

Stripped!

At school, at the mall, at work, even while you're sleeping, someone is sizing up your Honda for a parts score.

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This won't come as news to many, but it is official: Honda/Acura is now one of the most stolen nameplates in automotive thievery. In fact, in 2003 Acura was the most stolen brand in America, according to research from CCC Information Services, a company that provides software and technology solutions to the automotive collision and insurance industries.

Acura's dubious distinction in this study sounds worse than it is, as the study takes into account all model years. The '94-'99 Integras, for example, occupy six of the top eight spots in the research. The most stolen car of 2003 was not a Honda or Acura, however; it was the Saturn SL! Four different Accord and five different Civic models also make the study's Top 25 list.

Hurry and pick up the February 2005 issue of Honda Tuning Magazine for the complete story, and a lot more photos.



Inside a chop shop. The S2000 is one of two in this shop that was later busted. It's been stripped and primered and also "liberated" of its VIN tags. Looks like a Type R is ready for similar treatment.