

# Adding a remote starter to a 2008 Honda Civic

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**A**dding a remote starter can boost MPG in a cold-weather state because a vehicle's engine will perform more efficiently when it is fully warmed up. It's an especially good pitch to customers who own a 2008 Honda Civic sedan, a vehicle that has a reputation for losing MPG steam, when temperatures fall into the 20s and teens.

If you come across this vehicle, you may also want to suggest adding sound-deadening material in the doors because owners have complained about speaker vibration at certain frequencies.

Mitch Schaffer of Mobile Edge in Lehighton, Pa., shows us around the cockpit of a Civic sedan to show how to successfully add a remote starter to this popular vehicle.



**1** The steering column shroud and the panel below must be removed to gain access to the vehicle's wiring.



**2** The under-dash panel pops off, and the steering wheel shroud is held in place with three screws.



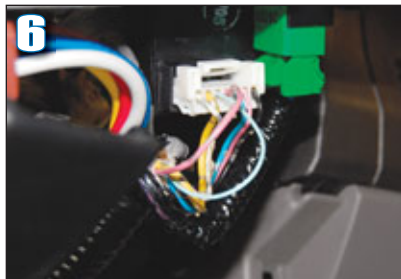
**3** The horn wire is orange and located at the top of the steering wheel.



**4** The negative parking light wire is gray and can be found under the wiper switch.



**5** The transponder wiring is located at the steering assembly near the key cylinder.



**6** The pink wire is SWC and the green wire is DATA.



**7** The ignition wires are located in a junction box directly above the fuse box in gray sheathing.



**8** Constant 12-volt is the white wire. Ignition is the blue wire. Accessory is the orange wire. The starter is the yellow wire.



**12** The brake wire is green and located in the driver's kick panel.



**13** Find the tach signal in the Honda engine compartment.



**9** The lock-unlock wires are located behind the fuse box. The green wire is "lock," and the gray wire is "unlock."



**14** The tach signal is found underneath the "Honda" shroud that is held in place by two plastic fasteners. Each fastener requires a half turn to allow removal.



**15** Now that the cover is removed, there is access to the vehicle's coil packs. Any wire that is not common to each pack can be used.



**10** To remove the kick panel, the sill plate must be removed. The sill panel comes apart by popping the panel around the keyhole and removing one screw.



**11** After the sill panel is removed, the kick panel pops off to allow access to the brake wire.



**16** (Above) Close-up of the tach signal's location. (Left) The hood pin can be mounted on a bracket in the headlight area on the passenger's side.