

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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ITEM 62594

Diesel Engine Compression Tester



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When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-888-866-5797 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

Pressure Scale	0–1000 PSI / 0–7000 kPa
Gauge Accuracy	± 2%
Air Release Type	Push Button
Hose Size	15/64" I.D. x 35/64" O.D. x 16" L

Important Safety Information

⚠ WARNING

Read all safety warnings and instructions. *Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in fire and/or serious injury.*

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

- 1. Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when using the tester.**
Do not use while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.
A moment of inattention while testing may result in serious personal injury.
- 2. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and heavy-duty work gloves during setup and use.**
- 3. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.**
- 4. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from hot or moving parts.**
Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- 5. Use as intended only.**
- 6. Store idle testers out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the tester or these instructions to operate it.**
- 7. Maintain the Tester. Check for breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the tester's operation. If damaged, have the tester repaired before use.**
- 8. Have your tester serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.**
This will ensure that the safety of the tester is maintained.
- 9. Maintain labels and nameplates on the tester. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.**
- 10. Do not exceed 1000 PSI maximum pressure.**
- 11. Use the Tester only in well-ventilated areas. A running engine produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, gas that, if inhaled, can cause serious injury or death.**
- 12. Before testing, place the transmission in park (or neutral for a manual transmission) and set the emergency brake.**

13. Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts and hot parts of vehicle's engine.
14. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
15. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. Caution is necessary when near coil, spark plug cables, or distributor of running engine. Engine should be off during distributor adjustment.
16. **WARNING:** The brass components of this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
17. **WARNING:** This product contains di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
18. The warnings, cautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



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Operating Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this document including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

⚠️WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH: Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not run an engine in an enclosed garage or other contained area.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

- **Wear appropriate work clothes, heavy-duty work gloves and ANSI-approved safety goggles when working on a hot engine. Keep hands away from the fan and other moving parts and protect yourself from electrical shock or burns. Be aware that working on an automotive or truck engine is inherently dangerous, and suitable precautions must be taken.**
- **If you are not experienced in doing this type of diagnostic test, the work should be done by a qualified technician.**
- **Install/remove the Tester only while the engine is stopped.**

Note: Good engine cylinder compression will be indicated with a high initial reading, and a progressive buildup to the final maximum reading. Poor engine cylinder compression will be indicated with a low initial reading and a much slower buildup to the final maximum reading. The compression readings for all of the engine cylinders should not vary by more than 10%.

1. Check that the vehicle's battery is fully charged. Securely block the vehicle's tires, set the parking brake and the transmission to neutral or park.
2. Refer to the Diesel Adapters chart on page 6 to select the proper Adapter to be used for the specific vehicle you will test. After identifying the correct adapter, assemble it securely as shown on the *Parts List and Diagram* on page 7.
3. Prepare the engine for compression testing by starting the engine and allowing it to warm up to its normal operating temperature. Then, switch off the engine.
4. Once the engine has been turned off, disconnect the fuel shutdown solenoid (refer to the engine maintenance manual for location).
5. Remove all of the injectors or all of the glow plugs (depending on the connector used). They can be labeled to aid during reassembly. Unless instructed to do so by the engine manual, do not inject oil into the cylinders (a "wet" test); the oil may not compress properly and damage the engine.
6. Connect the Compression Tester to an engine cylinder. With the fuel pedal depressed completely, crank the engine for eight revolutions.
Do not continue to crank the engine; the engine's starter may overheat, damaging itself.
7. After cranking the engine, record the reading on the Pressure Gauge (1).

8. Once the maximum reading has been recorded, release the Gauge pressure by depressing the Air Release Button (2).
9. **Use caution, the engine will be hot!** Remove the Compression Tester from the first cylinder.
10. Repeat steps 6-9 for the remaining cylinders.
11. Reconnect the fuel injection solenoid and reinstall all glow plugs/injectors.
12. When finished, clean, then store the Tester in its case, indoors, out of children's reach.

Maintenance and Servicing



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

⚠️ WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE: Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise, vibration, or leaking air occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

1. **BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for:
 - loose hardware
 - cracked, worn, or damaged Adapters
 - damaged Pressure Gauge and Hose
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER EACH USE**, wipe external surfaces of the tool with clean cloth.
3. Periodically check the threads for damage.
4. Keep clean and free from dirt, grease and grit.
5. Store tool in its case when not in use.

If a problem occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Do not use damaged equipment.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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Diesel Adapters

Manufacturer	Engine	Type	Thread	Adapter
Audi	Early models, see VW for TDI	Injector	24 x 2.00	C
Mercedes-Benz	Early models	Injector	24 x 2.00	C
VW	1970's Rabbit	Injector	24 x 2.00	C
Volvo	Early models except 30's & 40's	Injector	24 x 2.00	C

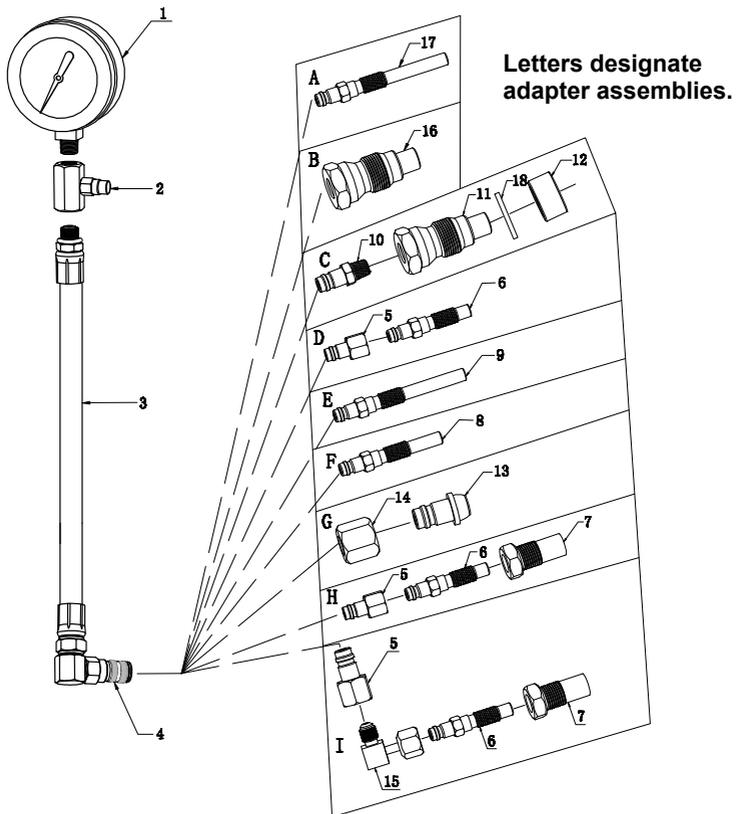
BMW	2.4L	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U
Chevette/Isuzu; Luv/Isuzu	1.8L, 2.2L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	E
Deutz	Many models	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U
Ford/Mazda	(1984-87) 2.0L; (1983-84) 2.2L Escort, Lynx, Ranger, Tempo, Topaz	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Ford/Mitsubishi	(1985-87) Ranger 2.3L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Ford/Navistar	6.9L and 7.3L (up to 1994)	Glow Plug	10 x 1.00	A
General Motors	4.3L V6, 4.3L V8, 5.7L V8	Glow Plug	10 x 1.00	A
	Duramax 6.6L Turbo Diesel	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	E
Hummer	Optimizer 6500 V8 Turbo	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	E
Isuzu/Isuzu Truck	(1992-98) 4HE1-TC (1998-2005) 6HK1-TC	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	E
	(1998-2005) 4HE1-TC (Up to 1998) 6HK1-TC	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U ^U
Kubota	Some models	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Lincoln, Mark VII/ Continental	2.4L used in 1984-85 autos	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H
	with Volvo engines	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Mercedes-Benz	(1988-89) 190E 2.5L	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	I ^U
	(1991-99) E300	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U
	2005 E320 CDI	Glow Plug	10 x 1.00	A
Mitsubishi	2 and 3 cylinder engines	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Mitsubishi-Fuso	Medium	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Navistar/ International	6.9L and 7.3L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.00	A
Nissan/ UD Truck	2.2L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
	Medium	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
Peugeot	Most	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U
	Certain Models	Glow Plug	18 x 1.50	H
Toyota	1.8L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	E
	2.2L	Glow Plug	10 x 1.25	F
VW	(1979-84) Rabbit; (1979-99) Jetta; (1981-84) Pick-Up; (1987-99) Golf; (1992-97) Passat; (1992-98) Eurovan	Glow Plug	12 x 1.25	H ^U ^U
	(1995-97) Passat; (1997-05) Golf, Jetta & Jetta Wagon; (1998-05) New Beetle; 2004 Touareg	Glow Plug	10 x 1.00	A

^U - Indicates that part 7 must be removed for these applications.

Parts List and Diagram

Part	Description	Qty
1	Pressure Gauge	1
2	Air Release Button	1
3	Rubber Hose	1
4	1/8" NPT Quick Coupler	1
5	7/16"-20 (F) Quick Coupler	3
6	M12x1.25 (M)-7/16"-20 (M) Adapter	3
7	M12x1.25 (F)-M18 x 1.5 (M) Adapter	2
8	M10x1.25 Short Adapter	1
9	M10x1.25 Long Adapter	1

Part	Description	Qty
10	ZG 1/8" (M) Male Quick Coupler	1
11	ZG 1/8" (F)-M24x2 (M) Adapter	1
12	Adapter Sleeve	1
13	Quick Connect with Ball Tip	1
14	1/2"-19 Lock Nut	1
15	7/16"-20 (M)-7/16"x20 (F) 90° Connector	1
16	ZG 1/8" (M)-M24x1.5 (M) Adapter	1
17	M10x1 (M) Adapter	1
18	Copper Washer	2



Record Serial Number Here:

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.

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