

# DIY S2000 Convertible Top Straps

## Supplies

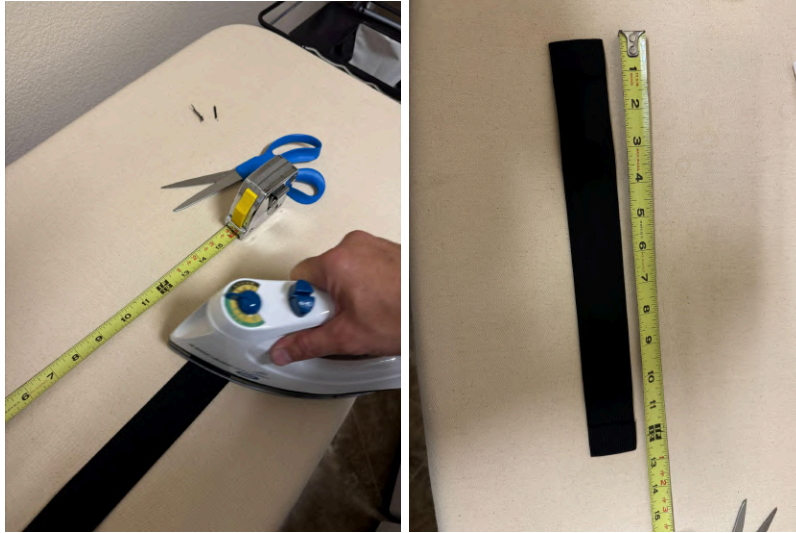
- 1.5" elastic strap (at least 30" in total length for 2 straps)
- Iron on Adhesive
- 1/16" diameter brass rod (approx. 6" in length)
- Iron
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- 1/16" drill bit (optional)

Note: the measurements in this document I used in my 2000 S2000 AP1 which I retrofit a glass window top on. I know the frame is slightly different in later years so the measurements might be off on AP2 vehicles.

1. Cut a strap 15" in length.
2. Cut two ~ 1.5" adhesive strips one for each end and place them about 1" from the ends



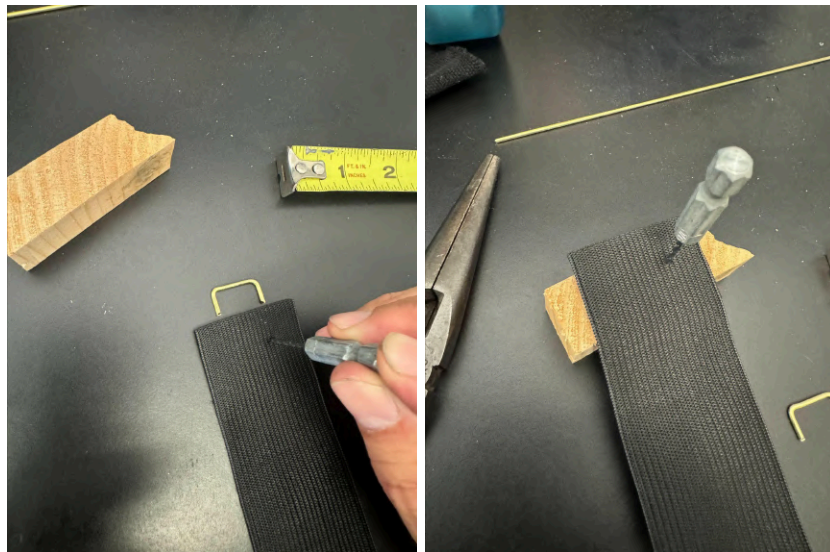
3. Flip the end over and overlap it approx 1" so the adhesive strip is inside two parts and iron the ends to activate the adhesive. Do the same for both sides and make it so the full length of the strap is 12.5" long. (adjust this length as you see fit for your preference)



4. Cut a staple shape from the brass rod where the two ends of the rod fit inside 3/4". Test fit this staple in the ends of the rivets on your top. The length of each leg should extend about 3/16" past the strap once it is on. Make these longer and trim them later. Make two of these per strap.



5. Poke holes into the strap that will fit the legs of the staple shape. I found that using the drill bit made it easier to poke the staple through since it isn't very sharp.



6. Poke the staples through the strap. I preferred to put the folded side of the strap down as seen below.



7. Repeat steps 1 through 6 to make a second strap.
8. Install each strap by first lowering the top half way so there is room.
9. First remove the old strap. If you have the factory ones installed, cut them close to the bar being careful not to cut your convertible top.



10. Start by wrapping the rear end of the strap on the back bar, then wrap it a full 360 degrees around the bar and insert the staple legs into the center holes in the rivets. Ignore the second strap you see in the picture to the left, I have an AP1 and retrofitted the top with a glass window on it.



11. Next move the strap over and pull it tight



12. Next, pull the front end of the strap around the post like this, then wrap it up to the top and insert the staple legs in the rivet center holes.



13. Next pull the strap that is wrapped around the side bar and lift it up and over the top bar so it will straighten it all out



14. Finally repeat steps 9 through 13 again with the other side and then you are all finished!