

Wipers Run With Ignition Switch On: '96–97 Accord

On '96–97 Accords, if the windshield wipers run at low speed when you turn the ignition switch ON (II), here's what you do:

1. Move the under-hood fuse/relay box out of the way, then remove the intermittent wiper relay below it.
 - If the wipers stay on, continue with normal electrical troubleshooting.
 - If the wipers stop, go to step 2.
2. Shake the relay.
 - If the relay does *not* rattle, continue with normal electrical troubleshooting.
 - If the relay rattles, it's defective and *must* be replaced.

More Wiper Woes

NOTE: This condition can affect '90–00 Accords, '90–00 Preludes, '98–00 Civics, '95–00 Odysseys, and '94–00 Passports.

If the windshield wipers sweep when you turn on the headlights, the turn signals, or the A/C system, inspect and clean the ground for the windshield washer motor. A faulty ground lets voltage from these systems feed back through the washer motor to the integrated control unit (or multiplex control unit) as a washer motor input. This input causes the wipers to run even though the wiper switch is off.

4WD Indicator Blinks Rapidly: '00 Passport

On '00 Passports, a stuck shift-on-the-fly motor in the front axle can cause the 4WD indicator to blink rapidly after you switch from 2WD to 4WD, or vice versa (especially in cold weather).

To check for a stuck motor, apply 12 volts directly to the shift-on-the-fly actuator while it's not operating (see page 4C-23 of the '00 Passport Service Manual). If the actuator fails to engage and disengage when you apply and remove voltage, the motor is stuck, and you need to replace the actuator assembly.

Rear Window Creases or Wrinkles: '00 S2000

On '00 S2000s, creases or wrinkles in the vinyl rear window can distort rearward vision. To minimize them, follow these steps:

1. Heat about 2 quarts of water to 170°F (77°C).
2. Slowly pour the hot water over the rear window, in a side-to-side motion. The hot water softens the vinyl, flattening out the creases and wrinkles.

NOTE: Make sure you wear shoes that can withstand high temperatures; the hot water will run out of the body drains near your feet.



Drift During Hard Accel and Decel: '00 S2000

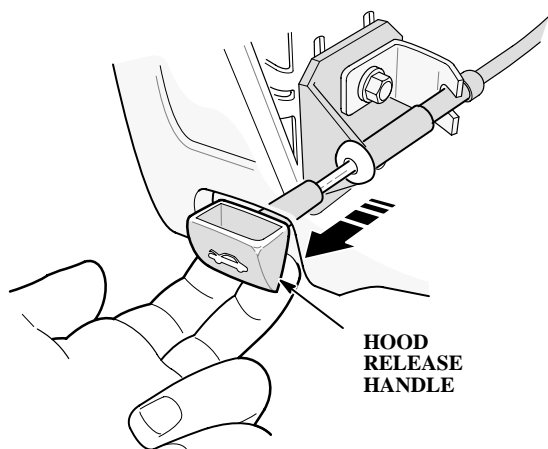
On '00 S2000s, if the left and right rear tires have different diameters, the limited slip differential can cause a drift in one direction on hard acceleration, and a drift in the opposite direction on deceleration. To prevent this, make sure you replace both rear tires at the same time, and maintain equal tire pressures.

A Big “Atta-Boy”

Kudos are in order for Honda techs Jeu Thao of Visalia Honda and Reu Ayala of Scott Robinson Honda. They're the first to step up to the plate and take the new IST Brakes in-dealership training on CD-ROM. Congratulations guys, and keep up the good work!

Balky Hood Opener Cable: '00 Insight

On '00 Insights, the hood release handle, bracket, and hood opener cable are one part. The handle is attached to a square metal rod that passes through the bracket and attaches to the cable. If you try to open the hood by pulling up on the hood release handle, you'll bend the rod, causing it to stick as it passes through the bracket. The hood opener cable will *not* return when released. To avoid this, make sure you always pull the hood release handle *straight out*, and advise your customers to do the same.



Convertible Top Won't Fully Close: '00 S2000

On '00 S2000s, if the motor for the convertible top does not close the top against the windshield, the problem may be a bent linkage. The linkage can get bent if the vehicle is driven with the top raised but not latched. At about 35 mph, the airflow over the vehicle can lift up the top, bending the linkage.

To straighten out the linkage, here's what you do:

1. Open the top about 6 to 8 inches, or until the front section starts to fold back.
2. While sitting in either the driver's or passenger's seat, reach up and grip the leading edge of the top next to the latches, and pull down on both sides to tweak the linkage back into alignment.

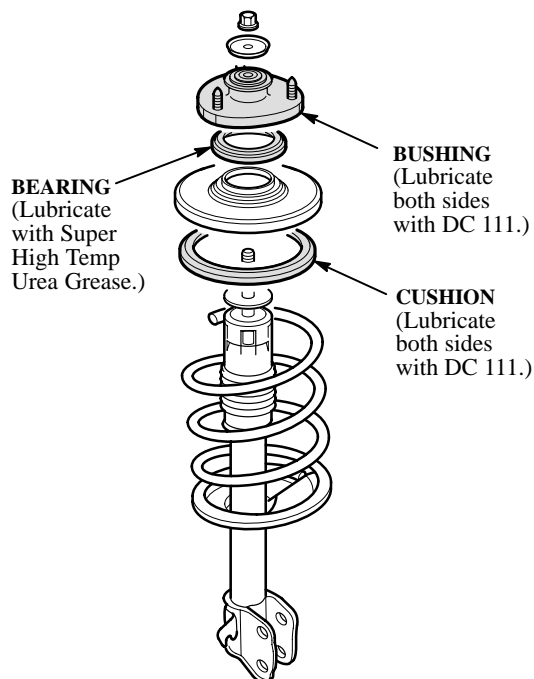
NOTE: To properly align the linkage, make sure the person pulling on the top weighs between 180 and 200 pounds.

Steering Wheel Grunt or Groan: '99-00 Odyssey

On '99-00 Odysseys, dry bushings and bearings in the front damper can cause a grunt or groan when you turn the steering wheel slowly.

Here's how to stop the noise:

1. Remove the affected front damper, then remove the spring. Refer to the Suspension section of the 1999-00 Odyssey Service Manual for details.



2. Lubricate both sides of the bushing and the cushion with DC 111 Silicone Paste (available from Dow Corning; call them at 800-248-2481 for the distributor nearest you).
3. Lubricate both sides of the bearing with Super High Temp Urea Grease (P/N 08798-9002, H/C 3720984).
4. Reassemble and reinstall the damper.

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