

# Shifting Gears

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## If the Battery is Dead:

The electric shift system will operate even if the battery is dead, as long as the engine is running. If the engine is not running, it may be started using the recoil starter. See your Honda dealer to have the battery recharged or replaced.

1. Turn the ignition switch to the “ON” ( I ) position.
2. Remove the gear change tool from the storage compartment (page 101).
3. Check if the transmission is in neutral by moving the vehicle back and forth.
4. If the transmission is in neutral, the vehicle will move easily. Go to step 5.  
If the transmission is not in neutral, the vehicle will not move. Use the gear change tool to shift to neutral so you will be able to start the engine. Refer to *How to shift Gears Manually* (page 68 ).
5. Apply the parking brake.
6. Turn the ignition switch to the “OFF” ( O ) position, then turn it back to the “ON” ( I ) position.
7. Use the recoil starter (page 62 ) to start the engine.