

# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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**ITEM 62638**

# **Compression Test Kit**



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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 <-> 300 PSI / 0 <-> 20 BAR
Air Release Type	Push Button Release
Hose Fitting	M10, M12, M14, M18 (Male, With "O" Ring)
Hose Size	1/2" Diameter x 20" Long

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- 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!**
- Read vehicle's service manual before use.**
- Keep away from hot or moving engine parts.**
- Use with gasoline engines only. Do not exceed gauge range.**
- Secure connections before use.**
- Inspect before every use; do not use if parts loose or damaged.**
- Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles during use.**
- Use the Tester only in well-ventilated areas.** A running gasoline engine produces carbon monoxide. **Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, gas that can cause serious injury or death.**
- Maintain labels and nameplates on the Compression Tester.** These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
- 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.*)
- 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.
- 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.

# Instructions



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

**NOTE:** Performing a compression test requires the work of *two* individuals; one person to operate the vehicle's ignition switch while the other person operates the Compression Tester.

1. 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 ignition.  
**WARNING! Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning! Never run a gasoline engine in an enclosed garage or other contained area.**
2. Once the engine has been turned off, disconnect both coil wires from the coil of the engine. Insulate coil wires or route them away from each other and all metal surfaces.
3. Remove all of the spark plugs. Make note of which spark plug wires go to each spark plug locations.
4. Attach either the Adapter Fitting or Hose and Hose Fitting to the Gauge.
5. Connect the Compression Tester to the first cylinder of the engine. With the gas pedal pressed all the way down, crank the engine for at least eight revolutions.
6. While cranking the engine, observe the Gauge. Record the maximum reading.
7. After recording the maximum reading, stop cranking the engine. Then, release the air pressure in the Gauge by pressing the Air Release Button.
8. Remove the Compression Tester from the first engine cylinder. Then repeat Steps #5, #6, and #7 for the remaining engine cylinders.

**NOTE:** Good engine cylinder compression will be indicated with a high initial reading, and a progressive build-up to the final maximum reading. Poor engine cylinder compression will be indicated with a low initial reading, and a much slower build-up to the final maximum reading. The compression readings for all of the engine cylinders should not vary by more than 10%. Check service manual for acceptable pressure ranges.

# Parts List

Part	Description
1	Gauge
2	Hose
3	Angled Adapter Fitting
4	Straight Adapter Fitting
5	M18 Hose Fitting
6	M14 Hose Fitting
7	M12 Hose Fitting
8	M10 Hose Fitting

**Record Serial Number Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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