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# SERVICE MANUAL

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## FOREWORD

This manual has been published by GENERAC<sup>®</sup> POWER SYSTEMS, INC. to aid our dealers' mechanics, company service personnel and general consumers when servicing the products described herein.

It is assumed that these personnel are familiar with the servicing procedures for these products, or like or similar products, manufactured and marketed by GENERAC<sup>®</sup> POWER SYSTEMS, INC. It is also assumed that they have been trained in the recommended servicing procedures for these products, which includes the use of mechanics hand tools and any special tools that might be required.

Proper service and repair is important to the safe, economical and reliable operation of the products described herein. The troubleshooting, testing, service and repair procedures recommended by GENERAC<sup>®</sup> POWER SYSTEMS, INC. and described in this manual are effective methods of performing such operations. Some of these operations or procedures may require the use of specialized equipment. Such equipment should be used when and as recommended.

We could not possibly know of and advise the service trade of all conceivable procedures or methods by which a service might be performed, nor of any possible hazards and/or results of each procedure or method. We have not undertaken any such wide evaluation. Therefore, anyone who uses a procedure or method not recommended by the manufacturer must first satisfy himself that neither his safety, nor the product's safety, will be endangered by the service or operating procedure selected.

All information, illustrations and specifications contained in this manual are based on the latest product information available at the time of publication. However, GENERAC<sup>®</sup> POWER SYSTEMS, INC. reserves the right to change, alter or otherwise improve the product at any time without prior notice.

Some components or assemblies of the product described in this manual may not be considered repairable. Disassembly, repair and reassembly of such components may not be included in this manual.

The engines described herein may be used to power a wide variety of products. Service and repair instructions relating to any such products are not covered in this manual. For information pertaining to use of these engines with other products, refer to any owner's or service manuals pertaining to said products.

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This engine has been engineered for use in Generac Power Systems products. The contents of this manual have been reprinted from the original manufacturer's service and repair manual.

#### ♦ ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The unit has been filled with "break in" engine oil at the factory. Use a high-quality detergent oil classified "For Service CC, SD, SE or SF." Detergent oils keep the engine cleaner and reduce carbon deposits. Use oil having the following SAE viscosity rating, based on the ambient temperature range anticipated before the next oil change:

#### **Engine Lubrication System:**

Type of Oil Pump	Gear
Oil Filter	Full Flow, Cartridge
Crankcase Oil Capacity	

Temperature	Oil Grade (Recommended)
Above 80° F (27° C)	SAE 5W-20
32° to 86° F (0° to 30° C)	SAE 5W-20
Below 32° F (0° C)	SAE 5W-20

#### ♦ COOLANT

Use a mixture of half low silicate, ethylene glycol base antifreeze and half soft water. Use only soft water and only low silicate antifreeze. If desired, you may add a high quality rust inhibitor to the recommended coolant mixture. When adding coolant, always add the recommended 50-50 mixture.

#### **Cooling System:**

Туре	Pressurized, Closed Recovery
Coolant Capacity	
System	



Do not remove the radiator pressure cap while the engine is hot or serious burns from boiling liquid or steam could result.

Ethylene glycol base antifreeze is poisonous. Do not use your mouth to siphon coolant from the radiator, recovery bottle or any container. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling. Never store used antifreeze in an open container because animals are attracted to the smell and taste of antifreeze even though it is poisonous to them.



Do not use any chromate base rust inhibitor with ethylene glycol base antifreeze, or chromium hydroxide ("green slime") will form and cause overheating. Engines that have been operated with a chromate base rust inhibitor must be chemically cleaned before adding ethylene glycol base antifreeze. Using any high silicate antifreeze boosters or additives also will cause overheating. We also recommend that you DO NOT use any soluble oil inhibitor for this equipment.

#### PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

#### SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Following is a recommended maintenance schedule for Generac small standby and residential generator sets. The established intervals in the schedule are the <u>maximum</u> recommended when the unit is used in an average service application. They will need to be decreased (performed more frequently) if the unit is used in a severe application. Use the unit hour meter or calendar time, whichever occurs first, from the previous maintenance interval to determine the next required maintenance interval.

#### Service Maintenance Interval Information:

The various service maintenance intervals are designated by interval numbers as follows:

**1** An early inspection of the generator set to ensure it is ready to operate when required and to identify any potential problem areas.

Performed monthly or following each 10 hours of operation of the unit and requires approximately .5 *man-hours* per unit to complete.

This inspection may be performed by the end user providing the following safety steps are taken to prevent the engine from starting automatically without warning:

To prevent injury, perform the following steps in the order indicated before starting any maintenance:

- Disable the generator set from starting and/or connecting to the load by setting the control panel AUTO-OFF-MANUAL switch to the "OFF" position.
- Remove the control panel fuse.
- Turn off the battery charger.
- Remove the negative battery cable.

<u>The battery charger must be turned off BEFORE removing the battery cable to prevent an over current condition from burning out sensitive control panel components and circuits.</u>

Following all maintenance, reverse these steps to insure the unit is returned to standby setup for normal operation when required.

**2** A break-in service inspection of the generator set to ensure it is ready to operate and carry the load when required, and to identify any potential problem areas.

Performed **ONLY ONCE** following the first three months or the first 30 hours of operation after purchase of the unit and requires approximately **2.5 man-hours** per unit to complete.

This inspection contains some maintenance tasks which require special tools, equipment, and/or knowledge to accomplish and should be performed only by an authorized Generac Service Dealer.

**3** An operational inspection of the generator set to ensure it is ready to operate and carry the load when required, and to identify any potential problem areas.

Performed semi-annually or following each 50 hours of operation of the unit and requires approximately **1.5 man-hours** per unit to complete.

This inspection contains some maintenance tasks which require special tools, equipment, and/or knowledge to accomplish and should be performed only by an authorized Generac Service Dealer.

**4** A mid-level inspection of the generator set to ensure it is ready to operate and carry the load when required, and to identify any potential problem areas.

Performed annually or following each 100 hours of operation of the unit and requires approximately **4.0** *man-hours* per unit to complete.

This inspection contains some maintenance tasks which require special tools, equipment, and/or knowledge to accomplish and should be performed only by an authorized Generac Service Dealer.

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Maintenance	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
Tasks	Recom-	Task	Required	Task	Required	Task		Task
TUSKS	mended	Comp.			to be done	Comp.	Required	Comp.
			3 months/		Semi-			
	to be done	(Date-		(Date-		(Date-	to be done	(Date-
	monthly/	Initials)		Initials)		Initials)	Annually/	Initials)
	10 hrs.		30 hrs.		50 hrs.		100 hrs.	
1. Disable the unit from								
operating per the first page							0	
warning. 2. Check the engine oil level.								
Adjust as necessary.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
3. Check the engine coolant								
level. Adjust as necessary.			$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
4. Check the engine coolant								
thermal protection level.							$\bigcirc$	
Correct as necessary.								
5. Check the natural gas								
delivery system on gas								
engine driven units.					$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
Tighten connections as								
necessary.								
6. Check the air inlets and								
outlets for debris. Clean as	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
necessary.								
7. Check the battery								
electrolyte level if								
accessible. Adjust as								
necessary.								
8. Check the battery posts,								
cables, and charger for								
loose connections,								
corrosion, and proper operation. Correct as							$\bigcirc$	
necessary.								
9. Check the unit wiring for								
loose connections,								
corrosion, and damage.							$\bigcirc$	
Correct as necessary.								
10. Check the engine								
accessory drive belts for								
wear, weather cracking,							$\bigcirc$	
and damage. Replace as								
necessary.								
11. Visually inspect the unit								
looking for leaks, wear or								
damage, loose connections								
or components, and								
corrosion. Correct as								
necessary.	ļ							
12. Test the engine and								
transfer switch safety								
devices. Correct and/or								
adjust as necessary.								

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Maintenance	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
Tasks	Recom-	Task	Required	Task	Required	Task		Task
	mended	Comp.	to be done	Comp.	to be done	Comp.	Required	Comp.
	to be done	(Date-	3 months/	(Date-	Semi-	(Date-	to be done	(Date-
	monthly/	Initials)	Break-in	Initials)	annually/	Initials)	Annually/	Initials
	10 hrs.		30 hrs.		50 hrs.		100 hrs.	
13.Initiate an automatic start								
and transfer of the unit to								
site load and exercise it for								
at least 1 hour looking for								
leaks, loose connections					$\bigcirc$			
or components, and								
abnormal operating								
conditions. Correct as								
necessary. 14. Start and exercise the unit								
at full rated load (use a								
load bank if the site load is								
not enough) for at least 2								
hours looking for leaks,							$\bigcirc$	
loose connections or								
components, and abnormal								
operating conditions.								
Correct as necessary.								
15. Change the engine oil.			$\left( \right)$				0	
<ol><li>Replace the engine oil</li></ol>							0	
filter(s).								
17. Replace the engine air							$\bigcirc$	
filter(s).								
18. Replace the engine fuel								
filter(s) on diesel engine			$\bigcirc$				$\bigcirc$	
driven units and re-prime								
the fuel system. 19. Check the engine spark								
plugs on gas engine driven								
units. Clean and re-gap or							$\bigcirc$	
replace as necessary.								
20. Perform a 5 minute no-load								
operational run of the unit								
looking for any post service							$\bigcirc$	
problems.								
21. Return the unit to standby								
setup for operation when	$\bigcirc$				$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
required.								
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#### SPECIFICATIONS

#### **General Specifications**

Item	Specification
Lubricants and Sealants	
SAE 5W-20 Premium Synthetic Blend Motor Oil XO-5W20-QSP	WSS-M2C153-H

#### **DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION**

#### Engine

**NOTE:** This section contains information, steps and procedures that may not be specific to your engine.

This section covers general procedures and diagnosis and testing of the engine system, except for exhaust emission control devices, which are covered in the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis Manual.

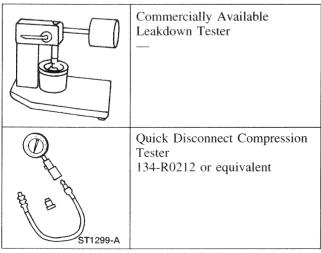
The engine incorporates the following features:

- a closed positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) system. For additional information, refer to Section 303-08.
- an exhaust emission control system. For additional information, refer to Section 303-08.
- an evaporative emission control system. For additional information, refer to Section 303-13.

#### **DIAGNOSIS AND TESTING**

#### Engine

#### Special Tool(s)



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#### **General Specifications (Continued)**

Item	Specification
Diesel engine oil	Refer to owner literature
Gasoline Engine Oil Dye 164-R3705	ESE-M99C103-B1
Threadlock® 262 E2FZ-19554-B	WSK-M2G351-A6

Some engines incorporate a fail-safe cooling system. Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure.

The engine, fuel system, ignition system, emissions system and exhaust system all affect exhaust emission levels and must be maintained according to the maintenance schedule. Refer to the scheduled Maintenance Guide.

Correct engine identification is required to order parts. Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure.

For complete vehicle and engine identification codes, refer to Section 100-01.

#### Special Tool(s)

ST1272-A	Dial Indicator Gauge Adapter 303-007 (TOOL-6565-AB) or equivalent
STI214-A	Dial Indicator Gauge with Holding Fixture 100-002 (TOOL-4201-C) or equivalent

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#### Special Tool(s)

ST1298-A	Engine Cylinder Leak Detection/Air Pressurization Kit 014-00708 or equivalent
90 0000 ST1296-A	Oil Pressure Gauge 303-088 (T73L-6600-A)
СП СТ 1300-А	UV Leak Detector Kit 164-R0756 or equivalent
ST1297-A	Vacuum/Pressure Tester 164-R0253 or equivalent

#### Material

Item	Specification			
Gasoline Engine Oil Dye 164-R3705 or equivalent	ESE-M99C103-B1			
Engine Oil	Refer to owner literature			

#### **Inspection and Verification**

- 1. Verify the customer concern by operating the engine to duplicate the condition.
- 2. Visually inspect for obvious signs of mechanical damage. Refer to the following chart.

#### **Visual Inspection Chart**

Chart.

Mechanical					
• Engine coolant leaks					
• Engine oil leaks					
• Fuel leaks					
<ul> <li>Damaged or severely worn parts</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Loose mounting bolts, studs and nuts</li> </ul>					
3. If the inspection reveals obvious concerns that					
can be readily identified, repair as necessary.					
4. If the concerns remain after the inspection, determine the symptoms. GO to Symptom					

#### Symptom Chart

#### Symptom Chart

Condition	Possible Sources	Action
• Difficult starting	<ul> <li>Damaged ignition system.</li> <li>Damaged fuel system.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions</li> </ul>
	• Damaged starting system.	<ul> <li>Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Damaged charging system/battery.</li><li>Burnt valve.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> <li>REFER to Section 414-00.</li> <li>INSTALL a new valve.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Worn piston.</li><li>Worn piston rings.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>INSTALL a new piston.</li> <li>INSTALL new piston rings.</li> </ul>
	• Worn cylinder.	<ul> <li>REPAIR or INSTALL a new cylinder block.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Damaged head gasket.</li> <li>Damaged cooling system.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>INSTALL a new head gasket.</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> </ul>
• Poor idling	• Vacuum leaks.	• Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .
	• Malfunctioning or damaged ignition system.	• Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual.
	• Malfunctioning or damaged fuel system.	<ul> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual.</li> </ul>
	• Damaged valve tappet or lash adjuster.	<ul> <li>INSTALL a new valve tappet or lash adjuster.</li> </ul>
	• Damaged valve tappet guide or lash adjuster.	• INSTALL a new valve tappet guide or valve tappet.
	• Incorrect valve-to-valve seat contact.	• REPAIR or INSTALL a new valve or valve seat.
	• Damaged head gasket.	• INSTALL a new head gasket.

#### Symptom Chart (Continued)

Condition	Possible Sources	Action			
Abnormal combustion	• Malfunctioning or damaged fuel system.	• Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual.			
	• Malfunctioning or damaged ignition system.	<ul> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> </ul>			
	• Malfunctioning or damaged air intake system.	<ul> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> </ul>			
	• Damaged valve tappet or lash	• INSTALL a new valve tappet			
	<ul><li>adjuster.</li><li>Damaged valve tappet guide</li></ul>	<ul><li>or lash adjuster.</li><li>INSTALL a new valve tappet</li></ul>			
	or valve tappet.	guide or valve tappet.			
	• Burnt or sticking valve.	• REPAIR or INSTALL a new valve.			
	• Weak or broken valve spring.	• INSTALL a new valve			
	• Carbon accumulation in combustion chamber.	<ul><li>spring.</li><li>ELIMINATE carbon buildup.</li></ul>			
Excessive oil consumption	<ul><li>Leaking oil.</li><li>Malfunctioning PCV system.</li></ul>	<ul><li>REPAIR oil leakage.</li><li>REPAIR or INSTALL new</li></ul>			
	• Worn valve stem seal.	<ul><li>necessary components.</li><li>INSTALL a new valve stem seal.</li></ul>			
	• Worn valve stem or valve	• INSTALL a new valve and			
	<ul><li>guide.</li><li>Sticking piston rings.</li></ul>	<ul><li>valve guide.</li><li>REPAIR or INSTALL new</li></ul>			
	• Worn piston ring groove.	<ul><li>piston rings.</li><li>INSTALL a new piston and piston pin.</li></ul>			
	• Worn piston or cylinder.	• REPAIR or INSTALL a new piston or cylinder block.			

#### Symptom Chart (Continued)

Condition	Possible Sources	Action		
• Engine noise	<ul> <li>Leaking exhaust system.</li> <li>Incorrect drive belt tension.</li> <li>Malfunctioning generator bearing.</li> <li>Malfunctioning water pump bearing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>REPAIR exhaust leakage.</li> <li>REFER to Section 303-05.</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 414 for the procedure.</li> <li>REFER to Section 303-03.</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>Malfunctioning or damaged cooling system.</li><li>Malfunctioning or damaged fuel system.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>REFER to Section 303-03.</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Loose timing chain/belt (6268).</li> <li>Damaged timing chain tensioner (6L266).</li> <li>Excessive main bearing clearance.</li> <li>Seized or heat damaged crankshaft main bearing.</li> <li>Excessive crankshaft end play.</li> <li>Excessive connecting rod bearing clearance.</li> <li>Heat damaged connecting rod bearing (6211).</li> <li>Damaged connecting rod bushing (6207).</li> <li>Worn cylinder.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fowertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> <li>ADJUST or INSTALL a new timing chain/belt.</li> <li>INSTALL a new timing chain tensioner.</li> <li>ADJUST clearance or INSTALL a new crankshaft main bearing (6333).</li> <li>INSTALL a new crankshaft main bearing.</li> <li>INSTALL a new thrust bearing or crankshaft (6303).</li> <li>INSTALL a new thrust bearing or connecting rod bearing or connecting rod bearing.</li> <li>INSTALL a new connecting rod bushing.</li> <li>REPAIR or INSTALL a new cylinder block (6010).</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Worn piston (6108) or piston pin (6135).</li> <li>Damaged piston rings.</li> <li>Bent connecting rod.</li> <li>Malfunctioning valve tappet (6500) or lash adjuster.</li> <li>Excessive valve tappet or lash adjuster clearance.</li> <li>Broken valve spring (6513).</li> <li>Excessive valve guide</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>INSTALL a new piston or piston pin.</li> <li>INSTALL new piston rings.</li> <li>INSTALL a new connecting rod.</li> <li>INSTALL a new valve tappet or lash adjuster.</li> <li>ADJUST clearance or INSTALL a new valve tappet guide or valve tappet.</li> <li>INSTALL a new valve spring.</li> </ul>		
	• Excessive valve guide clearance.	• ADJUST clearance or INSTALL a new valve guide (6510) or valve.		

#### Symptom Chart (Continued)

Condition	Possible Sources	Action		
Insufficient power	• Malfunctioning or damaged ignition system.	• Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions		
	• Malfunctioning or damaged fuel system.	<ul> <li>Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual .</li> </ul>		
	• Malfunctioning or damaged air intake system.	<ul> <li>Refer to the appropriate section in Group 303 for the procedure. REFER to the Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis (PC/ED) manual.</li> </ul>		
	• Damaged or plugged exhaust system.	• INSPECT exhaust system.		
	• Incorrect tire size.	• REFER to Section 204-04.		
	<ul> <li>Dragging brakes.</li> </ul>	• REFER to Section 206-00.		
	Slipping transmission.	• Refer to the appropriate section in Group 307 for the procedure.		
	Malfunctioning valve tappet     ar lash adjuster	• INSTALL a new valve tappet		
	<ul><li>or lash adjuster.</li><li>Damaged valve tappet guide</li></ul>	<ul><li>or lash adjuster.</li><li>INSTALL a new valve tappet</li></ul>		
	or valve tappet.	guide or valve tappet.		
	• Compression leakage at valve seat.	• REPAIR or INSTALL a new valve, valve seat or cylinder		
	• Seized valve stem.	<ul><li>head (6049).</li><li>INSTALL a new valve.</li></ul>		
	• Weak or broken valve spring.	• INSTALL a new valve		
	• Worn or damaged camshaft	<ul><li>spring.</li><li>INSTALL a new camshaft.</li></ul>		
	<ul><li>Worn or damaged camshaft.</li><li>Damaged head gasket (6051).</li></ul>	<ul><li>INSTALL a new canshart.</li><li>INSTALL a new head gasket.</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>Damaged head gasket (0051).</li> <li>Cracked or distorted cylinder</li> </ul>	<ul><li>INSTALL a new nead gasket.</li><li>INSTALL a new cylinder</li></ul>		
	head.	head.		
	<ul><li>Damaged, worn or sticking</li></ul>	• REPAIR or INSTALL a new		
	piston ring(s).	piston ring(s).		
	<ul> <li>Worn or damaged piston.</li> </ul>	• INSTALL a new piston and piston pin.		

#### **Component Tests**

#### **Engine Oil Leaks**

**NOTE:** When diagnosing engine oil leaks, the source and location of the leak must be positively identified prior to repair.

Prior to carrying out this procedure, clean all sealing surface areas with a suitable solvent to remove all traces of oil.

## Engine Oil Leaks—Fluorescent Oil Additive Method

Use the UV Leak Detector Kit to carry out the following procedure for oil leak diagnosis.

- 1. Add gasoline engine oil dye. Use a minimum 14.8 ml (0.5 ounce) to a maximum 29.6 ml (1 ounce) of fluorescent additive to all engines. If the oil is not premixed, fluorescent additive must first be added to crankcase.
- 2. Run the engine for 15 minutes. Stop the engine and inspect all seal and gasket areas for leaks using the UV Leak Detector Kit. A clear bright yellow or orange area will identify the leak. For extremely small leaks, several hours may be required for the leak to appear.

#### Leakage Points—Underhood

Examine the following areas for oil leakage:

- valve cover gaskets
- intake manifold gaskets
- cylinder head gaskets
- oil bypass filter
- oil filter adapter
- engine front cover
- oil filter adapter and filter body
- oil level indicator tube connection
- oil pressure sensor

## Leakage Points—Under Engine—With Vehicle on Hoist

- oil pan gaskets (6710)
- oil pan sealer
- oil pan rear seal (6723)
- engine front cover gasket
- crankshaft front seal (6700)
- crankshaft rear oil seal (6701)
- crankshaft main bearing cap side bolts
- oil filter adapter and filter body
- oil cooler, if equipped

## Leakage Points—With Transmission and Flywheel Removed

- crankshaft rear oil seal
- rear main bearing cap parting line
- rear main bearing cap and seals
- flywheel mounting bolt holes (with flywheel installed)
- camshaft rear bearing covers (6266) or pipe plugs at the end of oil passages

#### Compression Pressure Limit Chart

Oil leaks at crimped seams in sheet metal parts and cracks in cast or stamped parts can be detected when using the dye method.

## Compression Test—Compression Gauge Check

- 1. Make sure the oil in the crankcase is of the correct viscosity and at the correct level and that the battery (10655) is correctly charged. Operate the vehicle until the engine is at normal operating temperature. Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position, then remove all the spark plugs (12405).
- 2. Set the throttle plates in the wide-open position.
- 3. Install a compression gauge such as the Compression Tester in the No. 1 cylinder.
- 4. Install an auxiliary starter switch in the starting circuit. With the ignition switch in the OFF position, and using the auxiliary starter switch, crank the engine a minimum of five compression strokes and record the highest reading. Note the approximate number of compression strokes required to obtain the highest reading.
- 5. Repeat the test on each cylinder, cranking the engine approximately the same number of compression strokes.

#### **Compression Test—Test Results**

The indicated compression pressures are considered within specification if the lowest reading cylinder is at least 75 percent of the highest reading. Refer to the Compression Pressure Limit Chart.

Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
Pressure							
924 kPa	696 kPa	1131 kPa	848 kPa	1338 kPa	1000 kPa	1544 kPa	1158 kPa
(134 psi)	(101 psi)	(164 psi)	(123 psi)	(194 psi)	(146 psi)	(224 psi)	(168 psi)
938 kPa	703 kPa	1145 kPa	855 kPa	1351 kPa	1014 kPa	1558 kPa	1165 kPa
(136 psi)	(102 psi)	(166 psi)	(124 psi)	(196 psi)	(147 psi)	(226 psi)	(169 psi)
952 kPa	717 kPa	1158 kPa	869 kPa	1365 kPa	1020 kPa	1572 kPa	1179 kPa
(138 psi)	(104 psi)	(168 psi)	(126 psi)	(198 psi)	(148 psi)	(228 psi)	(171 psi)

#### **Compression Pressure Limit Chart (Continued)**

Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure
965 kPa	724 kPa	1172 kPa	876 kPa	1379 kPa	1034 kPa	1586 kPa	1186 kPa
(140 psi)	(106 psi)	(170 psi)	(127 psi)	(200 psi)	(150 psi)	(230 psi)	(172 psi)
979 kPa	738 kPa	1186 kPa	889 kPa	1303 kPa	1041 kPa	1600 kPa	1200 kPa
(142 psi)	(107 psi)	(172 psi)	(129 psi)	(202 psi)	(151 psi)	(232 psi)	(174 psi)
933 kPa	745 kPa	1200 kPa	903 kPa	1407 kPa	1055 kPa	1055 kPa	1207 kPa
(144 psi)	(109 psi)	(174 psi)	(131 psi)	(204 psi)	(153 psi)	(153 psi)	(175 psi)
1007 kPa	758 kPa	1214 kPa	910 kPa	1420 kPa	1062 kPa	1627 kPa	1220 kPa
(146 psi)	(110 psi)	(176 psi)	(132 psi)	(206 psi)	(154 psi)	(154 psi)	(177 psi)
1020 kPa	765 kPa	1227 kPa	917 kPa	1434 kPa	1075 kPa	1641 kPa	1227 kPa
(148 psi)	(111 psi)	(178 psi)	(133 psi)	(208 psi)	(156 psi)	(238 psi)	(178 psi)
1034 kPa	779 kPa	1241 kPa	931 kPa	1448 kPa	1083 kPa	1655 kPa	1241 kPa
(150 psi)	(113 psi)	(180 psi)	(135 psi)	(210 psi)	(157 psi)	(240 psi)	(180 psi)
1048 kPa	786 kPa	1255 kPa	936 kPa	1462 kPa	1089 kPa	1669 kPa	1248 kPa
(152 psi)	(114 psi)	(182 psi)	(136 psi)	(212 psi)	(158 psi)	(242 psi)	(181 psi)
1062 kPa	793 kPa	1269 kPa	952 kPa	1476 kPa	1103 kPa	1682 kPa	1262 kPa
(154 psi)	(115 psi)	(184 psi)	(138 psi)	(214 psi)	(160 psi)	(244 psi)	(183 psi)
1076 kPa	807 kPa	1282 kPa	965 kPa	1489 kPa	1117 kPa	1696 kPa	1269 kPa
(156 psi)	(117 psi)	(186 psi)	(140 psi)	(216 psi)	(162 psi)	(246 psi)	(184 psi)
1089 kPa	814 kPa	1296 kPa	972 kPa	1503 kPa	1124 kPa	1710 kPa	1202 kPa
(158 psi)	(118 psi)	(188 psi)	(141 psi)	(218 psi)	(163 psi)	(248 psi)	(186 psi)
1103 kPa	827 kPa	1310 kPa	979 kPa	1517 kPa	1138 kPa	1724 kPa	1289 kPa
(160 psi)	(120 psi)	(190 psi)	(142 psi)	(220 psi)	(165 psi)	(250 psi)	(187 psi)
1110 kPa (161 psi)	834 kPa (121 psi)	1324 kPa (192 psi)	993 kPa (144 psi)	1631 kPa (222 psi)	1145 kPa (166 psi)		

If one or more cylinders reads low, squirt approximately one tablespoon of engine oil on top of the pistons in the low-reading cylinders. Repeat the compression pressure check on these cylinders.

#### Compression Test—Interpreting Compression Readings

- 1. If compression improves considerably, piston rings are faulty.
- 2. If compression does not improve, valves are sticking or seating incorrectly.
- If two adjacent cylinders indicate low compression pressures and squirting oil on each piston does not increase compression, the head gasket may be leaking between cylinders. Engine oil or coolant in cylinders could result from this condition.

Use the Compression Pressure Limit Chart when checking cylinder compression so that the lowest reading is within 75 percent of the highest reading.

#### **Cylinder Leakage Detection**

When a cylinder produces a low reading, use of the Engine Cylinder Leak Detection/Air Pressurization Kit will be helpful in pinpointing the exact cause.

The leakage detector is inserted in the spark plug hole, the piston is brought up to dead center on the compression stroke, and compressed air is admitted.

Once the combustion chamber is pressurized, a special gauge included in the kit will read the percentage of leakage. Leakage exceeding 20 percent is excessive.

While the air pressure is retained in the cylinder, listen for the hiss of escaping air. A leak at the intake valve (6507) will be heard in the throttle body (9E926). A leak at the exhaust valve (6505) can be heard at the tail pipe. Leakage past the piston rings will be audible at the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) connection. If air is passing through a blown head gasket to an adjacent cylinder, the noise will be evident at the spark plug hole of the cylinder into which the air is leaking. Cracks in the cylinder block or gasket leakage into the cooling system may be detected by a stream of bubbles in the radiator (8005).

#### **Oil Consumption Test**

The following diagnostic procedure is used to determine the source of excessive internal oil consumption.

1. **NOTE:** Oil use is normally greater during the first 16,100 km (10,000 miles) of service. As mileage increases, oil use generally decreases. Vehicles in normal service should get at least 1,450 km per liter (900 miles per quart) after 16,000 km (10,000 miles) of service. High speed driving, towing, high ambient temperature and other factors may result in greater oil use.

Define excessive oil consumption, such as the number of miles driven per liter (quart) of oil used. Also determine customer's driving habits, such as sustained high speed operation, towing, extended idle and other considerations.

- 2. Verify that the engine has no external oil leak as described under Engine Oil Leaks in the Diagnosis and Testing portion of this section.
- 3. Verify that the engine has the correct oil level dipstick (6750).
- 4. Verify that the engine is not being run in an overfilled condition. Check the oil level at least five minutes after a hot shutdown with the vehicle parked on a level surface. In no case should the level be above MAX or the letter F in FULL. If significantly overfilled, carry out Steps 6a through 6d.

- 5. Verify the spark plugs are not oil saturated. If the spark plugs are oil saturated and compression is good it can be assumed the valve seals or valve guides are at fault.
- 6. Carry out an oil consumption test:
  - a. Drain the engine oil, remove the oil bypass filter (6714) and refill with one liter (quart) less than the recommended amount.
  - b. Run the engine for three minutes (10 minutes if cold), and allow the oil to drain back for at least five minutes with the vehicle on a level surface.
  - c. Remove oil level dipstick and wipe clean. (Do not wipe with anything contaminated with silicone compounds.) Reinstall the oil level dipstick, being sure to seat it firmly in the oil level indicator tube (6754). Remove the oil level dipstick and draw a mark on the back (unmarked) surface at the indicated oil level. This level should be about the same as the MIN or ADD mark on the face of the oil level dipstick.
  - d. Add one liter (quart) of oil. Restart the engine and allow to idle for at least two minutes. Shut off the engine and allow the oil to drain back for at least five minutes. Mark the oil level dipstick, using the procedure above.
  - e. Record the vehicle mileage.
  - f. Instruct the customer to drive the vehicle as usual and perform the following:
    - Check the oil level regularly at intervals of 160 to 240 km (100-150 miles).
    - Return to the service point when the oil level drops below the lower (MIN or ADD) mark on the oil level dipstick.
    - Add only full liters (quarts) of the same oil in an emergency. Note the mileage at which the oil is added.

- g. Check the oil level under the same conditions and at the same location as in Steps 6c and 6d.
  - Measure the distance from the oil level to the UPPER mark on the oil level dipstick and record.
  - Measure the distance between the two scribe marks and record.
  - Divide the first measurement by the second.
  - Divide the distance driven during the oil test by the result. This quantity is the approximate oil consumption rate in kilometers per liter or in miles per quart.
- h. If the oil consumption rate is unacceptable, go to Step 7.
- 7. Check the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) system. Make sure the system is not plugged.
- 8. Check for plugged oil drain-back holes in the cylinder heads and cylinder block.
- 9. If the condition still exists after performing the above steps, go to Step 10.
- Perform a cylinder compression test or perform a cylinder leak detection test with Engine Cylinder Leak Detection/Air Pressurization Kit. This can help determine the source of oil consumption such as valves, piston rings or other areas.
- 11. **NOTE:** After determining if new parts should be installed, make sure correct parts are used.

Check valve guides for excessive guide clearance. Install new all valve stem seals (6571) after verifying valve guide clearance.

- 12. Worn or damaged internal engine components can cause excessive oil consumption. Small deposits of oil on the tips of spark plugs can be a clue to internal oil consumption. If internal oil consumption still persists, proceed as follows:
  - a. Remove the engine from the vehicle and place it on an engine work stand. Remove the intake manifolds (9424), cylinder heads, oil pan (6675) and oil pump (6600).

- b. Check piston ring clearance, ring gap and ring orientation. Repair as necessary.
- c. Check for excessive bearing clearance. Repair as necessary.
- 13. Repeat the oil consumption test (Step 6) to confirm the oil consumption concern has been resolved.

#### Intake Manifold Vacuum Test

Bring the engine to normal operating temperature. Connect the Vacuum/Pressure Tester to the intake manifold. Run the engine at the specified idle speed.

The vacuum gauge should read between 51-74 kPa (15-22 in-Hg) depending upon the engine condition and the altitude at which the test is performed. Subtract 4.0193 kPa (1 in-Hg) from the specified reading for every 304.8 m (1,000 feet) of elevation above sea level.

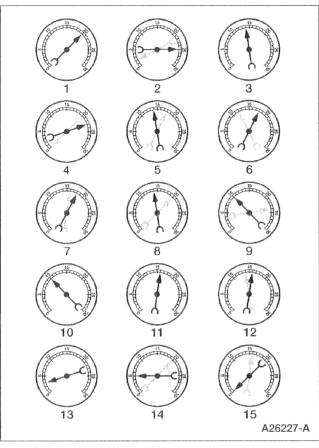
The reading should be steady. If necessary, adjust the gauge damper control (where used) if the needle is fluttering rapidly. Adjust the damper until the needle moves easily without excessive flutter.

## Intake Manifold Vacuum Test—Interpreting Vacuum Gauge Readings

A careful study of the vacuum gauge reading while the engine is idling will help pinpoint trouble areas. Always conduct other appropriate tests before arriving at a final diagnostic decision. Vacuum gauge readings, although helpful, must be interpreted carefully.

Most vacuum gauges have a normal band indicated on the gauge face.

The following are potential gauge readings. Some are normal; others should be investigated further.



- NORMAL READING: Needle between 51-74 1. kPa (15-22 in-Hg) and holding steady.
- 2. NORMAL READING DURING RAPID ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION: When the engine is rapidly accelerated (dotted needle), the needle will drop to a low reading (not to zero). When the throttle is suddenly released, the needle will snap back up to a higher than normal figure.
- NORMAL FOR HIGH-LIFT CAMSHAFT 3. WITH LARGE OVERLAP: The needle will register as low as 51 kPa (15 in-Hg) but will be relatively steady. Some oscillation is normal.
- 4. WORN RINGS OR DILUTED OIL: When the engine is accelerated (dotted needle), the needle drops to 0 kPa (0 in-Hg). Upon deceleration, the needle runs slightly above 74 kPa (22 in-Hg).

- ral Information 303-00-11 Generic 3 STICKING VALVES: When the needle (dotted) 3 remains steady at a normal vacuum but 5. remains steady at a normal vacuum but occasionally flicks (sharp, fast movement) down
- occasionally flicks (sharp, fast movement) down and back about 13 kPa (4 in-Hg), one or more valves may be sticking. BURNED OR WARPED VALVES: A regular evenly-spaced, downscale flicking of the needle indicates one or more burned or warped valves. 6. Insufficient hydraulic lash adjuster or hydraul lash adjuster (HLA) clearance will also cause this reaction.
- POOR VALVE SEATING: A small but reguin 7. downscale flicking can mean one or more valves are not seating.
- WORN VALVE GUIDES: When the needle 8. oscillates over about a 13 kPa (4 in-Hg) range at idle speed, the valve guides could be worn As engine speed increases, the needle will become steady if guides are responsible.
- WEAK VALVE SPRINGS: When the needles 9. oscillation becomes more violent as engine rpm is increased, weak valve springs are indicated The reading at idle could be relatively steady
- 10. LATE VALVE TIMING: A steady but low reading could be caused by late valve timing.
- 11. IGNITION TIMING RETARDING: Retarded ignition timing will produce a steady but somewhat low reading.
- 12. INSUFFICIENT SPARK PLUG GAP: When spark plugs are gapped too close, a regular, small pulsation of the needle can occur.
- 13. INTAKE LEAK: A low, steady reading can be caused by an intake manifold or throttle body gasket leak.
- 14. BLOWN HEAD GASKET: A regular drop of fair magnitude can be caused by a blown head gasket or warped cylinder head-to-cylinder block surface.
- 15. RESTRICTED EXHAUST SYSTEM: When the engine is first started and is idled, the reading may be normal, but as the engine rpm is increased, the back pressure caused by a clogged muffler (5230), kinked tail pipe or other concerns will cause the needle to slowly drop to 0 kPa (0 in-Hg). The needle then may slowly rise. Excessive exhaust clogging will cause the needle to drop to a low point even if the engine is only idling.