

1991 - 1995 Acura Legend

Modernized Indicators Installation Instructions

Installing your new set of Modernized Indicators will require some dashboard disassembly to access the portion of your instrument cluster that will be updated. These instructions attempt to be as clear as possible but there is the assumption that you are technically able to assess the disassembly process and adapt to differences individual vehicles might have which could require additional work.

Please read through these instructions completely and become familiar with the steps before beginning your Modernized Indicator update.

Tools needed:

#2 Philips Screwdriver

Nylon pry tools (safe for dashboard vinyl)

Tape

Step 1 : Remove the lower dashboard panel

To remove the lower dash panel please follow the steps listed below. They are visually marked in the image located directly to the right of this paragraph.

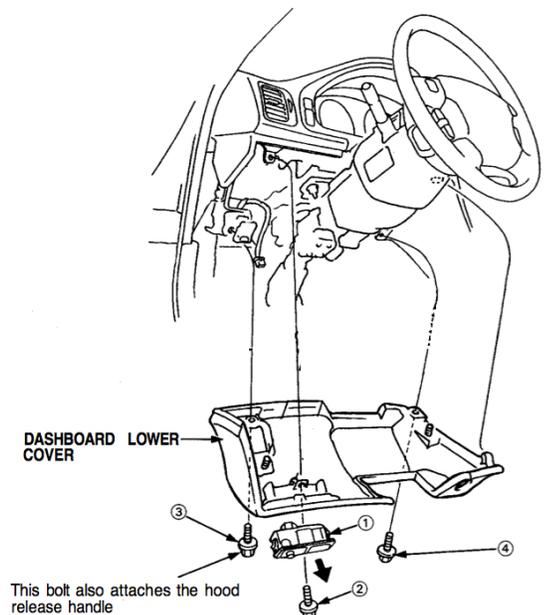
1. With a teflon tool or padded screwdriver carefully remove the blank plate (L model) or courtesy light plate (LS/GS model).

2. Remove the screw located behind plate removed in step #1. If the philips portion of screw is stripped or too difficult then you can use a socket to loosen the factory installed screw. (7mm or 8mm)

3. Remove the screw located just behind and above the hood release lever. This screw holds the lower dash panel and the hood release bracket in place. If the philips portion of screw is stripped or too difficult then you can use a socket to loosen the factory installed screw. (7mm or 8mm)

4. Remove the screw located on the lower right corner of the lower dash panel. This is the final screw in the lower dash panel, pay attention as you remove it to make sure the panel does not abruptly fall off. If the philips portion of screw is stripped or too difficult then you can use a socket to loosen the factory installed screw. (7mm or 8mm)

5. Gently pull the right upper corner of the lower dash panel forward, the corner is held in place with a friction clip and should slide forward with little effort. Do not lose the rubber ignition lock surround when you remove the lower dash panel.



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Step 2 : Remove the instrument surround

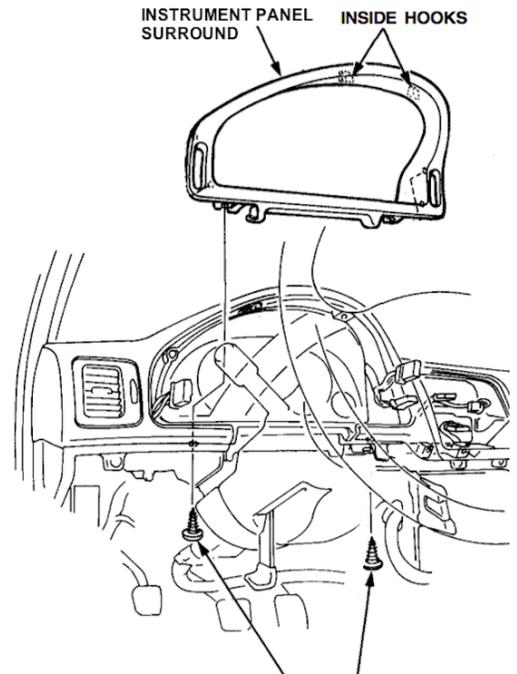
The black instrument cluster surround is secured by two screws on the lower portion and two friction clips on the upper portion.

1. After removing the lower dash panel locate the #2 philips screws that are present on opposing sides of the plastic surround and accessed from beneath the dashboard. The right screw is above and just to the right of the ignition switch. The left screw is in approximately the same position opposite to the right screw but to the left of the steering column.

NOTE: Remove both screws.

2. Gently grip the underside of the black plastic surround at the top center portion. DO NOT exert any pressure on the vinyl dashboard or you will risk cracking the aged dashboard cover. Pull the top of the instrument panel surround toward you, it will slide off of the friction clips.

3. Disconnect the three connectors for the sunroof, cruise control and brightness switches

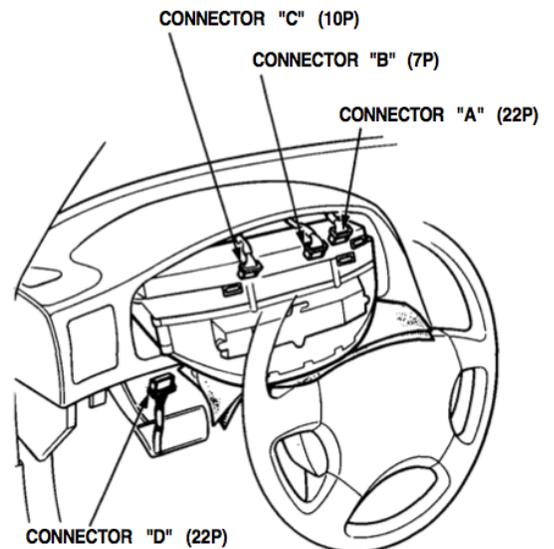


NOTE: To remove the screws, first remove the dashboard lower cover.

Step 3 : Remove the instrument cluster

The instrument cluster is retained with 4 screws and 4 connectors. Be extremely careful when removing the cluster so that you do not damage the trip meter reset. The instrument cluster removal does not require steering column trim removal, though doing so can provide a little more room to work. Refer to the service manual if you desire to remove the steering column trim.

1. Disconnect the 22 pin connector (*Connector D in diagram*) located on the lower left portion of the instrument cluster. This connector is accessed from the underside of the dashboard and at the left of the steering column.
2. Remove the 4 #2 screws that secure the instrument cluster. (2 on each side)
3. Carefully tilt the instrument cluster forward and disconnect connectors A, B and C shown in diagram.
4. Make sure the Steering wheel is telescoped out and tilted down.



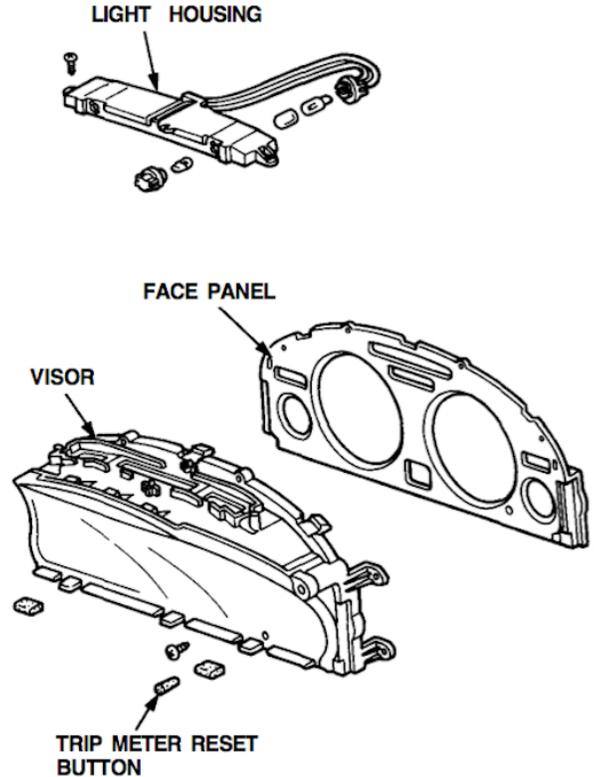
5. Carefully lift the cluster and move it out of the dashboard cavity by guiding the cluster's right side out at a convenient angle. Pay close attention that the trip meter reset does not get caught and broken. You might need to try holding the cluster at different pitches until it easily moves out of the cavity and past the steering column.

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Step 4 : Remove the instrument visor

The instrument visor is a clear plastic protector for the gauge cluster. You must remove the visor to access the indicators

1. Remove the rubber knob from the trip meter reset.
2. Unplug the bulb (twist counter-clockwise) from the back of the cluster that also connects to the light housing shown in diagram. The wire should be un-routed from under a molded retainer on the rear of the cluster.
3. Locate and free the 5 clip tabs located at the top and bottom of the visor which hold it to the instrument cluster. Carefully work the clips and gently rock the visor off of the instrument cluster. Set the visor out of the way once it is removed.
4. Lie the instrument cluster onto a soft cloth with the gauges facing upward.



Step 5 : Remove the instrument face panel

The face panel contains factory plates that will be replaced by the Modernized Indicator plates you have purchased. To remove the face panel simply grip it on each side and gently lift it upward. The panel will slide easily off of its guide pins and the trip meter reset stalk.

NOTE: On some 91-93 models there will be turn signal and bright light symbols printed onto the colored light diffusers located under the face panel. If your cluster has anything printed on any of the colored diffusers then you will need to remove the ink using rubbing alcohol or plastic polish. **DO NOT** use a strong solvent such as "goo gone" or "acetone". All colored light diffusers should be clear of any printing before proceeding.

Step 6 : Swap in the Modernized Indicators

You are now ready to remove the factory plates and install your new indicators.

1. Lie the face panel "face down" on a soft cloth.
2. Gently ease each OEM factory plate off of its guide pins and place to the side.
3. Gently place the new indicator plates in their proper position, for best results begin attaching to the center most guide pin and then onto the side pins

NOTE: Due to manufacturing tolerance variance on laser cutting some of the indicator plate guide pins will not securely hold the new indicator plate. This will not affect the positioning of the plates once installed, but you might need to tape down any loose fitting guide pin points with a small piece of tape. The plate only needs to remain affixed to the guide pin long enough to get the face plate and visor back into place.

Steps 7 - 12 : Re-installation is done in reverse order of these instructions.