2017 Ridgeline: New Model Body Repair Information

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**OVERVIEW OF BODY FEATURES**

- Next-Generation Advanced Compatibility Engineering™ (ACE™) body structure.
- Body construction using 57% high-tensile-strength steel (HSS - 340 MPa and higher), including 19% ultra-high-strength steel (UHSS - 980 MPa and higher).
- Reinforced cabin with 1,500 MPa front door outer stiffener rings and reinforced roof structure.
- “3-bone” platform with additional stiffeners.
- Optimized truss-style rear inner construction contributes to 28% torsional rigidity increase over previous model Ridgeline while allowing more conventional “three-box” pickup styling.
BODY CONSTRUCTION AND HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL CONTENT

- Steel parts are color coded based on their tensile strength in megapascals (MPa).
- High-strength steel (HSS) is defined as any steel with a tensile strength of 340 MPa or higher.
- Ultra-high-strength steel (UHSS) is defined as any steel with a tensile strength of 980 MPa or higher.
- Steel repair and welding procedures vary depending on the tensile strength of the parts involved.

Important Information

These illustrations are for general reference only. Some body parts are constructed from multiple layers of different tensile strength steels. Always refer to the body repair manual’s body construction section for specific steel tensile strength information.
1,500 MPa (HOT STAMP) STEEL LOCATIONS

1,500 MPa steel is stronger than ordinary steel, so it can help protect vehicle occupants while reducing overall vehicle weight to improve fuel efficiency.

- The door outer stiffener rings are constructed of 1,500 MPa steel:
  
  **NOTE:** The door outer stiffener rings **must** be replaced as a single assembly if damaged.

- The stiffener rings are constructed from multiple stampings that are spot welded together at the factory.
- With the door ring assembled and installed, there is no spot welder access to these factory joints, so they **cannot** be repaired.
- The door ring service part is sold as a complete assembly.
- **Do not** substitute MAG welding or MIG brazing for these factory spot welds on the door ring.

3-BONE PLATFORM STRUCTURE

A “3-bone” platform structure is used on this vehicle.

- The structure improves impact load management around the cabin while reducing weight.
- Additional floor reinforcements may require replacement or spot weld removal if damaged in a collision.
- Limited sectioning allowed to the front side frame and rear frame B parts. Refer to the body repair manual for complete information.

ACOUSTIC SIDE DOOR GLASS

Acoustic front side door glass is used for sound isolation on some models.

- The glass has a sound insulation layer of polyvinyl butyral (PVB) sandwiched between two layers of semi-tempered glass.
- Acoustic glass is thinner than conventional glass.
- Provide the VIN when ordering parts to ensure the correct replacement glass is installed.
COMPOSITE BODY INNER STRUCTURE (CBIS)

CBIS is used in strategic body locations to increase global rigidity and local buckling resistance.

- Factory CBIS uses L&L Products L-5520 expanding structural foam (Not commercially available), which expands during the E-coat bake process.
- CBIS is applied at the following locations:
  - Upper center pillar with composite insert (Loc. A).
  - Quarter inner rear pillar upper (Loc. B).
  - Quarter inner rear pillar center (Loc. C).
  - Center frame bracket (Loc. D).

CBIS Service During Body Repairs

- CBIS locations A, B, & C have the structural foam pre-installed and baked in the service part comps.
- CBIS location D requires a special room-temperature cured, 2-part epoxy, expandable structural adhesive (Honda L-0504 P/N 08712-0011, 200 ml cartridge) to replicate these joints.
- NOTE: Presently, there is no known commercially available equivalent for this adhesive.
- Because of limited shelf life, the adhesive must be ordered at the same time as the replacement parts.
- Use the adhesive required for the repair and properly dispose of the remaining adhesive and cartridge.
- Once the adhesive/foam is applied, the parts can be assembled and welded. The repair adhesive material will cure at room temperature in 24 hours.

ACOUSTIC SEPARATOR LOCATIONS

A combination of molded, extruded, and tape acoustic separators are applied in various body locations.

- These are applied within the body pillars.
- They are designed to block the noise paths into the cabin from hollow body cavities.
- Repairs are similar to previous models using commercially available products.
TRUCK BED REAR FENDER, FLOOR AND SIDE SERVICE
The truck bed rear fender comps are bolted to the Ridgeline’s welded body structure. Bolting the rear fenders to the body provides traditional pickup truck appearance while allowing easier removal and replacement in case of outer bed panel damage.
• The truck bed rear fenders are attached using twelve (12) bolts per side.
• Replacement procedure is similar to traditional front fender replacement.
The bed’s working surfaces are improved as follows:
• The truck bed floor is comprised of UV-stable SMC.
• Vertical panels are finished with UV-stable polypropylene plus long-glass fiber.
• The black substrate used in the bed floor minimizes the visibility of scratches.
If damaged, all bed components can be disassembled from the body & individually replaced.

TRUCK BED AUDIO SYSTEM AND AC OUTLET
RTL-E and Black Edition models are equipped with a world's first factory Truck Bed Audio System.
• The system includes six weatherproof audio exciters, or transducers (two located in each bed wall).
• The exciters transform the bed walls into resonant speakers.
• These models also include a 115V 150W/400W AC power outlet located in right bed side wall pocket.
• The AC inverter is mounted on the driver’s side of the rear cab wall.

EMERGENCY FUEL DOOR RELEASE
The fuel door on the driver’s side of the truck bed is opened by an electric actuator.
• If the battery is disconnected or an electrical failure occurs, the door latch will not release.
• A mechanical emergency release is accessed in the driver’s side rear pillar above the rear seat belt anchor.
• Open the access cover and operate the release lever.
• Refer to “When You Cannot Unlock the Fuel Fill Door” in the electronic owner’s manual for complete information.
MAGNESIUM STEERING HANGER BEAM

The steering hanger beam provides mounting for the steering column and dashboard components.
- The beam is constructed from magnesium alloy for weight savings.
- Do not repair the steering hanger beam if it is damaged.
- Special threaded collar bolts are used in five body mounting locations of the beam to compensate for any variation in body dimensions.
- A specific installation and bolt tightening procedure is required.
- Refer to “Dashboard/Steering Hanger Beam Removal and Installation” in the electronic service manual for complete information.

MAG-FORM® BOLTS AND STUDS

- Special MAG-Form bolts and studs are used to fasten dashboard components and electrical grounds to the magnesium steering hanger beam.
- These bolts have a 105° flank angle that self-forms threads into the beam as the bolt is installed.
- If any original hole in the beam is stripped, it can be repaired by ordering a +1 mm oversize service bolt or stud.
- MAG-Form service bolts will form the new repair threads during installation – no drilling or tapping required.
- Always use a torque wrench to tighten MAG-Form bolts or studs to the specifications in the electronic service manual.
- Do not use power tools; the threads formed in the magnesium steering hanger beam are easily stripped.
- If an oversize service bolt or stud has been installed and strips, the steering hanger beam must be replaced.
BLIND SPOT INFORMATION (BSI) SYSTEM
Models equipped with this system can be identified by this BSI Alert indicator, located on both front doors near the outside rearview mirror.
• The system uses two radar units, one mounted on each side of the vehicle under the rear bumper.
• The system may malfunction and set DTCs because of damage, improper repairs, or excessive foreign material on any of the following:
  - Rear bumper
  - Outer side panels
  - Radar unit mounting locations
• Several checks and inspections must be done during repairs to the radar unit mounting area.
• If the mounting area check is not done, a Honda dealer may not be able to properly aim the radar units.
• For more information, refer to “BSI Radar Unit Mounting Area Check” in the electronic service manual.

CAPLESS FUEL FILLER
This vehicle uses a capless fuel filler design. It does not have a conventional gas cap.
• Placement of the fuel filler adaptor gasket is critical for gasoline and water drainage performance. Make sure drain hole is not blocked.
• If you need to refuel the vehicle from a portable fuel container, a funnel is located with the spare tire in the in-bed trunk.
• The fuel system can be damaged by inserting the nozzle of a portable fuel container directly or by using any funnel other than the one provided with the vehicle.
• For more information, refer to “Refueling From a Portable Fuel Container” in the owner’s manual.

TOWING AND LIFTING PRECAUTIONS
• AWD models must be towed using flat bed towing equipment to prevent AWD system damage.
• 2WD models may be towed using front wheel lift or flat bed towing equipment.
For more information, refer to “Emergency Towing” in the owner’s manual or electronic service manual.
• Lift or jack only at the specified points to avoid damaging the vehicle.
• Do not lift or tow this vehicle by its bumpers or serious damage will result.
For more information, refer to “Lift and Support Points” in the electronic service manual.
Body Repair Information

NOTE: The following content is intended only to highlight new/special concerns. No body repairs should be attempted without first referencing the appropriate body repair manual for complete information.

USE OF HEAT DURING BODY STRAIGHTENING AND REPAIR
When you are doing body straightening and repair procedures, follow these guidelines:
- **Do not** apply heat to any body part during straightening. This may compromise the internal structure and strength of high-strength steel parts.
- Any part that has heat applied to it during straightening must be replaced with new parts.
- Ignoring these instructions may significantly reduce occupant protection in any subsequent collision.

SECTIONING (CUT AND JOINT) GUIDELINES
Various high-strength steel materials with different sheet thicknesses and strengths are applied in many places that vary by body design in order to increase collision safety performance, body stiffness, and weight reduction. Stiffening members inside each part (patch, stiffener, etc.) are also specified in detail.

Follow these guidelines to avoid an unsafe repair:
- Sectioning (cut and joint) should usually be avoided except for mild steel outer panels and floor panels unless a specific procedure is provided in the body repair manual.
- However, depending on the type of vehicle damage, steel parts with a tensile strength ≤ 780 MPa may be sectioned provided all of the following conditions are met:
  - Sectioning must be done in a single-layer area of the part.
  - Multi-layer internal steel reinforcements and stiffeners must not be cut.
  - The repair is not in a load-bearing area such as engine, transmission, or suspension mounting points.
- Replace body structural components such as stiffeners, reinforcements, and other multi-layered steel parts as assemblies that match the replacement parts configuration.
- Approved welding methods are listed in the table on the right.
- Refer to the body repair manual section “Parts Sectioning (Cut and Joint) Guidelines” for complete information.

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Welding Methods for Steel Parts
(O = Approved  X = Not Approved)

Do not heat during straightening
Welding Precautions and Information

REPAIRING 1,500 MPa STEEL PARTS
Observe these precautions when repairing 1,500 MPa steel parts:

- **Never** attempt to straighten damaged 1,500 MPa steel parts; they may crack.
- 1,500 MPa steel parts **must** be replaced at factory seams using squeeze-type resistance spot welding (STRSW). **Do not section these parts!**
- MIG brazed joints should be used **only** in locations not accessible by a spot welder.
- To assure adequate weld tensile strength, always manually set the spot welder to the specifications provided in the body repair manual.

Important Information

Parts made of Ultra-High-Strength Steel (UHSS/1,500MPa/USIBOR) must be installed as a complete part. No sectioning allowed. Ultra High-Strength Steel requires special welding equipment, procedures, and settings. See the welding section of the appropriate body repair manual. Failure to use the proper equipment or follow the proper procedures can result in an unsafe repair.

- **Never** do MAG welding on 1,500 MPa steel. The heat generated during MAG welding will significantly reduce the strength and structural integrity of 1,500 MPa steel parts.
- The photo on the right shows tensile strength test results of MAG welded 1,500 MPa steel. The 1,500 MPa steel fractured first because the welding heat reduced its strength to far below 590 MPa.
- For more information, refer to “Repair Guidelines for High-Strength Steel Parts” in the body repair manual.

MIG BRAZING GUIDELINES FOR 1,500 MPa STEEL PARTS
Refer to the body repair manual for complete information:

- MIG-brazed joint locations are specified in the body repair manual.
- A single- or double-hole MIG braze may be specified in the body repair manual depending on the tensile strength of the parts being joined.
- The size and number of holes are critical to achieving adequate joint strength.
- A MIG welder with pulse control **must** be used. Refer to the equipment manufacturer’s instructions for welder voltage and current setup.
- The photos on the right show the difference in results between pulsed and non-pulsed MIG brazing.
MAG WELDING SPECIFICATIONS FOR 590–980 MPa HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL PARTS

NOTE: In this publication and the body repair manuals, gas metal arc welding (GMAW) is referred to by its subtypes depending on requirements as follows:

• **MIG welding/brazing** = Metal inert gas welding or brazing where 100% argon (Ar) shielding gas is used. Argon is inert and does not react with the molten weld pool or brazing operation.

• **MAG welding** = Metal active gas welding where the shielding gas being used contains a mixture of 80% argon (Ar) and 20% carbon dioxide (CO₂). It is considered active because the CO₂ undergoes a limited reaction with the molten weld pool.

• For MAG welding, 80/20 shielding gas (C20) is preferred. However, 75/25 (C25) is acceptable

The body repair manual specifies the weld types and locations for each body pane as follows:

- The welding wire used must have a tensile strength equal to or greater than the lowest tensile strength of the parts being welded. The conversion chart on the right shows the relationship of steel tensile strength (MPa) to the minimum welding wire tensile strength (ksi).

- Typical ER70S-6 MIG wire has a minimum tensile strength of 70 ksi (483 MPa). It can be used when welding up to 440 MPa steel parts. Refer to the diagrams shown below:

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### Important Information

Parts made of High-Strength Steel (590-980 MPa) must often be installed as a complete part. Section only according to published repair information and guidelines. This high-strength steel requires special welding equipment, procedures, and settings. See the welding section of the appropriate body repair manual. Failure to use the proper equipment or follow the proper procedures can result in an unsafe repair.

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**MAG PLUG WELDING GUIDELINES**

- MAG plug welding may be done when joining body components to 590–980 MPa steel parts.
- Follow the recommendations described in the basic body repair manual “Repair Guidelines for High-Strength Steel Parts” and “MAG Welding Conditions for High-Strength Steel (Except 1,500 MPa) Parts.”

**MAG BUTT WELDING GUIDELINES**

- MAG butt welding may be done only on steel parts with a tensile strength of 780 MPa and lower.
- Welding speed is critical to achieve the correct weld strength and minimize the heat affected zone (HAZ).
- Follow the recommendations described in the basic body repair manual “Repair Guidelines for High-Strength Steel Parts” and “MAG Welding Conditions for High-Strength Steel (Except 1,500 MPa) Parts.”
AIRBAG SYSTEM COMPONENTS
The airbag system in this vehicle includes the following components that may deploy in a collision:
1. Driver’s and front passenger’s seat belt tensioners (may deploy independently from any airbags).
2. Driver’s and front passenger’s SRS airbags.
3. Side airbags mounted in the driver’s and front passenger’s outer seat-backs.
4. Side curtain airbags mounted above the left and right side windows under the headliner.

SMARTVENT™ SIDE AIRBAGS
This vehicle is equipped with SmartVent side airbags:
- This airbag design helps mitigate the risk of excessive airbag deployment force and risk of injury to smaller seat occupants.
- It eliminates the need for the occupant position detection system (OPDS) sensor located in the front passenger’s seat-back.

As with all side airbags, the following service precautions apply:
- Special seat covers and/or breakaway thread are used to ensure the proper deployment path.
- Damaged front seat covers should be replaced, not repaired.
- Do not install non-factory seat covers; they may alter the airbag’s intended deployment path.
AIRBAG SYSTEM INDICATORS
There are two indicators used for the airbag system.

Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Indicator
When you turn the ignition to ON, this indicator should come on and then turn off after about 6 seconds.
• If the SRS indicator does not go off or does not come on at all, there is a problem with the system.
• DTCs must be read and cleared using the HDS (or equivalent) scan tool. Contact a Honda dealer for assistance if necessary.
• If a vehicle is sent to the dealer for airbag system repair or troubleshooting, include a copy of the repair estimate with part numbers and the source for any replaced airbag system parts.

PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF Indicator
The indicator comes on to alert you that the passenger’s front airbag has been turned off.
• This occurs when the front passenger’s weight sensors detect about 65 lb. (29 kg) or less, the weight of an infant or small child on the seat.
• If the indicator comes on with no front passenger and no objects on the seat or with an adult occupying the seat, something may be interfering with the seat weight sensors or there may be a problem with the system. Contact a Honda dealer for assistance if necessary.

AIRBAG SYSTEM REPAIRS REQUIRED AFTER DEPLOYMENT
To restore proper function and allow DTCs to be cleared, the airbag system must be repaired as specified in the electronic service manual. Refer to “Component Replacement/Inspection After Deployment” for complete information.
• Do not install used, refurbished, or modified airbag system parts!
• When making airbag system repairs, only use new genuine replacement parts, which are manufactured to the same standards and quality as the original parts.
• To ensure the correct replacement airbag system parts are installed, provide the VIN when ordering parts. Compare the part numbers on the new and removed parts to make sure they match.

AIRBAG SYSTEM ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
Except when doing electrical inspections that require battery power, always turn the ignition to OFF, disconnect the negative battery cable, then wait at least 3 minutes before starting work.
• For easier identification, electrical connectors that contain only airbag system wiring are yellow in color.
• Many harnesses that contain primarily airbag wiring are also wrapped in yellow tape.
• Airbag system wiring that runs in a common harness, such as a floor harness, is generally not marked.
• Never attempt to modify, splice, or repair airbag system wiring.
  If any part of the airbag system wiring is damaged, replace the affected wiring harness(es).
NOTE: Refer to the electronic service manual for complete restraint systems operation, diagnostic, and repair information.
TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS) WITH FILL ASSIST

This vehicle is equipped with an initiator-type TPMS.

• The Low Tire Pressure/TPMS indicator comes on if the air pressure is too low in one or more tires. TPMS messages will also appear on the multi-information display in the gauge control module.
• TPMS fill assist provides audible and visual guidance during tire pressure adjustment. Refer to the owner’s manual for details.
• The TPMS indicator will stay on and the system will set DTCs if all four tire pressure sensor IDs are not memorized by the TPMS control unit after you replace a wheel and/or tire pressure sensor.
• Refer to “Memorizing a Tire Pressure Sensor ID” in the service manual for complete information.
• The HDS (or equivalent) scan tool may be required to do this memorization. Contact a Honda dealer for assistance, if necessary.

SEALED BATTERY BOX

A sealed battery box with an integrated fan is applied to all models.

• Enclosing the battery reduces battery temperature to improve service life.
• The enclosed case includes an electric fan and cooling duct.
• Always check the battery, case, and cooling duct if there was collision damage in the battery mounting area.
• The battery cooling fan does not set any DTCs in the event of a malfunction.

AUTO HIGH BEAM SYSTEM

RTL-E and Black Edition models are equipped with this system. It uses a dedicated camera, mounted under a cover in front of the rearview mirror, to monitor the area ahead of the vehicle and automatically changes the low beam headlights to high beams when necessary.

• The camera is separate from the multipurpose camera used for Honda Sensing™ (FCW/LDW/LKAS) functions.
• A green Auto High Beam indicator lights up in the gauge control module when the system is operational.
• If the windshield area around the camera is dirty, the auto high beam system may not operate.
• Do not attach objects, decals, or tint film in the area around the camera.
• Warning messages will appear for system problems.
SYSTEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEALER ASSISTANCE WITH AIMING
Some models may be equipped with one or more of the following systems that require aiming after collision repairs. Special tools are required to complete the aiming procedures. Contact a Honda dealer for assistance.

Blind Spot Information (BSI) System with Cross-Traffic Alert:
The BSI radar units must be re-aimed in these instances:
• After replacing or removing and installing one or both BSI radar units.
• After replacing/repairing the body rear outer side panel(s).
• Stored DTCs B18B8 or B1E68 - left or right side BSI radar unit azimuth off alignment.
If a problem occurs in the BSI system, the amber BSI indicator will light up. A warning message may also appear.

Forward Collision Warning and Lane Departure Warning (FCW/LDW):
The multipurpose camera unit must be re-aimed in these instances:
• The camera unit is removed or replaced.
• The windshield is removed or replaced.
If the aiming is incomplete, the FCW and LDW indicators come on and blink. The FCW and LDW warning messages may also appear.

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and Collision Mitigating Braking System (CMBS):
The millimeter wave radar for the ACC/CMBS must be re-aimed if:
• The radar unit is removed or replaced.
• The radar unit’s mounting area was damaged.
• If the aiming process is not completed, or the electronic service manual procedure is not followed, the ACC indicator changes to amber and a warning message may also appear.

Lane Keeping Assist System (LKAS) System:
The multipurpose camera unit must be re-aimed in these instances:
• The camera/control unit is removed or replaced.
• The windshield is removed or replaced.
• If the aiming is not done or is not completed, the LKAS indicator changes to amber and blinks. A warning message may also appear.

Windshield Replacement On FCW/LDW/LKAS-Equipped Vehicles:
• Windshield damage within the multipurpose camera unit's field of vision can cause any these systems to operate abnormally.
• Only a genuine Honda replacement windshield should be installed. Installing an aftermarket replacement windshield may also cause abnormal operation.
LaneWatch™:
LaneWatch uses a camera in the passenger’s side door mirror and the center display to help drivers improve the visibility of the passenger side roadway.
The LaneWatch camera must be aimed after one or more of the following procedures are done:
- LaneWatch camera removal or replacement
- Door mirror removal or replacement
- Door panel removal or replacement
- Door panel body repair
LaneWatch does not set DTCs. Troubleshooting and camera aiming are done using the navigation system or center display self-diagnostics. LaneWatch does not use an indicator to inform the driver of a malfunction.

ACC/CMBS GRILLE DIFFERENCES
Some models are equipped with Adaptive Cruise Control and a Collision Mitigating Braking System™ (CMBS™) that uses a millimeter wave radar unit mounted behind the front grille.
- This unit senses through the front grille emblem base.
- This part, and its Honda emblem, are specially designed to prevent radar interference. This design change also significantly increases the part’s cost.
- Installing the wrong front grille emblem base will cause the CMBS indicator to come on and DTC P2583-97 (dust or dirt on the millimeter wave radar) to set.
- The Honda emblem is a flat lens integrated into the base on the correct radar-compatible part.
- The wrong parts were installed on a model equipped with ACC/CMBS if the Honda emblem has a raised texture and is a separate part from the base.

R-1234yf A/C REFRIGERANT
This vehicle’s A/C system uses the more environmentally responsible R-1234yf refrigerant.
- R-1234yf refrigerant is considered “mildly flammable”.
  Be sure to observe all basic safety precautions for working around flammable gases. Refer to “A/C Service Tips and Precautions” in the electronic service manual.
- The system should only be serviced by qualified A/C technicians trained to handle R-1234yf refrigerant.
- Refrigerant recovery, charging, and leak detection all require dedicated tools and equipment designed and SAE approved for use with R-1234yf.
- Honda dealers have this equipment. Please contact your local dealer if you need assistance.
ELECTRICAL PIGTAIL AND CONNECTOR REPAIR

• Disconnect the vehicle’s battery before doing any welding or electrical repairs. Refer to “12 Volt Battery Terminal Disconnection and Reconnection” in the electronic service manual for more information.

• Certain front and rear electrical connectors subject to collision damage may be repaired using pigtails and connectors listed in the ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS illustrations in the parts catalog (example shown here).

• Pigtails attach to the vehicle wiring using special crimp-and-seal terminal joints. After crimping, the joints are heated using a heat gun to seal out the environment.

• Repair pigtails come in a limited range of colors that usually do not match the vehicle’s wiring. Pay close attention during repairs to ensure correct locations.

• Vehicle wiring schematics service information can be found in the electrical wiring diagrams (EWD).

• If wiring is damaged and a repair pigtail or connector is not available, replace the affected harness.

• Never attempt to modify, splice, or repair airbag system wiring.

ELECTRICAL GROUND WIRE PROTECTION

• Painting over electrical ground locations may cause electrical systems, such as vehicle stability assist (VSA), to malfunction and set DTCs that may be difficult to diagnose.

• Protect the ground wire and the ground wire mounting hole threads with a bolt or silicone plug when priming or painting.

BATTERY JUMP STARTING/CHARGING/TESTING LOCATIONS

This vehicle uses a 12-volt battery sensor on the negative battery cable at the battery terminal.

• This sensor is fragile and can be damaged during jump starting or battery charging/testing procedures.

• To avoid damage to the battery sensor and the chance of electrical sparks, do not use the negative battery post for these procedures. Instead, connect the negative jumper cable or the testing/charging equipment’s negative cable to the engine hanger bracket located on the passenger’s side of the engine under the plastic engine cover.

12-Volt Battery Under Hood Jump Starting/Charging/Testing Locations