

Applies To: **ALL**
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## Removal of Clear Guard Protective Film

### BACKGROUND

Some Honda models built in Japan are covered with a clear protective coating called Clear Guard to protect the exterior during shipping. Clear Guard is a liquid when applied, and then it dries to a clear, pliable film similar to cellophane. You should keep the vehicle covered with Clear Guard until it is delivered to the customer.

### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

None. This procedure is part of PDI.

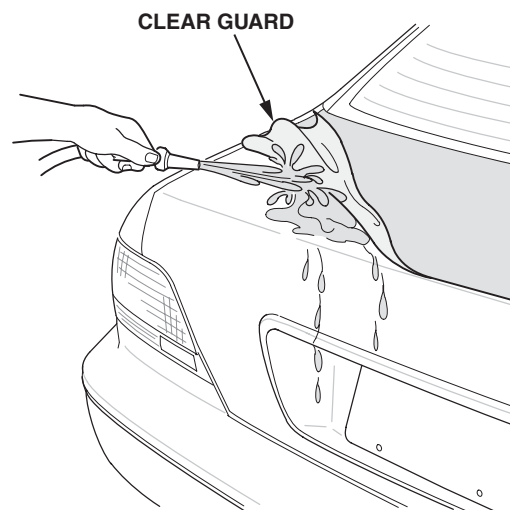
### REMOVAL PROCEDURE

**NOTE:** For best results, remove the Clear Guard protective film at surface temperatures between 65°F and 75°F.

1. Move the car into the shade. Spray cool water on the whole car for at least one minute.
2. On the edge of a panel (hood, roof, trunk, or fender), loosen the edge of the protective film with your fingernail, and spray the panel with a high-pressure washer.

**NOTE:** If a high-pressure washer is not available, an acceptable but less effective way to remove the film is to use a hose and nozzle connected to your shop's water supply line.

3. While you wear eye protection, spray underneath the film to lift it off in large sections. (Do not point the spray nozzle at moonroof moldings or other roof seals.) If the film stretches like a balloon when you remove it, the panel is still too hot. When this happens, spray the panel with cool water, then continue to lift off the film.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the other panels.
5. Make sure you remove all of the protective film from the vehicle. If some of it remains between the fenders and the doors, or under the edges of the hood and the trunk, wipe it off with a wet terry cloth towel.

### DISPOSAL

Clear Guard protective film is not considered to be toxic waste. You can throw it away with other nonhazardous trash.