



Rear Bumper Paint Is Peeling

SYMPTOM

The rear bumper paint is peeling below the taillights.

PROBABLE CAUSE

The taillights contact the rear bumper.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

2001 Civic 2-door:

KA, KE, KG, KK, KR, KX, KY: ALL

2002 Civic 2-door:

KG: From VIN 1HGEM....2L600001 thru
1HGEM....2L600330

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Inspect the rear bumpers on all affected vehicles in dealer stock. Touch up or repaint the rear bumper as needed, then install foam blocks between the taillights and the bumper. If the damage is to a customer's vehicle, repaint the rear bumper, and install foam blocks.

PARTS INFORMATION

Foam Block Kit: P/N 04715-S5P-999

(Each kit contains six blocks.)

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

In warranty: The normal warranty applies.

OP#	Description	FRT
811003	Inspect the rear bumper.	0.2
811103	Inspect the rear bumper. Remove the taillights. Apply touch-up paint to the rear bumper. Install foam blocks to the taillights, and reinstall the taillights.	0.7
811104	Inspect the rear bumper. Remove the rear bumper and taillights. Install foam blocks. Reinstall the rear bumper and taillights.	0.8
811096	Repaint the rear bumper. (Administrative allowance only.)	0.2

Failed Part: P/N 04715-S5P-A90ZZ

Defect Code: 009

Contention Code: A01

INSPECTION (DEALER STOCK ONLY)

Check the condition of the rear bumper on all affected vehicles. Push down firmly on the bumper with your hand under each taillight, and look for any signs of peeling paint on the bumper's horizontal surface directly under the taillight.

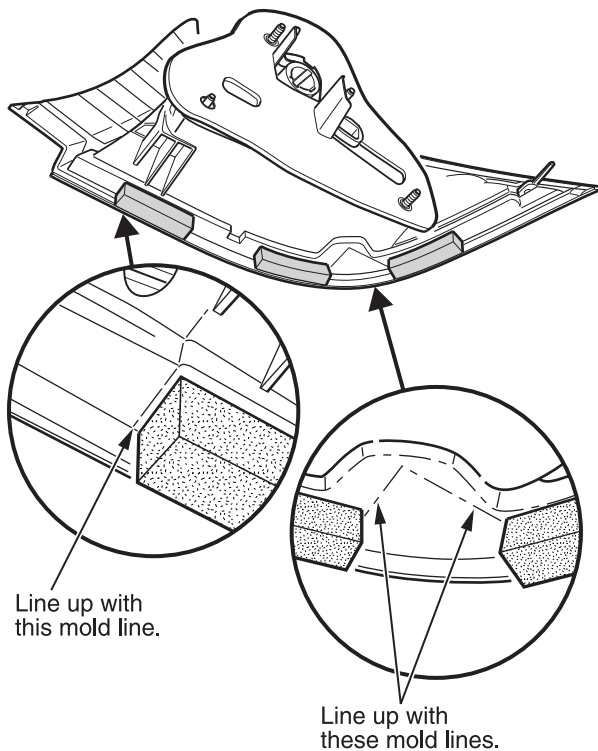
- If you do *not* see peeling paint on either side of the bumper, no action is needed.
- If you see peeling paint on either side of the bumper, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Remove the left and right trunk side trim panels.
2. Unplug the four taillight connectors.
3. Remove the taillights (four nuts).

4. Repair the rear bumper.
 - If the paint damage on the horizontal surface is up to 10 mm long and is *not* clearly visible, use 400 grit sandpaper to scuff the surface around the affected area. Carefully apply Honda touch-up paint to the area, then hold a heat gun over it for 5 minutes to dry the paint. Be careful not to bubble or blister the paint.
 - If the paint damage on the horizontal surface is to a customer's vehicle, or it is more than 10 mm long and is clearly visible, remove the rear bumper (see section 20 of the 2001–02 Civic Shop Manual), and have the body shop repaint it.
5. Use a mild solution of detergent and water to clean the bottom lip of both taillight lenses.
6. Mount three foam blocks to the bottom lip of each lens. Use the mold lines on the lip as a reference.

LEFT TAILLIGHT SHOWN



7. Reinstall the rear bumper (if removed). Reinstall the taillights. Adjust the taillights upward, then torque the mounting nuts to 5 N·m (4 lb-ft). If the taillights are hard to install, the foam blocks are probably hitting one of the tabs on the bumper. Find out where the foam is making contact, and trim the foam as needed.
8. Plug in the taillight connectors.
9. Reinstall the trunk side trim panels.