

## INSPECTION

1. CLEAN TOP SURFACES OF PISTONS AND CYLINDER BLOCK
(a) Turn the crankshaft, and bring each piston to top dead center (TDC). Using a gasket scraper, remove all the carbon from the piston surface.
(b) Using a gasket scraper, remove all the gasket material from the cylinder block surface.
(c) Using compressed air, blow carbon and oil from the bolt holes.
CAUTION:
Protect your eyes when using high pressure compressed air.
2. INSPECT CYLINDER BLOCK FOR FLATNESS (See page EM-74)

## 3. CLEAN CYLIDER HEAD

(a) Using a gasket scraper, remove all the gasket material from the cylinder block contact surface.
NOTICE:
Be careful not to scratch the cylinder block contact surface.
(b) Using a wire brush, remove all the carbon from the combustion chambers.
NOTICE:
Be careful not to scratch the cylinder block contact surface.
c) Using a soft brush and solvent, thoroughly clean the cylinder head.


Cylinder Block Side


Intake Manifold Side


Exhaust Manifold Side



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(d) Using a valve guide bushing brush and solvent, clean all the guide bushings.

## 4. INSPECT CYLINDER HEAD

(a) Inspect for flatness.

Using a precision straight edge and a feeler gauge, measure the surface contacting the cylinder block and the manifolds for warpage.
Maximum warpage: 0.05 mm ( 0.0020 in .)
If warpage is greater than maximum, replace the cylinder head.
(b) Inspect for cracks.

Using a dye penetrate, check the combustion chamber, intake ports, exhaust ports and cylinder block surface for cracks.
If cracked, replace the cylinder head.
5. CLEAN VALVES
(a) Using a gasket scraper, chip off any carbon from the valve head.
(b) Using a wire brush, thoroughly clean the valve.

(b) Using a micrometer, measure the diameter of valve stem. Valve stem diameter:

| Intake | $5.470-5.485 \mathrm{~mm}(0.2154-0.2159 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Exhaust | $5.465-5.480 \mathrm{~mm}(0.2152-0.2157 \mathrm{in})$. |

(c) Subtract the valve stem diameter measurement from the guide bushing inside diameter measurement.
Standard oil clearance:

| Intake | $0.025-0.060 \mathrm{~mm}(0.0010-0.0024 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Exhaust | $0.030-0.065 \mathrm{~mm}(0.0012-0.0026 \mathrm{in})$. |

Maximum oil clearance:

| Intake | 0.08 mm ( 0.0031 in.$)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Exhaust | 0.10 mm ( 0.0039 in.$)$ |

If the clearance is greater than maximum, replace the valve and guide bushing (See page EM-42).
7. INSPECT VALVES
(a) Check the valve is ground to the correct valve face angle. Valve face angle: $44.5^{\circ}$
(b) Check that the surface of the valve for wear.

If the valve face is worn, replace the valve.
(c) Check the valve head margin thickness.

## Margin thickness:

| Standard | $1.0 \mathrm{~mm}(0.039 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Minimum | $0.7 \mathrm{~mm}(0.028 \mathrm{in})$. |

If the margin thickness is less than minimum, replace the valve.
6. INSPECT VALVE STEMS AND GUIDE BUSHINGS
(a) Using a caliper gauge, measure the inside diameter of the guide bushing.
Bushing inside diameter:
$5.510-5.530 \mathrm{~mm}$ (0.2169-0.2177 in.)



(d) Check the valve overall length.

Standard overall length:

| Intake | 88.65 mm (3.4902 in.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Exhaust | 88.69 mm (3.4917 in.) |

Minimum overall length:

| Intake | 88.35 mm (3.4783 in.) |
| :---: | :--- |
| Exhaust | $88.39 \mathrm{~mm}(3.4799 \mathrm{in})$. |

If the overall length is less than minimum, replace the valve.
(e) Check the surface of the valve stem tip for wear.

If the valve stem tip is worn, replace the valve.
8. INSPECT AND CLEAN VALVE SEATS
(a) Using a $45^{\circ}$ carbide cutter, resurface the valve seats. Remove only enough metal to clean the seats.
(b) After resurfacing the valve seat $45^{\circ}$, measure the residuary width of the valve seat $45^{\circ}$.
Minimum residuary width:

| Intake | $3.3 \mathrm{~mm}(0.130 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :--- |
| Exhaust | $3.2 \mathrm{~mm}(0.126 \mathrm{in})$. |

If the valve seat $45^{\circ}$ residuary width is less than minimum, replace the cylinder head.
(c) Check the valve seating position.

Apply a light coat of prussian blue (or white lead) to the valve face. Lightly press the valve against the seat. Do not rotate valve.
(d) Check the valve face and seat for the following:

- If blue appears $360^{\circ}$ around the face, the valve is concentric. If not, replace the valve.
- If blue appears $360^{\circ}$ around the valve seat, the guide and face are concentric. If not, resurface the seat.
- Check that the seat contact is in the middle of the valve face with the following width:
1.0 - 1.4 mm (0.039-0.055 in.)



If not, correct the valve seats as follows:
(1) If the seating is too high on the valve face, use $30^{\circ}$ and $45^{\circ}$ cutters to correct the seat.
(2) If the seating is too low on the valve face, use $60^{\circ}$ and $45^{\circ}$ cutters to correct the seat.
(e) Hand-lap the valve and valve seat with an abrasive compound.
(f) After hand-lapping, clean the valve and valve seat.

## 9. INSPECT VALVE SPRINGS

(a) Using a steel square, measure the deviation of the valve spring.
Maximum deviation: 1.6 mm ( 0.063 in .) Maximum angle (reference): $\mathbf{2}^{\circ}$
If the deviation is greater than maximum, replace the valve spring.
(b) Using vernier calipers, measure the free length of the valve spring.
Free length: 43.40 mm (1.7087 in.)
If the free length is not as specified, replace the valve spring.


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(c) Using a spring tester, measure the tension of the valve spring at the specified installed length.
Installed tension:
158.6 - 175.4 N (16.2 - $17.9 \mathrm{kgf}, 35.7$ - 39.5 lbf$)$
at 33.6 mm (1.323 in.)
Maximum working tension:
335.3 - 370.7 N (34.2-37.8 kgf, 75.4 - 83.3 lbf )
at 24.1 mm ( 0.949 in .)
If the installed tension is not as specified, replace the valve spring.
10. INSPECT CAMSHAFT
(a) Inspect for runout.
(1) Place the camshaft on V-blocks.
(2) Using a dial indicator, measure the circle runout at the center journal.
Maximum circle runout: 0.03 mm ( 0.0012 in.)
If the circle runout is greater than maximum, replace the camshaft.
(b) Inspect the cam lobes.

Using a micrometer, measure the cam lobe height. Standard cam lobe height:

| Intake | $44.578-44.678 \mathrm{~mm}(1.7550-1.7590 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Exhaust | $43.761-43.861 \mathrm{~mm}(1.7229-1.7268 \mathrm{in})$. |

Minimum cam lobe height:

| Intake | 44.43 mm (1.7492 in.) |
| :---: | :--- |
| Exhaust | 43.61 mm (1.7169 in.) |

If the lobe height is less than minimum, replace the camshaft.
(c) Inspect the camshaft journals.

Using a micrometer, measure the journal diameter.
Journal diameter:

| No.1 | $34.449-34.465 \mathrm{~mm}(1.3563-1.3569 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Others | $22.949-22.965 \mathrm{~mm}(0.9035-0.9041 \mathrm{in})$. |

If the journal diameter is not as specified, check the oil clearance.
(d) Inspect the journal clearance.
(1) Clean the bearing caps and camshaft journals.
(2) Place the camshafts on the cylinder head.
(3) Lay a strip of Plastigage across each of the camshaft journal.

(4) Install the bearing caps (See page EM-46).

Torque:
$23 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}$ ( $235 \mathrm{kgf} \cdot \mathrm{cm}, 17 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ ) for No. 1
$13 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}$ ( $133 \mathrm{kgf} \cdot \mathrm{cm}, 10 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ ) for No. 3
NOTICE:
Do not turn the camshaft.
(5) Remove the bearing caps.
(6) Measure the Plastigage at its widest point.

Standard oil clearance:
$0.035-0.072 \mathrm{~mm}$ (0.0014-0.0028 in.)
Maximum oil clearance: 0.10 mm ( 0.0039 in .)
If the oil clearance is greater than maximum, replace the camshaft. If necessary, replace the bearing caps and cylinder head as a set.
(7) Remove the Plastigage completely.
(8) Remove the camshafts.
(e) Inspect the thrust clearance.
(1) Install the camshafts (See page EM-46).
(2) Using a dial indicator, measure the thrust clearance while moving the camshaft back and forth.
Standard thrust clearance:
$0.040-0.095 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( 0.0016 - 0.0037 in .)
Maximum thrust clearance: 0.11 mm ( 0.0043 in .)
If the thrust clearance is greater than maximum, replace the camshaft. If necessary, replace the bearing caps and cylinder head as a set.
(3) Remove the camshaft.
11. INSPECT VVT TIMING SPROCKET (VALVE TIMING CONTROLLER ASSEMBLY)
(a) Apply vinyl tape to all the ports except the one indicated by the arrow in the illustration.
NOTICE:
Do not apply tape in the range from the tip of the camshaft to 18 mm ( 0.71 in .) from that tip.
(b) Install the VVT timing sprocket.

Torque: $47 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}$ ( $480 \mathrm{kgf} \cdot \mathrm{cm}, 35 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ )

## NOTICE:

Do not push VVT timing sprocket to the camshaft forcibly when installing it.
(c) Check that the VVT timing sprocket will not turn.

12. INSPECT VALVE LIFTERS AND LIFTER BORES
(a) Using a caliper gauge, measure the lifter bore diameter of the cylinder head.
Lifter bore diameter:
$31.000-31.025 \mathrm{~mm}$ (1.2205-1.2215 in.)
(d) Wind tape around the tip of the air gun and apply air of approx. $100 \mathrm{kPa}\left(1 \mathrm{kgf} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}, 14 \mathrm{psi}\right)$ to the port of the camshaft.
NOTICE:
When the oil splashes, wipe it off with a shop rag and the likes.
HINT:
Perform this in order to release the lock pin for the maximum delay angle locking.
(e) Under the condition of (d), turn the VVT timing sprocket to the advance angel side (the arrow marked direction in the illustration) with your hand.

## Standard: Must turn

HINT:
Depending on the air pressure, the VVT timing sprocket will turn to the advance angle side without applying force by hand. Also, under the condition that the pressure can be hardly applied because of the air leakage from the port, there may be the case that the lock pin could be hardly released.
(f) Except the position where the lock pin meets at the maximum delay angle, let the VVT timing sprocket turn back and forth and check the movable range and that there is no disturbance.
Standard: Movable smoothly in the range about $30^{\circ}$
(g) Turn the VVT timing sprocket with your hand and lock it at the maximum delay angel position.

(b) Using a micrometer, measure the lifter diameter.

Lifter diameter:
30.966 - 30.976 mm (1.2191-1.2195 in.)
(c) Subtract the lifter diameter measurement from the lifter bore diameter measurement.
Standard oil clearance:
0.024 - 0.059 mm (0.0009-0.0023 in.)

Maximum oil clearance: 0.079 mm ( 0.0031 in .)
If the oil clearance is greater than maximum, replace the lifter. If necessary, replace the cylinder head.
13. INSPECT INTAKE MANIFOLD

Using a precision straight edge and a feeler gauge, measure the surface contacting the cylinder head for warpage.

Maximum warpage: 0.10 mm ( 0.0039 in .)
If warpage is greater than maximum, replace the intake manifold.

## 14. INSPECT EXHAUST MANIFOLD

Using a precision straight edge and a feeler gauge, measure the surface contacting the cylinder head for warpage.

Maximum warpage: 0.70 mm ( 0.0276 in .)
If warpage is greater than maximum, replace the exhaust manifold.
15. INSPECT CYLINDER HEAD BOLTS

Standard overall length:
156.0 - 159.0 mm (6.142-6.260 in.)

Maximum overall length: 159.5 mm ( 6.280 in .)
If the overall length is greater than maximum, replace the bolt.

