

## Bulletin CQB 04-06

**Subject:** ABS GRUNTS WHEN DOING A SELF- CHECK

**Vehicle Involved:** Honda 1998-2003 Accord, 1996-2003 Civic, 2000-2003 S2000, 1997-2001 Prelude, 2003 Pilot, 1997-2003 CR-V

**Condition:** Honda service.

**Repair Procedure:** If the owner of a vehicle equipped with a “compact” integrated ABS system complains of hearing a grunt or groan when backing or moving the vehicle forward after it’s been sitting idle, it may be the ABS system doing a self-check. An integrated system is composed of a modulator valve body, a pump, and an accumulator all rolled into one assembly, it is designed to self-check when the vehicle is moved forward or backward after sitting. So the grunt sound is normal; it does not indicate a problem with the ABS system.

You can demonstrate this function to your customer with a bi-directional Honda scan tool called a PGM Tester plugged into the 16P data link connector, and running the function test. This test has the ability to cycle the ABS solenoids and run the ABS pump. The noise from the test may be louder than the noise made by the ABS self-check, but it lets your customer hear the noise and helps you determine if the noise is ABS-related or coming from another source.

