

AP1 (1999-2003).

Problem: Why is my carpet always moving around? (MY00 only)

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: Oil consumption

Solution: Some owners have said that a catch can has solved the issue.

Fact: Several S2000 owners have reported a oil consumption issue with Mobile 1.

Fact: Early AP1's (1999-2003) have a reputation of burning oil while in Vtec.

Problem: Buzzing from the transmission while decelerating. (MY00-02)

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Fact: Leaving the car as is won't cause any damages. AKA clutch buzz.

Problem: Rear window is creased, clouded or scratched. (MY00-01)

Solution 1: [Cleaning - Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Solution 2: [Rear Window Replacement - Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Solution 3: [Upgrade to glass window / Topsonline](#)

Problem: Grinding when shifting into 2nd gear.

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: While doing a valve adjustment I've noticed cracked retainers.

Solution: [Upgrade to AP2 retainers \(better\).](#)

Note: Over-revs, miss shifts and oil starvation are the main reasons of engine damage.

AP2 (2004-2009).

Problem: Gear lever pops out of 2nd, 4th or 6th gear.

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: CEL P1172 and/or P2A00. (MY06+)

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: Convertible top is torn at the lock handle and/or the right rear. (MY05+)

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: Dash begins to bubble, blister or wrinkle. (MY06+)

Solution: Dash replacement. [Problem description](#)

ALL (1999-2009).

Problem: When accelerating, my car pulls on the left or right side.

Solution: The S2000 is very sensitive to tire pressure. Check tire pressure while respecting the OEM tire pressure specs.

Problem: Clicking noise from rear when moving in first gear or reverse. Sounds like two metal marbles.

Solution: Honda use to torque the axle nuts to 180 lbs. The correct torque is now 200 ft-lbs + 60 degrees lbs. Torque your axle nuts.

Problem: Vibration during acceleration

Solution: Pitted cv boot are a common S2000 problem. You can Swap them from left to right.

Link: [How to swap cv boot](#)

Problem: Ride height is not the same everywhere / Weird handling

Note: You may still have the spring spacers. They were used during shipment and many have been forgotten.

Link: [What spring spacers look like](#)

Problem: Intermittent hesitation during hard acceleration. (MY00-05)

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Problem: I'm having trouble starting the car after a spin out at the track.

Solution: Several S2000 owners have reported this.

Problem: Grinding when shifting gear.

Solution: When was the last time you changed your transmission fluid? Honda has updated their MTF formula for better shifting.

Problem: Transmission is hard to shift when cold.

Solution: All S2000 owners have reported this. Give it time to warm up.

Problem: CEL P1399, P0301, P0302, P0303, P0304 (Random Misfire)

Solution: [Member Negcamber's checklist](#)

Problem: Whistling sound coming from engine bay.

Solution: Have you recently removed your air box cover?

Problem: My top has a tear in it, how can I fix it?

Solution: [Member Dlg04's how-to repair](#)

Problem: Engine noise coming from engine bay. It sounds like cards in a spoke.

Solution: [How to replace timing chain tensioner \(TCT\)](#)

Problem: Wind noise / Soft top noise.

Solution: [Technical Service Bulletin](#)

Solution 2: [Replace strikers with hard top strikers](#)

Problem: After sitting for a long time, my car doesn't start on the first try.

Fact: Several S2000 owners have reported this.

Problem: Where is my fuel cap release button?

Solution: Look on the driver side door jam, pull on the little black button

Problem: Rattle when in neutral / Rattle stops when clutch is pressed.

Note: Several S2000 owners have reported this.

Maintenance

Engine Oil: 10W30 or 5W40 (Dyno or Syntec)

Transmission Oil: Honda MTF

Differential Oil: 75W90 GL-5 (Dyno or Syntec)

Clutch/Brake Fluid: Dot 3/Dot 4

Fluids

[How to change engine oil](#)

[How to change transmission fluid](#)

[How to change differential fluid](#)

Good general S2000 threads

[S2000 Proben info \(Thanks to dlq04\)](#)

[Technical FAQ 2.1](#)

[Big list of s2k write up](#)

[OEM Filter Summary](#)

[Service Bulletin List](#)

[CEL List](#)

[How to install speakers](#)