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**SERVICE BULLETIN**

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**SUBJECT:** Oil Seepage Diagnosis and Repair Procedures

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**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide procedures for the diagnosis and repair of oil seepage which may be coming from the areas listed below:

There are six areas that should be closely inspected if an oil leak is reported by the customer:

1. The 6mm tapped hole casting boss area in the left-hand camshaft cap
2. The sealing surfaces between the camshaft carrier and cylinder head
3. The sealing surface between the cylinder block and the upper oil pan
4. The sealing surfaces of the front timing chain cover
5. The sealing surfaces between either the left or right-hand camshaft cap and/or camshaft carrier
6. The sealing surfaces between the cylinder head block-off plate (on M/T models) or the vacuum pump assembly (on A/T models)

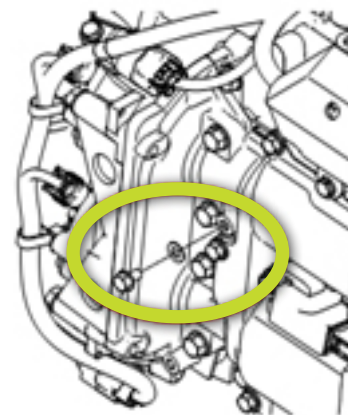
**Note:** Refer to the April 2011 issue of TIPS for more information on Fluid Leak Detection.

If oil seepage is verified coming from the 6mm threaded hole in the left-hand camshaft cap, install the specified bolt and flat washer.

**Bolt:** Part# 800206180

**Washer:** Part# 031106000

**Tightening Torque:** 6.4 +/- 0.5 Nm  
(57 +/- 4 inch-pounds)



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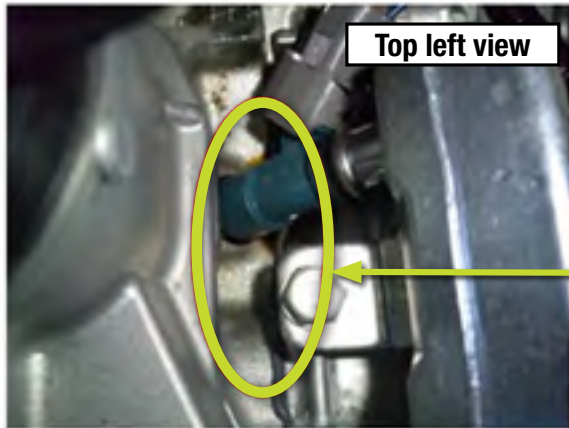
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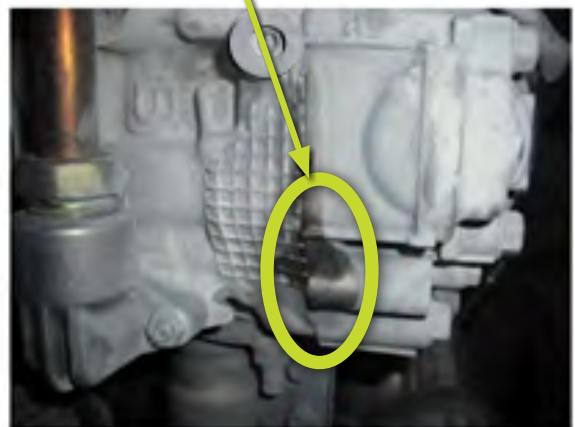
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If oil seepage is verified coming from between the cam carrier and the cylinder head as shown in the photos below, remove the cam carrier. Clean the machined sealing surfaces thoroughly and then re-seal using Liquid Gasket ThreeBond 1217H (SOA868V9610) or equivalent\*. As shown in the photos below, the o-rings between the cam carrier and the cylinder head will need to be replaced as they are not re-usable. This would also be a good time to clean the Active Valve Control System (AVCS) filter screens which are contained in the cam carriers and shown in the photos below. **NOTE:** The filter screens are one-time use and must be replaced if they need to be removed. The replacement filter part # is 14451 AA 050.



Cam carrier seepage seen from top left and lower right side of engine



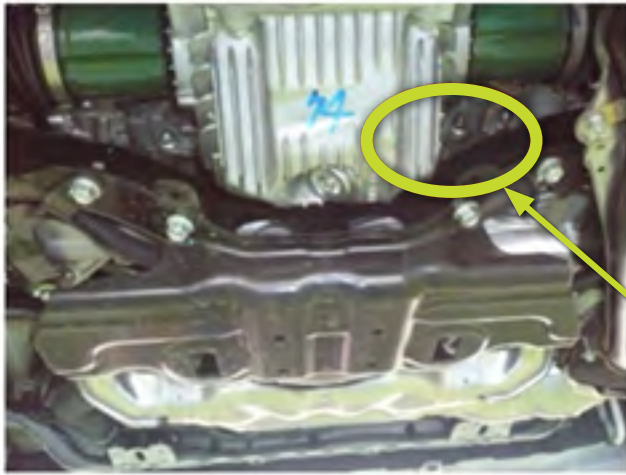
One-time use cam carrier o-rings which must be replaced.



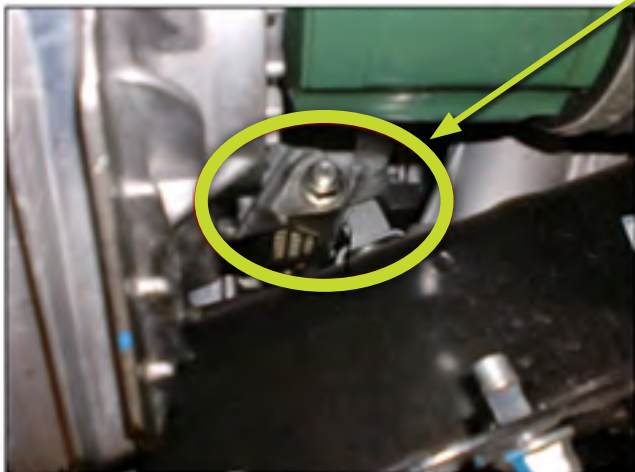
AVCS filter screens must be replaced if removed.

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If you find oil seepage between the cylinder block and upper oil pan, remove the upper oil pan, clean the machined sealing surfaces thoroughly and then re-seal using Liquid Gasket ThreeBond 1217H (SOA868V9610) or equivalent\*. In addition, the o-rings between the upper oil pan and the cylinder block along with those between the upper and lower oil pan will need to be replaced as they are also one-time use items.



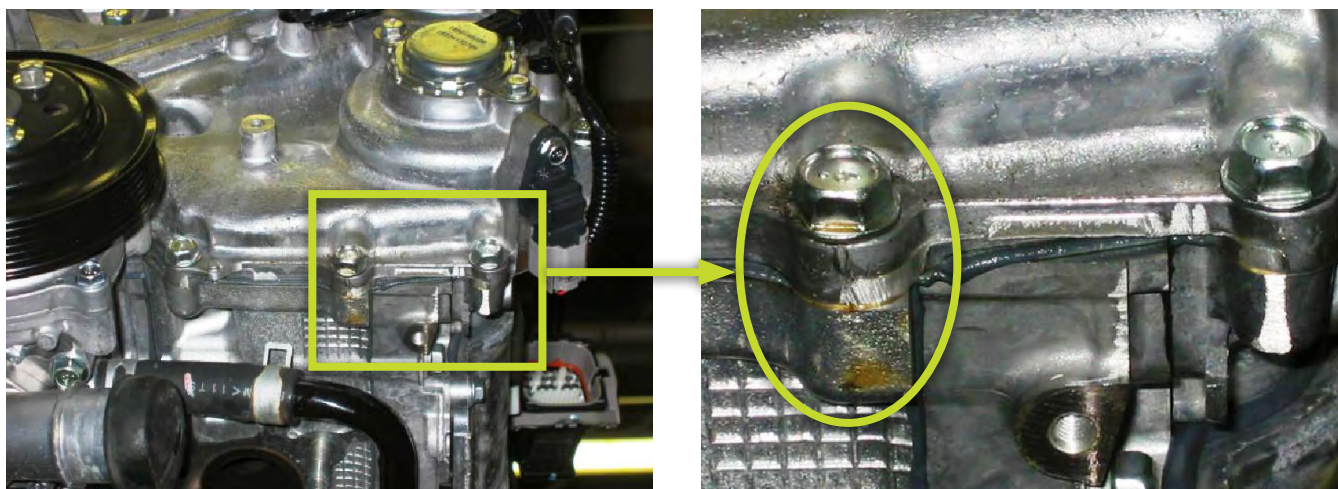
These photos show areas of seepage coming from the upper oil pan to engine block sealing surfaces.



**IMPORTANT:** The oil level switch o-ring is a one time use part and should be replaced when the switch is removed, replaced, or when the upper oil pan is resealed.

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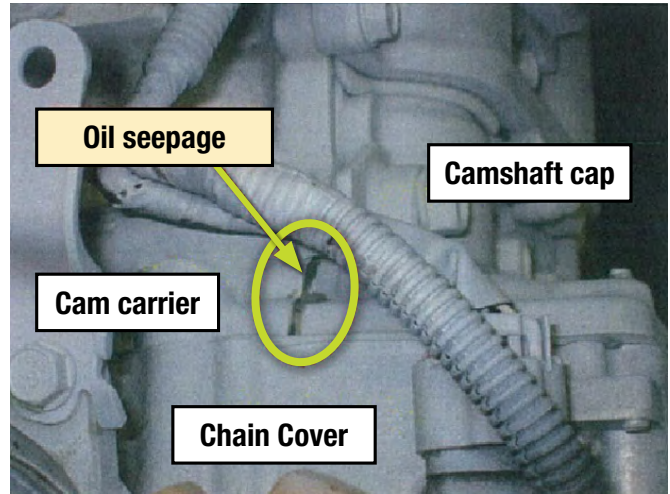
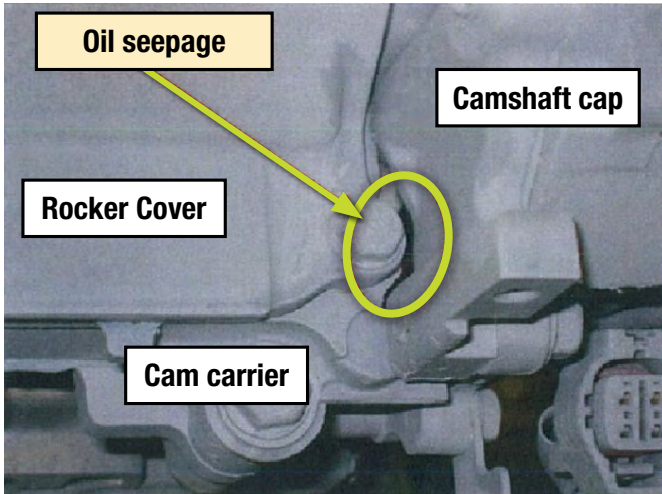
**NOTE:** Only reseal the front chain cover **AFTER** confirming there is no oil seepage coming from the either cam retainer cap (area 1) and / or the cam carrier (area 2) as previously described.



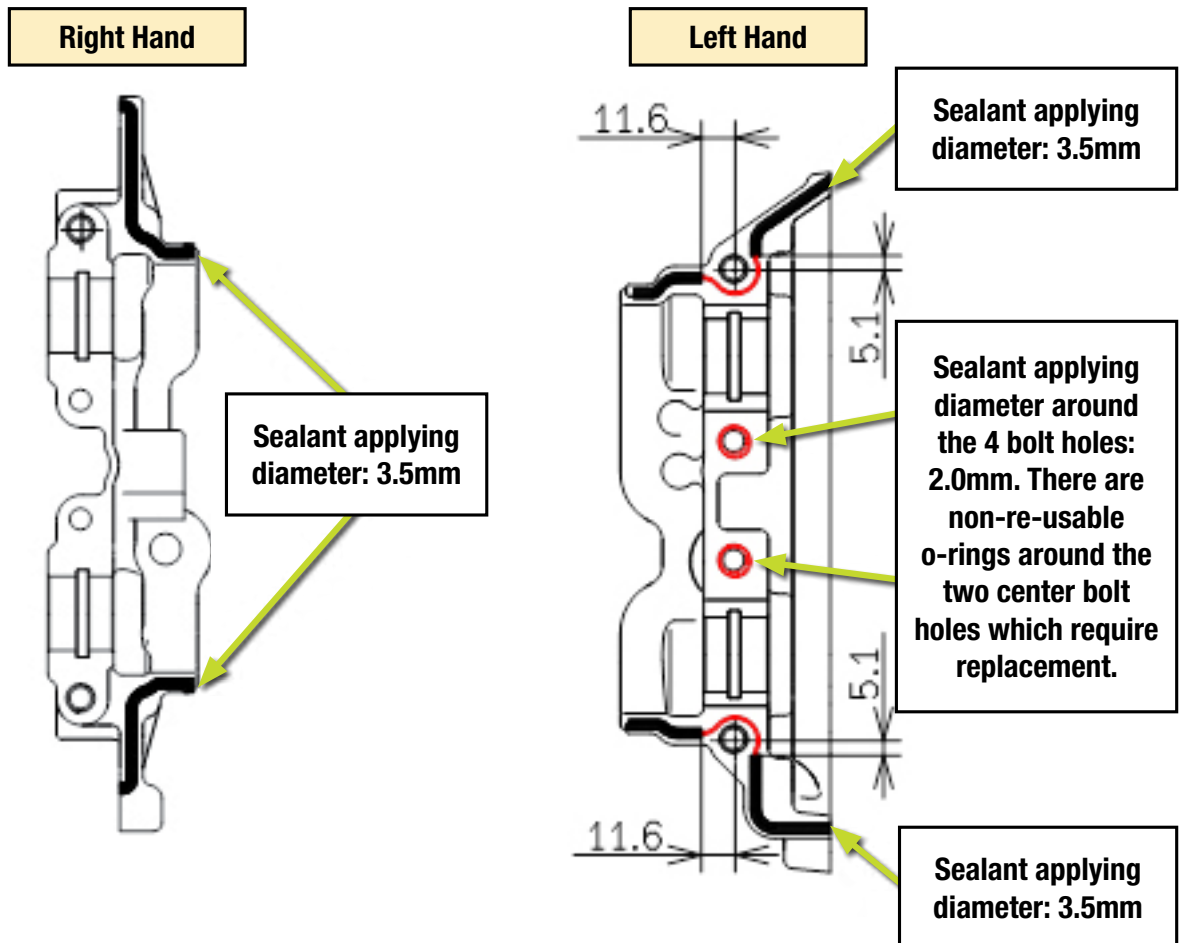
1. If there are no oil droplets found on the engine under-cover or the lower radiator hose, thoroughly clean the chain cover sealing area along with the surrounding cylinder head and crankcase areas. Re-check for oil seepage again at the next service interval.
2. If the front chain cover is leaking and needs to be resealed, follow the repair procedure in the applicable Service Manual. Thoroughly clean and inspect the sealing surfaces then re-seal using Liquid Gasket ThreeBond 1217H (SOA868V9610) or equivalent\*.

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If oil seepage is verified coming from the front camshaft cap and/or camshaft carrier as shown in the photos below, remove the cam cap and clean both surfaces thoroughly before applying sealer. **Note:** The 2 o-rings between the camshaft cap and the cam carrier will need to be replaced as they are not re-usable.

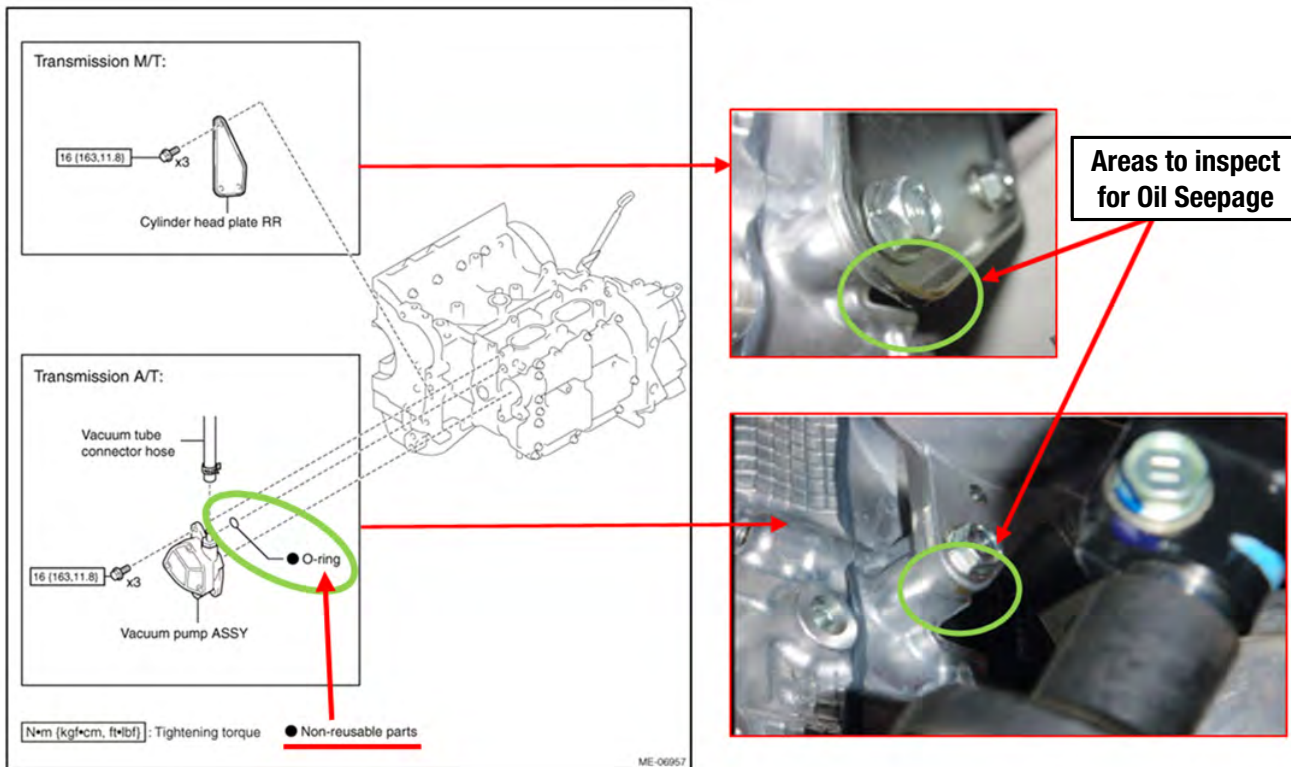


Apply Liquid Gasket, ThreeBond 1217H (SOA868V9610) or equivalent\* as shown below:



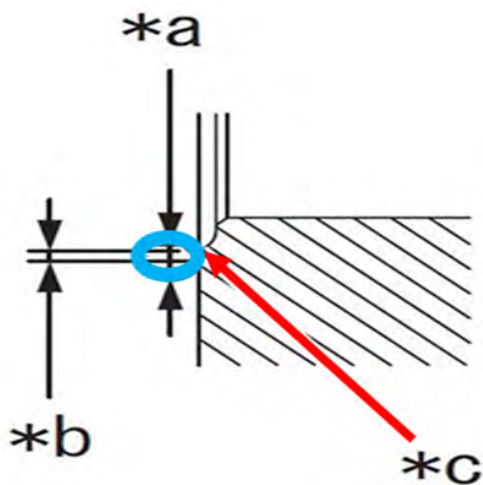
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If oil seepage is verified at the bottom of the cylinder head block-off plate (on M/T models) or bottom of the vacuum pump assembly (on A/T models), the source may be the area between the cam carrier and the intake cam cap. The seeped oil then collects at the bottom of the block-off plate or vacuum pump as shown in the photo and illustration below.

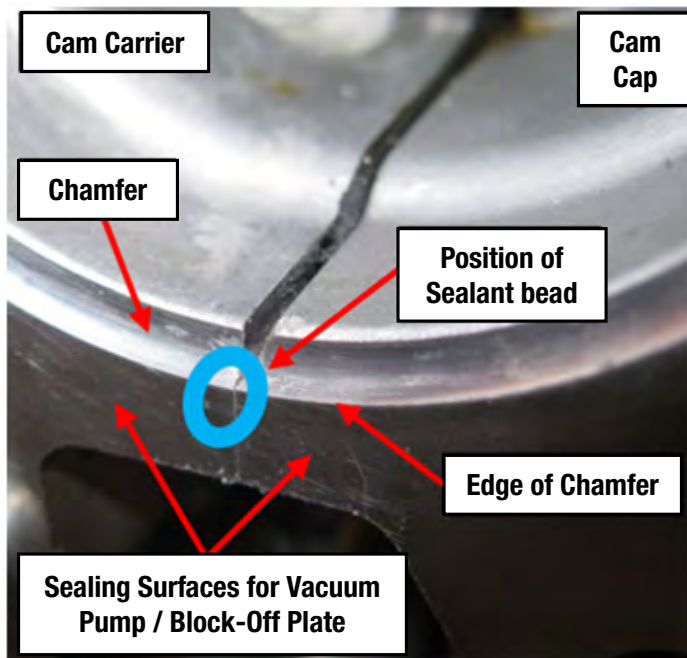


**IMPORTANT: ALWAYS** replace the small vacuum pump o-ring as it is a **one-time use item**.

Remove the cylinder head block-off plate (or vacuum pump) following the procedure outlined in the applicable Service Manual and thoroughly clean all the machined sealing surfaces. Be sure to trim away any sealant which may have squeezed out during installation of the intake cam cap onto the cam carrier. Apply ThreeBond 1217H (SOA868V9610) sealant as shown in the reference illustrations below.



*a	Sealant Bead Diameter: 2.0 - 4.0mm
*b	Location of bead: Within 1.0mm of Chamfer Edge
*c	Edge of Chamfer



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## COUNTERMEASURES

INSPECTION AREA	COUNTERMEASURE	STARTING VIN#	STARTING ENGINE #
1	Elimination of 6mm Tapped Hole in Boss of Camshaft Cap	D*600112	0802437
2	Additional Sealer between Cylinder Head and Cam Carrier	D*600979	0808647
3	Additional Sealer between Engine Block and Upper Oil Pan	D*601429	0811545
4	Additional sealer for Chain Cover	D*601688	0814630

## WARRANTY/CLAIM INFORMATION

For vehicles within the Basic New Car Limited and / or Powertrain Warranty period, these repairs may be claimed using the following information:

AREA NUMBER	LABOR DESCRIPTION	LABOR OPERATION #	TRANMISSION TYPE		FAIL CODE
			6MT	6AT	
1	OIL SEEPAGE REPAIR, LH CAM CAP THREADED BOSS	B243-611	0.3		AFR-34
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		
2	ENGINE R&R FOR CAMSHAFT SERVICING	B293-100	2.8	3.3	AFV-34
	LH CAM CARRIER TO CYL HEAD SEALER &/or O-RING R&R	C293-002	3.6		
	RH CAM CARRIER TO CYL HEAD SEALER &/or O-RING R&R	C293-001	3.7		
	BOTH CAM CARRIER TO CYL HEAD SEALER &/or O-RING R&R	C293-004	4.5		
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		
3	H4 ENGINE R&R FOR SHORTBLOCK & ENGINE SERVICING	B293-300	2.8	3.3	AFV-34
	OIL EXTENSION HOUSING (Upper Oil Pan), "O" RINGS &/or SEALER R&R	C295-023	2.4		
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		
4	FRONT CHAIN COVER, SEALER &/or O-RINGS R&R	B245-201	3.2		AVF-34
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		

AREA NUMBER	LABOR DESCRIPTION	LABOR OPERATION #	TRANMISSION TYPE		FAIL CODE
			6MT	6AT	
5	H4 ENGINE R&R FOR CAMSHAFT SERVICING	B293-100	2.8	3.3	AFV-34
	LH CAM CAP RESEAL	C293-102	4.5		
	RH CAM CAP RESEAL	C293-101	4.6		
	BOTH CAM CAP RESEAL	C293-104	5.9		
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		
6	VACUUM PUMP BLOCK-OFF PLATE &/or SEALER R&R	B533-263	0.3	n/a	AFV-34
	ENGINE OIL &/or COOLANT LEAK TESTING & DIAGNOSIS	C245-001	0.4		
	BRAKE VACUUM PUMP, O-RING &/or SEALER R&R (NOTE: A533-262 Includes Leak Testing and Diagnosis.)	A533-262	n/a	0.7	

**\*See Service Bulletin 01-167-08R for recommended and alternative sealing materials.**

**NOTE:** Liquid gasket ThreeBond 1217H can be claimed using part number SOA635305, quantity one (1) per repair order. This part number is non-orderable and used for claim purposes only.

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