

Engine vibrations perceived at low rpm -
Camshaft adjustment fault codes stored

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Reason for change	

Complaint

Engine vibrations perceived at low rpm. Fault codes for the camshaft position of the intake camshaft (P001100, P001104, P001200) or exhaust camshaft (P001400, P001404, P001500) may be stored.

Attachments	
File	Description
Gebrochenes Sieb im Zentralventil.jpg	Here, the filter screen is protruding from one of the holes



Fehlendes Sieb des Zentralventils.jpg

The screen has almost completely broken out



Neues Zentralventil.jpg

New central valve with optimized holding ring



Cause

Continuously fluctuating oil pressure in the central valve may lead to damage to the filter screen on the central valve. This can result in damage to the filter screen or the filter screen breaking loose.

The resulting loss of oil pressure prevents proper adjustment of the camshaft adjuster.

If the filter screen breaks loose, parts of it may settle in the camshaft adjuster or in the camshaft. If there are parts in the camshaft, they can pass through the oil supply bore to the last camshaft bearing (i.e., the first camshaft bearing behind the adjuster) and cause damage there.

Remedy

1. In cases in which only the screen of the central valve is damaged and no metal particles are found in the oil filter, the following parts must be replaced:

- Always both central valves
- The camshaft adjuster of the damaged central valve

2. In cases where the screen is completely missing and metal particles are found in the oil filter, the camshaft bearings must be checked. If any damage is visible there, proceed as follows:

- Both central valves
- The camshaft adjuster of the damaged central valve

- The camshaft bearing housing (camshafts are already included here)
- Oil change with oil filter

WIS-References		
Document number	Title	Note
AR05.20-P-6997MRV	Remove/install camshaft housing with camshafts	Engine 254.9 in model 206, Engine 254.9 in Model 236, Engine 254.9 in Model 254
AR05.20-P-6997MRX	Remove/install camshaft housing with camshafts	Engine 254.9 in Model 167
AR05.20-P-6997WEE	Remove/install camshaft housing with camshafts	Engine 254.9 in Model 214
AR05.20-P-7206MRV	Remove/install intake camshaft positioner	Engine 254.9 in model 206, Engine 254.9 in Model 236, Engine 254.9 in Model 254
AR05.20-P-7206MRX	Remove/install intake camshaft positioner	Engine 254.9 in Model 167
AR05.20-P-7206WEE	Remove/install intake camshaft positioner	Engine 254.9 in Model 214
AR05.20-P-7207-01MRV	Mark and align the exhaust camshaft positioner	Engine 254.9 in Model 167 Engine 254.9 in Model 206 Engine 254.9 in Model 214 Engine 254.9 in Model 236 Engine 254.9 in Model 254

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Symptoms	
Power generation > Engine management > Engine running > Runs rough/shakes	
Power generation > Engine management > Indicator lamp > Engine diagnosis > lit	
Control unit/fault code	
Control unit	Fault text
N3/10 - Motor electronics 'MRG2' for combustion engine 'M254' (ME) (MRG2)	P001500 - Adjustment of the exhaust camshaft (cylinder bank 1) is performed late. _
	P001404 - The position of the exhaust camshaft (cylinder bank 1) deviates from the specified value. There is an internal fault.

	P001400 - The position of the exhaust camshaft (cylinder bank 1) deviates from the specified value. _ P001200 - Adjustment of the intake camshaft (cylinder bank 1) is performed late. _ P001104 - The position of the intake camshaft (cylinder bank 1) deviates from the specified value. There is an internal fault. P001100 - The position of the intake camshaft (cylinder bank 1) deviates from the specified value. _
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Operation numbers/damage codes				
Op. no.	Operation text	Time	Damage code	Note
		H	0540A	38: loose
		H	0540E	38: loose
015012	Remove/install/seal cylinder head cover	H		Only if there are particles in the oil filter or the filter screen is missing
015035	Replace the cylinder head cover (cylinder head cover removed)	H		Only if there is damage to the camshaft bearing
057206	Replace camshaft adjuster	H		Only the affected camshaft positioner