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25.261.00 THE REVOLUTION IN ENGINE OIL FILTRATION

The UFI oil filter for Hyundai and Kia applications features a plastic body and a **compact size** that help **reduce the engine's weight and fuel consumption**.

It is composed of a **cartridge made from eco-friendly and recyclable materials** and is equipped with a **bypass valve**, a **drain plug** for service operations, and an **oil pressure and temperature sensor**. It has a filtration efficiency of **99% for particles up to 38 micron according to ISO 4548-12**. The spare part is available in aftermarket catalogue with code 25.261.00.

99% FILTRATION EFFICIENCY
for particles up to 38 µm
according to ISO 4548-12



CARTRIDGE CODE

25.261.00

MAIN APPLICATIONS

HYUNDAI i20 1.6 T-GDi N 11/20 ›
HYUNDAI Tucson III 1.6 T-GDi 05/21 ›
HYUNDAI Tucson III Full Hybrid and Mild Hybrid 1.6 T-GDi 11/20 ›
HYUNDAI Tucson III Plug-in Hybrid 1.6 T-GDi 05/21 ›
KIA Sportage V 1.6 T-GDi 09/21 ›
KIA Sportage V Full Hybrid, Mild Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid 1.6 T-GDi 11/21 ›
KIA Sportage V 1.6 LPG 01/23 ›

PLUS

- + 100% environment-friendly:
made of recyclable materials
- + Filtering media in **FORMULA UFI CELL**

UFI FILTERS CONFIRMS LEADERSHIP IN FILTRATION SYSTEMS FOR FORMULA 1, SUPPLYING 10 OUT OF 10 TEAMS

UFI Filters has cemented its position as a top producer of filtration systems by supplying **ten of the ten teams competing in the 2025 Formula 1 season**.

The announcement is a prestigious recognition of the technologies developed by the High-Tech Division of UFI Filters, founded in 1999.

In Formula 1, UFI Filters does not limit itself to providing teams with oil, air and petrol filters. The complexity of today's racing cars also demands up to fifteen filter elements in a car. In total, UFI produces around 8,000 such F1 filters annually.

For Formula 1, **each filter is tailor-made** for the needs of the different teams, with **customised solutions provided in terms of size and materials used**. Their design requirements are the result of a co-design process between technicians in UFI Filters' High-Tech Division and the individual racing teams.



Is there a difference between OE and aftermarket brake pads?

Last year, we featured an important interview with Ferodo about the traceability of their braking products, focusing on the difference between aftermarket brake pads and OE. The answer? It's well worth reiterating. Identifying a Ferodo pad is straightforward, highlighting an important fact: there is no difference because they come from the same production plant. Simply put, when you fit Ferodo, you're fitting the same product as the VMs, no difference, no compromise on quality, and most importantly, no comebacks.

Here's a recap of the discussion for those who missed it the first time or want a refresher.



For most brake pad manufacturers, the short answer is yes. Many friction product producers lack OE production knowledge and focus exclusively on aftermarket specifications. Ferodo, however, stands apart with a strong OE pedigree. In fact, one in four vehicles leaving the factory today—totalling 25 million a year—are fitted with Ferodo brake pads. That's a staggering statistic!

Ferodo supplies OE brake pads for a wide range of vehicle manufacturers, including Alfa Romeo, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Chrysler, Citroën, Dacia, Fiat, Ford, GM, Hyundai, Isuzu, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Lancia, Land Rover, LDV, Maserati, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mini, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Opel,

Peugeot, Renault, Seat, Skoda, Smart, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen, and Volvo.

With Ferodo, you get a top-level friction product that guarantees longer pad life, reduced noise, and minimal brake dust—benefits that cannot always be assured when opting for generic aftermarket braking parts.

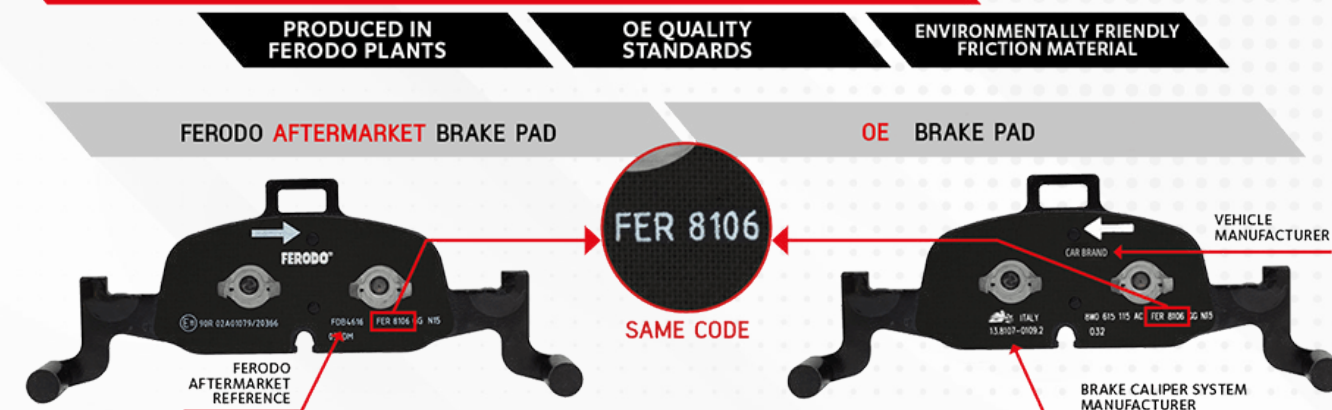
Are aftermarket Ferodo pads the same as OE? Yes. Whether certified Original Equipment or aftermarket brake pads, every Ferodo friction product goes through the same high-end production lines and is manufactured to the same rigorous engineering standards. This quality assurance offers peace of mind for a

workshop replacing brake pads on a customer's vehicle.

All Ferodo brake pads come with the OE Original Quality label. With 14 production facilities worldwide, producing over 40 million brake pad pieces each year, choosing Ferodo as a braking supply partner ensures you're covered.

Our Top Tip: Ensuring you're fitting an official Ferodo brake pad. To verify the authenticity of a Ferodo brake pad, read the unique Ferodo formula code on any aftermarket or OEM pad. Use the official Ferodo Friction Formula Trace Chart to validate your brake pads instantly.

FERODO FRICTION FORMULA TRACE CHART



Stellantis Engine Reliability Issues and New Oil Specifications

Since the introduction of the Stellantis Group's EB2 and DV5R engine types, reliability concerns have plagued various Peugeot, Citroen and Vauxhall models, with many instances of premature engine failure. To address these issues, Stellantis has revised its recommended engine oil specifications multiple times. These frequent changes have led to widespread confusion among vehicle owners and mechanics, making it difficult to determine the correct oil for affected vehicles.

As of September 2024, the Stellantis group have simplified their recommendations with most engine codes now requiring an oil meeting FPW9.55535-03 5W/30 specification and viscosity.

From October 21, 2024, this oil must be used in vehicles fitted with EB2 Turbo GEN 1, GEN 2, DV5R, DW12RU engine types with the following engine codes:

EB2DT 81KW	EB2ADTS_I UE63	EB2ADTD UE64	EB2ADTS_I UE64	EB2ADTX/EU63	DV5RUC
EB2DTS 96KW	EB2ADTD_I UE63	EB2ADT 81KW	EB2ADTS UE64	EB2ADTD_B	DV5RUC D
EB2DTS 81KW	EB2ADT_I UE64	EB2ADTS 96KW	EB2ADTD/EU63	EB2ADT/EU62V	DV5RE
EB2DTS M 96KW	EB2ADT UE64	EB2ADTXM	EB2ADTMD	EB2ADTS+	DW12RUC
EB2DT M 81KW	EB2ADTD_B UE64	EB2ADTSM 96KW	EB2ADT/EU63	DV5RC	DW12RUD
EB2ADT_I UE63	EB2ADTD_I UE64	EB2ADTM 81KW	EB2ADTS/EU63 1200	DV5RD	DW12RUE

The required engine oil contains specific additives to protect these engine types against wear on the moving parts especially the pistons, piston ring and cylinder block linings and effectively control soot build up and deposits.

FS-ST 5W/30

Recommended for:

- **ACEA:** C3
- **API:** SN Plus & SP
- **GM:** Dexos™ 2
- **MB:** 229.31, 229.51 & 229.52
- **PSA:** B71 2290 (<2017)
- **Stellantis:** FPW9.55535/03

FS-PC 0W/20

Recommended for:

- **ACEA:** C5
- **API:** SP
- **Fiat:** 9.55535-DM1
- **PSA:** B71 2010

FS-PX 0W/30

Recommended for:

- **ACEA:** C2
- **PSA:** B71 2312



Key benefits of the FPW9.55535-03 5W/30 specification:

- ✓ **Improved Wear Protection**
Reduces friction and extends engine component lifespan.
- ✓ **Enhanced Deposit Control**
Minimises soot accumulation, which can lead to engine performance issues.
- ✓ **Optimized Performance**
Maintains engine efficiency and longevity under various operating conditions.

Invented for life

Bosch wipers under test

At Bosch, the test engineers push the limits of what is possible in the pursuit of visibility and safety. In various durability tests, Bosch wipers must prove their performance. To ensure this, Bosch has many strict quality tests in addition to the prescribed standard tests required for acceptance into the program. These tests are divided into four categories: wiping performance, environmental influences, load tests, and durability.



Above: Strict performance and load tests for optimal function

1. Wiping performance on the test bench

To ensure optimal wiping performance, the wipers undergo four testing scenarios: wiping quality, acoustics, high-speed contact, and durability. During development, wipers are tested on a windshield in the laboratory, focusing on streaks, smears, water residues, and marks. Only when test requirements are met and the wiping pattern is flawless are the wiper rubber or blades approved for production. An acoustic laboratory tests the wiper system to reduce squeaks and noise, enhancing customer comfort. Wind tunnel and test track evaluations ensure wipers maintain contact at high speeds, verifying their effectiveness during fast driving.

2. Resistance to environmental influences

The wipers must withstand extreme

weather, including prolonged UV exposure and high temperatures, without cracking or deforming. Salt spray tests evaluate corrosion resistance, while temperature cycling tests assess resilience from low to high temperatures. Successful tests show no cracks, deformations, or significant wiping quality loss.

3. Load test at the limit

In wintry conditions, wipers face intense stress. Bosch conducts load tests, including freezing at -20°C and snow load assessments, to ensure winter suitability. Endurance tests simulate 500,000 wiping cycles to verify durability, while the mechanical robustness of components is evaluated in specialised tests.

4. Increased resistance

The fourth and final testing category focuses on the wipers' resistance. They are exposed to

various aggressive chemicals, and afterwards, the test results are analysed under a microscope to determine if any traces of the substances remain. Bosch experts evaluate all test results according to strict quality standards and continuously improve Bosch wipers. Ensuring high-quality standards of Bosch wipers are met.

5 things you can rely on with Bosch wipers:

- #1 outstanding wiping performance
- #2 quiet wiping
- #3 increased service life
- #4 easy installation
- #5 safety in all weather conditions



For even more Bosch wiper know-how: Simply scan the QR-Code.

Bracket for Camshaft 171970, 172004

To Fit: Various Volkswagen,
Audi, SEAT and Skoda
models

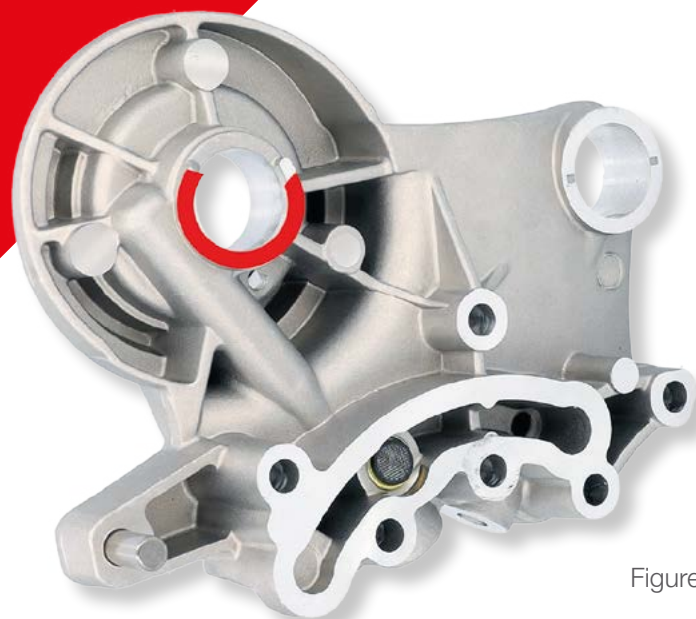


Figure 1 - Thrust Surface

Problem

The engine-cranking time before starting is extended, and/or there is a 'rattling' noise from the engine area. The engine management fault lamp is illuminated and/or the engine is not starting.

The following fault codes may be stored:

- P0016 Camshaft timing advance (Bank 1) target value not attained.
- Other fault codes can also be stored at the same time.

Cause

Elongation of the timing chain. Failure of the oil non-return valve for the camshaft timing control. However, on some 2016 and 2017 model year vehicles equipped with the 2.0 TFSI engine with engine codes CPMB, CAED or CCTA, fault code P0016 may be set due to a worn intake side and camshaft bearing bridge thrust surface.

Solution

If the following fault code is stored in the engine control module memory: 'P0016 Camshaft timing advance (Bank 1) target value not attained',

proceed as follows:

- Measure the 'end play' of the intake camshaft.
- If the 'end play' of the intake camshaft is less than 0.2mm, it is within the manufacturer's tolerances. The cause of the fault code could be excessive elongation of the timing chain or failure of the oil non-return valve for the camshaft timing control, which will require further investigation before proceeding.
- If the 'end play' of the intake camshaft is greater than 0.2mm, replace the camshaft bearing bridge with the improved febi part 171970 or 172004 which has a 50% larger thrust surface area than the original. (Fig.1) This matches the OE part 06H 103 144K which was brought into vehicle production in October 2017.
- It is also recommended that the engine oil and filter are replaced as part of this repair.

Rely on tested OE matching quality replacement parts from febi. The entire range of febiPLUS parts can be found at: partsfinder.bilsteingroup.com.

Ball Joint Production and Structure

Guiding you through every
twist and turn in the road



Figure 1 - Ball Joint

The ball joint is a critically important part of the suspension system, connecting the steering and suspension components to the road wheels. The spherical ball pin and socket design of the ball joint enables the suspension to travel up and down as the road surface conditions continually change, as the vehicle is driven through the twists and turns of the road. It allows for smooth movement as the vehicle navigates varying road conditions. febi ball joints are manufactured using high-quality materials, meeting OE standards to ensure optimal performance, durability, and precise wheel alignment. This helps reduce suspension noise and enhances overall chassis handling.

Protective rubber boot

The Chlorophene rubber boot is important, because it protects the ball joint against moisture, road debris and is resistant to heat, oil and weathering from the direct effects of sunlight. It seals the joint at any angle, ensuring durability and longevity.

Clamping rings

Spring steel clamping rings secure the rubber boot, supporting both static and dynamic sealing of the ball pin.

Casting/housing

The ball joint housing is designed to meet specific load and function requirements, either bolted or riveted to the control arm, or pressed and secured with a retaining ring, as in built-in ball joints used in forged and cast control arms and links.

Ball pin

febi ball pins are made to OE specifications, using light alloy steel for increased wear resistance, surface hardness and durability. This ensures a stronger, safer ball joint that improves vehicle agility, stability and driving dynamics while meeting the necessary load demands for driver and passenger safety.

Acetal bearing

Polyoxymethylene (POM) is an engineering thermoplastic used in precision steering and suspension parts, offering high stiffness, low friction, and excellent dimensional stability for smooth axial movement.

Steel cap

The steel cap, resistant to impact and corrosion, is sealed in place through a rolling process, protecting the internal components of the ball joint.

High performance grease

febi's grease is specially designed for ball joints, using semi-synthetic oil thickened with polyurea. It's free of heavy metals and solid lubricants, with additives that improve adhesion to steel and plastic, enhancing the damping effect between friction surfaces.

Trust febi for OE-quality steering and suspension parts. Explore the full range at: partsfinder.bilsteingroup.com

Have you signed up to myComma yet?

For 60 years, Comma has been a trusted partner to workshops and mechanics, delivering high-performance lubricants, expert knowledge, and the right tools to keep vehicles moving. As the industry evolves, we continue to invest in the trade, helping both workshop owners and mechanics stay ahead with high quality products and technical support.

Now, with myComma, we're offering even more. Workshop owners can unlock exclusive rewards and offers, while mechanics gain access to the free MOT data tools and exclusive training modules, all designed to support your success on the job.

Join myComma today and take advantage of everything Comma has to offer.



COMMA®

60 YEARS

made for mechanics



EuroFlo

ULTRA PREMIUM EMISSION SYSTEMS



THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY - AT EVERY STAGE OF THE PRODUCTION PROCESS

EuroFlo: Ultra Premium Emission Systems

At EuroFlo, our mission is simple-deliver the most powerful and reliable emissions program on the market. Every aspect of our exhaust systems is designed to meet and exceed industry expectations, ensuring superior performance, durability, and efficiency.

Premium-Grade Materials for Unmatched Durability

Despite soaring raw material costs, EuroFlo remains committed to using only the highest-quality materials. Our silencers are crafted with fully aluminised components, featuring:

- Double-layer 0.6mm steel for silencer bodies
- 1.5mm steel for baffles
- 1.5mm or 2.0mm steel for pipes

Unlike conventional designs, our silencers incorporate unique sound absorption chambers with mechanically assembled interiors with no welding - ensuring long-lasting, reliable performance.

OEM-Level Performance & Engineering

Every EuroFlo exhaust system is meticulously reverse-engineered from original equipment (OE) to deliver an exact match in back-pressure and noise output. This guarantees a performance standard that rivals, if not exceeds, OE quality.

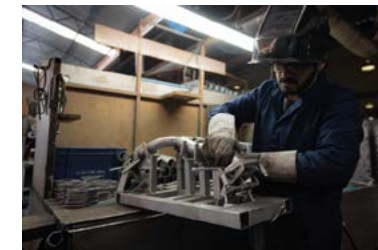
Leak Testing for Maximum Efficiency

Silencers are among the most complex components in exhaust manufacturing. To uphold our exceptional quality standards, we conduct rigorous leak testing at multiple production stages. This ensures:

- Optimal engine performance
- No fuel or oxygen loss
- Maximum power output
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Lower emissions

'Bullet-Proof' Jigs for Precision Fitment

Our advanced, heavy-duty jigs are a core element of EuroFlo's manufacturing excellence. Designed



to maintain intricate geometric specifications, they prevent thermal deformation by strategically placing fixation devices like pins, levers, clamps, and stoppers. The result? Precision fitment, every time.

Robot Welding for Unrivalled Consistency

Precision matters. Our state-of-the-art robot welders guarantee uniform, high-

quality welds with minimal splash and zero porosity, ensuring the structural integrity of every exhaust component.



Why Choose EuroFlo?

- Ultra-premium quality
- Industry-leading 3-year, no-quibble warranty
- Unbeatable competitiveness
- Rapid development at least 15 new references per month
- Extensive range & outstanding availability
- Accurate, industry-leading cataloguing

EuroFlo's precision engineering in manufacturing allows us to set incredibly high standards, and means that we can confidently offer our industry leading 3 year, no quibble warranty across our entire exhaust range.

Delivery and Availability

As a distributor of EuroFlo products, our branches have instant same-day access and availability from their regional warehouses. This means that the chances of even the most exotic or unusual vehicle clogging up your ramp while waiting for a EuroFlo emissions component are extremely low. After all - Time is money!



For more information on EuroFlo's full range
Please visit www.euroflo.co.uk or contact your local branch



Oil is Oil, Right...?

One of the key ingredients to a well functioning AC system is having the right lubricant in place.

Oil is as important as refrigerant in an AC system. The refrigerant is subjected to extreme pressure changes which generates heat. The oil absorbs the heat and keeps the AC components lubricated.

With a number of companies marketing "universal" oils you could be forgiven in thinking you can use just the one oil in every vehicle, this is NOT the case. The only thing universal about a universal oil is the risk it poses to the vehicle it is used in.

Similar to a vehicle's engine, there isn't one type of engine oil that is safe to use in every vehicle. It is vital that the correct oil is used, using the wrong type, viscosity grade or amount of oil in a car engine will only end badly. The same rule applies to the AC system.

In this feature we will go through the different types of oils available and the failures you can expect to see if the wrong type of oil is used.

PAG (Polyethylene Glycol) oil

PAG oil is a synthetic oil that is available in several different viscosities. PAG 46 which is the most common. PAG 68, PAG 100, PAG125 & PAG 150 are also available. The PAG oil viscosity used in each vehicle is determined by the manufacturer.

POE/ESTER oil

Ester oil is also a synthetic oil, typically used in systems that have been retro fitted. Ester oil provides excellent performance in both High and Low temperature environments, it reduces friction, prevents wear and acts as a seal between the High and Low pressure sides. This oil is safe to use in Hybrid vehicles.

MRL85 (POE based)

MRL85 was once marketed as the "one for all" AC oil, this is

not true or so it seems with new information being presented by manufacturers. This oil is safe to use in HYBRID & Electric Vehicles and is ideal for vehicles whose manufacturers recommend a POE type compressor oil. It can be used in both R134a & R1234yf, however it is better suited for the R1234yf systems.

HFO-PAG46e & HFO-PAG100e

These types of oil have recently become available on the market. Like the MRL85, this type of oil can be used in HYBRIDS & PLUG-IN-EVs when the vehicle manufacture specifies the use of a PAG based lubricant. These have been manufactured with low hygroscopic properties to minimise moisture ingress and retention. It can be used in both R134a & R1234yf.

PAG and POE oil must never be mixed. They will separate when the system is not in use and when switched back on the separated oil will not properly lubricate the internal pistons/scrolls of the compressor, causing abnormal wear and eventual seizure of the unit. The compressor is operated by the same drive belt as the remainder of the engine, which may cause the belt to lock and your engine to seize. If this happens whilst driving you will no longer have any power steering or brake boosters to easily stop your vehicle.

All OE compressor manufacturers highlight the use of the correct oil, if a mix of oils has been found in any warranty inspection regarding a compressor, most will automatically reject the claim due to incorrect fitting of the unit.

To safeguard against any possible future issues, you must identify which type and grade of oil is recommended by the vehicles manufacturer and ensure only that oil, in the correct quantities, is used.



TOP 20 SELLING CONSUMABLES

PART NO: 41-0002A



DESCRIPTION:
LEAK STOP
ELKE R134A

PART NO: 41-1020A



DESCRIPTION:
1 LTR PAG OIL ISO 46
SPIO R134A

PART NO: 41-1020



DESCRIPTION:
250ML PAG OIL ISO 46
SPIO R134A

PART NO: 42-0018



DESCRIPTION:
250MLUV DYE R134A/
R1234YF/HYBRID

PART NO: 41-0002B



DESCRIPTION:
LEAK STOP
ELKE 1234YF

PART NO: 41-1020B



DESCRIPTION:
PAG 46 C/W DYE
1 LTR R134A

PART NO: 42-0022



DESCRIPTION:
UNIVL 1L PAG OIL 68 R134A
& 1234YF

PART NO: 43-AAG0357



DESCRIPTION:
O RING KIT
UNIVERSAL

PART NO: 41-1132



DESCRIPTION:
1/4 X 16MM
HI SIDE Adapter

PART NO: 41-1130



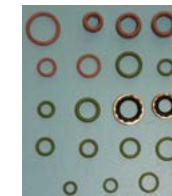
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1/4 X 13MM
LO SIDE Adapter

PART NO: 41-1025



DESCRIPTION:
PAG46 ND12 COMP
250ML 1234YF

PART NO: 16-COND



DESCRIPTION:
COND
O RING KIT

PART NO: 14-COMP



DESCRIPTION:
COMP
O RING KIT

PART NO: 41-1029



DESCRIPTION:
POE 85 UNI OIL 250ML
1234YF, HYBRID, R134A

PART NO: 41-50015A



DESCRIPTION:
FLUSHING FLUID
FLAMMABLE

PART NO: 41-1009A



DESCRIPTION:
VALVE CORE KIT
76PCS

PART NO: 43-0358



DESCRIPTION:
DOUBLE
O RING KIT

PART NO: 41-5374



DESCRIPTION:
CAP KIT
R134A

PART NO: 41-4168



DESCRIPTION:
VALVE CAP & SHRADER
VALVE 1234YF

PART NO: 41-1117



DESCRIPTION:
BUBBLE
LEAK

TOP 10 SELLING COMPRESSORS

PART	DESCRIPTION
14-9698P	GOLF SANDEN
14-1309P	CITROEN/PEUGEOT
14-7479P	ASTRA COMP
14-9731P	RENAULT COMP
14-0128P	FORD RANGER 3.2D COM
14-1274P	DENSO AUDI COMP
14-9721P	AUDI A6 COMP PATTERN
14-9698	VW GOLF SANDEN/DENSO
14-1126P	VW COMP
14-9774P	HYUNDAI I10 COMP 1.2



TOP 10 SELLING CONDENSORS

PART	DESCRIPTION
16-9817	NISSAN QUASHQAI 2013
16-1058	VW GOLF COND/AUDI A3
16-9127	FORD FOCUS/C MAX 14-
16-1054	AUDI/GOLF COND 04> C
16-9007	SEAT IBIZA COND
16-8917	BMW MINI COOPER COND
16-9948	BMW 3 COND
16-9972	FORD FOCUS COND
16-9928	CIT C4 PICCASO COND
16-1985	NISSAN JUKE 1.6 DIG





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There's only one choice The right choice

Climate change is all around us, its impact is undeniable, and now more than ever, the automotive industry is under pressure to reduce its environmental footprint. As vehicle technicians, you play a crucial role in ensuring that climate-control systems are maintained efficiently while minimising harm to the planet.

Many drivers may not realise that their air-conditioning system contributes to emissions, but as professionals, you understand the impact of refrigerants. Over the past decade, the industry has transitioned to Solstice® 1234yf refrigerant, which is now standard in all new European cars, more than 100 million vehicles and counting, with over 180 million globally. This has replaced the outdated R-134a, significantly reducing global warming potential (GWP) by over 350 times.

GWP measures how much heat a greenhouse gas traps in the atmosphere over a specific period, compared to carbon dioxide (CO₂), which has a GWP of 1. The lower the GWP, the less a refrigerant

impacts climate change. However, servicing older vehicles still requires handling R-134a, which remains in circulation. It's essential to ensure the correct containment and responsible disposal. Fortunately, lower-GWP alternatives, such as R-32 and R-454B, are now available and being introduced across the industry. These refrigerants offer significantly lower GWP values than previous generations, aligning with global efforts to reduce environmental impact. Additionally, new regulations in 2025 will further limit the use of high-GWP hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), pushing the industry toward more sustainable solutions.

As a technician, your expertise ensures that climate-control systems function optimally without unnecessarily contributing to climate change. By staying informed and adopting best practices, you help drive the industry towards a greener future.

Don't let vehicle climate control compromise the planet's climate control.

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Nissens
DELIVERING THE DIFFERENCE

The combination of Nissens Automotive and AVA provides workshops with the complete air conditioning system service solution

Although motorists often don't think of their air conditioning (AC) until the first hot day in spring, workshops need to be much more proactive and have the system on their 'to do' list, while there is still a chill in the air.



satisfaction through the optimum performance of the AC system.

Alongside Nissens Automotive, AVA provides workshops with 'The Clever Choice', as its replacement components are designed and manufactured to provide a reliable solution, which combines performance and value, to fulfil the needs of the older car parc.

AVA's AC range comprises more than 3,150 references, which correspond to 16,375 original equipment part numbers, precisely reflecting the applications in use and maximising sales potential for its customers. Honing this offering, alongside its optimised range, AVA recognises that workshops need solutions that provide them with quality, convenience, and reliability, which is why it has now developed the Clever Fit Concept, a product range designed for top performance, ease of installation, and maximum efficiency. Everything that's required for a quick, hassle-free installation – O-rings, clips, and washers – are all neatly packaged in the box.

Details of the complete Nissens Automotive AC range can be found by visiting: nissens.com/climate with the AVA programme accessible via: ava-cooling.com

Today, rather than simply looking at the AC as the system that keeps the interior cool and the occupants comfortable, the reality is that it is now integral to the thermal management of the entire vehicle.

Technology is shifting to the point where the energy created in the AC system, whether it is cooling or heating, is now also being utilised elsewhere in the vehicle to increase performance, range and efficiency of the engine or battery pack.

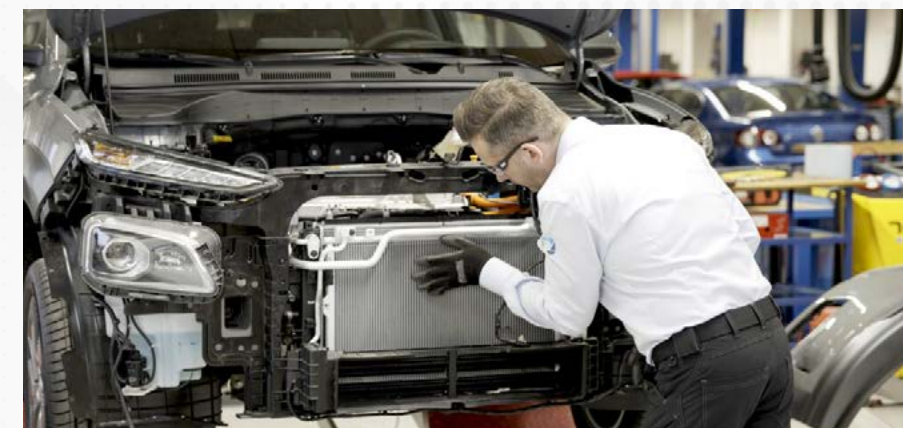
Therefore, the annual service and maintenance of the AC system must become a necessity, because if it does not work, or is underperforming, it is not now just a comfort issue, but will have significant repercussions and at best reduce the efficiency of the vehicle's other systems, or at worst cause it to breakdown.

With this reality in focus, the opportunities for workshops are obvious, but so too is the need for a reliable AC partner, which is where Nissens Automotive, a veteran in the field of thermal management systems, steps in with its comprehensive replacement parts programme and considerable expertise.

The Nissens range of AC system parts is known as one of the most complete

solutions for the independent sector and has been designed to suit a variety of segments, from passenger cars to heavy-duty vehicles, and cover all types of drivetrains. With nine main product lines and more than 4,000 parts, catering for 16,000 plus reference numbers, it provides for up to 93% of EU car parc coverage in some lines.

This allows workshops to supply their customers with premium quality components for most European vehicles, manufactured to Genuine Nissens Quality standards, which ensures they are both reliable and easy to install. The purpose behind developing such an advanced range is to streamline the repair process and ultimately boost the owner's





Don't let GDi carbon buildup become a big issue!

Leading remanufacturer and fuel systems specialist, Carwood, gives advice on how to deal with carbon build-up on GDi engines - an old service issue that can rob drivers of performance and challenge even experienced technicians.



In a traditional multi-point or port fuel injection engine, fuel is injected into the intake port of each cylinder, where it washes over and cleans the intake valves. In a gasoline direct injection or GDi engine, however, the fuel is injected at high pressure directly into the combustion chamber of each cylinder, bypassing the valves. Subsequently, small amounts of dirt, carbon and other particles from the air intake and crankcase ventilation system can build up and burn onto the intake wall, which over time, leads to carbon deposits on the valves, cylinder head inlet ports and injectors.

What to look out for:

The effects of carbon buildup are gradual, and often subtle to start, so keep an eye out for:

- Reduced acceleration/power
- Rough idle/hard engine starts at cold
- Engine misfires
- Excessive engine ping on acceleration
- Lower fuel economy
- Black exhaust smoke under hard acceleration
- Cylinder misfire fault codes from one or more cylinders

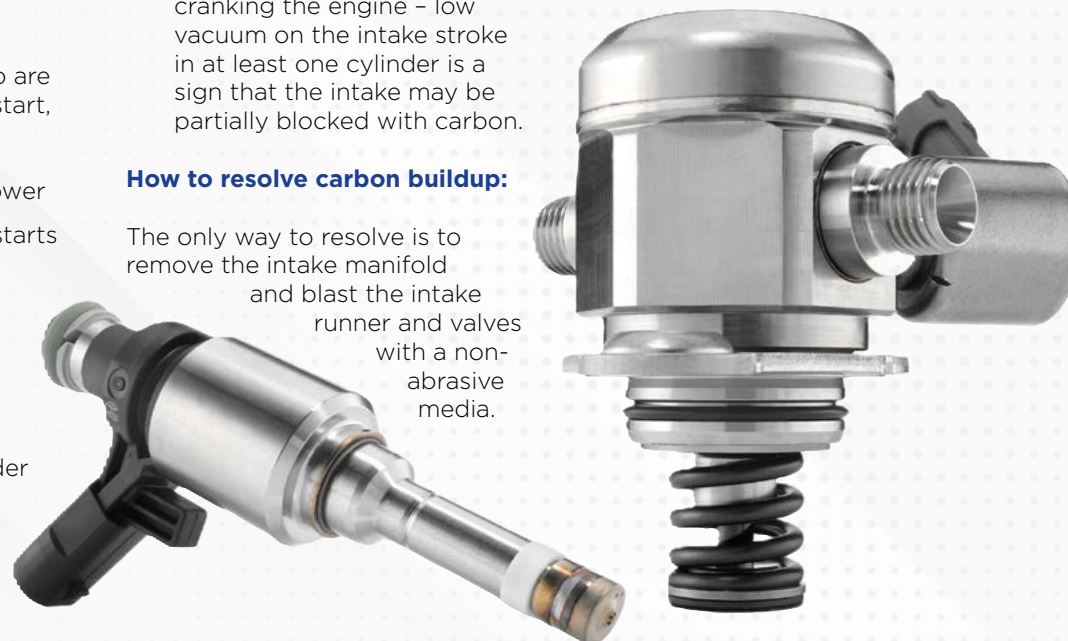
- Check engine light
- Faulty sensors from fouling

How to diagnose carbon buildup:

- Use a diagnostic scan tool to check for random and single cylinder misfire or cylinder disabled codes.
- Remove the intake manifold and inspect the cylinder head intake runners for carbon deposits on the walls and back of the valves. Check the injectors too.
- Connect a pressure transducer to the intake manifold whilst cranking the engine - low vacuum on the intake stroke in at least one cylinder is a sign that the intake may be partially blocked with carbon.

How to resolve carbon buildup:

The only way to resolve is to remove the intake manifold and blast the intake runner and valves with a non-abrasive media.



Technicians should also remove the injectors and perform off-vehicle diagnostic tests and cleaning, on a GDi bench. Carwood has invested in this capability and can offer professional injector diagnostics and servicing at a competitive price. It also offers a full range of Bosch OE GDi pumps and injectors, and expert technical support, if parts need replacing.

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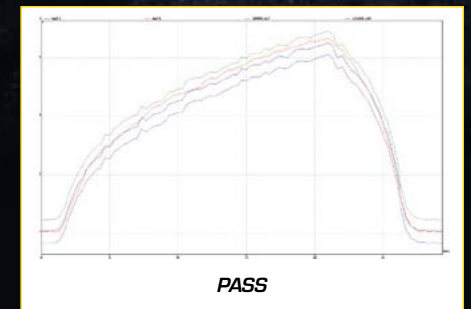
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Application: Ford Transit MK8 2.0 + 2.2 diesel



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Application: Vauxhall Vivaro X82, Renault Traffic X82, Nissan NV300



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prevents premature wear and tear as the oil pressure builds from the sump.

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With a full range for the European car-parc, supplemented by the newer filter element design, the WIX range of oil filters is a quality choice. Backed by both the heritage of the first design of the spin-on, and now by the WIX brand being incorporated into the MANN+HUMMEL Group since 2016, confidence is assured.

WIX Filters. They get the job done.

What many may not know is that this type of filter was invented by engineers at the WIX Filters Laboratory in 1954, and hence became a world standard. Originally patented by Jack Wicks and Paul Cranshaw from North Carolina, the original spin-on was referred to as the "twist of the wrist" thread filter. This filter consists of an element located in a steel-threaded housing, with which the filter is screwed directly onto the engine body. Spin-on filters are easy to replace and have a construction which is resistant to various factors (e.g. high pressure). Replacing the spin-on oil filter can be done virtually without the risk of introducing impurities into the engine oil system, and is usually fit-and-forget, without the need to check housing assemblies and seals.

Spin-on filters, should the engine block have this design, are also able to be fitted in small spaces, and hence are still popular. With no need to incorporate a housing and associated piping, simplicity is synonymous with engines with spin-on oil filters and can be cheaper for a vehicle assembler to incorporate too.

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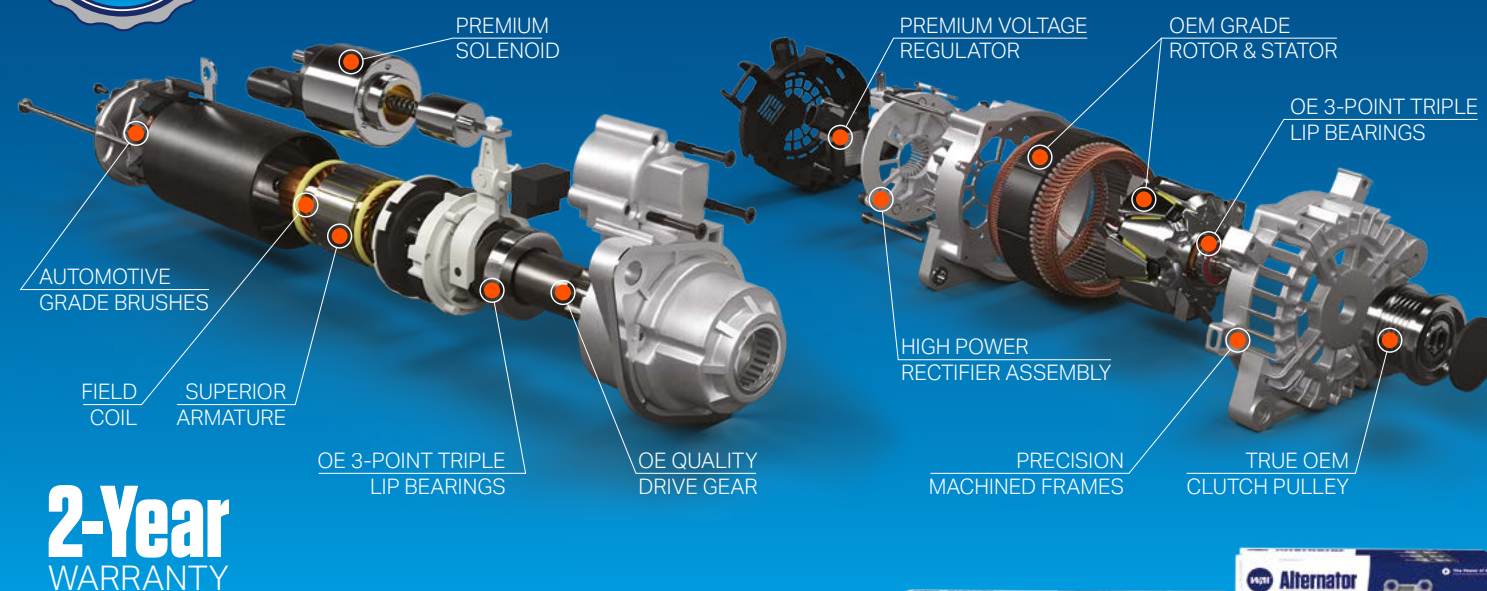


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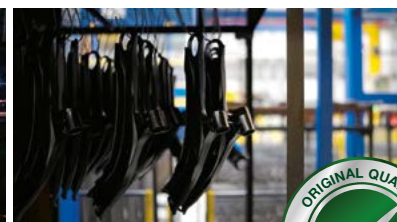
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Allied Nippon delivers installation best practices for pads and discs

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8. Post-installation issues...

Problem: Motorists may hear noise, feel vibration or experience reduced efficiency if the bedding-in process isn't followed correctly.

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Allied Nippon's braking DNA explained

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Its brake pads, for example, incorporate Noise Control Technology and exceed aftermarket standards, undergoing rigorous testing beyond R90 regulations to ensure exceptional stopping power.

Allied Nippon's discs, meanwhile, are finished with a specialised coating, enhancing aesthetics, corrosion resistance and helping a fast, simple fit.

For more information about Allied Nippon's braking range, go to www.allied-nippon.eu



For independent technicians, replacing brake discs and pads is usually routine. Yet Allied Nippon believes some scenarios can test even the most experienced professionals. In this latest article in Smart Choice, Allied Nippon's experts offer solutions to challenges designed to ensure best practices and customer satisfaction.

Rusted components, warped hubs, compatibility and strange vibrations are just some of the symptoms and challenges technicians can face on the workshop floor – here are eight identified problems and their solutions:

1. Rust and corrosion...

Problem: Rust can build up on brake discs, often due to moisture or road salt, making removing them from the hub difficult.

Solution: Apply penetrating oil, use a rubber mallet or a specialised puller, or, in severe cases, carefully apply heat to loosen the disc. Future issues can be prevented by fitting Allied Nippon coated discs, which feature an anti-corrosion coating that prevents rust and makes the replacement process simpler.

2. Seized or stuck fasteners...

Problem: Bolts or screws may seize due to rust or overtightening.

Solution: Use penetrating oil, an impact driver or heat to free the fasteners. As a last resort, try drilling them out!

3. Damaged or warped hubs...

Problem: If a hub is dirty or uneven, this can result in improper disc seating, causing wobble or vibration during braking.

Solution: Clean the hub with a wire brush or abrasive paper. Check for runout using a dial gauge. If a hub is severely damaged, the entire hub assembly may need to be replaced.

4. Incorrect installation...

Problem: Misalignment or failure to torque bolts properly can lead to uneven braking or damage.

Solution: Follow the manufacturer's installation procedures and always use a torque wrench.

5. Brake pad issues...

Problem: Combining old or incompatible brake pads with new discs can cause uneven wear or poor performance.

Solution: Always install new brake pads when replacing discs and fit them using axle sets. Allied Nippon's R-90 approved brake pads complement its coated discs for outstanding stopping power.

6. Runout and vibrations...

Problem: Excessive runout, when new discs are installed, can cause brake judder.

Solution: Measure for runout and replace any components causing misalignment.

7. Underlying issues...

Problem: Hidden problems, such as wheel bearing failure or improper alignment, can lead to repeated failures.

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1. Cold weather can have a particularly adverse effect, as freezing conditions can cause the gearbox system, including the gear cable, to seize up and excessive force can inadvertently be applied by the driver. As a result, the inner wire can break when they attempt to change gear.
2. A secondary reason is that there is an issue with the function of the gearbox, a gear failure for example, which can also result in excess force being applied to the gear cable, causing the inner cable to break.
3. Cables five years or older are the most likely to fail, as the lubricant inside the outer sleeve loses its performance as its viscosity increases, which causes the inner wire to bind and therefore, not move properly.
4. Similarly, a problem with the gear arm lever or mechanism, which can cause the cable to operate at the wrong working angles, can also result in the failure of the cable at its connection points.
5. Finally, if the vehicle is operating in extremely hostile conditions, such as off-road and in mud or dust, debris can get inside the gear cable and block or restrict the movement of the inner wire, meaning the gear cable cannot correctly control the gear selection.

MOST REQUESTED

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Ford Ka 2009-2016
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Fiat 500 2007-
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Hyundai ix35 2010-2015
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Mercedes Sprinter 2006-2018
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Brake Cables:

VW GOLF PLUS V (2005-2013) - FKB3350

Clutch Cables:

KIA PICANTO (2004-2011) - FKC1495

Gear Control Cables:

VAUXHALL ASTRA 2015 - FKG1304

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Left to right: Clutch cover assembly test rig, driven plate torsional characteristics & clamped thickness testing, single mass flywheel sample from a supplier being measured on a CMM.



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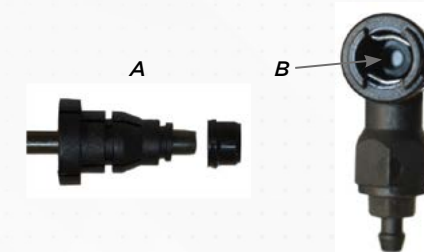


CSC (Concentric Slave Cylinder) test rigs

Where your product is factory fitted by the VM's

References to specific vehicles where say a common fault occurs.

Vauxhall Corsa, Astra, Zafira apps with a male connector on the CSC. The rubber seal from the CSC (item A) being replaced gets stuck in the female connector from the master cylinder (item B). If the CSC is replaced and it is not noticed that the seal is still in the connector then a severe restriction of the hydraulic oil flow occurs. Oil can be pushed down the pipe but cannot return so pressure builds up and failure occurs. Use a sharp pick to remove the old seal from the connector cap.



Mk1 Aygo, C1, 107 If the clutch pedal free play is not adjusted to the VM's spec the clutch will preload causing bearing noise and slip. Set the free play to 18mm to 28mm using the cable adjusting mechanism.

All CSCs with riveted back plates - Most if not all VMs have used variations on this design at some point. (Fig 1.)

Make sure the threaded fixing holes in the gearbox are free of old thread lock compound and ensure the bolts are tightened to the correct torque and the CSC is flat against the gearbox casing. Failure after installation occurs when there is a small gap between the backplate and the gearbox it is mounted to due to incorrect installation. When the clutch pedal is depressed the pressure of the hydraulic oil pushes the unsupported backplate out causing leakage and failure.

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Comprehensive Transmission Components

In addition to driveshafts, the company's transmission product line includes CV joints, CV boot kits, axle shafts, and propshafts. Shaftec is continually expanding its OEM-quality propshaft range, ensuring a broad selection of options to suit various vehicle sizes and specifications.

Advancements in Electric Power Steering

Recognising the growing demand for Electric Power Steering (EPS), Shaftec has invested in an expert team dedicated to developing this technology. Through collaboration with institutions such as Warwick University, the company is pioneering projects like 3D printing to produce its components. This innovation enables Shaftec to remanufacture parts previously considered unserviceable due to unavailable components.



Cutting-Edge Electric Steering Product Range

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- BMW i4 (G26) 45 TFSI e (03/2024 onwards) – Electric Motor

Technical Support and Training Resources

Shaftec's Knowledge Hub provides a wealth of technical information and training resources to support workshop technicians. This platform offers free access to technical documentation, product fact sheets, fitting guides, and best-practice advice to help technicians perform repairs and installations efficiently. More information can be accessed at www.shaftec.com/knowledge-hub.

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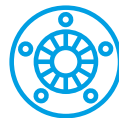
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