

TECH TIPS

GENERAL COMPRESSOR INSTALLATION

IMPORTANT: If compressor has failed, replacement of the condenser is strongly recommended.

Compressors labeled R-134a can be used in R-1234yf systems only if 100% of the oil is drained and replaced with a R-1234yf compatible oil of the correct viscosity.

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- 1. Remove the compressor, receiver/drier or accumulator, orifice tube or expansion valve, from the vehicle.
- 2. Flush the condenser, evaporator, and hose assemblies without mufflers using non-oil based A/C flush.
 - Flush the condenser from outlet to inlet.
 - If the compressor had a major failure, the condenser and any hose with a muffler should be replaced.

 (The manufacturer recommends all parallel flow condensers be replaced as they are impossible to flush.)
 - On systems with an expansion valve, remove the valve before flushing the evaporator.
 - Flush the evaporator from inlet to outlet.
- 3. Drain the oil from the new compressor at the suction & discharge ports or drain plug. Verify correct oil type; details should be stated on the compressor label. Before adding oil charge, check specific application system requirements.
 - Refer to the under-hood decal or OEM service manual for total oil and refrigerant charge.
 - Install half of the new oil charge into the new compressor.
 - Turn the compressor shaft 8-10 full rotations using a spanner wrench. This will ensure proper lubrication for the front seal and internal parts on initial startup.
 - Install the remaining required oil in the receiver drier, condenser, and evaporator.
- 4. Install the new compressor, receiver/drier or accumulator, new orifice tube or expansion valve, and replace O-rings.
 - If your original compressor comes with a pressure switch, you will have to remove this switch from your original compressor and install it in your new compressor. If the pressure switch is held in by a snap ring, it also must be removed and reinstalled with the pressure switch.
- 5. Using a vacuum pump, evacuate the A/C system for a minimum of 1 hour.
 - After evacuating the system for 1 hour, check to see if the pressure gauges are holding below 0 on both the low and high side. Let system rest for 10 minutes. To ensure that the system is properly sealed, the vacuum readings should not change more than 5 PSI.
- 6. Confirm and then start the engine, open the doors & windows, and set the A/C controls on MAX AIR with high blower speed.
- 7. Install the proper amount of refrigerant into the system and let the gauges equalize. This will allow the refrigerant to spread the oil more evenly.

