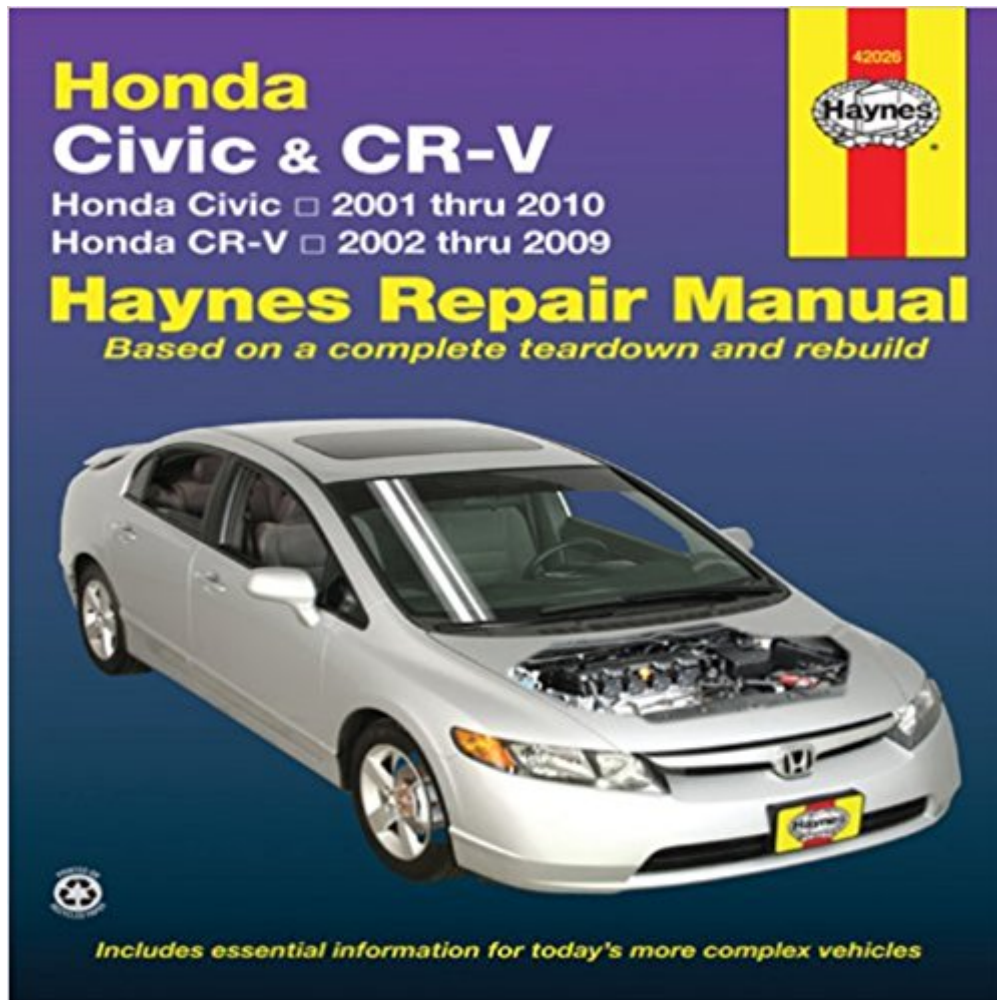




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Haynes offers the best coverage for cars, trucks, vans, SUVs and motorcycles on the market today. Each manual contains easy to follow step-by-step instructions linked to hundreds of photographs and illustrations. Included in every manual: troubleshooting section to help identify specific problems; tips that give valuable short cuts to make the job easier and eliminate the need for special tools; notes, cautions and warnings for the home mechanic; color spark plug diagnosis and an easy to use index.

So, here's the issue with the Haynes manual. It's written for more than one model vehicle. While these vehicles (CRV and Civic) are similar enough to maintain, the narrative of repairs still tries to maintain a commonality between the vehicles. For those who have good general knowledge of cars, this is probably good enough. However, for a newbie like myself, I've had to supplement with the internet and friends who've done these things before. Pros:- Major Chapter Subjects are divided pretty well- Good description of tools and hardware- Good recommendations for maintenance

scheduleCons:- Pages have a ton of information in small font, so it's easy to lose your place- Skimming chapters is not simple - the flow of the chapters are not always coherent- Images are poor quality and hard to make out if you're a beginner- Hard to use the book while you're actually working on the car (not sure if there's a real solution to this, though)This manual is much better for the more experienced DIYer. If you're a beginner look for the Honda Factory Service Manual instead. The CD version will be about twice as much as this manual, but well worth it.

I've used Haynes' and Chilton's books for years, but this isn't their best effort. I have a few big complaints.1) A very, very great deal of information is generic automotive data that's probably copied and pasted between all their books, and in a couple of instances, I found some of this generic information that wasn't particularly correct in the case of Civics.2) The book spreads itself across multiple *generations* of Civics and Civic body styles AND tries to tackle CRVs at the same time. It's just spread too thin. It's sometimes difficult to hone in on the data that's appropriate for your vehicle. It doesn't seem to cover Si's at all.3) I hate to disagree with most of the other reviews, but the book doesn't dig very deep. Too many systems explanations give only a cursory overview, 101 level troubleshooting (check the fuses, check the seals), then we're admonished to take the car to a dealer if we still have issues. This is the treatment given for systems as simple as the power locks and emissions.If you're only doing simple tune-up work, and you're maybe after an easy-difficulty repair or two, this book might work. If really want to learn about your car in depth, or you want to make sure you don't get caught short in the middle of a job with insufficient or incomplete information, or if you're going to take on more difficult jobs, you'll want a better book.For about 20 bucks more, you can have the complete factory shop manuals right here on , and they're on CD so you can search the contents and print what you want before attempting a job.2006 2007 2008 2009 Honda Civic Shop Manual CD W/EtmBishko reprints the Honda official manuals on CD, and you'll have the exact information for your particular car. All of it. Enough to tear down the engine and transmission and build it back up to factory specs. And anything else you can imagine.Granted, factory service manuals sometimes assume you have access to tools and equipment you either don't have or can't get at all, but I'd rather read, know, and understand than be told "this is over your head, take it to the dealer". Often times, specialized tools can be improvised, or Internet forum wisdom can help you work around your lack of factory test equipment.Again, the book isn't terrible, I just expect considerable depth in a repair manual, and felt like I got something that was basically a little better than the owner's manual. If that's all you're after, perhaps this book is fine. If not, you have other affordable options.

Another in a series of fine Haynes manuals and a must for Civic owners even if you're not a shade tree mechanic. Procedures are described in detail and accompanied by photos and diagrams. If your auto shop says you need a brake job and it's \$800, look at the procedures and maybe you'll either do it yourself or see why you're willing to pay someone else to do it. Also includes troubleshooting tips, periodic maintenance chores anyone can & should do, 'check engine' trouble code maladies and remedies, etc. Note to other DIY'ers: No manual is a panacea. Use this (or any) manual in conjunction with YouTube, Google, Chilton manuals and your friendly parts desk guy/gal's advice. Just don't lend your Haynes manual to a friend and expect to get it back soon. It's a great reference tool.

Lots of pictures and lots of info on practically everything that can go wrong with your car. Now if only they'd ship someone along to handle the repair for me, it'd be perfect!

I bought this after good experiences with their Ford Explorer and Toyota Camry manuals. I liked the detail and the photographs. However, I found some key information missing in this manual. First, the newer CR-Vs use a "Maintenance Minder" to assist in performing ongoing maintenance (belts, fluids, tire rotation, etc). However, there is no mention of the MM in this manual. Second, changing the rear differential fluid is part of the ongoing maintenance schedule for 4WD CR-Vs. This is definitely a DIY project. However, the manual dedicates only a few overview paragraphs on this, with no photographs. There is a drain hole and a fill hole, but no mention of where they are located. The drain plugs are removed with the square end of a 3/8" ratchet, but no mention of this. Finally, Honda recommends new crush washers (oil changes too), but again, no mention of this. I did find numerous photographs and gory details on tearing down and rebuilding the engine, if that's what you're up to.

I wish more details/instructions are provided. Bought it for a radiator replacement job but the book has not provide much details except barely mentioning obvious things such as remove fans before removing the radiator and don't forget to add coolant afterwards. I had to remove a front bar and all of the plastic covers to get access to the radiator fittings and none of that was mentioned in the book. Forget the pictures... I want my money back.

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