

Fault Finding - Turbochargers



SCM
TURBO

PREPERATION & PRIMING GUIDE

IMPORTANT: Please follow this fitting guide carefully. Failure to correctly prepare, fit and prime the turbo will cause the turbo to fail shortly after fitting, and could void a subsequent warranty claim.

Engine Fault

Loss of Power

Black Smoke

Blue Smoke

Excessive Oil Consumption

Oil in Exhaust Manifold

Turbocharger Noisy

TURBOCHARGER
DIAGNOSIS

Centre Housing Sludged/Coked

Rating Assembly Drag/Binding

Turbine Wheel Damaged

Compressor Wheel Damaged

Excessive Oil Compressor End

Excessive Oil Turbine End

Symptom	> Cause >	Check >	< Symptom
● ● ● ● ● ●	● 1 Air Starvation	1 Air filter cleanliness. Collapsed/restricted air pipes, leaking/loose connections	● ●
● ●	● 2 Boost Pressure Loss	2 Restricted/damaged/leaking/loose turbo-engine ducting. Turbine housing connections, inlet manifold and gaskets.	●
● ●	● 3 Exhaust Pressure Loss	3 Exhaust manifold/gaskets loose, damaged, leaking. Turbo mounting loose	
● ●	● 4 Excessive Exhaust Back Pressure	4 Exhaust system restrictions/damaged	
	5 Engine Crankcase Pressure	5 Crankcase breather cleanliness	● ●
	● 6 Lack of Lubrication	6 Filter, grade, quantity and cleanliness of oil. Feed pipe restrictions/leaks	● ● ● ●
	● 7 Excessive Lubrication	7 Oil drain from turbo restriction	● ●
● ●	8 Poor Compression	8 Valve condition/timing, piston and ring wear/burning	
	● 9 Oil in Combustion Chamber	9 Valve and guide condition, pistoning ring wear	●
	● 10 Prolonged Idling	10 Operating conditions	● ●
● ●	11 Faulty F.I.E.	11 See Chart - Pumps and Chart - injectors	
● ●	● 12 Foreign Parts Included	12 Air cleaner fitted/complete, missing parts	● ●
● ●	● 13 Foreign Parts in Exhaust	13 Missing parts, damaged turbine housing	
	● 14 Vibration	14 Turbo mounting	● ● ●
	15 Oil Lag	15 Initial start acceleration is not excessive	●
	16 Cold Operation	16 Ensure turbo is run at light load before use	●
● ● ● ● ● ●	● 17 Faulty Turbocharger	17 Remove turbocharger and send for specialist check/overhaul	● ● ● ● ● ●

PREPERATION

- 1) Identify the issue that caused the previous turbocharger to fail, and rectify any issues before installing the replacement unit (see Fault diagnosis chart overleaf for assistance).
- 2) Ensure the faces/flange of the oil drain pipe are clean. We strongly recommend replacing the oil feed- and drain-pipe when replacing the turbo.
- 3) Check the manifold faces and flanges are clean and free from damage.
- 4) Ensure the intercooler and air intake system are clean and free of debris.
- 5) Always check the engine breather pipes for blockages and restrictions.
- 6) Keep your work area free from dirt and other particles. Even the tiniest bit of contamination can cause the turbo to fail shortly after fitting.



FITTING / PRIMING

- 1) Before fitting the turbocharger, fill the turbocharger's oil feed hole with oil and rotate the rotor by hand.
- 2) Replace the oil filter and prime it with the manufacturers recommended oil, then fill the engine with oil.
- 3) Fit the turbocharger to the vehicle, leaving the air intake and oil pipes disconnected. Disconnect the ignition system or fuel supply, so the engine will crank over without starting.
- 4) Connect the oil feed pipe to the engine only, and then crank the engine over until oil can be seen flowing strongly out of the oil feed pipe.
- 5) Connect the oil feed pipe to the turbocharger.
- 6) Attach the oil return pipe to the turbocharger using the correct gasket. Do not use liquid sealant; use of this will void the warranty.



- 7) Crank the engine over again (still without firing) so a good flow of oil can be seen flowing freely out of the oil return-pipe. This ensures all air pockets are removed from the oil system.
- 8) Connect the oil return-pipe to the engine, and re-connect all remaining hoses (air intake, intercooler etc). Crank the engine over again until the oil pressure warning light goes out.
- 9) Reconnect the ignition system or fuel supply, the engine is now ready to start.
- 10) Once started, leave the engine to idle for 5 minutes, checking the turbocharger for any oil, air or exhaust leaks. Soapy water can be sprayed over the air connections to look for leakages.
- 11) Do not leave the engine to idle for longer than 5 minutes, as this could cause oil to access the exhaust system, resulting in smoke from the exhaust.

