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- The No.1 selling gloves in the US Automotive Aftermarket:
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**ISSUE 17** Offers end 31 August '09



#### Don't Miss Your Chance of a **Ferodo Driving Experience!**



Don't miss your chance to win one of Ferodo's places at the Rockingham Time Attack drivina experience\*. Remember to Ferodo's enter fantastic prize draw before the

closing date of Friday 7th August. Ask your local IFA Member for an entry form and answer three simple questions, for your chance to win.

The form with your answers and details completed must be returned to your local IFA Member by 7th August 2009.. Good Luck!

\*Terms & Conditions apply. No purchase necessary. To participate in the 'Time Attack' driving day you must be over 21 years of age

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#### **Legislation Allows National Flags On GB Number Plates**

April saw a Government amendment to the 'Road Vehicle (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001'. Under the new rules, already in force, motorists in England, Wales and Scotland can display the Union Flag, Cross of St George, Saltire or Red Dragon.

In addition one of the following identifiers can be included:

Great Britain or GB – United Kingdom or UK England or Eng – ENGLAND or ENG Scotland or Sco - SCOTLAND or SCO Cymru or Cym – CYMRU or CYM - Wales or WALES



Geoff Hoon (while Secretary of State for Transport) said "The display of our national flags is a healthy expression of the pride we have in our country. It is right that motorists are now able to celebrate this pride by displaying flags on their number plates..."

The regulations do not apply to Northern Ireland where the only legal option is the European Flag.

Motorists displaying national flags and identifiers will still need to display the conventional oval sticker when travelling in Europe.

All flags are printed onto the reflective & supplied in 10s. Full details on www.bestplate.com.



#### **ADF Chief Exec Calls Use of** Parts Clubs "Shortsighted"

Automotive Distribution Federation (ADF) Chief Executive Brian Spratt has 'taken a swipe' at garages that use parts clubs describing them, amongst other things, as "shortsighted".

Calling for garages to work more closely with independent motor factors at a seminar recently, he asked that garages

face up to the fact that buying from a dealer's parts department or parts club is putting the independent garage's own existence in jeopardy.



#### FEDERATION

#### **Recession Fails to Halt Parts Innovation in Aftermarket**

New products demonstrate the independent aftermarket is thriving. Trupart have a new range of Flat Blade Wipers (page 19), BGA have new Timing Chain Kits (page 3) and Valeo have new applications across all their product groups, including Clutch (page 4) and Wipers (page 19). Banner have radically made over their Power Bull and Starting Bull Batteries (page 16).

Talk to your local IFA Member about how aftermarket innovations can help your business.



#### New Behr Hella Service A/C **Parts Available Now**

BHS (Behr Hella Service) have just extended their range of car air conditioning parts to include a wide range of new applications:

59 New compressor applications including Alfa Romeo 159, BMW X5 & MINI One. Kia Ceed, Mercedes-Benz A & C Class, PSA/ Toyota C1/107/Aygo, Renault Laguna III, VW Touareg



80 New condenser applications including

BMW 1 Series E87, Smart City Coupe W450, VW Tiguan, Honda Accord, Subaru Impreza, Toyota Yaris, Chrysler PT Cruiser

17 New condensor fan applications including Hyundai Accent & Elantra, Kia Cerato & Carens

2 New expansion valve applications for BMW X3 (E83), Citroën Xsara

20 New radiator fan applications including Vauxhall Corsa C, Hyundai Accent, Atos, Getz

1 New hose assembly application for Ford Mondeo III

Application details and cross-references are available from your local IFA Member



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SMART PARTS Issue 15 **Competition Winner** 

Andrew Webb of Hitchin Audi, a customer of Bennetts Letchworth branch, scooped an Apple iPod Touch 8GB in our SMART PARTS 15 competition, when his correct entry was the first to be drawn. Correct answers are shown below.

Remember to enter the competition on page 8 of this issue of SMART PARTS for your chance to win a Facom DF20-100 Brake & Clutch System Bleeder.

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Andrew Webb (right) of Hitchin Audi receives his prize from Chris Beck, Bennett's Letchworth Branch Manager

ANSWERS TO SMART PARTS Issue 15 COMPETITION: 1. 5 YEARS, 2. OVER 4300, 3. 2 METRES





# BGA TIMING CHAIN KITS



#### **REASONS FOR FAILURE**

- Chains wear and stretch
- Guide contact surface wears
- Worn out tensioners
- Worn sprockets

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- Many unique-to-BGA references, e.g. MINI, SMART, Ford 2.0/2.2/2.4 Duratorq engines, Ford 2.0 Duratec engines, Vauxhall 2.0 Diesel engines, etc
- Associated parts available gaskets, oil seals, valves, camshafts, hydraulic lifters

- Depending on engine application, design & size, the timing chain/
  Depending on engine application, design & size, the timing chain/
- associated components should be replaced at between 65,000 and 150,000 miles
- Timing chains typically do not need to be 'serviced' but certain engine applications require maintenance or a check on the condition of guide rails and tensioners
- Smaller petrol engines have simplex chains, larger engine sizes/diesel applications have duplex or triplex chains

The British Gasket Group is a world leader in gasket and oil seal manufacturing. The group has been an Original Equipment supplier since 1929 when the company was formed and now boasts an impressive list of customers such as GM and Ford.

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# Valeo: The World's Number One in Clutch Manufacture

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# New Valeo Product Launch: CMC (Clutch Master Cylinder)

Soon to be launched by Valeo, CMC (Clutch Master Cylinders) work in conjunction with the Concentric Slave Cylinder (CSC). The CMC is the main fluid reservoir for CSC operation.

#### The typical replacement rate for CMCs is 2% per year

Clutch slip can be a symptom of leaking fluid onto the plate, so a systematic check of the CMC is highly recommended.

The all new Valeo Passenger Car Clutch Catalogue contains the new CMCs and new product lines (see inset).





#### **NEW TO RANGE** Clutch Kits:

Fiat 500 1.2 Ford Mustang 4.0 Ford Mondeo 1.8TDCi 2007> Ford Transit Connect 2006> Peugeot 207, 308 1.6Turbo, 2.0HDi Vauxhall Astra H 1.7, 1.9CDTi VW Tiguan 2.0TSi Volvo C30 1.6 VCT

#### **NEW TO RANGE** Dual Mass Flywheels:

Alfa Romeo MiTo 1.6 MJTD Fiat Bravo II 1.6 MJD Ford Mondeo 1.8 TDCi 2007> Renault Clio III 2.0 16v Vauxhall Zafira 1.7CDTi

#### **NEW TO RANGE CSC:**

(Concentric Slave Cylinder)

Alfa Romeo 159, MiTo Ford Mondeo 2.0 16v, 2.0TDCi 2007> Renault Clio III 1.2 16v Vauxhall Corsa III 1.7CDTi Volvo C30 1.6i

#### **NEW TO RANGE** Solid Flyheel Conversion Kits:

BMW 3 Series E46 Mercedes-Benz A Class 1.7 CDi Toyota Avensis D4D

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#### Correctly answer the 3 questions below for your chance to win\* (all answers in this issue):

- 1. In what size bottle do Four Seasons sell R134a A/C refrigerant?
- 2. What does 'EGR' stand for in engine management?
- 3. How much greater service life can Ferodo Premier Pads deliver compared to other well known 'Aftermarket' brands?

\*Terms & Conditions apply (see below)

Gloves

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SMART PARTS Issue 17 Competition Terms & Conditions: Closing date for entries 31.08.09. The draw will take place on 01.09.09. The first correct entry drawn from all the correct entries received by the closing date will win a Facon® DF.20-100 Brake & Clutch Bleeder System. The winner will be notified in writing within fourteen days of the draw. The prize is not transferable. The prize will be delivered by your local IFA Member within 28 days of the draw. No cash alternative will be offered. Entries will only be accepted on the original entry form published in Smart Parts. Only one entry per person. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. Only legible entries with all questions answered correctly, showing a name, the name of the garage you work at and its address, and the name of your local IFA member will be entered into the draw. Proof of posting is not proof of delivery. No correspondence can be entered into. Entries should be posted to Smart Parts Competition, c/o Unbounded, PO Box 1041, Learnington Spa, CV32 5TQ. By entering the competition you agree to participate in publicity should you win. The correct answers and winner's name will be published in SMART PARTS November/December 2009 issue. The promoter of the competition is the IFA, 9 Church Street, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4AT. The competition is not open to employees or their families or any agents of the IFA or their families or associates.

#### SMART PARTS Issue 17 Competition July/August 2009

Fill in the answers, complete your details then post this form to IFA Smart Parts Competition, c/o Unbounded, PO Box 1041, Learnington Spa, CV32 5TQ, to arrive no later than 31.08.09

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Name: Garage Name	
Garage Address:	
Which IFA Member supplies your garage? Branch.	

# **MidKnight Black Nitrile Gloves**

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Motor vehicle repair is listed as a high risk occupation for work-related skin problems by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). Gloves are a solution that lessen this risk. The HSE states "Choose non-latex gloves unless there are no alternatives that give the protection needed".

MidKnight Gloves as seen on top TV programmes:



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#### **Receiver Dryer Replacement**

#### The Issue

The receiver-dryer must be changed every time the A/C circuit is opened to the air (part replacement, crash, etc) or when it is clogged (shown by a temperature difference between inlet and outlet). It must also be changed systematically every 3 years.

#### The Approach

The receiver dryer is the last part to be fitted on the A/C loop. Always use an OE quality part. Check it has tight obturators on inlet and outlet. It must be clean and unblocked.

As soon as the receiver-dryer has been mounted, vacuum pump the loop with a service station to evacuate all humidity. This operation usually lasts at least 20 minutes (simple maintenance) but can take up to an hour (after a crash repair).

The receiver dryer is usually placed on the high pressure line between the condenser and the expansion valve. With recent technologies, it can be integrated into the condenser (see diagram).

#### Other Technologies:

Cartridge-dryer: Contains dehydrant product and filters and can be changed guickly. Remember to recover the refrigerant before opening the caps and perform a vacuum pump immediately after closing. Examples of model with the cartridge dryer: Alfa Romeo 147, Fiat Stilo, Ford Galaxy 04/00>, Lancia Ypsilon, Opel Astra G 01/02>, Opel Zafira 01/02>, Seat Ibiza 01>, Skoda Fabia, VW Sharan (04/00>, Polo 11/01>.

Integrated receiver-dryer: Contains dehydrant product and filters and can be changed separately but sometimes is linked to the condenser. Examples of model with the integrated receiver dryer: VW Golf 5, Peugeot 307.

For more information, see Technical Parts on page 17.

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Valeo Technical Services Bulletin No: AC No 3/08

#### **Incorrect Brake Shoe Fitting**

#### The Issue

A customer took a '72 VW Beetle into a Ferodo Brake Specialist. New brake shoes had been fitted all round at a garage he had selected because they offered the cheapest quote.

A new master cylinder had been fitted not that long before, and the brakes had been properly adjusted after the new shoes were fitted.

The system had been bled, but at least four pumps of the brake pedal were needed to get any resistance from it at all.

#### The Solution

Once on the ramp the problem became clear. A simple mistake had been made when fitting the new shoes. Instead of attaching the top brake shoe return spring to the leading shoe (the forward facing shoe with the snail adjuster) it had been attached to the trailing shoe (without the snail adjuster).

The result was that the wheel cylinder piston for the trailing shoe was fully retracted into the cylinder every time the pedal was released. As the mistake had been repeated on all four wheels, it needed several pumps of the pedal before the shoes came out of the cylinder far enough to touch the brake drums.

The mistake takes little time to rectify, simply attach the return spring to the correct shoe on each wheel and the brakes are back to normal.



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### 1.8L 20v & 2.8L 30v Engines (TB 0705) The Issue

Before fitting the valves of a range of applications for the above margues' engines, it is crucial that the dimension of the retainer being removed is measured as there is an option of two different measurements.

Different Valve Stem Retainer on All Exhaust Valves for VAG/Seat/Skoda

For engine code location and the full list of applications go to www.bgautomotive.co.uk, select catalogue, technical bulletins and click on the TB 0705 bulletin.



#### Intermediate Tube Mounting Hanger on Citroën Saxo & Peugeot 106

#### The Issue

All Citroën Saxo and Peugeot 106, 1.1i (HFX) and 1.4i (KFW) will not be equipped with the mounting hanger on the intermediate tube (see diagrams below) in accordance with the OE aftermarket PSA note of information number 001058. The hanger is no longer required.



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# **Engine Management & Control Components**

Why bother shopping around when your local IFA Member sells these parts plus all you need to fit them?

#### Not sure what to ask for?

Check out this simple guide to these engine management & control components, showing alternative names by which they are known

Your local IFA Member supplies these quality parts, any equipment required for diagnosis and system reset, & any specialist tools for the job

#### Simply call your local IFA Member for more information

#### **1. Temperature Sensor** (Coolant & Air)

Function: Measures coolant & air temperature by sending a variable voltage, relative to temperature, to the ECU

Causes of Failure: Corrosion damage. Resistor failure.

Symptoms: Incorrect signal to ECU, poor running/ starting, incorrect mixture Alternative names:

Air Charge Temperature Sensor (ACT) Air Temp Sensor or Inlet Air Temp Sensor Manifold Air Temp Sensor (MAT) Ambient Air Temp Sensor Coolant Temp Sensor (CTS) Engine Coolant Temp Sensor

#### 2. MAP Sensor

Function: Measures inlet manifold vacuum & gives load signal to ECU

Causes of Failure: Internal damage to the diaphragm & circuitry caused by petrol vapour. Symptoms: Incorrect mixture, poor running, difficult starting

#### Alternative names: Manifold Absolute Pressure Sensor Load Sensor BARO Sensor Vacuum Senso Pressure Senso

#### **3. Engine Position Sensor**

Alternative names:

Engine Speed Sensor

Phase Sensor

**RPM** Sensor

Function: Measures engine speed & crankshaft position.

Causes of Failure: Impact or external damage; Corrosion damage

Symptoms: Loss of / weak signal to ECU causing failure to start or poor running



#### Alternative names: Throttle Potentiometer

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4. Throttle Position Sensor

Function: Measures throttle angle & rate of

Causes of Failure: Water ingress: Damage to

throttle opening, to provide the ECU with a load

Idle Switch Throttle Switch Potentiometer

signal

resistor track



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#### 5. Air Flow Meter

Function: Measures load by metering volume of air flowing into engine

Causes of Failure: Sticking sensor flap; Worn resistor track: Base plate air leak

Symptoms: Incorrect mixture signal to ECU, poor running, difficult starting



Alternative names: Air Flow Meter (AFM) Vane Air Flow Sensor

#### 9. Fuel Pump

**Function:** Fitted together with a non return valve into the fuel supply system to provide fuel under pressure to the injector

Causes of Failure: General wear. Damage caused by contaminated fuel.

Symptoms: Low fuel pressure, low fuel delivery, poor running due to fuel starvation



Alternative name: Electric Fuel Pump

#### **13. Pressure Regulator**

Function: This ensures that fuel is supplied to the injectors at a constant pressure.

**Causes of Failure:** Diaphragm failure

Symptoms: Non start, fuel starvation, excess fuel delivery



#### 6. Oxygen (Lambda) Sensor

Function: Measures oxygen content in exhaust gases. Provides voltage signal to ECU so that mixture adjustments can be made

Causes of Failure: Age; Heater failure; Impact damage; Fouled sensor (anti freeze, lead, soot)

Symptoms: Incorrect mixture control (MOT failure), poor driveability

#### Alternative names:

HEGO or EGO Sensor Lean Burn Sensor Linear Air Flow Sensor (digital operation) Nernst Cell Sensor (digital operation) Post Cat Oxygen/Lambda Sensor Planar Sensor Titania (5v) or Zirconia (1v) Oxygen Sensor

#### 10. EGR Valve & Sensor

Function: Recirculates small amount of engine's exhaust gases back into combustion chamber. Further reduces NOX emissions by cooling the combustion process

**Causes of Failure:** Sticking open due to carbon build up. Sticking shut due to diaphragm failure.

#### Symptoms: Sticking open:

Difficulty starting, loss of power, high fuel consumption. Sticking shut: Pinking (high combustion chamber temperature)

Alternative name: Exhaust Gas Recirculation device

#### 14. Idle Speed Control Valve

Function: Controls idle speed by allowing air to by-pass throttle plate when throttle closed

Causes of Failure: Damage to electrical components & sticking internal parts

Symptoms: Incorrect idle speed or cutting out at idle



Alternative names: Stepper Motor Idle Air Control Valve Idle Speed Control Motor Idle Speed Control Valve

#### 7. Air Mass Meter

Function: Uses a hot film platinum sensor to measure mass of air entering intake so ECU can determine engine load Causes of Failure: Contamination by dirt and

moisture of sensing element

**Symptoms:** Poor driveability & throttle response. increased fuel consumption, fluctuating idle

Alternative names: Mass Airflow Sensor Air Mass Meter Mass Air Flow Sensor (MAFS) Hot Wire Air Flow Sensor Hot Wire Sensor

#### **11. Ignition Coil**

Function: Transforms battery voltage to 10,000 volts plus to produce a spark at the plugs

Causes of Failure: Vibration or heat damage causing internal failure; Crack around chimneys causing arcing & tracking to earth.

Symptoms: Misfire or non start

Alternative names: Multi Outlet Coil

#### 15. Fuel Pump Relay

Function: Activated by ECU or ignition switch allowing current to pass to fuel pump

Causes of Failure: Failure of internal electrical components

Symptoms: Non start, Fuel starvation



#### 8. ECU

Function: Receives information from sensors. which is processed to provide appropriate control signals to injectors & other actuators such as the coil

Causes of Failure: Too numerous to list



#### **12. Fuel Injector**

Function: Accurately sprays fuel into engine inlet port

Causes of Failure: Pintle or disc damage. Broken spring.

Symptoms - High or low fuel delivery, poor spray pattern



Mechanical Fuel Injector

Alternative names:

Electronic Fuel Injector

#### 16. Knock Sensor

Function: Located on engine block, detects engine detonation (pinking). ECU responds to signals from knock sensor by retarding ignition timina

Causes of Failure: Internal damage to electrical components

Symptoms: 'Pinking' not reduced under load



Alternative names: (none)

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# Engine Management: More systems, more complex, more difficult to ignore

The sheer number of vehicles on Europe's roads focuses increasing attention on the pollution caused, as issues such as environmental pollution are ever more centre stage, thanks to concerns over global warming.

Pollution-free solutions are attractive but currently cost prohibitive. Petrol or diesel fuelled, combustion engines are currently the most cost effective solution to propel a vehicle.

Legislative and environmental pressures lead VMs to develop ever more fuel efficient, less polluting vehicles. Engine management system complexity increases with these developments.

Put simply, an engine is controlled by an ECU (electronic control unit) which takes information from sensors located on or around the engine. Sensors include air temperature, air mass, coolant temperature, lambda, cam/ crank position and knock [see Technical Parts on pages12 & 13 of this issue of **SMART PARTS**] The ECU then determines the quantity of fuel and ignition timing required for optimum performance/economy for the current load on the engine and delivers this via control components such as ignition coil(s), fuel injector(s) and the idle control valve.

Some of these sensors (e.g. air mass meter, lambda sensor) have a service life and their manufacturers recommend change after a specific mileage. The sensor may still function, but its accuracy will have deteriorated due to contamination by dirt particles and, unchanged, may adversely affect the vehicle's performance and fuel consumption.

Many VMs now use direct ignition systems in which there is an individual coil for each cylinder, directly mounted on the spark plug. This ensures a rapid current rise in the primary winding of the coil, giving a higher energy spark, better cold starting and operation with lean mixtures. The ECU can control the ignition timing individually to each cylinder. Electronic ignition system control also allows it to be linked to control of all engine and vehicle functions, e.g. ignition timing increasingly provides traction control and 'softer' gear changes for auto transmission. Precise control of the engine's ancillary functions allows additional features to be added, e.g. 'resting' half the cylinders to improve fuel economy, including safety logic to shut down a fuel system in an accident or if there is a lack of engine oil pressure.

Electronic control is growing at an exponential rate, not only on the engine but other vehicle functions such as braking, steering, suspension, electronic stability control and other driver assistance systems. Driver expectations and market forces are as responsible for these developments as tightening emissions legislation and safety regulations. Individual systems networked to the engine management ECU provide an integrated electronics system. Engine efficiency, driver/passenger safety and driver experience are all improved.

Major automotive mechanical component failure is less common today but electronic component failure, diagnosis and repair is increasing. The last five years has seen a huge rise in the demand for ignition coils, air mass meters and cam/crank sensors

Today's vehicles are complex and a problem in the engine could be caused by a fault in a wheel speed sensor or any of the other sensors with which the engine ECU is networked.

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#### **Vehicle Air Conditioning Systems**

Air conditioning servicing is a lucrative opportunity for independent garages. It is estimated that each year vehicles lose 10-15% of the refrigerant charge from their A/C system and a re-charge is required every two years. Up to 80% of the vehicles that come through an independent garage have A/C fitted.

Estimates suggest 80% of A/C work is a straight-forward re-charge, requiring materials costing up to only £10 to £15, while £75 to £85 can be charged. Necessary additional repair or replacement work may be discovered. A/C servicing and repair is not an area to ignore.

The A/C system is a simple loop (see the illustration), containing the refrigerant, R134a (a fluorinated hydrocarbon) and PAG oil (polyalkylene glycol).

Cabin heat is absorbed by the **evaporator**. The refrigerant changes state from a cool, low pressure liquid to a low pressure hot vapour.

The **receiver dryer** is a liquid refrigerant reservoir that captures the refrigerant and absorbs moisture in the refrigerant vapour. This is vital to prevent system damage which is explored later. It filters the refrigerant flow to block impurities (which might block the expansion valve) and acts as a damper for flow variations. It also prevents gas bubbles getting into the expansion valve.

Heat from the refrigerant is extracted in the **condenser** producing a low pressure cool liquid which is pressurised in the **compressor**, which also moves the refrigerant around the system.

The **thermostatic expansion valve** (TXV) is an orifice that lowers refrigerant pressure to about 3 bars before entering the evaporator, giving an evaporation temperature of 0°C, the most efficient for refrigerant. The thermostatic head reacts to refrigerant pressure/temperature at the evaporator outlet, enabling the A/C to produce cold air continuously in any condition.

#### A/C System Damage by Humidity

The main role of the receiver dryer is to trap any humidity circulating in the A/C loop which results from manufacturing defects (defective o-rings, components opened to air, etc), bad maintenance (no vacuum pumping, poor repairs) or use of an oil saturated with humidity.

Free humidity in the circuit harms the A/C loop components. The expansion valve can be obstructed by ice, reducing its efficiency and damaging the valve. The evaporator heat exchange surface is reduced by ice, again reducing A/C efficiency.

Saturation of the dehydrant product by humidity causes disintegration that may block the internal filter in the receiver dryer. Again A/C efficiency falls and oil is retained in the receiver-dryer. Most seriously the compressor is inadequately lubricated, leading to its breakdown.

Acid is likely to form between humidity and refrigerant giving a risk of internal corrosion of the A/C system components.

PAG Oil strongly absorbs humidity so it must be kept out of contact with the air. Oil exposed to air (and recovered oil from vehicles) must not be used to fill A/C systems.

#### Reasons for A/C Compressor Replacement

Almost all compressor failures occur due to lack of lubrication. Seizures cause 60% of compressor failures followed by clutch failures

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(20%) and noise (10%) Faulty internal valves and damaged piston rings account for 5% each.

Oil is the lifeblood of the A/C system, distributed by the refrigerant. All components suffer sporadic lubrication if insufficient oil is used in a poor service. Lack of oil leads to refrigerant loss exacerbating loss of lubrication.

Compressor manufacturers recommend a specific grade of oil for their products. <u>None</u> approve use of universal oil and any warranty claim for any part of the A/C system could be invalidated if the system is contaminated with it.

#### Thermostatic Valve Fitting

The thermostatic valve head must

never be handled. It is fragile and sized for a specific application. Damaging it leads to A/C operating problems, either lack of cold air or high pressure increase. Similarly the right reference for the vehicle application must always be used, even if it looks the same. Do not use adaptable products and choose OE quality to maintain system integrity.

Particles over 50 microns of size can block the thermostatic valve so it must be kept clean before fitting. To protect it block the hose ends when fitting or removing a component.

#### Handling A/C Refrigerant

Since July 2008 technicians must have completed 'F'-Gas compliant training to be able to carry out air conditioning work on a vehicle. From 4th July 2009 for a garage even to be able to buy R134a will require that at least one technician there has an 'F'-Gas compliant certificate.



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#### A/C Compressor Replacement: A Complex Service So Do It Right First Time!

The most common component to fail in an air conditioning system is the compressor and clutch assembly. If system failure occurs, the service process must be performed properly - no shortcuts, all necessary components replaced. Improper servicing leads to poor cooling, reduced service life and invalidated component warranties.

The compressor circulates oil as well as refrigerant throughout the entire A/C system. so when it fails, additional components are affected. Following the manufacturers' guidelines ensures the replacement compressor functions at the same level as when new, maintaining the warranty.

Replacing a compressor is an involved service:

1. Identify system refrigerant. OEM & spares companies insist on the use of R134a

2. Reclaim R134a without venting to the air using certified recycling & recovery machine but do not use it if refrigerant is not R134a

3. Remove failed compressor & any fixings, check/replace switches as necessary

4. Clean A/C system using approved flush only. Do not flush sub-cooling condensers or hose assemblies with mufflers or in-line filters (replace). Do not flush compressor or filter dryer assembly

5. Drain the oil from the failed compressor into a measuring jug & top up if necessary using PAG oil

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6. Inspect the thermostatic expansion valve inlet for debris & replace if required. Vehicles equipped with fixed orifice tube must have it replaced

7. Check condenser & radiator for debris. Look for missing air dams. Pressure test system for leaks

8. Check electric fans operation including current draw, loose/cracked fan blades, general condition

9. Replace filter dryer assembly. It contains a filter screen as well as dessicant to keep

the A/C system free of moisture. It MUST be replaced.

10. Add required type & amount of PAG or POE oil to system. Refer to workshop manual for vehicle being repaired

11. Tighten all mounting bolts & brackets evenly, using values in workshop manual. Use new O-rings & gaskets

12. Evacuate A/C system to remove air & moisture for minimum 30 minutes prior to adding refrigerant

13. Recharge the system with R134a to vehicle manufacturer's recommended weight

14. Burnish compressor clutch. Operate engine at 1500rpm & turn A/C on & off 15 times using the button on the control panel

15. Check compressor clutch for voltage drop at clutch connectors, with engine running at normal operating temperature. Voltage should be within 2 volts of charging system voltage present at battery

16. Conduct system performance test following workshop manual procedure

17. With service equipment removed spray service fitting with compressed air & perform final leak check on service fittings which account for 15% of 'phantom leaks'. Replace service fitting caps. The job is done!

Changing a compressor is an involved service when done right and there are no short cuts, but the pay-off for your customer is the satisfaction of years of trouble-free cooling



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