

Applies To: 1997 – ALL except Passport

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Removal of "Clear Guard" Protective Film

BACKGROUND

Beginning in January 1997, Preludes, Odysseys, and CRVs will be covered at the factory with a clear, protective film on exterior horizontal surfaces. Soon, other Honda models will also be covered with it. This film protects the vehicle's exterior paint during shipping and storage. It is called Clear Guard.

Clear Guard is different from previously used protective films; it is a liquid when applied, then it dries to a clear, pliable film similar to cellophane.



Clear Guard is not a hazardous waste material. You can discard it with all other non-hazardous waste products. It helps preserve landfills by taking up less space than previously used protective films.

You should keep the car covered with Clear Guard until it is delivered to the customer.

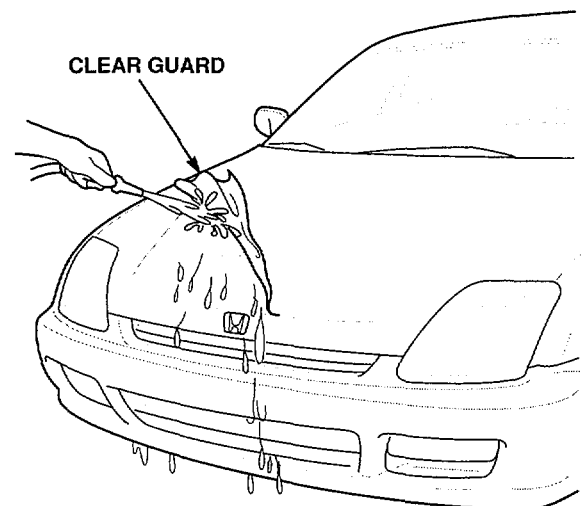
REMOVAL PROCEDURE

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

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 alternative is 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 sheets. 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 on the rest of the panels.
5. Make sure you remove all of the protective film from the car. 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.

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

None. This procedure is part of PDI.

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