

Honda Prelude | 1981-1987

Car Radio Removal



NOTE 1:

Removing the radio in this vehicle requires pulling out the ashtray below the radio. The Honda factory radio is secured to the dash with (2) phillips screws / 8mm bolts securing the rear of the radio. Once the ashtray is removed, the screws can be removed by **LOOKING UP** into the dash to the bottom of the radio.



NOTE 2:

Before the Honda radio can be removed, a small jumper wire harness must be unplugged under the steering column. There is not enough slack in this wire harness to completely pull the Honda radio out of the dash. Once this jumper is unplugged, the radio can be completely pulled out of the dash.



STEP 1:

Locate the small plastic dash panel located between the left side of the radio and the bottom right side of the steering wheel. This panel is held onto the body of the dash with (1) phillips screw at the bottom of the dash panel. Remove this screw and pull the dash panel away from the main body of the dash.



STEP 2:

Once the plastic dash panel is removed, locate the small wire harness connector that is covered by a translucent rubber boot. Pull the connector out of the dash as shown in the photo above. Reach inside the rubber boot and unplug the two connectors that are joined inside the rubber boot.



STEP 3:

Pull the ashtray out of the dash. The ashtray slides into a metal bracket that is secured to the dash with three (3) phillips screws. **LOOK UP** at the underneath side of the bracket and locate at the front of the metal bracket (2) phillips screws that secure the top of the bracket. Look at the rear of the metal bracket and locate (1) phillips screw that secure the rear of the metal bracket. Remove all (3) screws.

With one hand, **TWIST TO ANGLE** the metal bracket and slide the metal bracket out of the bottom opening on the dash, as shown in the photo above.



If you have an EQ below the radio:

Before the radio can be removed, the Honda EQ must be removed. Since the EQ is mounted below the radio, the screws that secure the radio are hidden above the EQ.

Once the metal bracket for the ashtray has been removed, **LOOK UP** into the opening where the bracket was at the bottom of the EQ. The EQ is secured, just like the Honda radio, with 2 phillips screws at the rear of the EQ. Remove both screws and pull the EQ out of the dash 2 inches so that you can gain access to the screws securing the rear of the Honda radio.

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STEP 4:

Look up under the bottom of the radio. Locate and remove the (2) phillips screws / 8mm bolts that secure the rear of the Honda radio. Once the screws are removed, pull the radio out of the dash.

STEP 5:

Unplug the black antenna cable plugged into the rear of the radio. Since you unplugged the jumper in STEP 2, the radio should pull out of the dash.

IF YOU HAVE A HONDA EQ BELOW THE RADIO: the EQ has a thick black cable attached to the EQ that runs up and plugs into the rear of the Honda radio. Unplug the black cable to remove the radio.