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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 04V-257

Dear Mr. Person:

In accordance with our campaign to correct a safety defect related to speedometer inaccuracy in certain 2000 model year Honda S2000 automobiles, we are submitting a copy of the dealer bulletin, which also includes the text of the customer letter.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
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Enclosure

Applies To: **2000 S2000** – From VIN JHMAP114.YT000001 thru JHMAP114.YT007115**June 16, 2004****Noncompliance Recall: S2000 Taillight Side Markers****BACKGROUND**

The lenses of the taillight side markers and side reflectors were improperly manufactured and may not retain their color over time.

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

All owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign. An example of the customer notification is at the end of this service bulletin.

Before beginning work on a vehicle, verify its eligibility by checking at least one of these items:

- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on an iN VIN status inquiry.

Some vehicles affected by this recall may be in your used car inventory. According to federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired. To see if a vehicle is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Replace the left and right taillights and the taillight gaskets.

**PARTS INFORMATION**

Taillight Kit:

P/N 06330-S2A-305, H/C 7809338

(Includes left and right taillights and two taillight gaskets)

**WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION**

Operation Number: 714101

Flat Rate Time: 0.4 hour

Failed Part: P/N 33551-S2A-A01  
H/C 8235261

Defect Code: 6S2

Symptom Code: P35

Template ID: 04-033A

Skill Level: Repair Technician

**REPAIR PROCEDURE**

1. Replace the taillights and the taillight gaskets (see page 22-82 of the 2000-04 S2000 Service Manual). On ISIS, use the keyword "taillight." When you remove and reinstall the trunk trim panel clips, follow these guidelines:
  - To release a trim panel clip, push in on its center about 2 mm. Then use a trim pad remover to remove the clip.
  - If you push the center of a trim panel clip more than 3 mm, the clip cannot be removed without first pushing its center all the way through. If you do this, you will need to retrieve the center of the clip from behind the trunk floor trim panel to avoid a rattle.
  - To prepare a trim panel clip for reinstallation, remove its center by turning the center 45 degrees, and pushing it through the body of the clip.
  - To install a trim panel clip, insert the body of the clip into the hole first, and then push the center in flush.
2. Center-punch a completion mark above the eighth character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

**JHMAP114XXXXXXXXXX**

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

**Example of Customer Letter**

July 2004

**Noncompliance Recall:  
S2000 Taillight Side Markers**

Dear S2000 Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

**What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has decided that certain 2000 model year S2000 vehicles do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

The lenses of the taillight side markers and side reflectors were improperly manufactured and may not retain their color over time.

**What should you do?**

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have the taillights replaced. This repair will be done *free of charge*. Please plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

**Who to contact if you experience problems.**

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Customer Service  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A  
1819 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

**What to do if you feel this notice is in error.**

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2000 S2000 involved in this campaign. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

If you paid to have a noncompliant taillight replaced sometime in the past, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Refer to the attached *Instructions for Reimbursement* for eligibility requirements and the reimbursement procedure.

**Lessor information.**

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

**If you have questions.**

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at (800) 999-1008, and select menu option #2.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Division