

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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MD12

Large Valve Spring Compressor



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When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-800-444-3353 as soon as possible.

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⚠ WARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. **SAVE THIS MANUAL.**

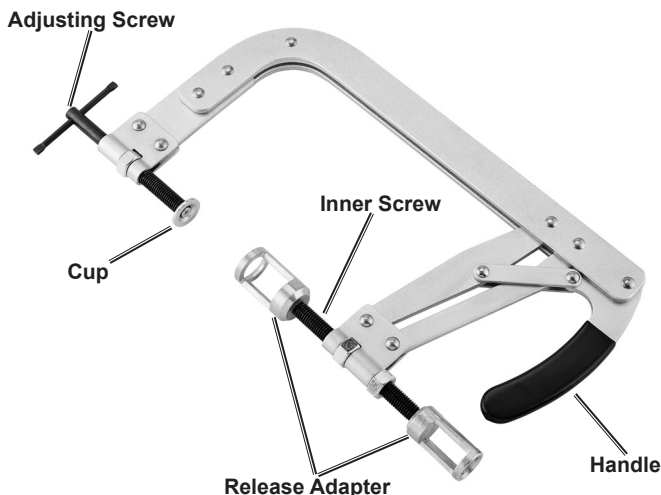
Specifications

Jaw Opening	1-3/8" (35mm) to 5-5/8" (143mm)
Throat Clearance	5-7/8" (149mm)
Valve Spring Adapter Sizes	1" (25mm) and 1-3/16" (30mm)

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

1. **Block drive wheels before use. Set parking brake and put gear selector in neutral for manual transmission or park for automatic transmission. Risk of sudden vehicle movement!**
2. **Read vehicle's service manual before use.**
3. **Keep away from hot or moving engine parts.**
4. **Inspect before every use; do not use if parts loose or damaged.**
5. **Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles during use.**
6. **Maintain product labels and nameplates.** These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
7. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. The operator must understand that common sense and caution are factors, which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

Functions



Operating Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE** IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this document before set up or use of this product.

Note: Refer to vehicle service manual for engine head removal process.

1. Remove head, then place head on a stable work bench or head stand.
2. Secure head in position where valves do not contact work bench surface to prevent valve damage.
3. Remove rocker arm.
4. Lightly tap top outer edge of valve spring assembly a few times with soft face mallet to loosen parts.
5. If applicable, remove the valve spring retainer clip.
6. Thread appropriately sized Release Adapter onto Inner Screw.

Note: TO PREVENT PROPERTY DAMAGE, ensure Cup and Release Adapter do not make contact with head while locking Valve Spring Compressor.

7. Carefully center Cup onto valve and Release Adapter onto valve spring assembly.

Note: Do not use lever handle to compress valve spring. Use Adjusting Screw to compress spring after lever handle is in locked position.

8. Grip Valve Spring Compressor with both hands and push Handle forward to lock.
9. Turn Adjusting Screw clockwise to compress valve spring to expose keepers.

Note: Keepers are tapered and must be reinstalled in same orientation.

10. Remove keepers using a magnet.
11. Loosen Adjusting Screw to release pressure before removing Compressor.
12. Hold valve in place and remove valve spring assembly.
13. Carefully remove valve.

Note: Refer to vehicle service manual for engine head assembly and installation process.

Inspection, Maintenance and Cleaning



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

- 1. BEFORE EACH USE,** inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for cracked or broken parts, damaged hoses, loose fittings, misalignment or binding of moving parts, and any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
- 2. AFTER USE,** clean external surfaces of the tool when necessary with a clean, damp cloth and mild detergent. Store the Valve Spring Compressor tool in a clean, dry, safe location out of reach of children.

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