



Applies To: 1998-99 Accord - See VEHICLES AFFECTED

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Noisy Rear Wheel Bearings

(Supersedes 99-040, dated May 25, 1999)

SYMPTOM

A growling or whining noise from the rear wheel bearings. The pitch changes with vehicle speed and is not affected by road surface conditions.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Water contamination in the rear hub bearing assemblies.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

1998 Accord - ALL

1999 Accord - thru VINs:

1HGCG1...XA022784

1HGCG2...XA014794

1HGCG3...XA012097

1HGCG5...XA082697

1HGCG6...XA086054

1HGCF8...XA088455

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace both rear hub bearing assemblies and spindle nuts.

PARTS INFORMATION

Rear Hub Bearing Assembly, All V6 models: P/N 42200-S87-C51, H/C 6037394

Rear Hub Bearing Assembly, L4 EX models: P/N 42200-S84-C51, H/C 6037386

Rear Hub Bearing Assembly, L4 LX models w/ABS: P/N 42200-S84-C31, H/C 6037378

Rear Hub Bearing Assembly, L4 DX/LX models w/o ABS:

P/N 42200-S84-C01, H/C 6037352

Spindle Nut:

P/N 90305-S30-003, H/C 5210000

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

In warranty: The normal warranty applies.

OP#	Description	FRT	Template ID
418154	Replace <i>both</i> rear hub bearing assemblies (V6 Models)	1.2	99-040A
418092	Test-drive	0.3	
418154	Replace <i>both</i> rear hub bearing assemblies (L4 EX Models)	1.2	99-040B
418092	Test-drive	0.3	
418154	Replace both rear hub bearing assemblies (L4 LX Models with ABS)	1.2	99-040C
418092	Test-drive	0.3	
418154	Replace <i>both</i> rear hub bearing assemblies (L4 DX/LX Models w/o ABS)	1.2	99-040D
418092	Test-drive	0.3	

Failed part: P/N 42200-S87-A51

H/C 5436852

Defect code: 042 Contention code: B07

Skill level: Repair Technician

Out of warranty: Any repair performed after warranty expiration may be eligible for goodwill consideration by the District Service Manager or your Zone Office. You must request consideration, and get a decision, before starting work.

DIAGNOSIS

While test-driving the vehicle at a steady speed above 35 mph, transfer the weight of the vehicle to the left and the right several times. To do this, move the steering wheel back and forth from the 11 o'clock position to the 1 o'clock position. A defective wheel bearing will make more noise when weight is transferred to it.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

Refer to the 1998-00 Accord Service Manual and replace both rear hub bearing assemblies and spindle nuts.

- For models with rear disc brakes, refer to page 18-22.
- For models with rear drum brakes, refer to page

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Skill Level R REPAIR

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