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How can we define a hybrid vehicle?

A hybrid vehicle is a combination of two or more different powertrains. For passenger and light commercial vehicles, the combination between an electric motor and an internal combustion engine is the most common one. At the same time, it represents a flexible powertrain system that makes reduced CO2 journeys possible over short distances while increasing efficiency, thus improving the carbon footprint.



What are the main benefits of hybrid powertrains?

- ▶ Lower fuel consumption and improved CO2 balance through regenerative braking. This represents the recovery of kinetic energy during braking. In a conventional vehicle a majority of the kinetic energy is converted during friction braking into heat and emitted unused into the environment. Hybrid vehicles can use the electric motor to recuperate at least a portion of the kinetic energy and reuse it for acceleration.
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Are hybrid vehicles popular among customers?

In the first three quarters of 2021, according to ACEA*, the share of hybrid electric passenger cars (HEV+ mHEV) registrations accounted for 19.4%. If we sum up the PHEV registrations that represent 8.6%, all types of hybrids represent 28% of the total registrations in the European union. In comparison with the first three quarters from 2020, the registration of all hybrids in 2021 has doubled, becoming the most popular alternative powertrain with respect to volumes.

What are the future market challenges and what is the Bosch strategy?

The world faces enormous challenges when it comes to energy and climate change. Energy-efficient powertrain systems are a key solution for mastering these challenges. Optimised internal combustion engines and electric drive systems have a key role to play. That is why Bosch continues to develop and improve both types of powertrain. Using state of the art injection systems as well as hybrid and all-electric drives, mobility becomes more efficient, economical and dynamic.

What does Bosch offer for gasoline hybrids?

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BMW	225 xe Active Tourer	2015>	High Pressure Pump GDI	. 04/ 30. 026
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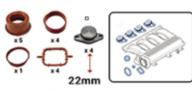
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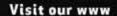
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Yet despite their growing popularity, turbo failures are still often misunderstood. Faced with an issue, many will wrongly blame the turbo itself. The truth is, they are incredibly reliable; less than 1% fail due to a manufacturing defect with the actual unit, so it's rarely the turbo, but something else. The question is what?

"Fortunately, a handful of causes account for the majority of failures," explains Will Johnson, Turbo Sales Manager, Carwood. "By taking time to carefully evaluate the turbo's key components & other related systems, & knowing what to look out for & why, issues can be correctly pinpointed & remedial action taken, to avoid a repeat failure."

"Foreign object impact damage, for example, can be caused when dirt, dust & debris from broken components or a previous failure, enters the turbine, compressor or bearing housing. At high speeds, this can result in imbalance & costly impact damage to the compressor & turbine blades. Replacing the air filter at regular intervals & checking the turbo for debris, worn pipework & air intake restrictions is an easy way to prevent this."



"A build-up of carbon deposits in the oil feed, blocked oil filters & the incorrect grade or quantity of oil, can starve the turbo of oil - its lifeblood," he continues. "The tell-tale signs are discolouration of the shaft, excessive wear to the thrust bearing pad, an out of balance shaft & even complete shaft failure, so it's a good idea to check & clean the entire air & oil supply system, use fresh oil & fit new components where required."





shaft discolouration due to oil starvation

foreign object damage to compressor wheel

"Admittedly, accurate diagnosis is not always straightforward. Some causes & symptoms overlap. Take a poorly routed or blocked oil return pipe. It can restrict the flow of oil out of the turbo, causing a build-up of oil pressure in the bearing housing & in turn oil leaks at both ends. The same can cause damage to the turbine side, through overheating."

"Although, discolouration is more typical of oil starvation, it can indicate other problems. So, it's important to look at the pattern too. Staining that starts at the turbine wheel, & continues through the shaft to the compressor side, suggests excessive heat, caused by increased back pressure from a DPF related issue instead."

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Taking the Ford 1.0-litre EcoBoost 'Fox' engine, which is used in multiple Ford applications including the B-Max, C-Max, Ecosport, Fiesta, Focus and Mondeo, as an example, according to the manufacturer's service schedule, the timing belt must be replaced at 150,000 miles or every 10 years, whichever comes soonest. When it comes to the Tourneo Connect and Courier however, the replacement mileage is slightly lower, at 140,000 miles.

"Although the BIO innovation is a fantastic solution, which helps this small and efficient engine to deliver incredible levels of power, alongside exceptionally low emissions and excellent fuel economy, depending on the quality of the fuel it uses and the type of journey it undertakes, the engine can sometimes be prone to oil contamination, which has the potential to affect the belt," explains Dayco's National Sales Manager, Steve Carolan. "It is therefore imperative that workshops highlight the importance of following the VMs scheduled replacement intervals to their customers.

"On a practical level, there are also some best practice guidelines that technicians can follow to help them assess the condition of the belt in between the specified replacement interval, the first of which is to assess the condition of the oil.

"This is easier than it might appear as the presence of petrol in the oil is generally noticeable due to its strong odour, so rather than undoing the drainplug and walking away, whenever carrying out a scheduled oil and filter change technicians should check for the smell of petrol fumes. If this is detected, further investigation must be made as the failure of the belt will have catastrophic consequences to the engine.

"Unfortunately, checking the condition of the belt is not straightforward, but a sensible starting point is to check the strainer that the oil will have passed through when draining from the sump, because it's possible that fragments of the belt or deposits of material that have been dislodged as the fuel attacks the belt material, will be left behind.

"If any evidence of debris is found, the next step is to remove the camshaft cover as this is the only practical way to properly assess the belt's condition as it allows technicians to examine the back, which will reveal whether the

contaminated oil has begun to degrade the surface of the belt. "At this point it's important to state that some moderate increase in the width of the belt, commonly referred to at belt swell, is not an issue, unless of course it's so excessive as to cause the belt to foul, but this will be evident if there is damage to its edges.

"Naturally, should the belt need to be replaced, as the original equipment supplier for both the timing and oil pump drive systems for these engines, Dayco has replacement kits – either KBIO02 or KBIO03 – in its aftermarket range.

"In addition, to guide technicians through the installation procedure and help independent workshops fully understand the issues and replacement requirements, we have produced a technical video, which can be viewed on YouTube via this link – https://youtu.be/fDkoaPwbfpg – and highlights the key points that must be noted.

"Finally, we'd encourage workshops to be proactive with their customers and, in addition to highlighting the necessity of the belt checks and replacement interval, make them aware of the consequences in terms of the damage to the engine and the cost to repair it, should the belt fail."



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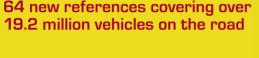
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Adrian Kitchen, marketing manager at Shaftec, offers IFA Smart Choice readers an insight into the latest EPS developments.

Up against the biggest names in OE steering, Shaftec's USP is the price benefits of offering remanufactured parts: matching OE quality, software ability and tested beyond OEM expectations - but at a fraction of the cost of a new OE unit.

Shaftec has been supplying remanufactured and new parts to the motor trade for over 20 years. The business is now firmly established as a leading supplier of aftermarket transmission, steering and braking parts. Its biggest growth area is steering; particularly electric powered steering (EPS).

"With a rise in the number of vehicles with EPS now falling out of warranty and into the aftermarket, it's only going to continue to grow," Adrian explains. "We are well prepared. We've invested heavily in R&D and our skill set and I am confident that the Shaftec brand name will increasingly become synonymous with this product area."

STEERING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

These days, you'd be hard pushed to find a vehicle rolling off the production line without EPS fitted, as standard. In line with industry trends, this makes perfect sense as the components are lighter in weight & more durable, require less maintenance, give a better response at different speeds, and necessitate less fuel consumption. And yet, there still seems to be a lack of knowledge across the aftermarket in how to deal with them effectively.

Add to this a lack of investment within the independent garage arena in the technology needed to reprogramme the parts and independents could be missing out on a large chunk of the available income stream. If your customers don't know which parts need specialist equipment to reprogramme, and then find they don't have the correct equipment, they may have to call in the expensive services of the main dealer who does - clearly increasing cost. This means they make less on the job than they anticipated, or worse still, must explain to their customer that the job will be more expensive and take longer than they had quoted. This can obviously be a deal breaker in terms of securing return business.

So, it pays to give them as much information as you can to help them defend their businesses.

Once the fundamentals of protecting the integrity of the part by careful removal and storage, they should be aware that to safeguard their surcharge, they must not cut any cables and that EPS motors must remain intact and undamaged. Failure to comply with this will result in full rejection.

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But this is only part of the job. As a remanufacturer, the bit we can't physically do for your customers when it comes to EPS is the actual reprogramming - because this must be done when the part has been fitted to the vehicle. Some parts can be reprogrammed using generic diagnostic tools - which garages really should invest in if they want to capture market opportunities. Certain steering systems, however, require bespoke Vehicle Manufacturer (VM) equipment to be successfully programmed for fitment. It helps massively if the garage is aware of which parts require which programming tools so that they can factor the cost of main dealer intervention into the original quote – and decide up front if they can make a profit.

Adrian concludes: "The Shaftec mantra is that range and availability are key. We remain at the forefront of range and availability within the UK for EPS. As garages must consistently evolve to cater for the new vehicle technologies entering the aftermarket, they will continue to rely on our range and products to provide affordability without the compromise on quality against an OEM unit."

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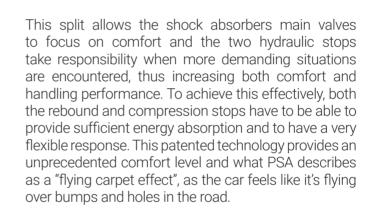
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> aftermarket, explains "having this technology available Until now this technology has only been to the aftermarket is an exciting addition to our existing fitted to brand new manufactured range and will allow motorists to continue to enjoy the vehicles, however, in 2022 it will award-winning comfort these shock absorbers offer. be available as aftermarket parts It's another great example of how KYB is at the forefront from KYB Europe. KYB is the only of OE suspension research and development". company to offer these parts to the aftermarket. Currently, there

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FLUSHING AIR CONDITIONING KEY TO SYSTEM LONGEVITY, SAYS MAHLE

- Latest technical bulletin points to importance of flushing A/C systems
- This is critical to prevent component damage, warns MAHLE

Thermal management specialists MAHLE has reminded technicians of the importance and benefits of flushing air conditioning systems.

During repair work, or changing the air compressor, it's crucial that the air conditioning system is cleaned out, as harmful substances and solids can form in the refrigerant circuit, leading to component damage.

In its latest technical messenger bulletin, MAHLE offers six key prompts to clean the system and avoid consequential damage.

The first prompt to flush the A/C system is when the compressor has suffered mechanical damage such as where the oil contains metallic abrasion particles or swarf.

If there are foreign substances in the system, like sealant, desiccant granules, or rubber particles, the consumables in the system should be replaced and the system cleaned. If the quantity or type of compressor oil in the system is unknown, this presents a risk of overfilling or incompatibility, and in these instances the system should be flushed.

Technicians risk malfunctions, such as clogging of the valve plate, if the amount of UV dye is too high, or if there is moisture in the system. If the new compressor doesn't have an oil drain plug to adjust the oil quantity, the air conditioning system must be completely emptied of oil before installation to prevent overfilling.

MAHLE's technical bulletin prescribes the correct flushing method, with vehicle manufacturers advising use of an A/C service unit, a separate flushing kit with interchangeable prefilter, and refrigerant.

Technicians should always flush against the normal direction of the refrigerant flow. Some components cannot be flushed, so they need to be bypassed or replaced with adapters. Examples include filter-driers/accumulators, compressors, expansion valves, and fixed restrictors.

Most modern condensers can't be flushed because of their parallel flow design and combination with the filter-drier. Only older types, so-called serpentine condensers, can be reliably flushed. In vehicles with a second evaporator in the cabin, this must be flushed separately.

Each flushing cycle should be completed three times, and the prefilter on the flushing unit should be replaced after each vehicle (flushing process).

Once all the removed or replaced parts have been refitted, a leak tightness test must be carried out, followed by evacuation of the system for at least 20 minutes.

MAHLE also recommends that after the flushing has been completed the filter-drier is replaced. This removes the chance of any contaminants that may be in the old filter-drier working their way around the system.

If it is not replaced, these contaminants could cause damage, as the filter-drier is bypassed on the flush, meaning this part of the system isn't cleaned out of any potential contaminates.



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There are significant opportunities for remanufacturing in the automotive sector, but only if companies like Brake Engineering continue to maintain a focus on quality.

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Currently, there are a number of 'new' calipers entering the market. Brake Engineering has tested some of these calipers being sold on to independent garages. While these products may fit, their performance has been found to be severely questionable.

Brake Engineering is now taking steps wherever possible to highlight the quality of its range to customers and support them with taking the message further. Extensive research has found a demand for quality and support from independent garages and so it's important distributors meet these expectations with a product range that is backed-up with technical expertise and parts traceability.

THE BENEFITS OF ORIGINAL AFTERMARKET

Original Aftermarket distinguishes Brake Engineering's position in the marketplace. The term "Original Aftermarket" comes from extensive market research undertaken by Brake Engineering in the automotive industry. This research was designed to determine what customers expect from a supplier in terms of service, range, availability, reliability and support.

From the results and subsequent analysis, the term has become a positioning statement for the brand and demonstrates the level of added value service that sets Brake Engineering apart from anyone else.

The term Original Aftermarket is clear in its message to customers and promotes transparency in areas such as product quality, technical support and customer service.

Existing terms to promote a company's credibility and expertise have only served to confuse the market. It should be expected that parts quality in the automotive aftermarket is of the highest possible standard – it is the norm for Brake Engineering.

Original Aftermarket encompasses all Brake Engineering has to offer and lays bare its unrivalled dedication to the automotive aftermarket. Range development, customer service, stock profiling and marketing, to name but four, demonstrates its commitment to aftermarket businesses.

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Without protection, the gradual deterioration of certain rubber compounds used in existing fuel systems will lead to internal rupturing of rubber pipework. Meanwhile, as ethanol continues to absorb water from the air, rising levels of water in fuels is accelerating rust corrosion inside engines and exhaust systems.

The team of engineers at the Motor Museum, Beaulieu, has been protecting its valuable collection with Lucas Oil's ethanol buster for several years. Ethanol corrodes from the inside, adversely affecting rubber pipework and seals. It can also remove tin content from lead solder, so that joints in older fuel systems can become porous.

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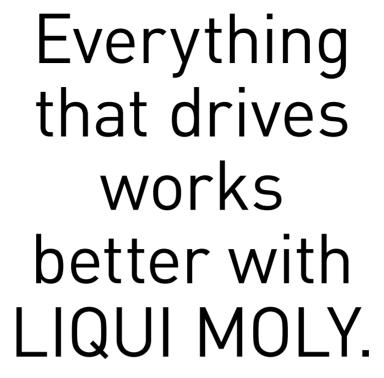


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