

How To Reset The SRS Indicator Light

If you have pulled the SRS fuse and caused your dash SRS Light to come on and stay on, this page tells you how to reset the SRS (Airbag System) on your Acura or Honda so that the bulb turns off. You could have a dealership reset the SRS, but it I have heard that this costs \$80. This reset feature will also work if you have repaired or replaced whatever was malfunctioning in the SRS system.

Disclaimer: SRS is your airbag system (supplemental restraint system) and is sensitive. I do not suggest that you attempt this if you lack basic electronics skills. I assume no responsibility for damage to anyone or anything for following these directions. Use at your own risk.

These directions have worked on a:

96 Acura Integra LS

97 Honda Civic

02 Honda Civic SS

Honda Element

(Many unknown Hondas and Acuras)

*If these directions worked for you, please help others out by letting me know at Josher@zworg.com so that I can add to the list.

The image on the right is of the SRS light that can be accidentally and permanently turned on by pulling the SRS fuse.



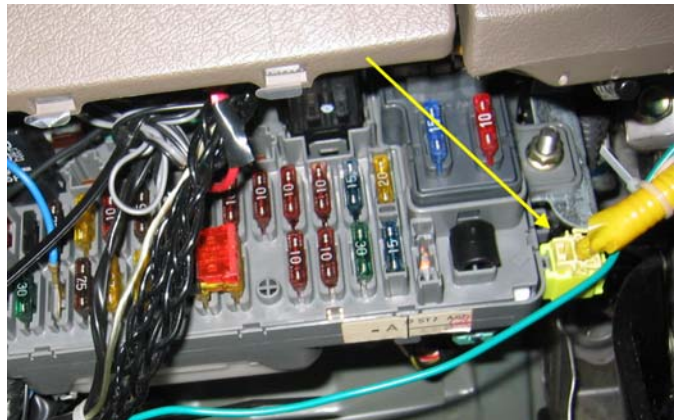
Part 1) Locating the MES Connector:

First of all, you need to find the MES Connector. On my car (Acura Integra) it was plugged into the side of the fuse box. It was yellow in color and it was a 2 prong connector. The insulating material around the wires of the connector was also yellow. For me, it was easy to find. HOWEVER, I have heard of some people saying that they had a green connector located near the hood release latch. Wherever your connector is located, it is plugged into a "dummy harness." Hence, the prongs are not actually plugged into anything; the "dummy harness" just holds the MES Connector and prevents it from bouncing around. Use the pictures below to find your MES connector.

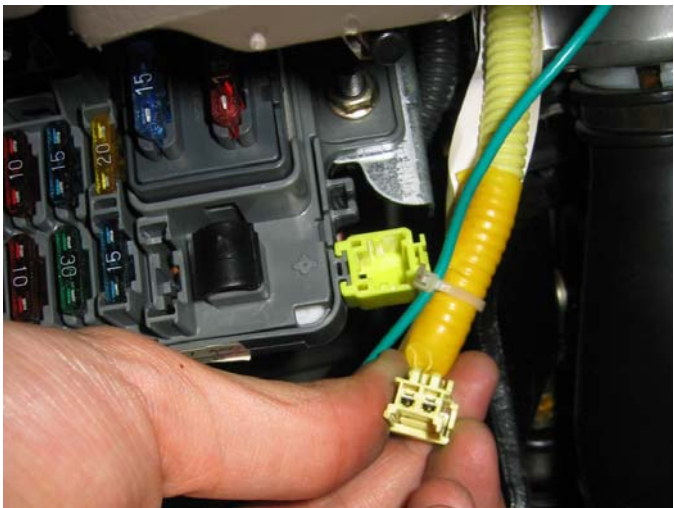
Start off by going to the Driver's Side of the car and looking under the dash, right by the fuse box.



The MES Connector is Yellow in color and normally plugged into a yellow dummy harness located on the side of the fuse box.



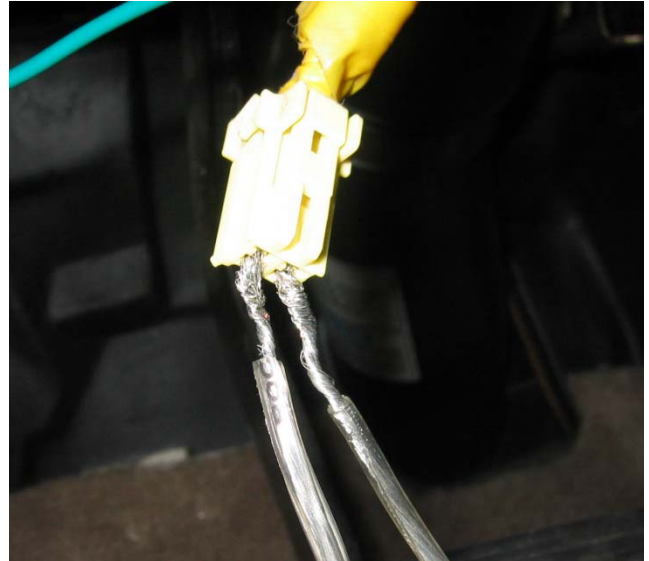
Unplug the MES Connector from the "dummy harness" and proceed to Part 2) Resetting the SRS.



Part 2) Resetting the SRS



I chose an old piece of speaker wire to plug into the connector, but you can use a paper clip or two separate pieces of wire. Use whatever you have laying around.



A piece of wire is inserted into each side of the MES Connector.



As is pictured on the left, I connected and disconnected the two wires in my hand according to the directions below. This is how you reset the SRS light. See below for the complete directions.

Supplies Needed: 2 wires OR I would suggest 2 Alligator Clips (Radio Shack).

Steps:

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- 2) Clip one alligator clip to one of the prongs and the other alligator clip to the other prong. If you're using 2 strands of wire, you won't be clipping, but twisting or shoving the wire into the respective prongs.
- 3) Hold the two ends of your wire together, so that they are now connected.
- 4) Keeping the wires connected, turn the ignition on (Do NOT start your car).
- 5) The SRS light comes on for about 6 seconds and then goes off. Quickly disconnect the two wires.
- 6) The SRS light will come on again. Quickly reconnect your wires.
- 7) The SRS light goes off. Disconnect your wire connection.
- 8) If you did this correctly, the SRS will blink twice.
- 9) Turn the ignition off and wait 10 seconds.
- 10) Turn the ignition on, thus starting your car, and hopefully the SRS light will now be off.
- 11) Turn your car off, assuming the above instructions worked and your SRS light is off. If not, either retry the instructions and/or verify that nothing else is wrong.
- 11) Remove your wires, do not cross them at all or let them touch. Replug the yellow/green connector back into the "dummy harness".

Problems?

- You only have a 4 second window to connect/disconnect the wires. Example: when the SRS light comes on in Step 6, you have 4 seconds to reconnect the wires.
- Make sure you have the right connector and that a module or some other part of the SRS system is not malfunctioning.
- It took me 2 tries to get it right. The main thing to remember is that the wires need to be connected when the light is on, disconnected when the light is off.
- You can IM me if you still need help:
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*If these directions worked for you to reset the SRS, please let me know the make, model and year of car at Josher@zworg.com so that I can add it to the list.