
A Word About 0W-20 Engine Oil

Currently Applies To: '10 Accord Crosstour, '03–10 Civic Hybrid, '10 CR-V, '00–06 Insight, and '10 Insight

Without a doubt, oil plays a major part when it comes to an engine's performance and health. 0W-20 engine oil is fast becoming the recommended service fill for many new Honda models (and those from other automakers), replacing the ever-popular 5W-20. Why? Because in engines designed for its use, it provides superior starting performance and fuel economy without the risk of premature engine wear.

Engine wear typically happens when you start the engine cold and it's warming up, so it's really important for the engine oil to get to work right away. 0W-20 is a very low-viscosity oil that's specially formulated to quickly reach critical engine components when the engine is started. It also helps the engine use less fuel. The zero in 0W-20 doesn't mean zero viscosity; it means superior low-temperature performance.

Honda has been developing and testing engines for a number of years now with the expectation that someday 0W-20 would become the oil of choice. It's been used in many Honda models sold in Europe and Japan since 2001 with no reported problems, and it's been the factory fill for all Insights and Civic Hybrids sold in the U.S.

So, if the vehicle you're working on calls for 0W-20 engine oil, make sure you use it; it's what's best for that engine. And just so you know, we're coming out soon with a job aid that shows which current Honda engines using 5W-20 can also use 0W-20. With this job aid, your dealership will enjoy more servicing and stocking flexibility.