



The CAI arrived well packed, everything looked nice, I like the finish of the CAI. The instructions are good also, with pictures. They recommend removing the passenger front wheel and also some of the plastic undertrays. They don't say to remove the front bumper.

I didn't remove the wheel but I did remove the front bumper. I initially didn't remove any of the undertrays, but as the pictures show I did eventually remove a few of the fasteners towards the left side of the front two undertrays. With these undertrays loose, installing the CAI is much easier!





After taking out the stock airbox, I threw on the first (and easiest) pipe.



I also test fit the rubber isolator mount. Then I removed it to make installing the main CAI pipe easier. I also started to make some cuts to the plastics.



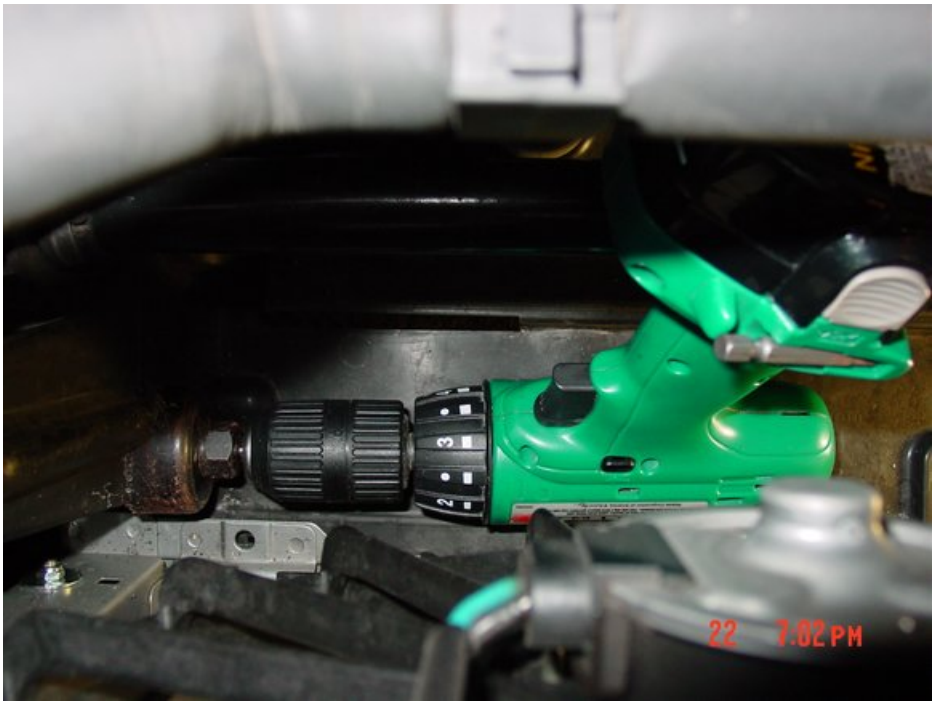
Here's one first cut. I ended up extending this cut left (outward) cutting through the vertical stiffener just to the left of this cut.



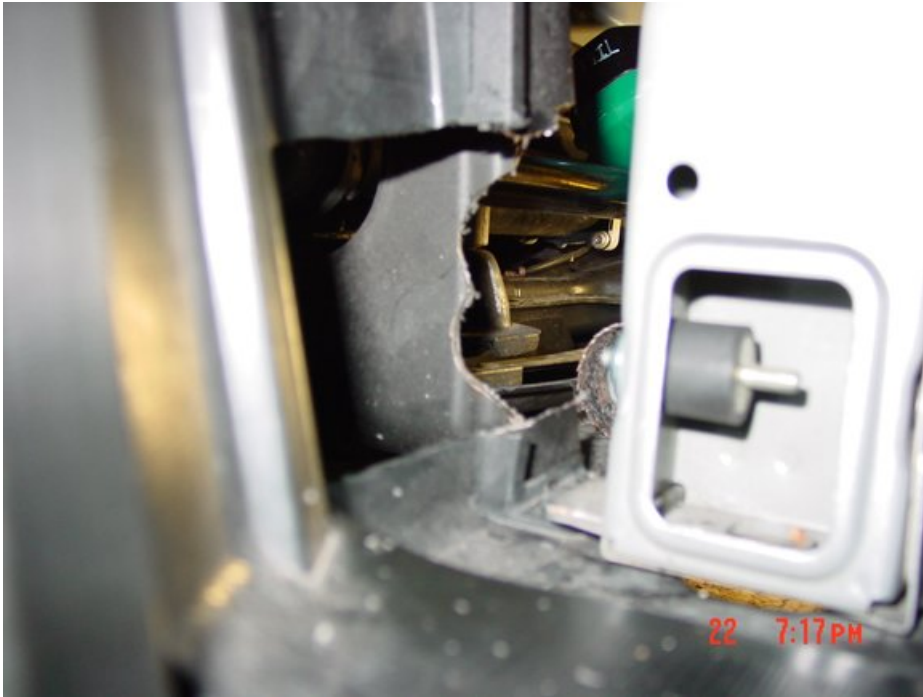


The next three pictures show how I used a hole saw to get a good start on cutting most of the other plastics.





Another shot of the cutting process. I've installed several of the 4IG CAI's before on other cars, but this CAI required cutting bigger holes because of the diameter of the CAI tubing.



Here's a shot inside the main CAI tubing.



Here's another cut shot, after I removed two undertray bolts - it really helped to have the undertrays loose.





A test fit of the CAI main pipe. At this point I decided to remove two plastic button-type clips holding part of the second undertray.



Here are two shots showing both undertrays partially loosened and hanging loose, with the CAI pipe in position.

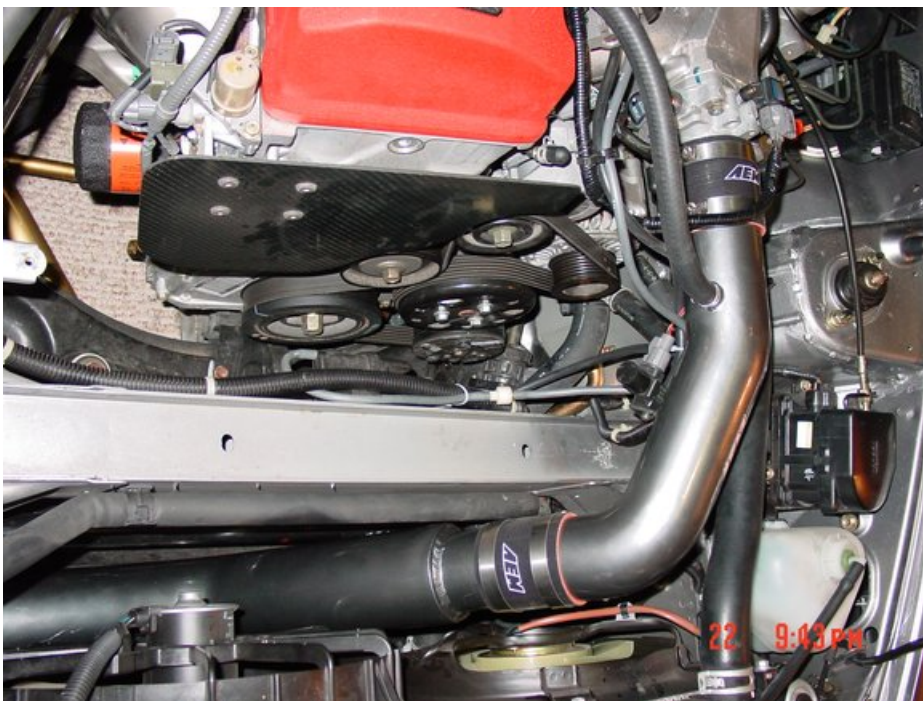


Almost done...





Nothing touches or rubs. I was a little concerned about clearance around the 31.8mm swaybar, but everything fit real well.



This shot is before some final trimming of the wheel well plastic. As mentioned above, I had to extend the wheel well cut outward into the first vertical stiffener to allow the undertray to line back up for fastening. Cutting the plastics took the longest, since I did not want to cut too much. I would cut out a small section, test fit, and cut some more. Oh, important, when you attach the filter, make sure the hose clamp is oriented so that you'll be able to get to it from the bottom in the future. This way, for filter maintenance, you can just loosen the undertray and get to the filter.



The next two shots show the bumper back on, and the proximity of the filter to the '00-'03 vent. I wonder about the '04.







Here's a shot inside the wheel well. I luckily managed to cut just enough, and the plastics fit around the CAI pipe like a glove. Cutting the plastics takes the most patience. Make sure you have a sharp utility knife. I also used a hacksaw blade.



A final shot of the finished install, after a short drive and just before I realized I locked myself out of my house.

