2009 MDX - Front Door Panel Removal/Installation

Special Tools Required

- KTC trim tool set SOJATP2014*
- Trim pad remover, Snap-on A 177A or equivalent, commercially available

*Available through the Acura Tool and Equipment Program; call 888-424-6857

1. Using a trim tool, push on the upper hook (A) and pivot the inner handle cap (B) on the bottom hooks (C), then remove the cap and the screw securing the inner handle (D).

2. Pry out the bottom edge of the grip cover (A) at the notches with the trim tool to detach the clips and to release the hooks (B). Then remove the cover.

3. Remove the screws.
4. Remove the door panel (A) with as little bending as possible to avoid creasing or breaking it.

   -1 Start at the bottom edge of the door panel, release the clips with a commercially available trim pad remover.
   -2 Detach the upper clips.
   -3 Starting at the rear, pull the door panel upward.

   -3 NOTE: The inner handle cable (B) and latch cable (C) are connected to the inner handle (D). Do not pull the door panel up too far, or these cables will be damaged.

5. Remove the inner handle (A) from the door panel:

   -1 Hold the door panel (B) away from the door.
6. Disconnect the door subharness connector (A) and power mirror switch connector (B), then remove the door panel (C).

7. Remove the latch cable fastener (A) from the inner handle (B), and then disconnect the latch cable (C) from the cable fastener (D). Disconnect the inner handle cable (E) from the cable fastener (F), then remove the inner handle.

   NOTE: If the cable fasteners are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones.

8. Disconnect the power window switch connector (A), and on the driver's side, disconnect the power door lock switch connector (B) and the seat position memory switch connector (C).