

## ***The New Honda S2000 Will Be A Game Changer*** ***Dimitar Angelov - TopSpeed***

*The revival of iconic nameplates in the automotive world seems to be a common and welcome occurrence in recent times. Many of them come from Japanese car makers with vehicles like the [Nissan GT-R](#), [Nissan Z](#), [Toyota GR86](#), [Toyota GR Supra](#), [Acura NSX](#), and others.*

*While [we recently talked about the next-generation Toyota MR2](#), which is said to arrive sometime in 2025, [Honda](#) is also preparing for the return of one of its most iconic models – the Honda S2000. Rumors have been circulating for a few years now, and here's everything we know about the revival of the Japanese roadster.*



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### ***Original S2000 Proportions***

*We are not the first ones to say it as, back in 2018, [a Forbes article written by Peter Lyon](#), spoke about the future Honda S2000, supported by details from a source “close to Honda”. Information is power and we like to make the best of it, which is why this is more of a summary of all the facts we know about the car Honda is, supposedly “cooking”.*

*With that said, the next-generation Honda S2000 will retain the proportions of the original car. This is great news as one of the many good things about the original S2000 was that it was compact and lightweight. There is an obvious trend observed with almost all modern vehicles, where each next generation is bigger, heavier, and usually more complex.*

*With that in mind, the fact that Honda plans to make the next-gen S2000 as close as possible to the original would be a nice change. Moreover, at the 2020 Tokyo Auto*

Show, *Honda brought out a 20th-anniversary edition Honda S2000, which was, essentially, the original car made out of carbon fiber and with a different front fascia. Turbocharged, Civic Type-R Power. Due to strict emissions regulations, high-revving, naturally-aspirated engines like the original S2000 are a dying breed. So don't expect a rev-happy, four-banger like on the original car.*

*The most logical choice would be the 2.0-liter turbo-four from the Honda Civic Type-R, which for 2023, makes 326 horsepower and 309 pound-feet (420 Nm). A figure of 350 horsepower has been mentioned in the past and given that the new S2000 is still some years away, it's very likely that the Civic Type-R engine would receive some more "massaging" for that extra horsepower.*

### ***The New Honda S2000 Still Won't Compete With The Mazda MX-5***

*Before you start thinking that Honda is going to slap the S2000 name onto a bland SUV, fear not. At the very least, it will still be a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive roadster. Although both vehicles are quite similar in layout, the Honda S2000 and Mazda MX-5 were never in the same league, at least not in terms of raw performance. With over 100 horsepower setting them apart, the Honda S2000 was always the much quicker of the two, and given the engine that's more likely to make it into the upcoming model, that would still be the case.*

### ***The New S2000 May Not Be 100-Percent Honda***

*It may be shocking to some, but Honda currently doesn't have a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive platform. Given that the sports car segment is a tiny one compared to most of the others, Honda might join forces with another car maker in order to develop an FR platform for the future Honda S2000. Toyota has done it more than once, and it seems to have worked, but what about Honda? This may come as a surprise, but at this point in time, General Motors is the most logical partner for Honda.*

*The two companies are already collaborating on autonomous technology and Honda's first two, global EV models, one of which is the Honda Prologue, will be built in GM's Mexico-based plant alongside some Chevrolet and Cadillac models. This is due to the fact that Honda is behind on the EV scene and doesn't have its own global platform dedicated to all-electric models.*

*GM and Honda have entered into an agreement, which allows them to share technology and platforms, and looking at GM's lineup, the most logical choice would be the GM Alpha platform, which underpins everything from the Cadillac ATS to the Chevy Camaro.*

*The platform has already proven quite capable to the point where the Camaro has become a proper sports car, capable of keeping up with some of the best from Europe and Japan. With that said, we can definitely see a version of this platform underpinning the next-gen Honda S2000.*

### ***The New Honda S2000 Should Arrive in 2024***

*According to the aforementioned source that's "close to Honda", the upcoming S2000 will arrive in time to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Honda S2000. The original version of the roadster came out in 1999 and was produced until 2009,*

*spanning two versions – AP1 and AP2 (facelift). We have already seen a more futuristic approach for the model's 20th anniversary and while Honda executives have previously stated that there are no plans for a future S2000, apparently there is a change of plans, given all the iconic nameplates that have come back from the dead.*