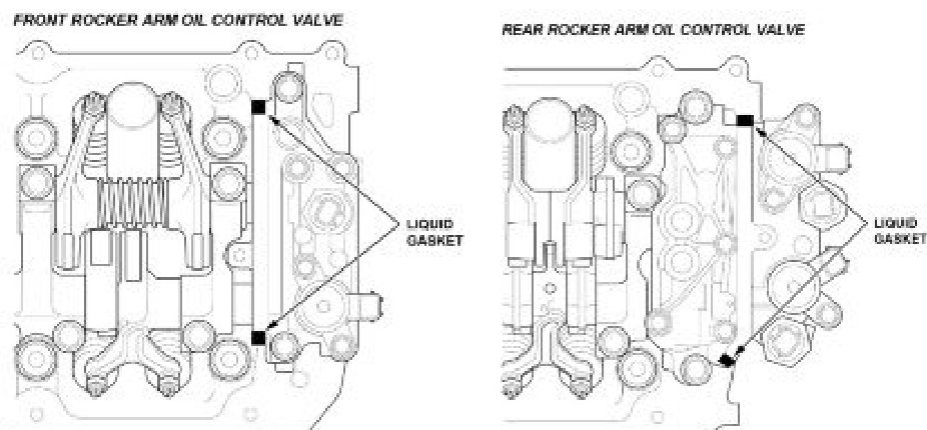


23. Rotate the crankshaft clockwise. Align the pointer on the front upper cover with the No. 6 piston TDC mark on the front camshaft pulley.
24. Check, and if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on the No. 6 cylinder.



25. Check the spark plug seals for damage. If any seals are damaged, replace them.
26. Thoroughly clean the head cover gasket and the groove of the cylinder head cover.
NOTE: Check and if necessary, replace the head cover gasket.
27. Install the head cover gasket in the groove of the cylinder head cover. Make sure the head cover gasket is seated securely.

28. Remove all of the old liquid gasket from the front and rear rocker arm oil control valve mating surfaces, then apply new liquid gasket.



29. Set the spark plug seals on the spark plug tubes and install the front and rear cylinder head cover. Inspect the spark plug seals for damage.
30. Tighten the bolts in three steps, in the final step torque the bolts, in sequence, **12 N·m (9 lb-ft)**.
31. Reinstall the remaining parts in the reverse order.