

# Leakdown Test Kit

## User Manual

Read Carefully Before Use  
Keep for Future Reference



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# Safety Information

## Danger

- The instructions provided herein are only for general information. **ALWAYS** perform all repairs in full compliance with your vehicle's service manual. Particularly, **ALWAYS** use the brake fluid type and amount listed in the service manual. After any repair, test your engine and vehicle in your workshop and at low speed before returning to normal use. Failure to do so may result in brake failure, serious property damage, and severe personal injury.
- **DO NOT** allow children or those unfamiliar with this product and its compatible brake systems to use it. Do not use while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any medication that negatively affects your judgment or reflexes. Keep children and bystanders away during use.
- **ALWAYS** make sure your work area is well ventilated before running your engine. Carbon monoxide is odorless, invisible, and lethal.
- **ALWAYS** make sure there are no open flames and other fire hazards nearby before working on fuel systems. Keep your work area clean and well lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents. For best results, keep the kit clean and dry. Remove any fluid, oil, or grease before and after work, particularly from the handle and fittings.
- **ALWAYS** use personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable to your task. Always wear ANSI-approved eye and hand protection while using this product. Non-slip footwear is also highly recommended. Other equipment such as ear, head, and body protection may also be necessary depending on your work and other equipment.
- Dress properly for automotive servicing. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry and keep hair, clothing, gloves, hoses, and tools away from any moving parts during use.
- **ALWAYS** know and understand the specific safety warnings and instructions for your vehicle before using this kit. Use the correct fluids, pressures, adapters, etc. for your vehicle. Make sure the parking brake is activated before beginning any work. Use with jack and jack stands able to fully support the necessary weight. Never touch any heated surface with exposed skin.
- **DO NOT** overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- Ensure your air supply is clean and does not exceed 100 psi. Excessive pressure and/or unclean air will damage the tester and may cause property damage and/or personal injury.
- Keep hoses away from heat, oil, and sharp edges. Check hoses for wear and make certain that all connections are secure.
- Maintain this product. Check for misalignment, binding, wear, or other damage before use. If any damage is detected, repair or replace the problematic components before further use. In a large shop, mark such tools **DO NOT USE** until they have been repaired. Only replace components with identical parts.
- Automotive repair is an inherently dangerous activity. This manual and the separate vehicle service manual cannot cover all possible situations that may arise. **ALWAYS** exercise discretion and good judgment. Seek training if needed.

# Specifications

Pressure Gauge	Range	0–100 psi	0–7 Bar
	Interval	± 1 psi	± 0.1 Bar
Gauge Diameters		2.7 in.	6.8 cm
Adapter Hose Length		16.5 in.	42 cm
Extension Hose Length		9.6 in.	24.5 cm
Spark Plug Adapter Sizes		0.39 & 0.47 in.	10 & 12 mm
Case Dimensions		14.4 × 11 × 3.7 in.	36.7 × 28 × 9.5 cm
Net Weight		3.1 lb.	1.4 kg

# Package List



No.	Name
A	Adapter Hose
B	Spark Plug Tester
C	Female Quick Connector
D	Extension Hose
E	Pressure Gauge
F	Leakage Gauge
G	Male Quick Connector
H	Regulator
I	Gauge Base
J	M10 Adapter
K	M12 Adapter

# Operation

## Warning

- Park your machinery in a level place safely and engage the parking brake. If necessary, chock the wheels/tracks.
- Use correct tools and personal protective equipment (PPE) before performing any operation. Be extremely careful with possible pinching points, moving parts, or parts that may suddenly spring out.
- Performing a pressure test requires the work of two individuals; one person to operate the machinery's ignition switch and the other person to read the gauge.
- For an abundance of safety, we recommend you take training before using these tools. Serious injury could happen due to a lack of training.
- If you are inexperienced with compression testing, it is highly recommended you work with a trained technician to help you confirm and analyze your results.
- If the dial pointer is not at zero, use a flathead screwdriver to turn the zero-adjustment knob counterclockwise until the pointer returns to zero.



## Cylinder Compression Test

1. Run your vehicle's engine in a well-ventilated location until it reaches its normal operating temperature. Park it, activate the parking brake, and turn off the engine.
2. Clean the area around your spark plugs thoroughly to prevent contamination while they are removed.
3. Disconnect the coil wire and remove your engine's spark plugs, air cleaner or oil dipstick, radiator cap, and one end of the PVC hose to prevent excessive leaking. If your vehicle has two spark plugs per cylinder, remove one from each. Keep these parts organized for correct replacement later.
4. Position the cylinder you will test at the top dead center. Refer to the instructions in your vehicle's manual for engine timing marks. Always rotate the engine in the normal operating direction.

To position the cylinder correctly, use a piston position gauge and remove the cam/rocker cover to confirm closed valves.

5. Screw the adapter hose (A) into the spark plug hole, using either adapter (J or K) if necessary.
6. Turn the regulator knob (H) fully counterclockwise, and then connect the leak-down tester to your air compressor using its male quick connector (G). Set the air compressor between 10 and 100 psi.

 **Warning**

Failure to adjust the regulator before connection to the air compressor may permanently damage this device. Never set your pressure higher than 100 psi.

7. Turn the regulator knob clockwise until the leakage gauge reads 0. (Typically, this will happen between 15 and 20 psi.) Connect the narrow end of the adapter hose to the extension hose (D) using its female quick connector (G). The leakage gauge (F) will begin to show the compression reading for the connected cylinder. Take at least 3 readings per cylinder, averaging the results.

- **Normal Compression Loss:**

All engines experience some compression loss in cylinders that are not leaking, typically up to 20%.

- **High Compression Readings:**

Readings approaching 100% indicate that the cylinder is not at Top Dead Center (TDC). To resolve this:

- ◆ Consult the Vehicle's Service Manual: Follow the specific instructions for your vehicle.
- ◆ Adjust Engine Timing: Rotate the engine only in the recommended direction to achieve accurate cylinder positioning.

- **Diagnosing Compression Loss Sources:**

While the compression system is pressurized, use a stethoscope to pinpoint where the compression loss occurs.

- ◆ **Minor Leaks:** Emit higher-pitched sounds.
- ◆ **Major Leaks:** Produce lower-pitched noises.

- **Identify the Source:**

Determine whether the loss is due to valve issues, piston rings, head gasket leaks, or other engine components.

Noise Location	Common Problem(s)
Adjacent Cylinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cracked cylinder walls</li> <li>• Cracked/blown head gasket</li> <li>• Leaking cylinder rings</li> </ul>
Radiator Fill Cap	
Oil Dipstick Tube	
Carburetor	Leaking intake valve
Fuel Injector Intake	
Tailpipe	Leaking exhaust valve

Note that larger problems may overwhelm your ability to detect and correct lesser ones. After addressing large leaks, check again for smaller ones you might've missed.

Unscrew the leakage tester and repeat this process with the other cylinders. All the cylinders should have reasonably uniform readings. More than 15% of the differences indicate serious problems.

8. Correct any problems and then clean, recap, and reinstall the spark plugs in the same order they were removed or install new ones. Reconnect each spark plug wire. Replace the other engine parts.

## Spark Plug Test

1. Disconnect the negative terminal from your vehicle's battery.
2. Disconnect the spark plug wire from one of your vehicle's spark plugs.
3. Mount the spark plug tester's prong to the wire.
4. Connect the other end of the tester to the spark plug.
5. Reconnect the negative terminal on the battery.
6. Use a remote starter or have a second person start the engine while you observe the tester.
7. If the cylinder is not in issue, the tester's light will begin flashing. If it doesn't come on, disconnect the negative terminal on the battery again and replace the ignition wire before continuing.
8. Once the tester's light flashes properly, observe the tester while the engine idles for a few minutes. If the tester goes dim or its rate of flashing changes, the engine might be misfiring due to a faulty spark plug or coil. Check your coil with an ignition coil tester (not incl.) to see whether the coil or the spark plug is the problem. Replace whichever part is broken.
9. Reconnect the spark plug wire to the spark plug.
10. Repeat the steps above with the other spark plugs.

## Maintenance

- Check the condition of these tools before and after each use. Before further use, repair or replace any worn or damaged components.
- The exterior of these tools can be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or caustic chemicals. Allow time for the tools to air dry before replacing them in the case.
- Store this product in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and inaccessible to children.



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