

2006-2011 Honda Civic | Easy | 20-40 minutes | \$15 DIY

TOOLS

Flat-head screwdriver Trim clip tool (for the washer-neck clip) Long needle-nose pliers Socket set (for the coolant tank bolts) Nitrile gloves or a clean cloth

PARTS

H7 Halogen Headlight Bulb H7-12V-55W \$15.00
H1 Halogen Headlight Bulb H1-12V-55W \$12.00

STEPS

- 1 Pick your access path before you start - The eighth-generation Civic (2006-2011) gives** you two ways at the low-beam bulb, and the smart move is choosing per side. The alternative is turning the front wheels and reaching up from the wheel well.
- 2 Clear the passenger side: swing the washer neck aside - On the passenger side, the** gooseneck of the windshield washer reservoir sits right in front of the headlight's rear opening. If the clip is brittle, work it gently; breaking it means the neck flops around afterward.
- 3 Clear the driver's side: shift the coolant tank - Unbolt it or lift it off its bracket** and ease it aside just enough to get your hand behind the headlight - again, no hoses need to come off.
- 4 Unplug the wiring connector - Press firmly on the release tab - on this Civic it is the** bottom of the connector's center cut-out - and pull the plug straight off while holding the tab down. Pull on the plug body, never the wires.
- 5 Twist the old bulb out - Grip the back of the bulb by its base and rotate it** counterclockwise to the unlocked position, then pull it straight out toward you.
- 6 Install the new bulb without touching the glass - Skin oil on the glass becomes a hot** spot that shortens the bulb's life or can even blister it - if you touch the glass, clean it with rubbing alcohol before installing.
- 7 Put everything back and test - Close the hood, turn the headlights on, and check the low** beam - plus the high beam on that side while you are at it.