



## Shift Boot Installation

**To avoid mistakes and damage, read and study these instructions carefully before beginning work. Study the photographs and the parts as you go to be sure you understand how they're assembled and what you'll need to do to take them apart and reassemble them. Good luck. Its easier than it looks and if you work carefully, you shouldn't have any difficulties**

1. Start by removing the center console. In order to remove the center console, you must first remove the shift knob. Turn the nut under the shift knob clockwise like the arrow showing to loosen the shift knob and remove both the nut and the shift knob.
2. Gently pry the center console assembly off from the transmission tunnel. It's held in place by a few plastic tabs and you shouldn't have a problem prying it loose.
3. Disconnect the two wiring plugs and remove the center console from the car. Complete the rest of the work on your workbench or some other convenient spot. To avoid damage to the console, make sure you work on a padded area.



At this stage, you might want to clean the dirt and litter out of all the nooks and crannies in the exposed parts of the transmission tunnel.

4. Next, remove all of the screws marked in the picture. Don't worry about mixing them up; they are all same size.

5. Also remove the screws holding the two switches and remove the switches.

For fun, note date of assembly.



6. Now the tedious part. Using a Dremel tool, large drill bit, or some other grinding device, grind or scrape off the two heat melted plastic tabs (arrows in the picture point to the two holes just below the shift boot mount that result when these tabs are removed). Don't worry about removing the tabs-- they really aren't needed. The best approach is a Dremel tool and bit. As an alternative, you can use a sharp utility knife, cutting and scraping at the plastic and breaking small pieces of it away until the tabs are loosened. You don't need to scrape all the plastic away – just enough until they're loose.

7. Next, go around one by one and push out the plastic anchors. This will release the boot assembly from the console. This is the most difficult part of the job, so follow these instructions carefully.



Start with the anchors shown near the bottom of the picture and loosen that part of the assembly first. To loosen these tabs, squeeze them with a pair of needle nose pliers and push them out.

Go next to the tabs on the side of the assembly. Tip: To loosen these tabs, as you squeeze the tab with the pliers, pull down on the boot assembly as you wedge the tab in. That part should come loose. Done worry if you scrape up the plastic on the inside of the cover or the tabs

themselves – it won't show.

Finally, attack the tabs at the top of the picture. Once you've loosened these, with a little nudging, the boot assembly should come off.

8. Next remove the stock vinyl boot from the mount. The shift boot itself has holes in the base which slip over thin plastic posts to securely position it in place. Honda has put some type of glue on it to further secure the boot, but the glue comes off easily. **The thin posts to which the boot is mounted are made of plastic and can be easily broken. Be careful when removing the old boot and installing the new not to put too much stress on them.**

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9. Mount the new leather boot, fitting the holes in the boot over the plastic posts on the mount. **Again, take care not to break the posts.**

Your new leather boot should fit perfectly. It replicates the dimensions, fit, and mounting holes of the stock boot. Be sure to align the boot on the mount carefully, making sure the fit matches the orientation of the stock boot (which you should have noted in step 8 above).

Push the boot mount back into the assembly make sure the leather seats properly. Make sure all of the tabs snap solidly back into place.

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Next, reassemble the parts in the reverse order of disassembly.

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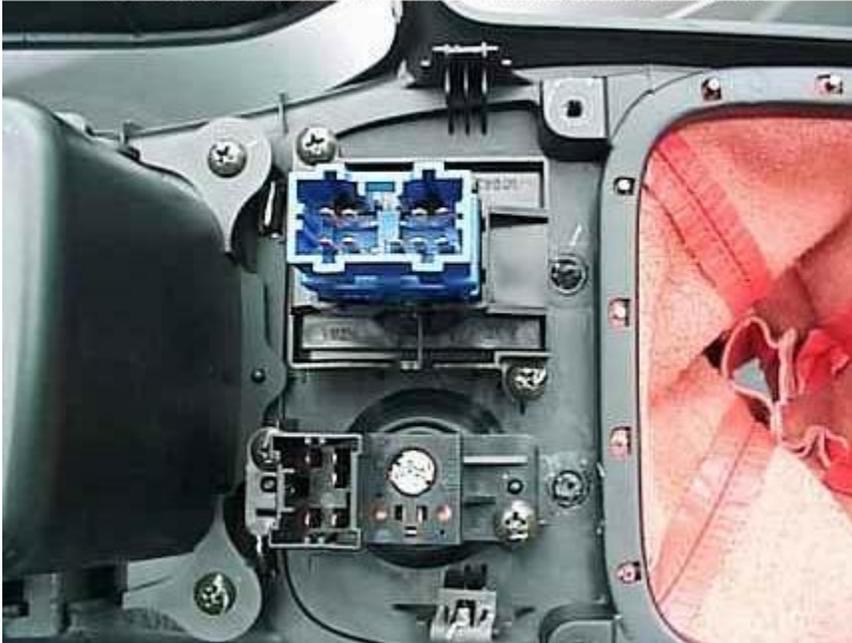
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Put the switches back in and reattach the screws you removed.

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Following the rest of these directions in reverse, complete the remaining reassembly steps, and reattach the console cover to the transmission tunnel.

Step back and admire your work!