



1998-2002 Honda Accord Distributor Rotor Replacement

Replace the distributor rotor on 98-00 Honda Accords with an F23A5 engine.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace your Honda Accord's distributor rotor. This specific guide was created for a non-VTEC [F23A5](#) engine, but other 4-cylinder Honda engines will be similar enough to follow the same basic steps. You may have to remove the engine cover in later Accord models.



TOOLS:

- [.25" Socket Wrench](#) (1)
- [8mm Deep Socket](#) (1)
- [Probe and Pick Set](#) (1)
- [Phillips #2 Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

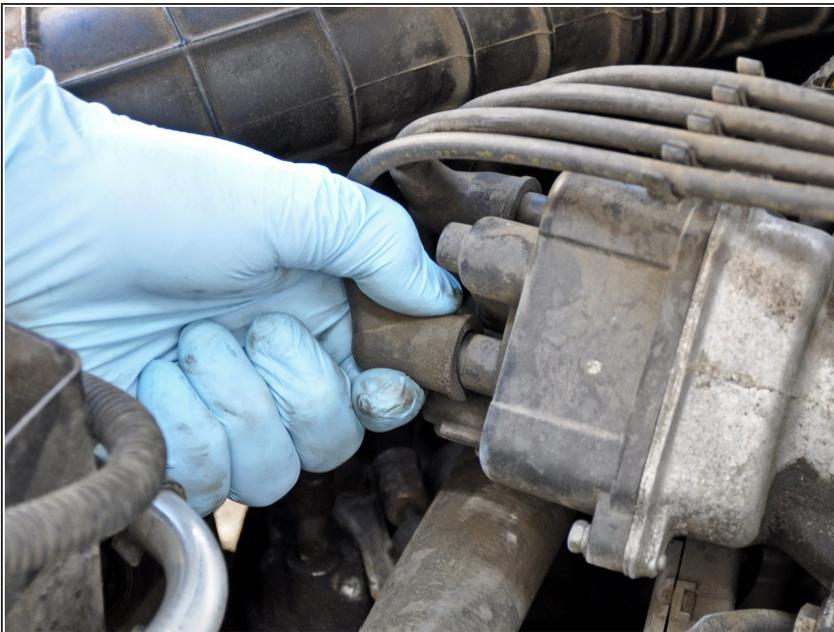
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Step 1 — Distributor Cap



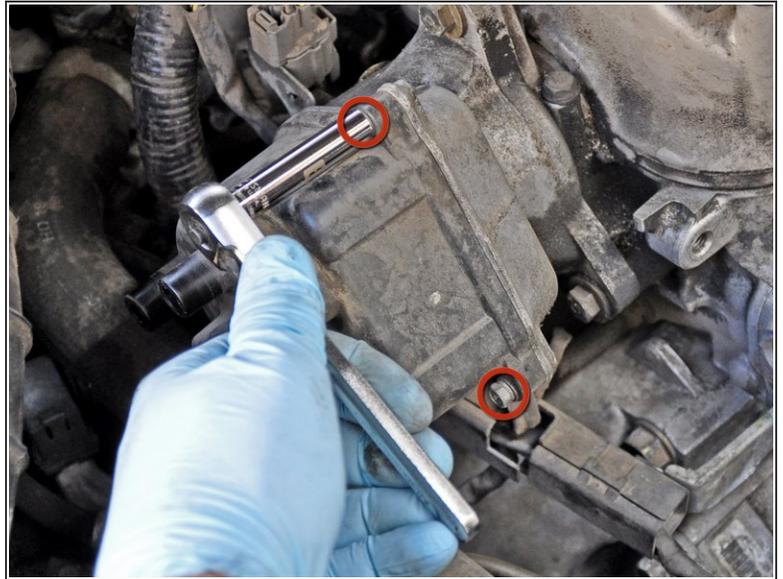
- Before disconnecting the spark plug wires, be sure to trace their orientation from the individual cylinders back to the distributor cap.
- The cylinders are ordered from left to right when viewing the engine from the front of the car, with cylinder #1 being closest to the passenger side of the vehicle.
- ☑ Mark the order of the spark plug wires on the new distributor cap with a silver sharpie marker -- it will make reinstallation much easier.

Step 2



- Disconnect the four spark plug wires from the distributor cap by pulling their connectors straight away from the sockets on the distributor cap.
- ⓘ It may be helpful to slightly twist the wires as you pull them.

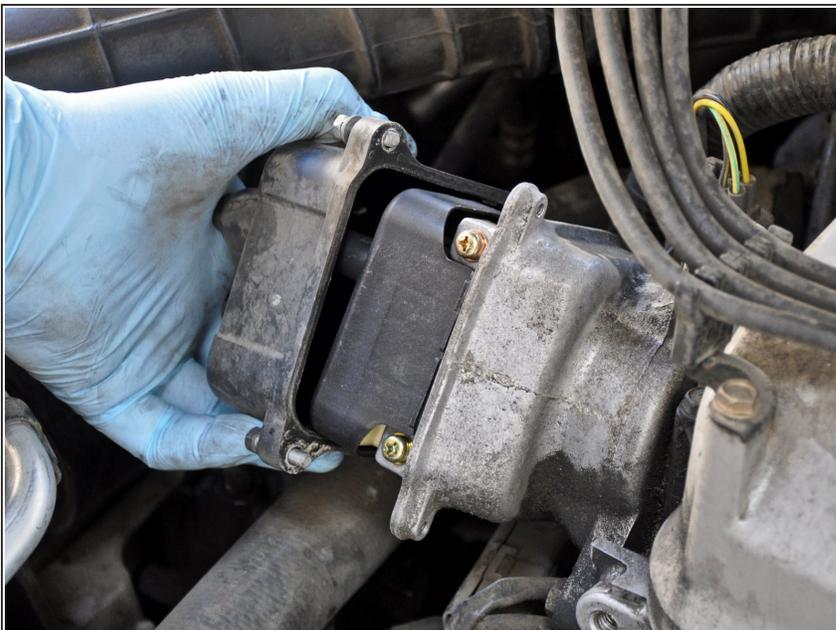
Step 3



- Use a 1/4" drive, 8 mm deep socket to remove the three hex bolts securing the distributor cap to the engine.

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Step 4



- Pull the distributor cap away from the engine and set it aside.

Step 5



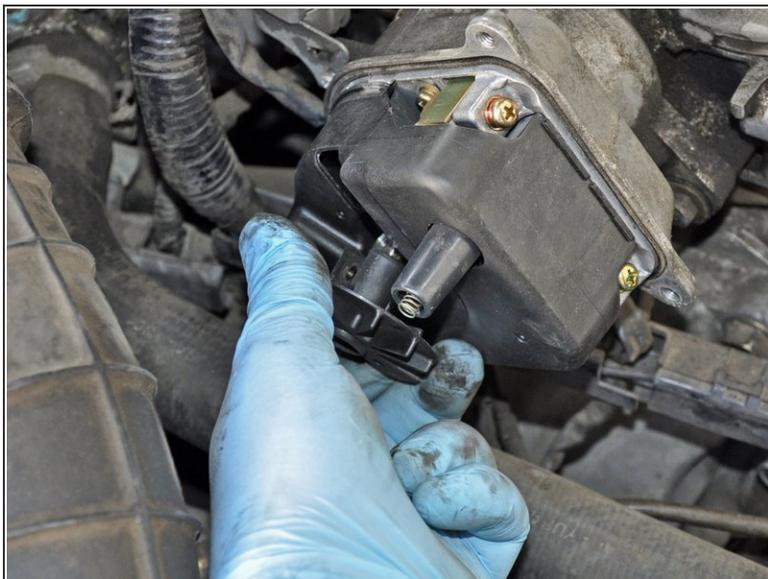
- Use a dental pick or a small screwdriver to gently remove the D-shaped o-ring around the distributor cap flange.
- Install a new o-ring in the seal recess, making sure that it is sitting flush against the flange.

Step 6 — Distributor Rotor



- Remove the single #2 Phillips screw securing the distributor rotor to the shaft.

Step 7



- Pull the distributor rotor straight off its shaft, being careful not to rotate the shaft as you remove it.
- ☑ When installing the new distributor rotor, press it onto the shaft with the screw holes aligned axially.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.