# 2012-2015 Honda Civic - Manual Transmission Fluid

**2012-2015 Honda Civic | Easy | 1-2 hours | $12 DIY**

**TOOLS**

Hydraulic Floor Jack  Jack Stands  10mm Socket  17mm Box End Wrench  Torque Wrench  Oil Drain Pan  Long Neck Funnel  3/8" Drive Ratchet  3/8-Inch Drive Extension Bar

**PARTS**

Honda Manual Transmission Fluid (MTF) 08798-9031 $10.00
Transmission Drain Plug Washer 94109-14000 $1.00
Transmission Fill Plug Washer 94109-14000 $1.00

## STEPS

1. **Confirm the correct procedure - The 2012-2015 Honda Civic with a manual transmission** takes Honda Manual Transmission Fluid (MTF) - not gear oil, not ATF, and not engine oil as anything but an emergency temporary measure. The correct fill is small, so buy 3 quarts to ha...
2. **Warm the transmission - Raise the front of the Civic and support it on jack stands,** keeping the car level - if the nose sits high, the fill level reads wrong. Remove the fill plug FIRST with a 17mm wrench - if the fill plug is seized and you have already drai...
3. **Access the dipstick or fill plug - Position a wide drain pan under the transmission.** Remove the drain plug (a 3/8-inch square-drive plug on these gearboxes - a standard 3/8 ratchet fits directly, no socket needed) and let the old MTF drain completely. Inspect what comes o...
4. **Check the level and condition - Reinstall the drain plug with a new crush washer and** torque to spec - the aluminum case threads strip easily, so don’t overtighten. Add Honda MTF slowly until fluid just seeps back out of the fill hole - that seep is the correct level...
5. **Top off only if needed and recheck - Install the fill plug with its new crush washer and** torque to spec. Wipe the transmission case clean so any fresh seepage will be obvious. Lower the car and take a test drive covering all gears: shifts should feel smoother and more precise...

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