2002-2006 Acura RSX - Battery Replacement

2002-2006 Acura RSX | Easy | 30-90 minutes | $180 DIY

TOOLS

10 mm wrench or socket, ratchet, and short extension Battery terminal brush and electrical-safe cleaner Memory saver only if the vehicle procedure permits it Gloves, eye protection, and a small flashlight

PARTS

Replacement 12-volt battery for 2002-2006 Acura RSX; verify group size, CCA, terminal layout, and VIN fitment $180.00 Anti-corrosion terminal protectant or felt washers (optional) $8.00

STEPS

1. **Verify battery fitment and charging symptoms - Group 51R, driver’s-side engine bay -** about 9-3/8 inches long, positive terminal right. Buy 51R (not plain 51), CCA at or above original. Save the radio code. Slow crank or clicking = battery; battery light running = alternator or belt.
2. **Make the vehicle safe and preserve settings when permitted - Park level, set the parking** brake, ignition off, key removed. Memory saver optional only if the manual permits. Wear gloves and eye protection; keep tools off both posts. Bulging, cracked, or leaking battery: stop, let a shop swap it.
3. **Disconnect the old battery - Remove the battery cover if equipped. Loosen the 10mm** negative (-) clamp nut first, lift it off, tuck the cable aside, then the positive (+). Loosen the J-hook hold-down nuts, lift the bracket clear, and lift the battery out. Note cable ro...
4. **Compare and install the replacement - Compare old and new: same size, positive terminal** right, CCA at or above original. Scrub the terminals clean. Refit the J-hook bracket, tighten evenly until it can’t rock - snug, not gorilla-tight. Positive (+) first, then negative (-).
5. **Reset and verify operation - No registration step. Start the engine: brisk crank,** 13.5-14.5 volts across the posts running. Cycle each window down and up for auto. Battery light on, idle never settling, or hot battery with sulfur smell: switch off and test charging...

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