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Engine Mechanical - 3.6L - LaCrosse

OFF-VEHICLE REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

VALVE ROCKER ARM REMOVAL - RIGHT SIDE

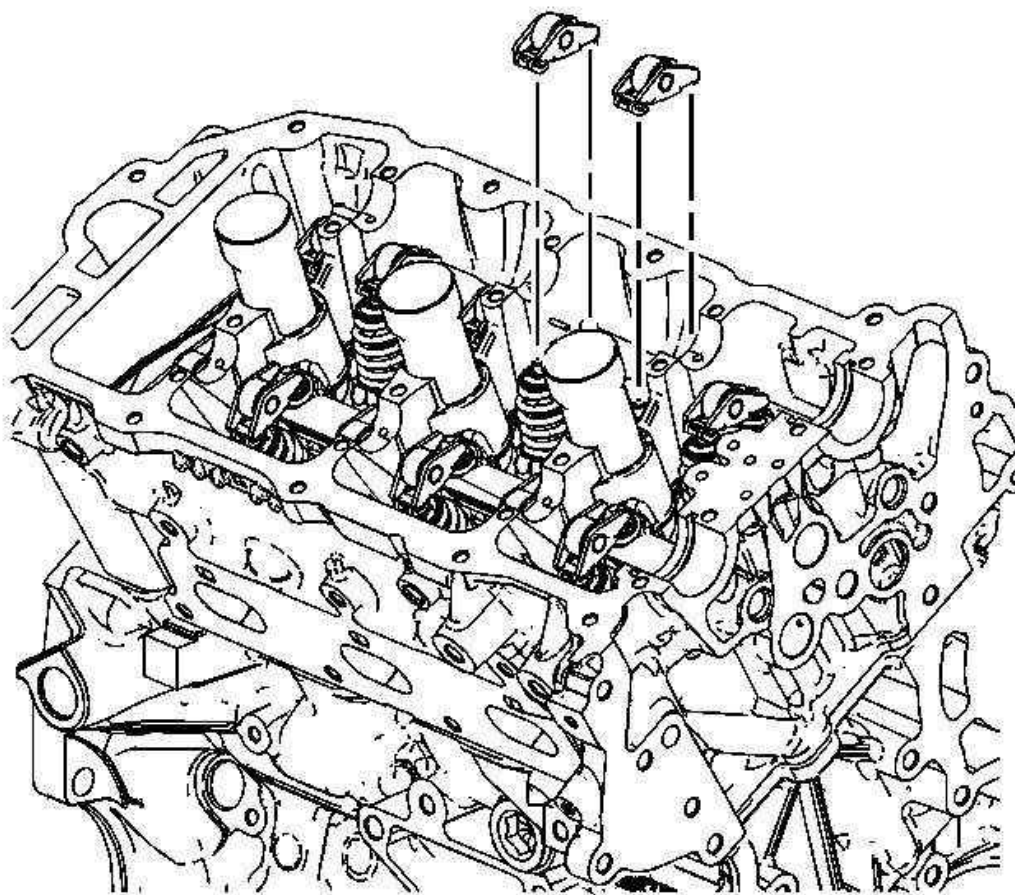


Fig. 1: Identifying Valve Rocker Arms
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Remove the valve rocker arms, camshaft followers, from the right cylinder head.

VALVE LIFTER REMOVAL - RIGHT SIDE

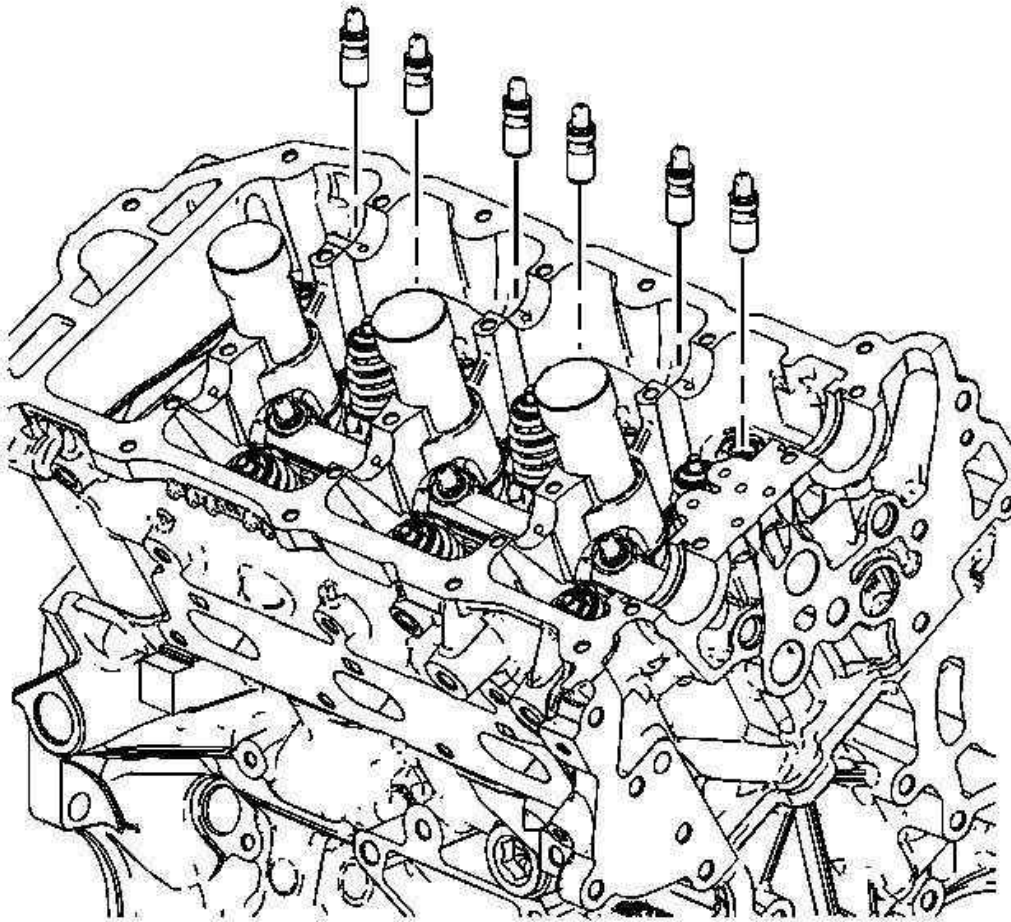


Fig. 2: Identifying Stationary Hydraulic Lash Adjuster (SHLA)
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IMPORTANT:

- Do not stroke/cycle the stationary hydraulic lash adjuster plunger without oil in the lower pressure chamber.
- Do not allow the stationary hydraulic lash adjuster to tip over, plunger down, after the oil fill.

Remove the valve lifters, stationary hydraulic lash adjuster, (SHLAs) from the right cylinder head.

CYLINDER HEAD REMOVAL - RIGHT SIDE

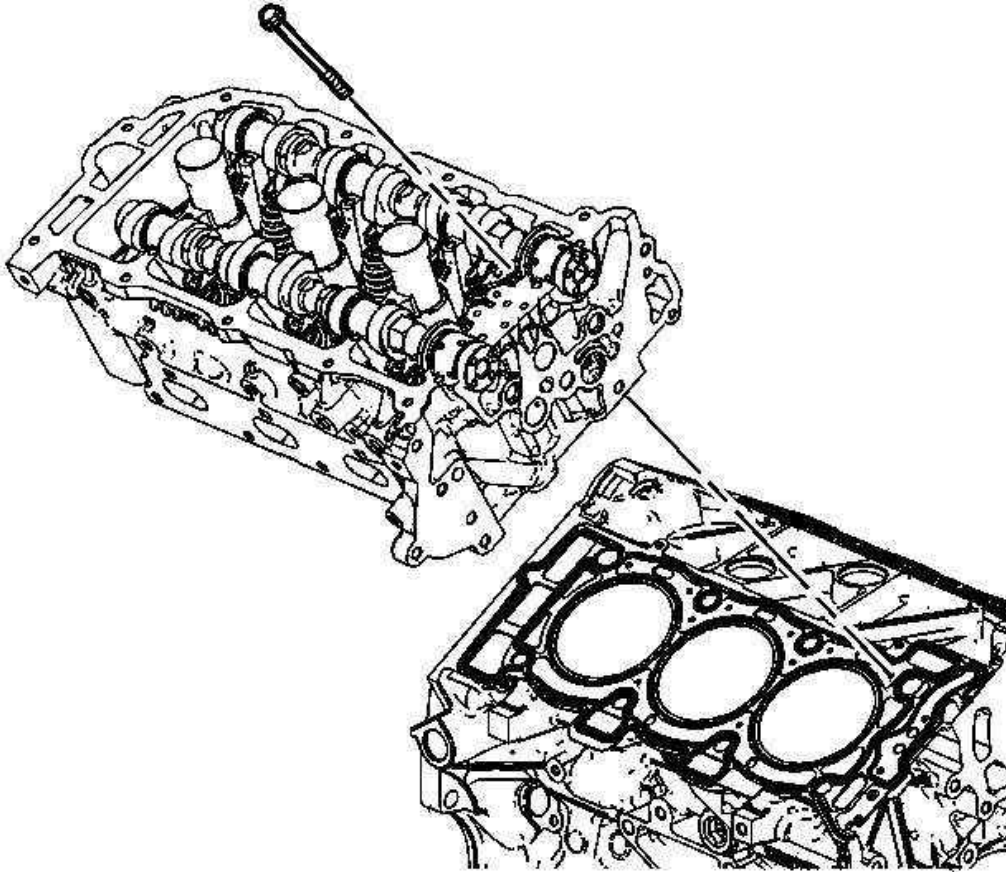


Fig. 3: View Of Right Cylinder Head
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1. Remove the right cylinder head bolts.
2. Remove the right cylinder head.

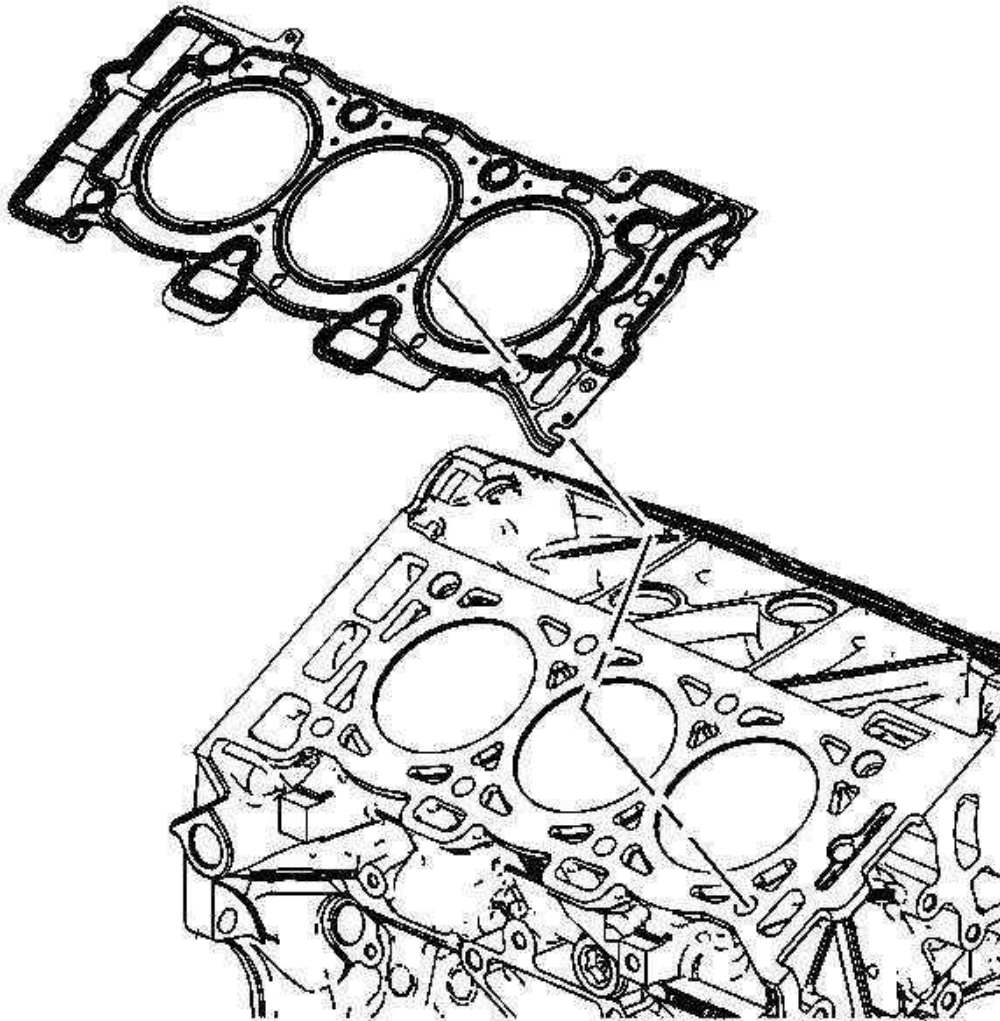


Fig. 4: View Of Right Cylinder Head Gasket
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3. Remove and discard the right cylinder head gasket.

OIL PAN REMOVAL

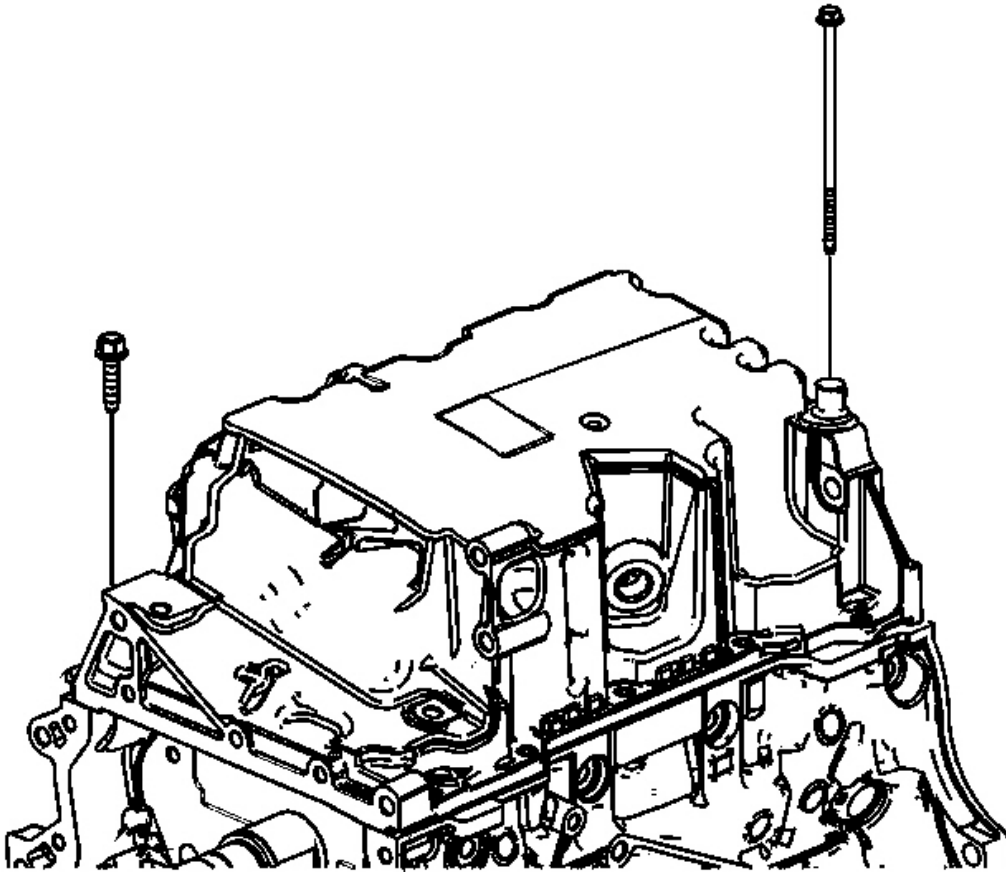


Fig. 5: View Of Oil Pan & Bolts
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1. Remove the oil pan bolts.

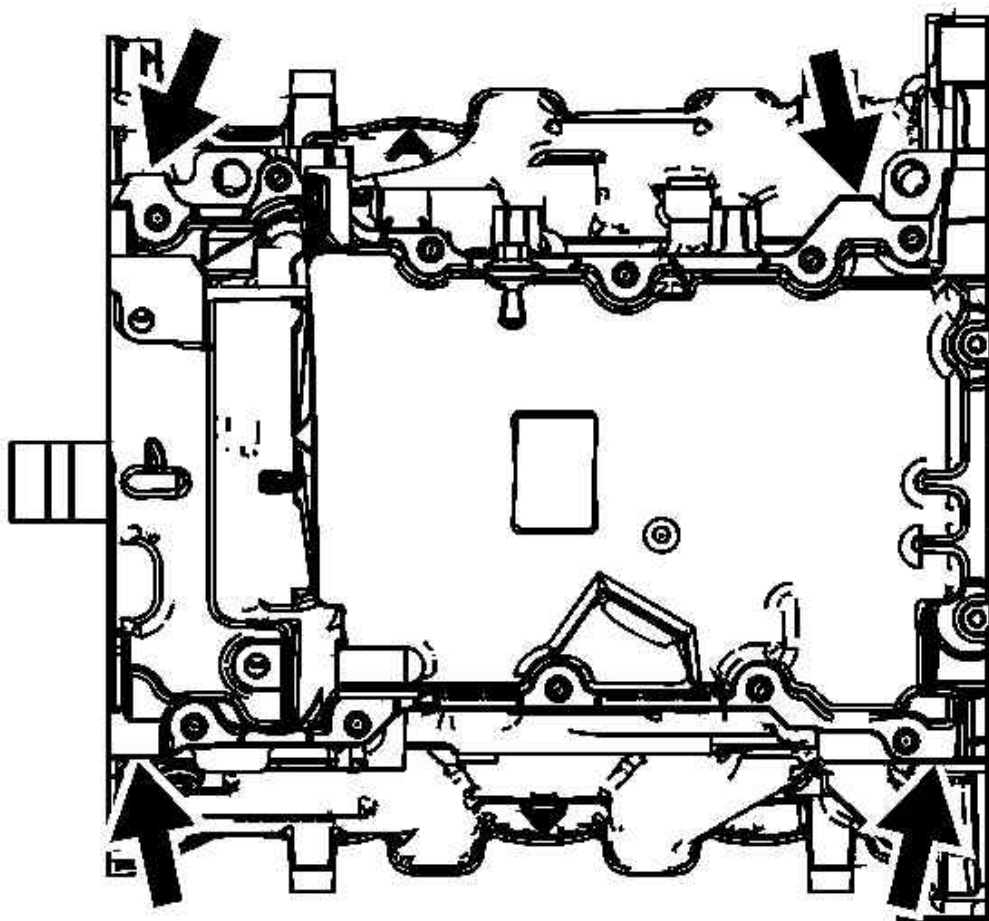


Fig. 6: Identifying Oil Pan Pry Points
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2. Using the pry points located at the edge of the oil pan separate the RTV sealant.

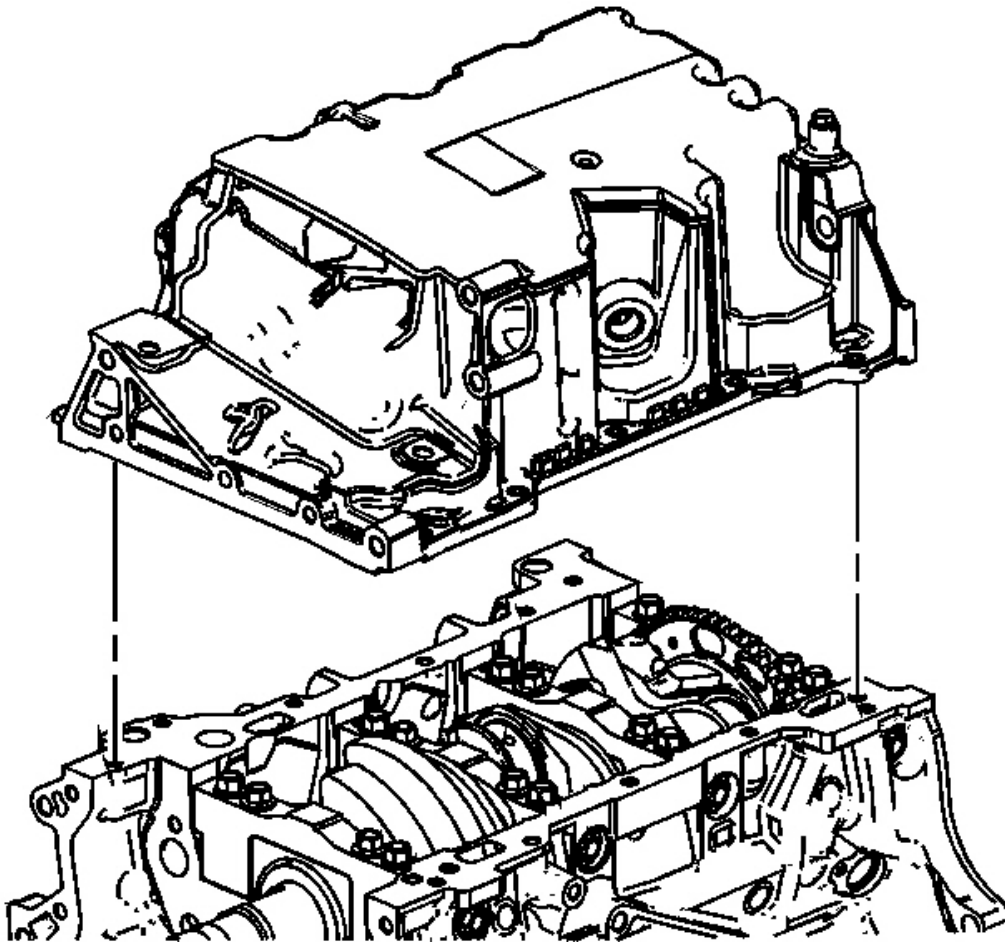


Fig. 7: View Of Oil Pan & Cylinder Block
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3. Remove the oil pan from the block.

OIL PUMP REMOVAL

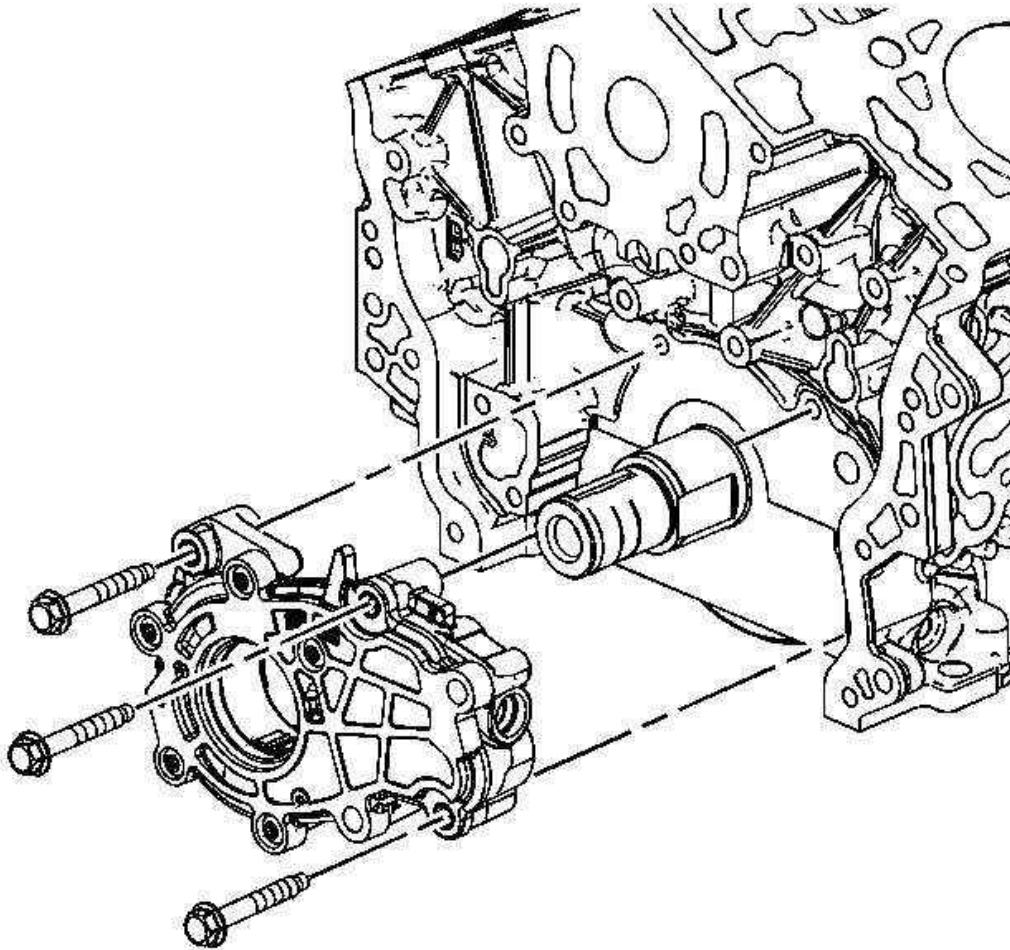


Fig. 8: Identifying Oil Pump & Bolts
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1. Remove the oil pump bolts.
2. Remove the oil pump.

CRANKSHAFT REAR OIL SEAL AND HOUSING REMOVAL

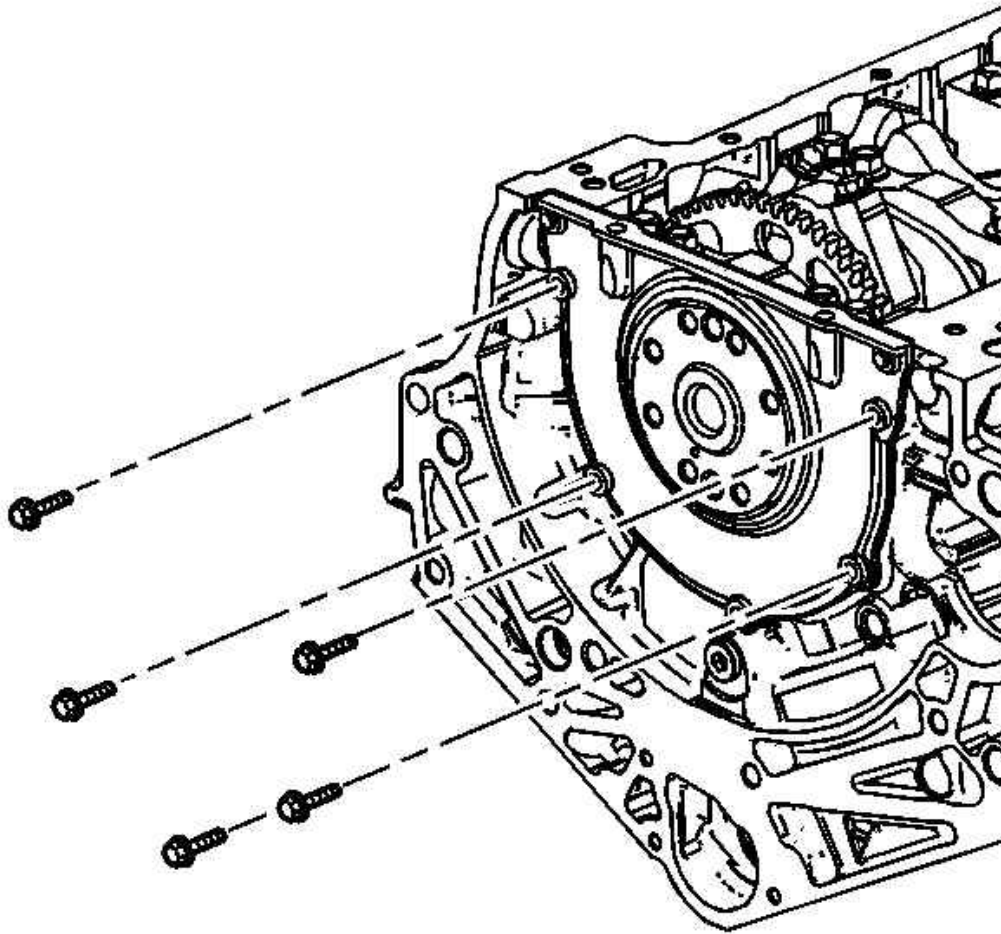


Fig. 9: Locating Crankshaft Rear Oil Seal Housing Bolts
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1. Remove the crankshaft rear oil seal housing bolts.

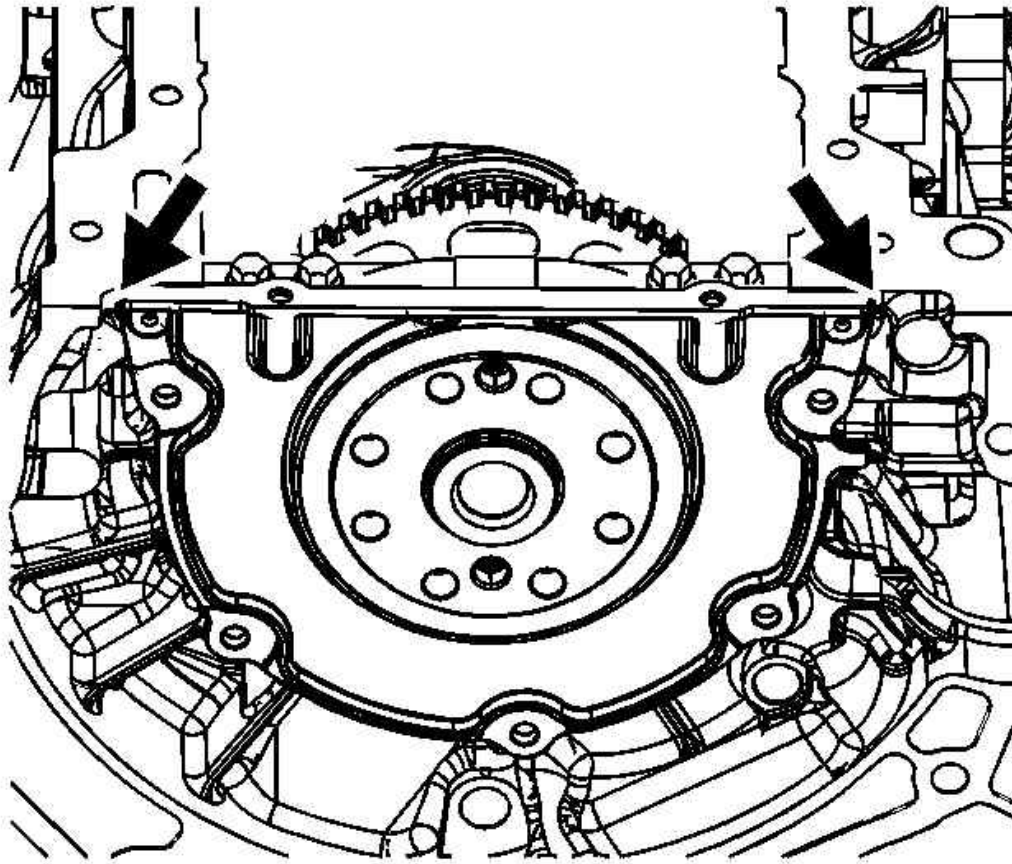


Fig. 10: Identifying Pry Points On Edge Of The Crankshaft Rear Oil Seal Housing

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2. Use the pry points located at the edge of the crankshaft rear oil seal housing to separate the RTV sealant.

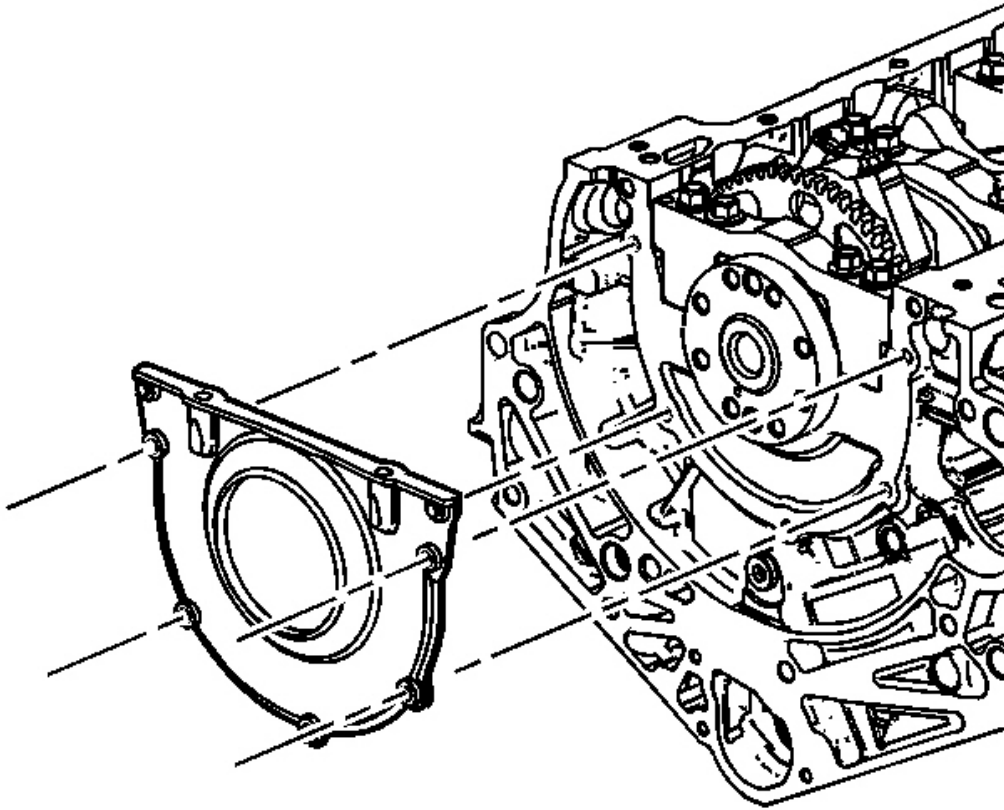


Fig. 11: View Of Crankshaft Rear Oil Seal Housing
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3. Remove and discard the crankshaft rear oil seal housing.

PISTON, CONNECTING ROD, AND BEARING REMOVAL

Tools Required

EN 46121 Connecting Rod Guide Pin Set. See **Special Tools** .

Removal Procedure

- IMPORTANT:**
- An arrow/dot showing proper piston orientation is located on the top of the piston.

- **If the connecting rod bearings have been used in a running engine, you must replace them with NEW connecting rod bearings for reassembly.**

1. Before removing the connecting rods, check the connecting rod side clearance using the following procedure:
 1. Tap the connecting rod to one end of the crankshaft journal with a dead-blow or wooden hammer.
 2. Using feeler gages, measure the clearance between the crankshaft counterweight and the connecting rod.
 3. The connecting rod side clearance should not exceed specifications. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
 4. If the end play exceeds the specified limits, measure the width of the crankpin end of the connecting rod. Refer to **Piston, Connecting Rod, and Bearing Cleaning and Inspection** .
 5. If the connecting rod width is significantly smaller than specified and severe wear is present on the side of the connecting rod, replace the connecting rod.
 6. If the connecting rod width is within specification and excessive scoring is present on the crankshaft journals, replace the crankshaft.
2. Using a marker, number each piston face. Draw an arrow along the centerline of the piston pointing toward the front of the engine.

NOTE: **Do not use a stamp, punch or any other method that may distort or stress the connecting rod or connecting rod cap. Extensive engine damage may result from a connecting rod that is distorted or stressed.**

3. Mark the cylinder number on the connecting rod and the connecting rod cap with a scribe, paint stick or permanent marker.

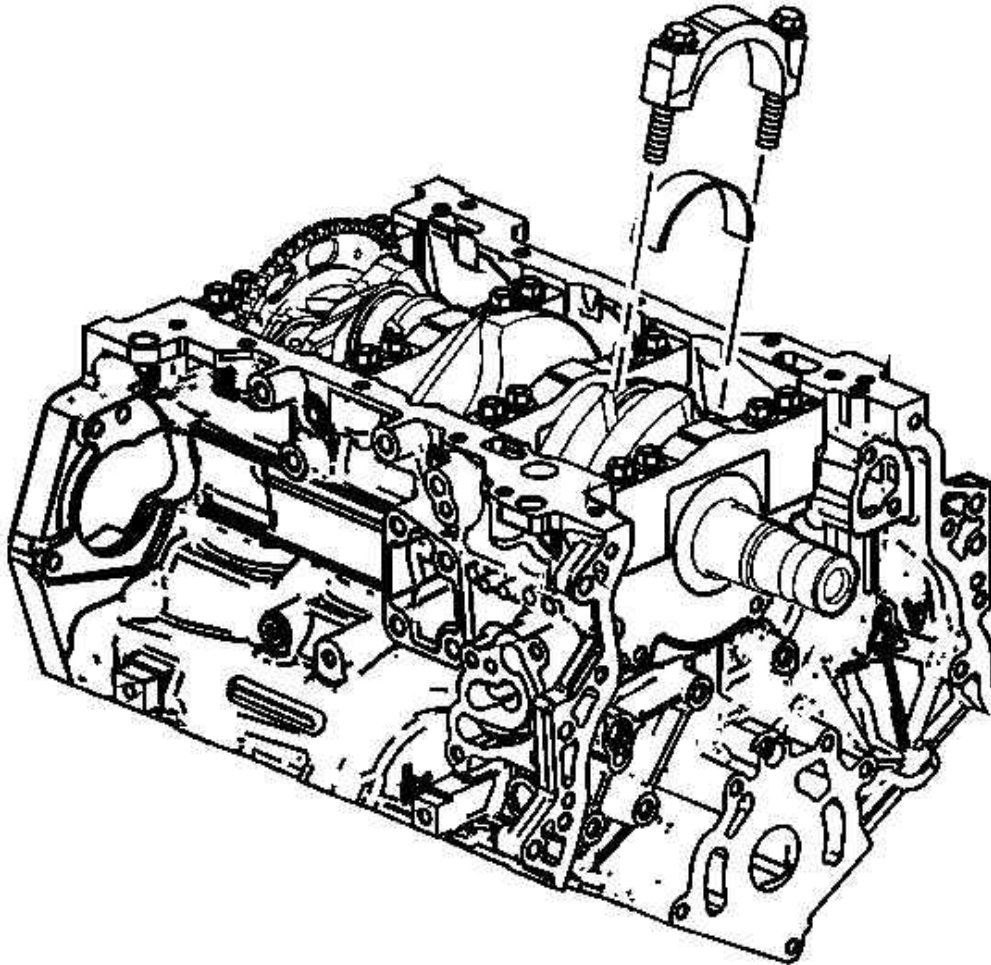


Fig. 12: View Of Connecting Rod Bearing And Cap
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NOTE: Powdered metal connecting rods have rod bolts which yield when torqued. If the rod bolts are loosened or removed the rod bolts must be replaced. Rod bolts that are not replaced will not torque to the correct clamp load and can lead to serious engine damage.

4. Remove the connecting rod bolts.

IMPORTANT: The connecting rod caps must remain with the original connecting rod.

5. Remove the connecting rod cap.

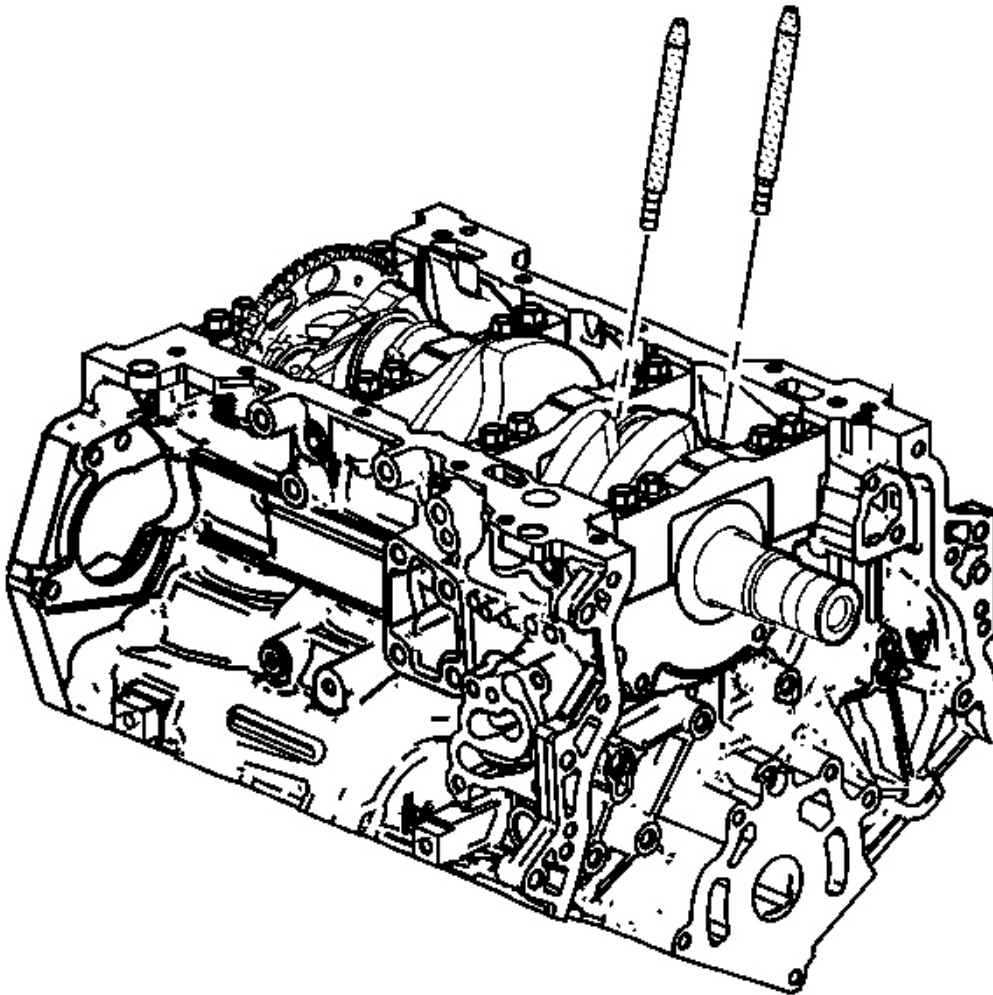


Fig. 13: Identifying Special Tools - EN 46121
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6. Install the **EN 46121** into the connecting rod bolt holes. See **Special Tools** .

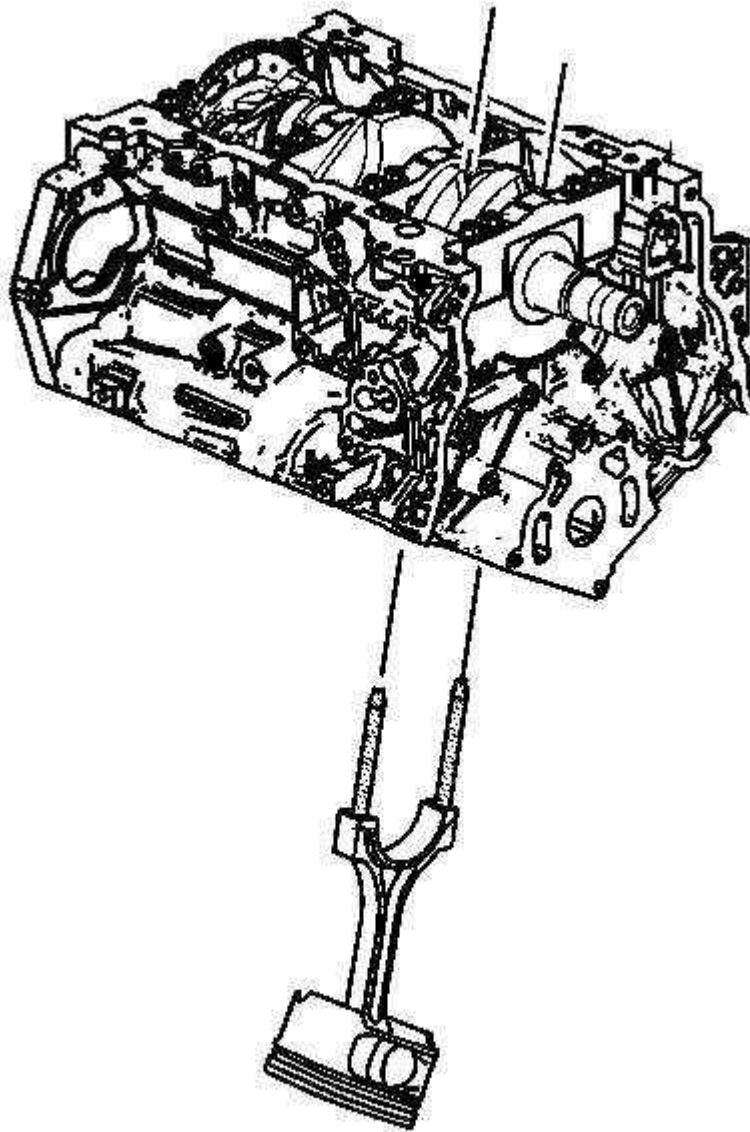


Fig. 14: View Of Connecting Rod And Piston Assembly
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7. Using the **EN 46121** , push the connecting rod and piston assembly through the

top of the cylinder. See **Special Tools** . DO NOT scratch the crankshaft journal or cylinder wall and DO NOT damage the oil jets when removing the connecting rod and piston assembly.

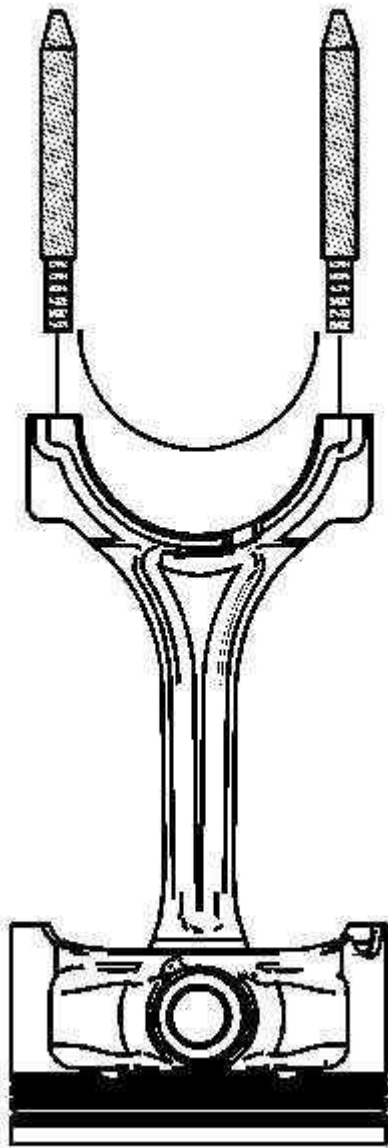


Fig. 15: View Of Piston/Connecting Rod Installation Tool

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8. Remove the **EN 46121** from the connecting rod bolt holes. See **Special Tools** .
9. Remove the upper connecting rod bearing from the connecting rod.

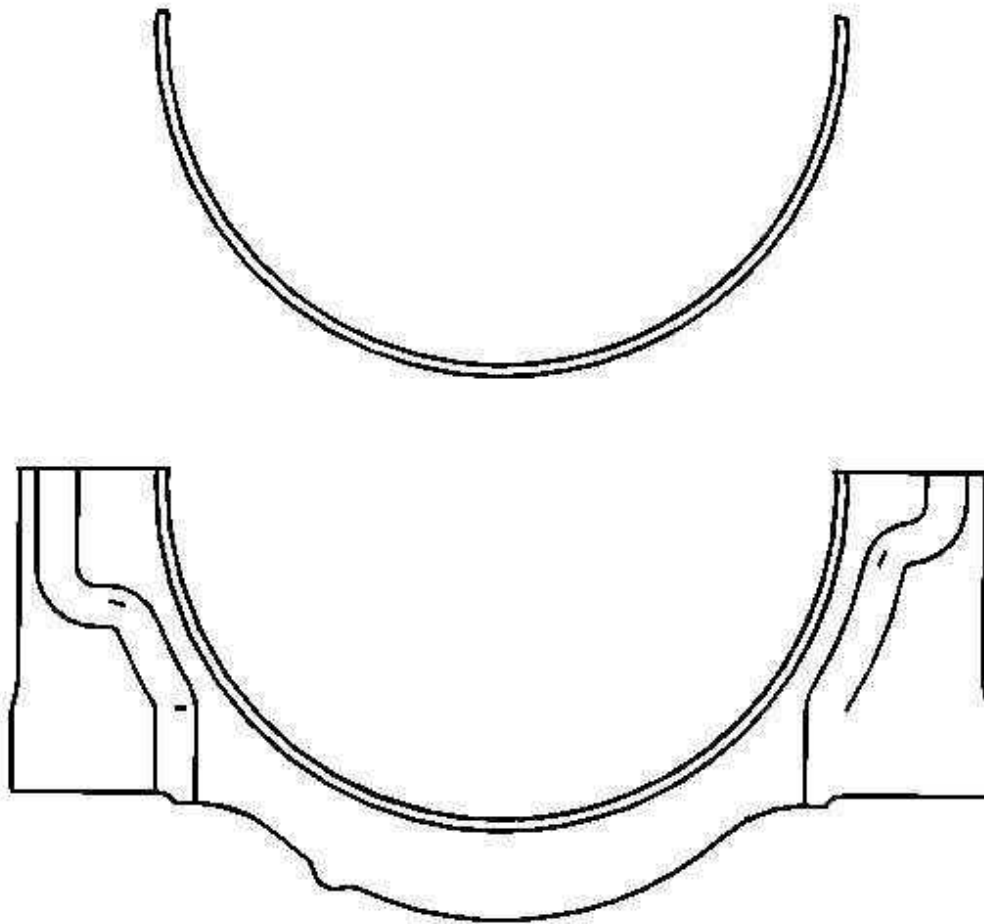


Fig. 16: View Of Lower Connecting Rod Cap & Bearing
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10. Remove the lower connecting rod bearing from the connecting rod cap.

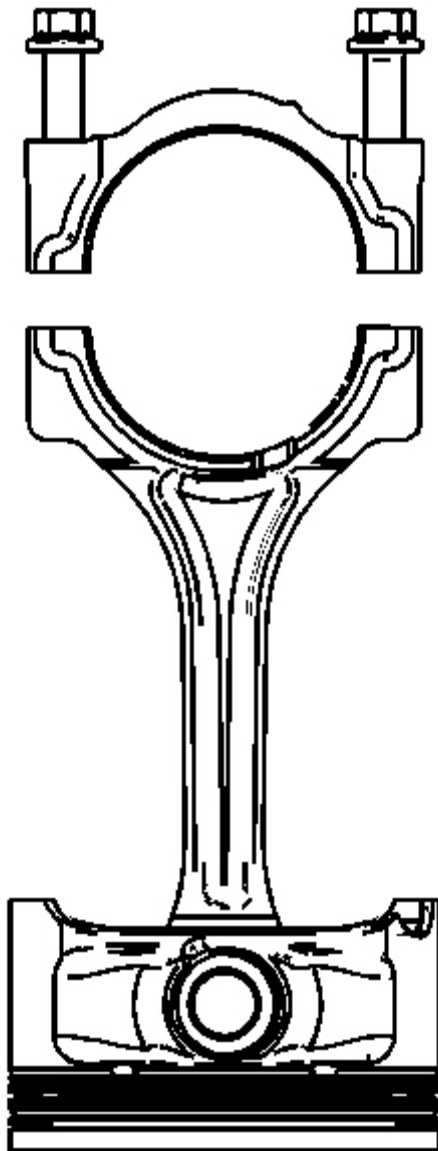


Fig. 17: View Of Connecting Rod Cap, Connecting Rod & Piston Assembly
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11. Reattach the connecting rod cap to the connecting rod to prevent damage to

their mating surfaces. The cap and rod are a matched set and must be kept together.

CRANKSHAFT AND BEARING REMOVAL

Tools Required

- **J 6125-1B** Slide Hammer Adapter. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 41818** Crankshaft Bearing Cap Remover. See **Special Tools** .

Crankshaft End Play Measurement

1. Place a dial indicator at the crankshaft nose.
2. Gently force the crankshaft to the extreme front and rear positions with a pry tool while monitoring the movement of the dial indicator.
3. The crankshaft end play should not exceed specifications. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
4. If the specifications are exceeded inspect the thrust bearing thrust OD and the crankshaft thrust wall for wear and/or excessive runout. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
5. Replace the thrust bearing or crankshaft as necessary.

Crankshaft Removal

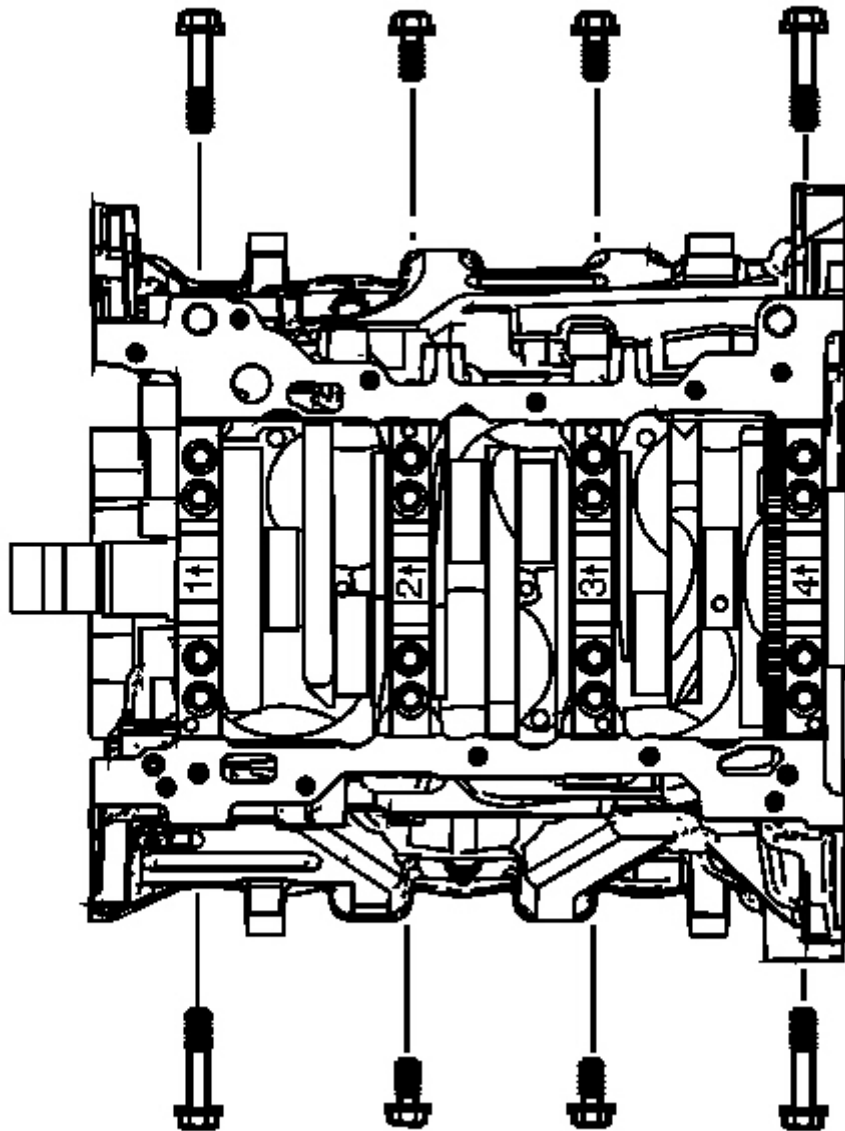


Fig. 18: Identifying Crankshaft Main Bearing Cap Side Bolts
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1. Remove the crankshaft bearing cap side bolts.
2. Remove the crankshaft bearing cap outer bolts.

3. Remove the crankshaft bearing cap inner bolts.

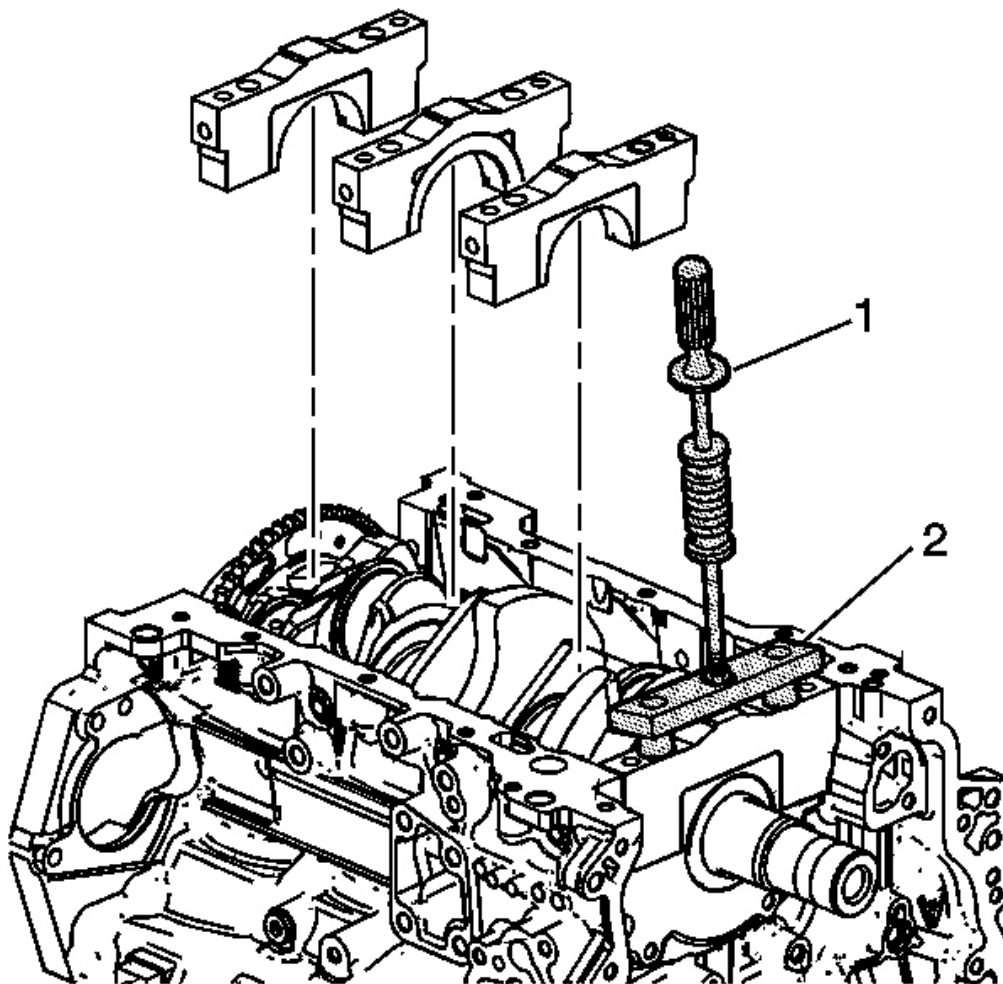


Fig. 19: View Of Crankshaft Main Bearing Caps
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4. Remove the crankshaft bearing caps using the **J 6125-1B** (1) and **J 41818** (2). See **Special Tools** .

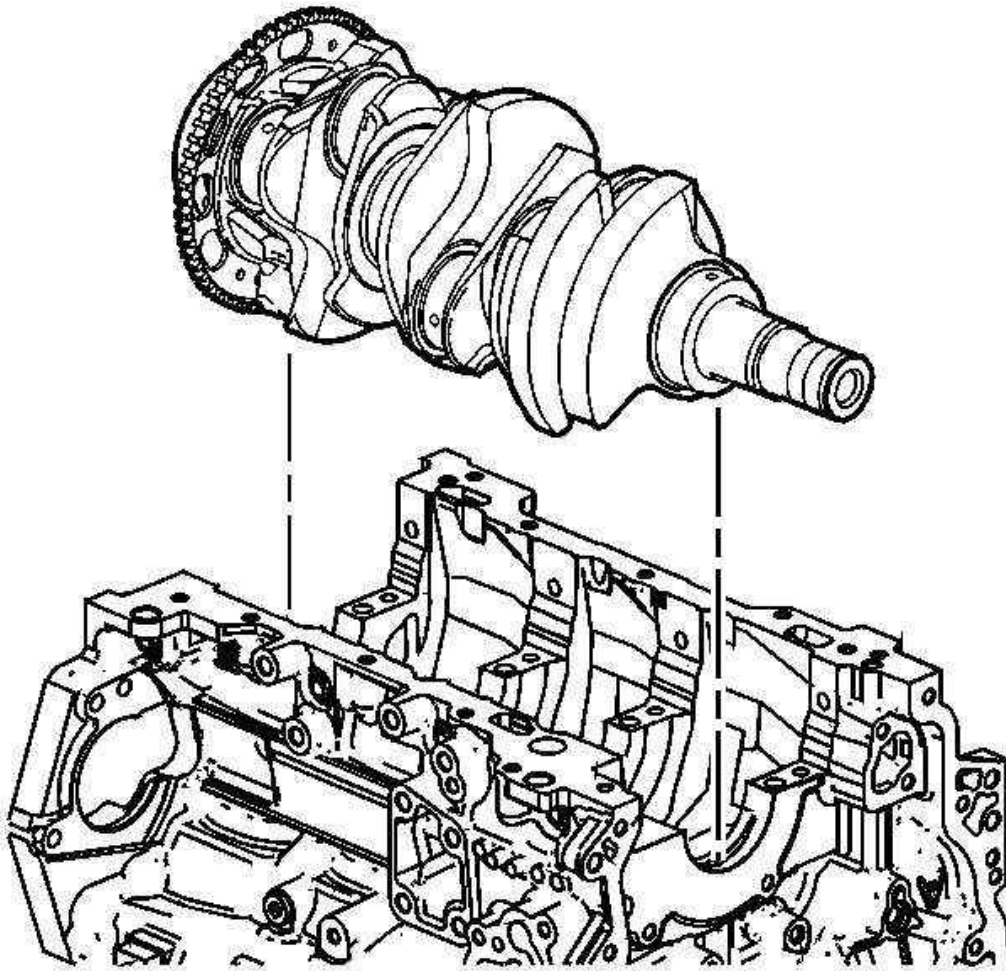


Fig. 20: View Of Crankshaft
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5. Using two hands, lift the crankshaft straight up from the engine block.
6. Place the crankshaft in a secure place.

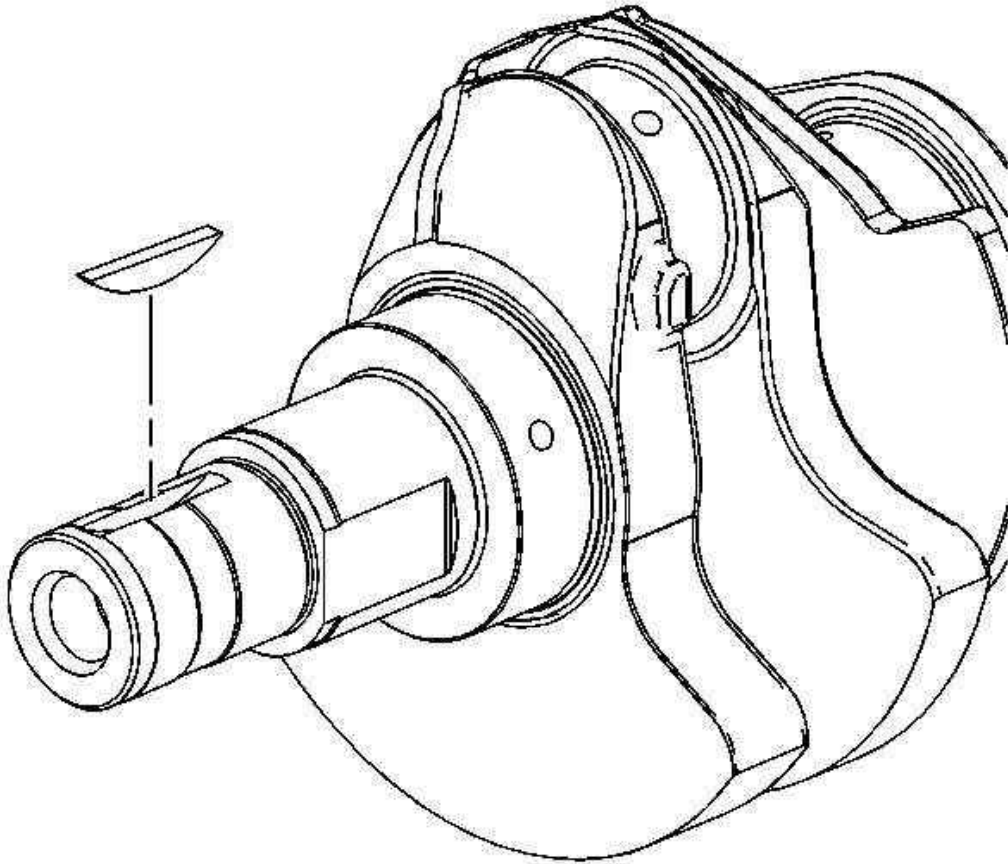


Fig. 21: Locating Crankshaft Sprocket Drive Pin
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7. Remove the crankshaft key from the nose of the crankshaft, if damaged.

Crankshaft Bearing Removal

1. Prepare a piece of cardboard or equivalent, numbered 1-4 for bearing identification. Main bearing journals are numbered from the front of the engine.

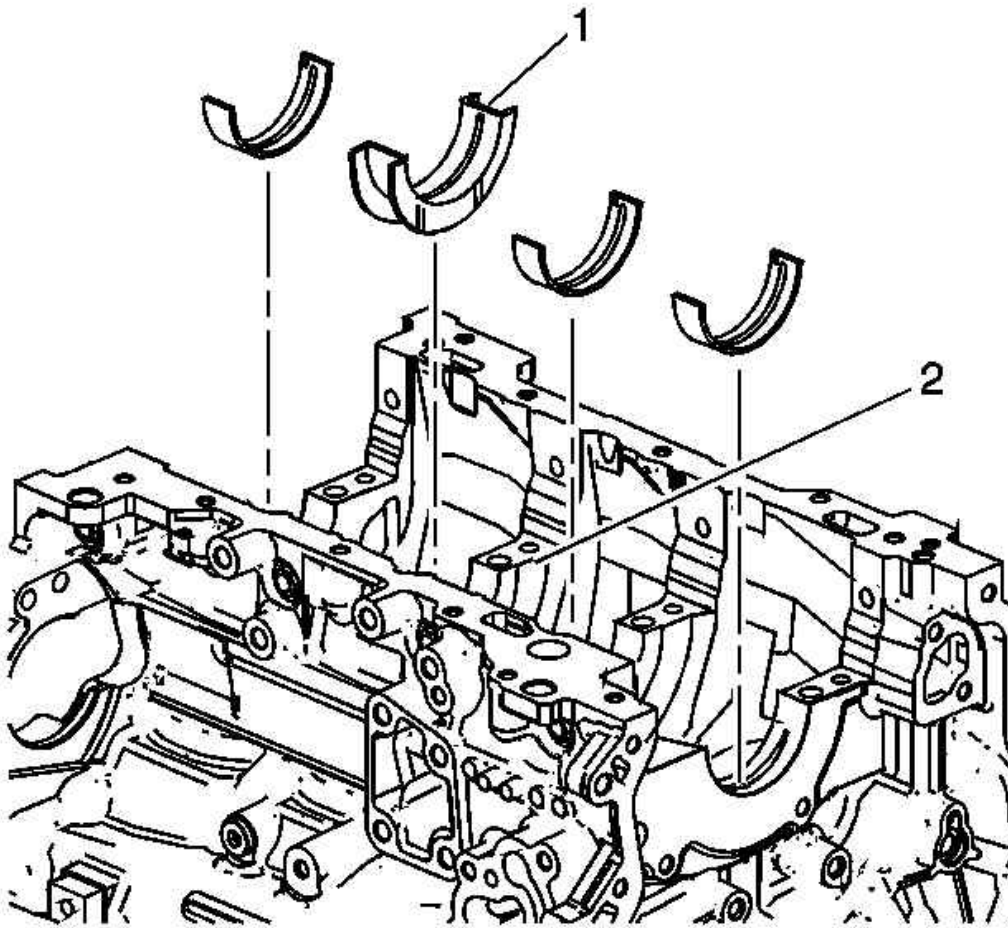


Fig. 22: Locating Thrust Bearing In Number 3 Journal
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2. Remove the crankshaft upper bearing halves from the cylinder block. Note the position of the thrust bearing (1) at the number 3 journal (2).
3. Place the crankshaft upper bearing halves on the cardboard in the correct positions. Note that the number 3 bearing is the thrust bearing.

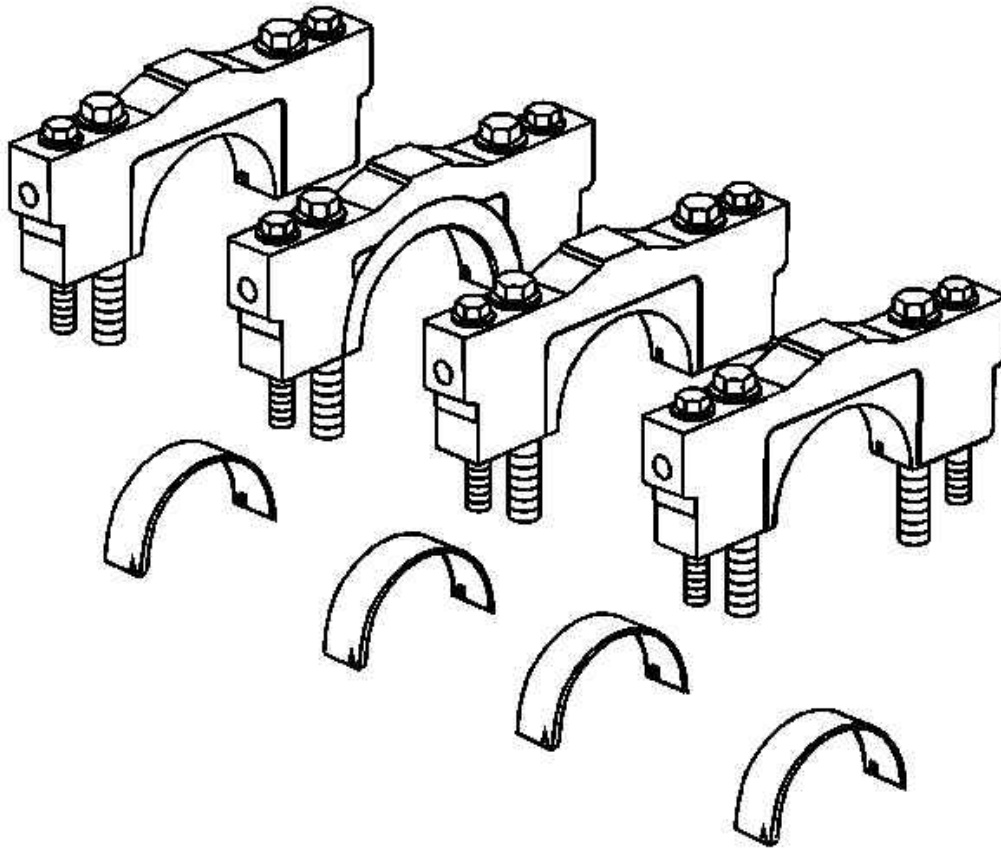


Fig. 23: Identifying Crankshaft Lower Bearing Halves & Crankshaft Bearing Caps

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4. Remove the crankshaft lower bearing halves from the crankshaft bearing caps.
5. Place the crankshaft lower bearing halves in the correct positions on the cardboard.

ENGINE BLOCK DISASSEMBLE

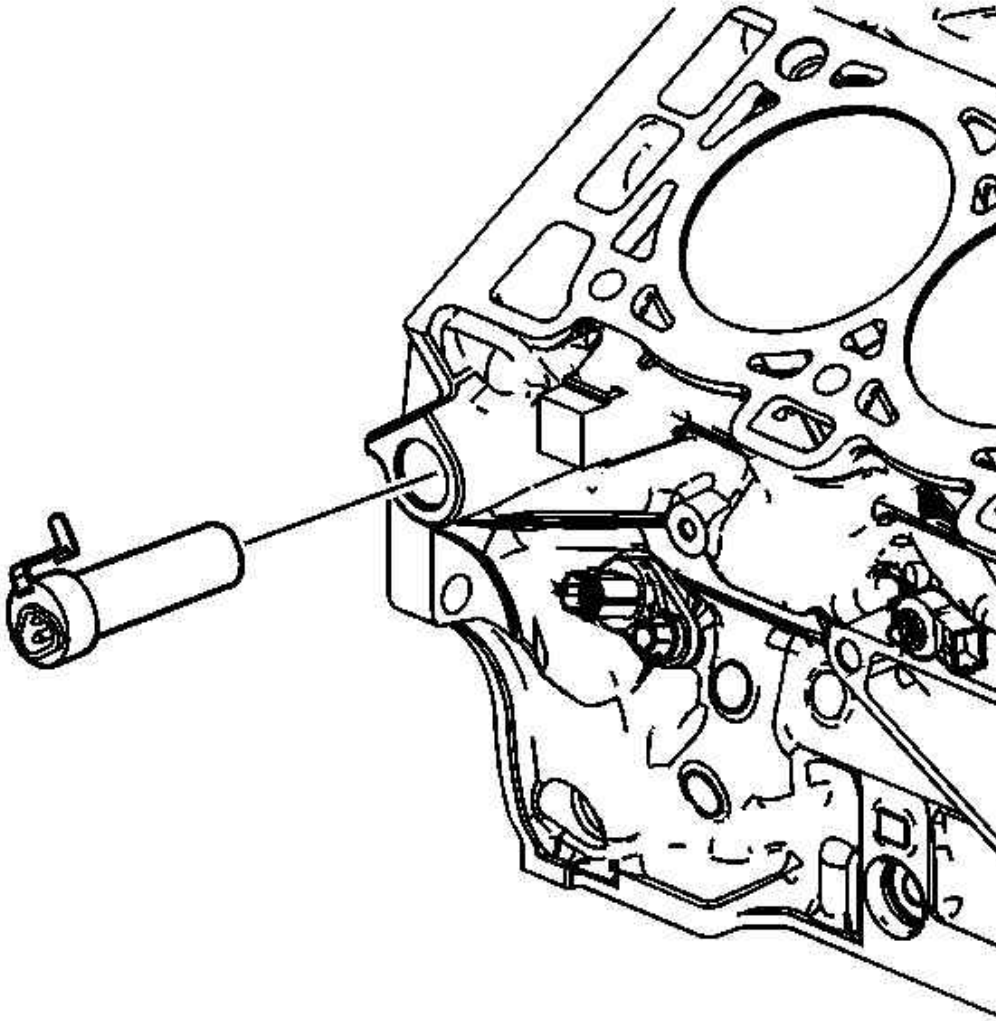


Fig. 24: View Of Block Heater Cartridge
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1. Remove the block heater cartridge, if equipped.

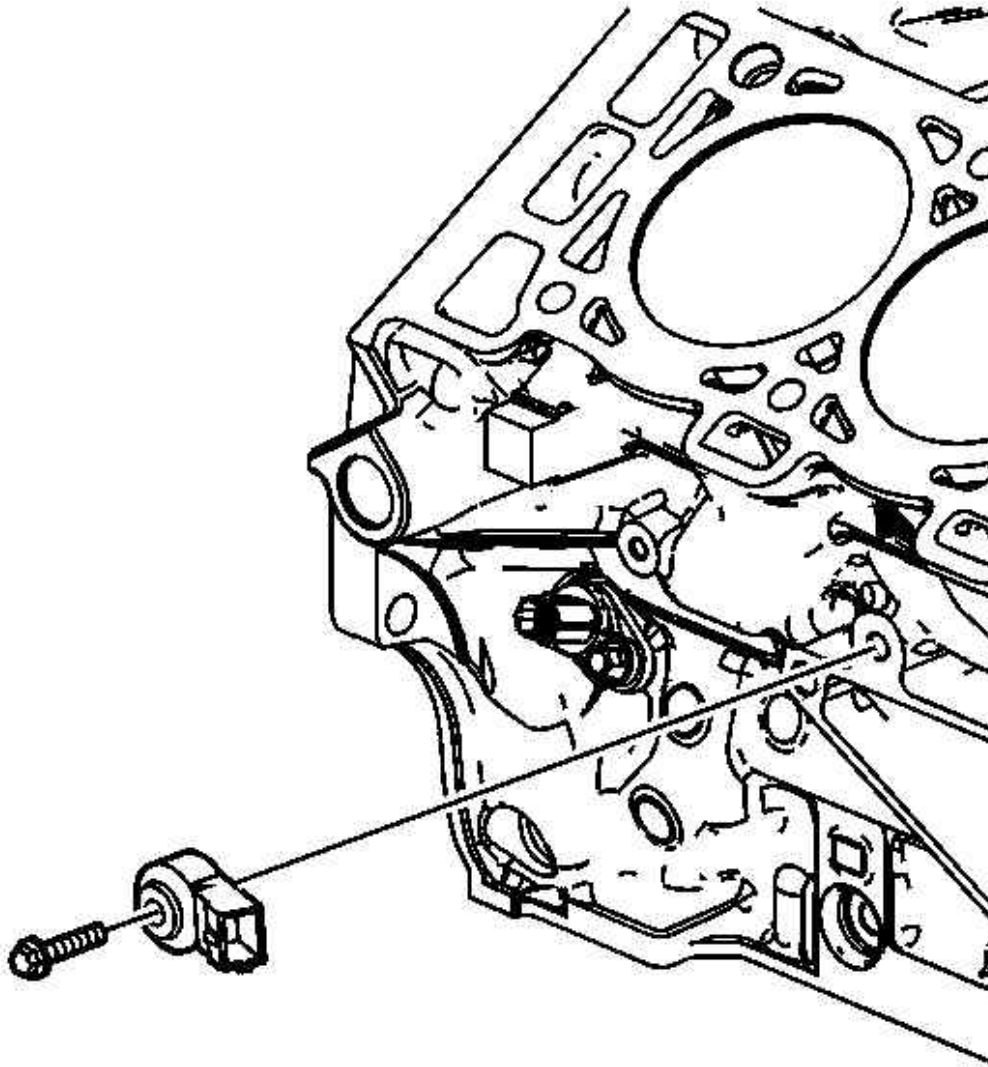


Fig. 25: View Of Right Knock Sensor
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2. Remove the right knock sensor bolt.
3. Remove the right knock sensor.

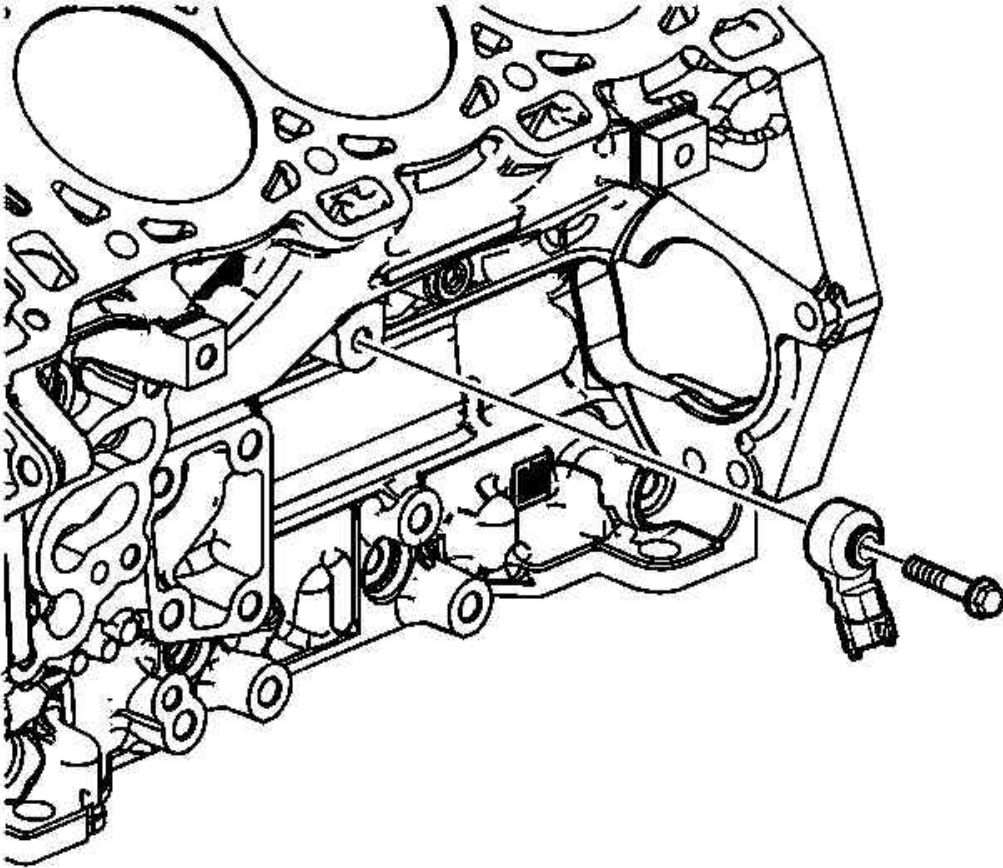


Fig. 26: View Of Left Knock Sensor
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4. Remove the left knock sensor bolt.
5. Remove the left knock sensor.

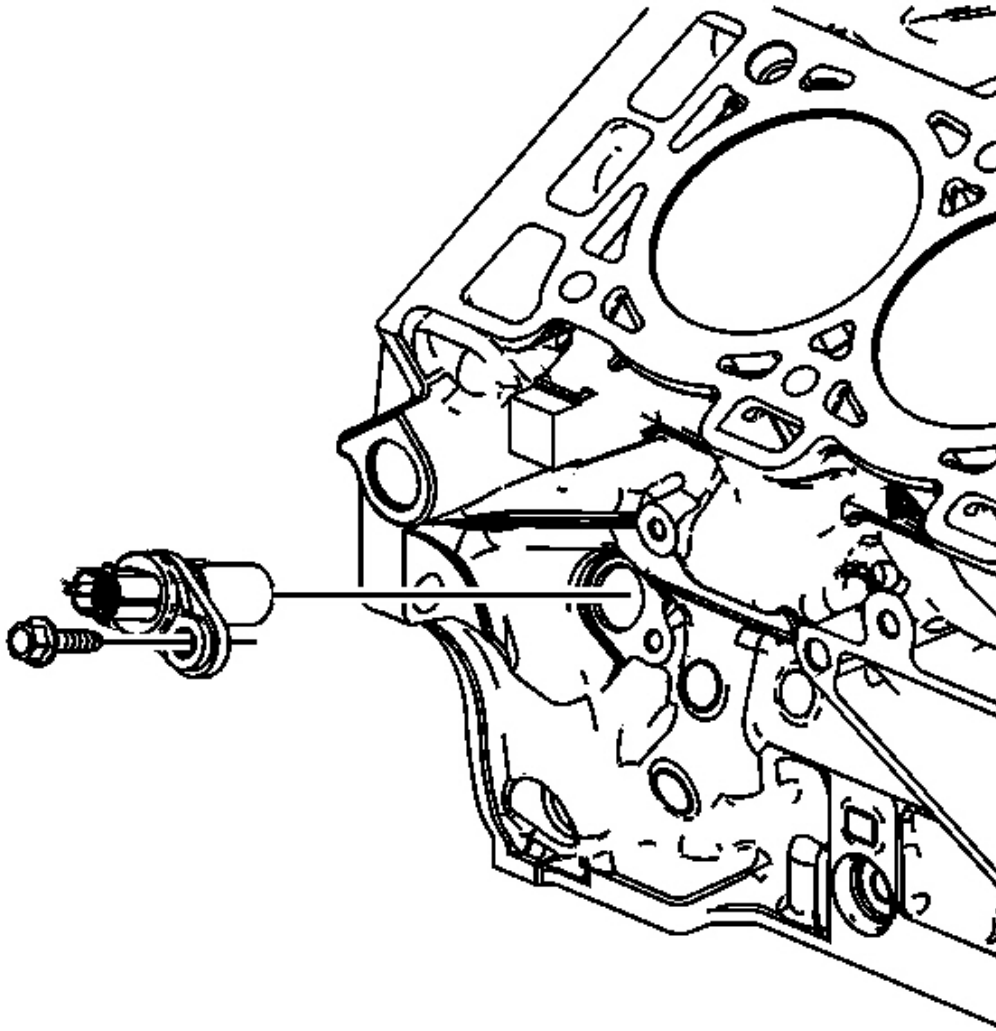


Fig. 27: View Of Crankshaft Position Sensor
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6. Remove the crankshaft position sensor bolt.
7. Remove the crankshaft position sensor.

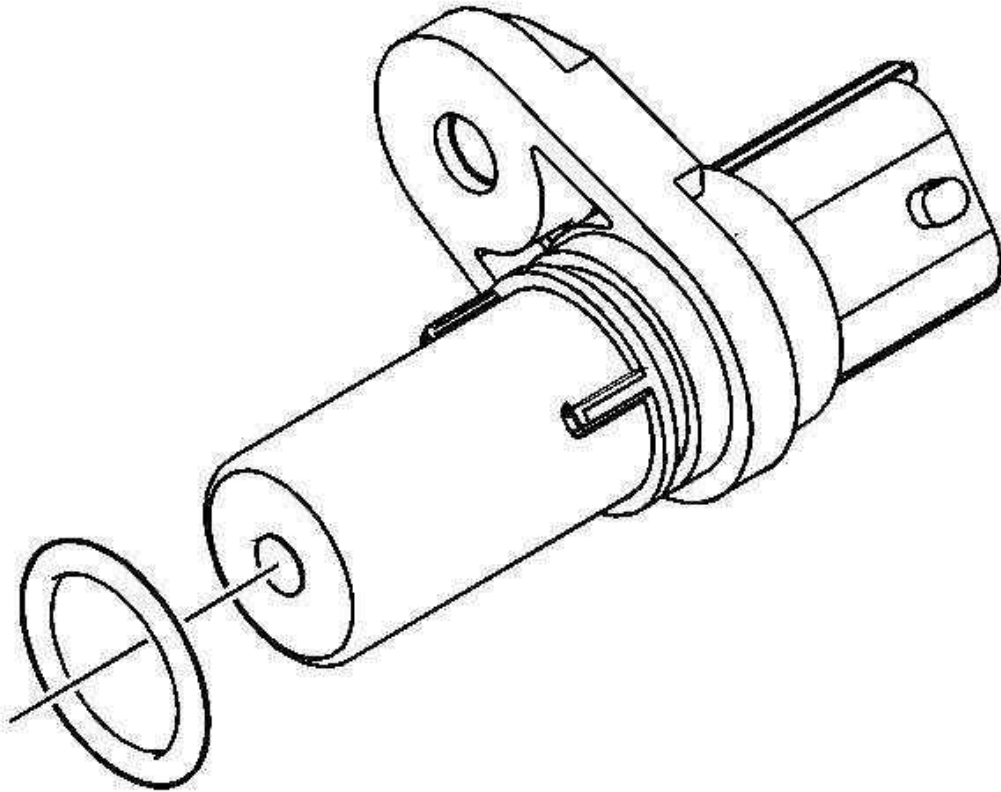


Fig. 28: View Of Crankshaft Position Sensor O-Ring
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8. Remove the crankshaft position sensor O-ring, if damaged.

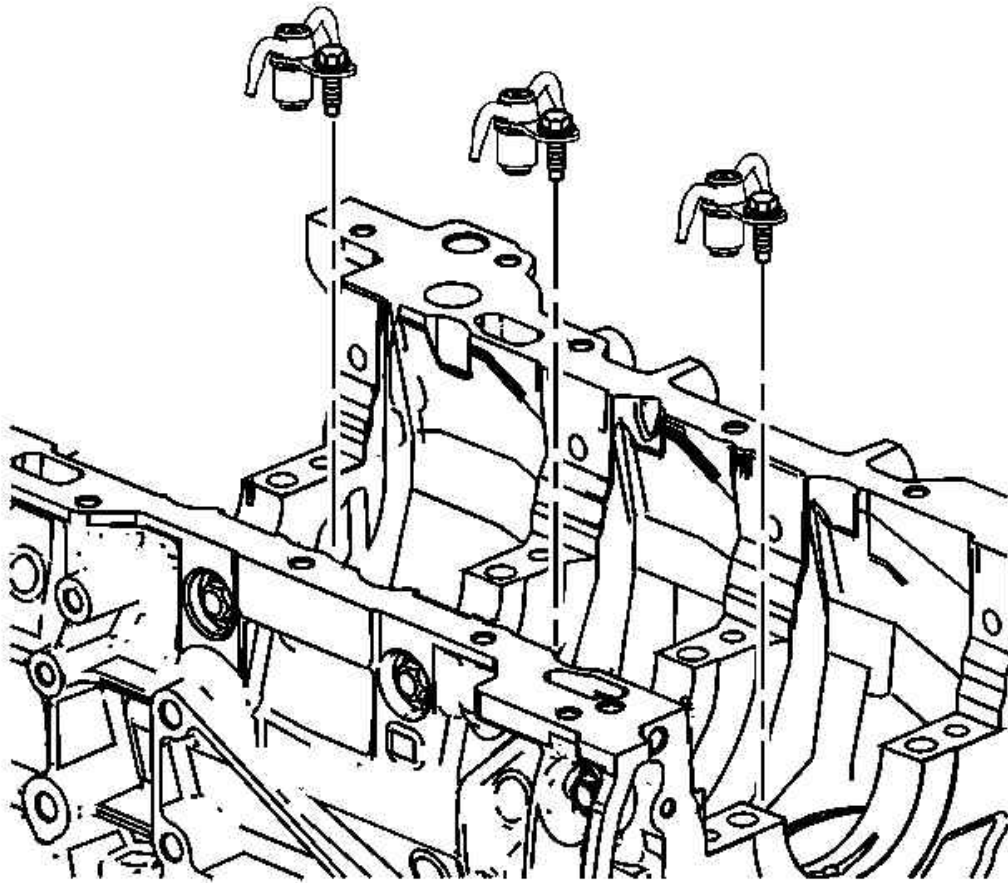


Fig. 29: View Of Oil Jets

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9. Remove oil jet bolts.
10. Remove oil jets.

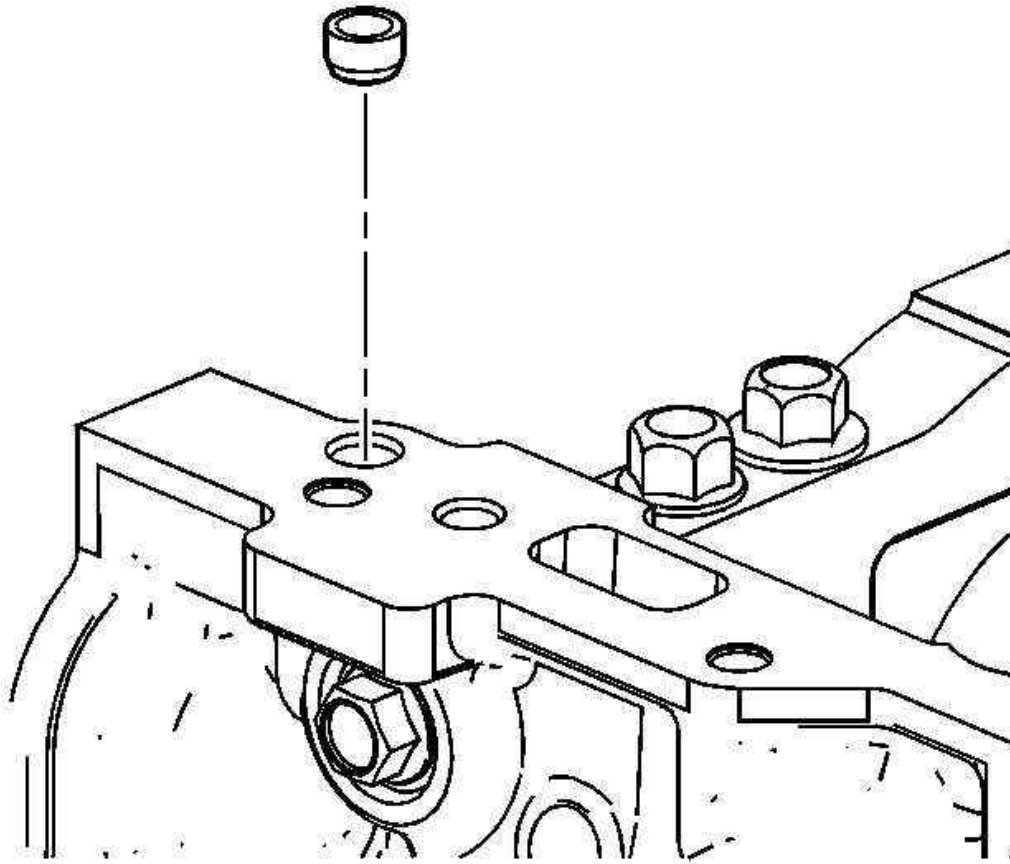


Fig. 30: Locating Right Front Oil Pan Rail Oil Gallery Expansion Plug
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11. Remove the right front oil pan rail oil gallery expansion plug.

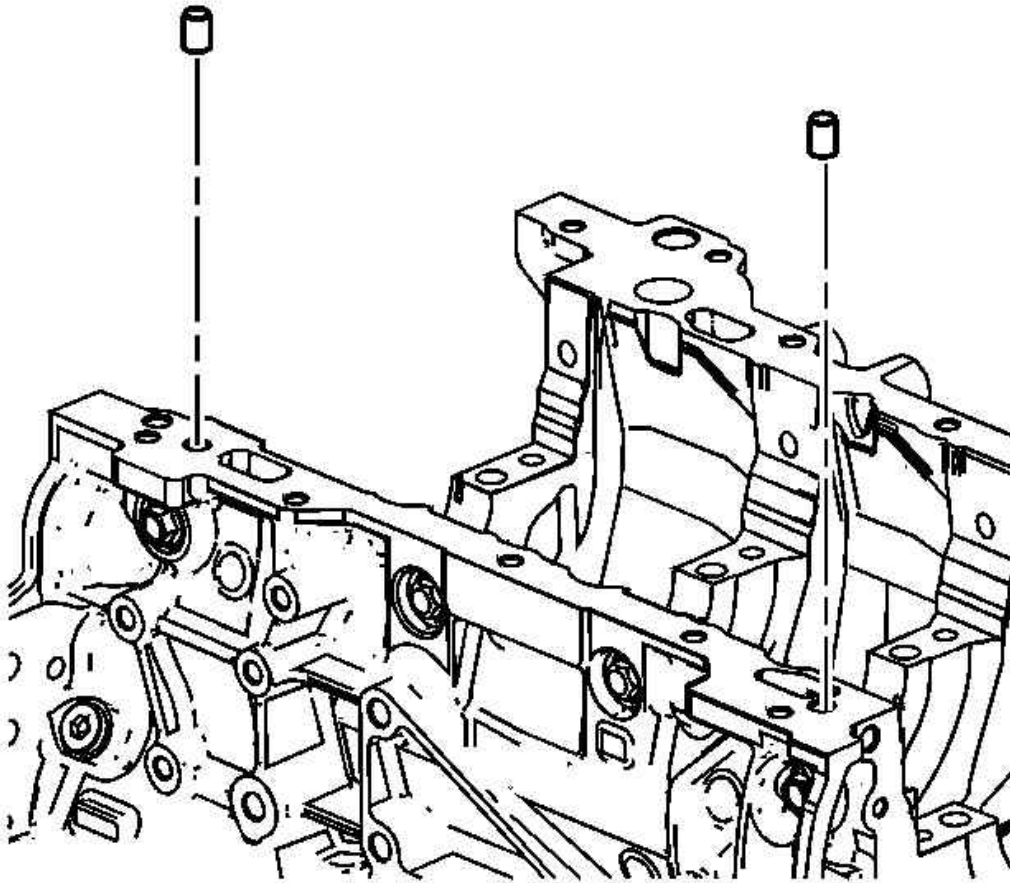


Fig. 31: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Oil Pan Alignment Dowels
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12. Remove the cylinder block-to-oil pan alignment dowels.

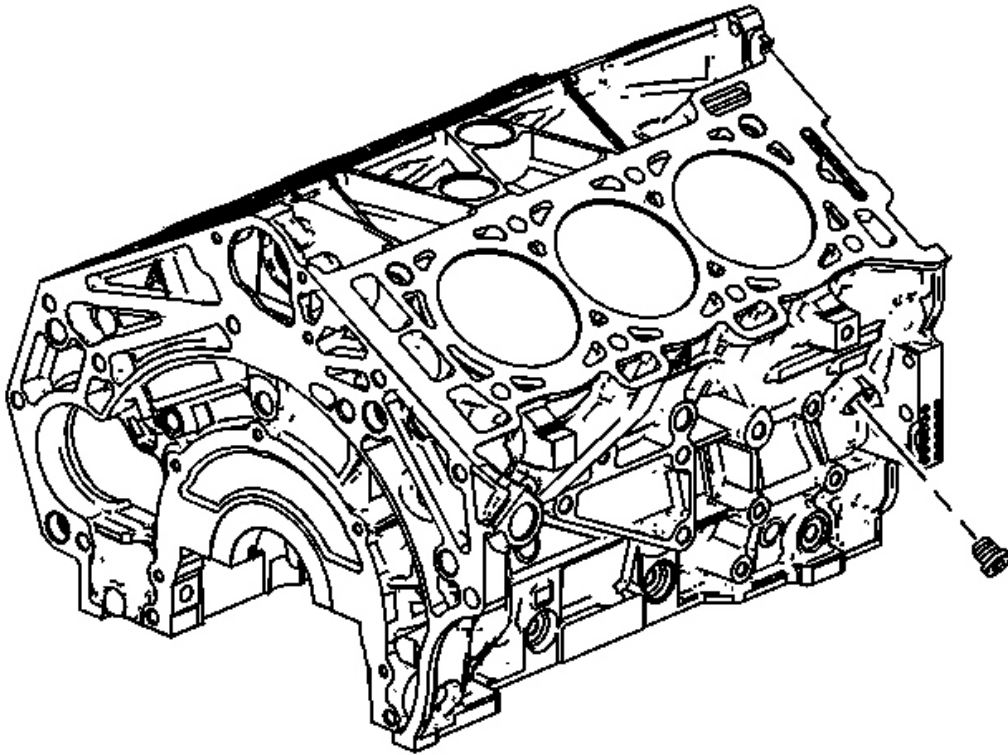


Fig. 32: Identifying M14 Right Side Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
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13. Remove the M14 right side oil gallery threaded plug.

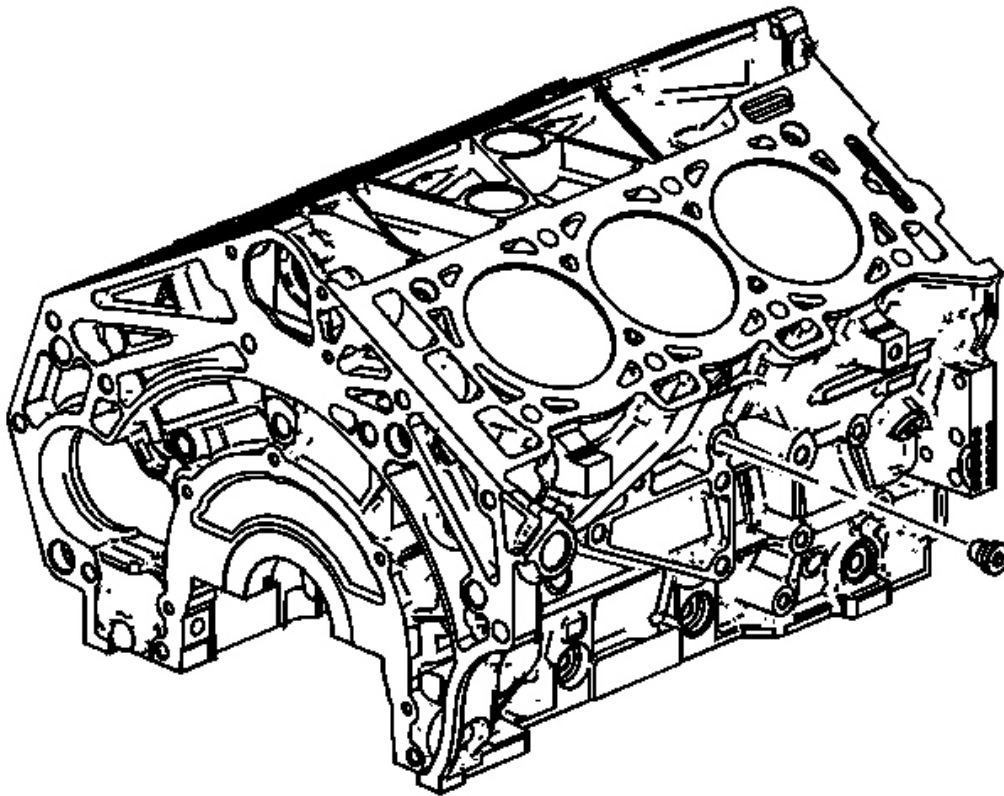


Fig. 33: Locating M14 Right Side Coolant Drain Threaded Plug
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14. Remove the M14 right side coolant drain threaded plug.

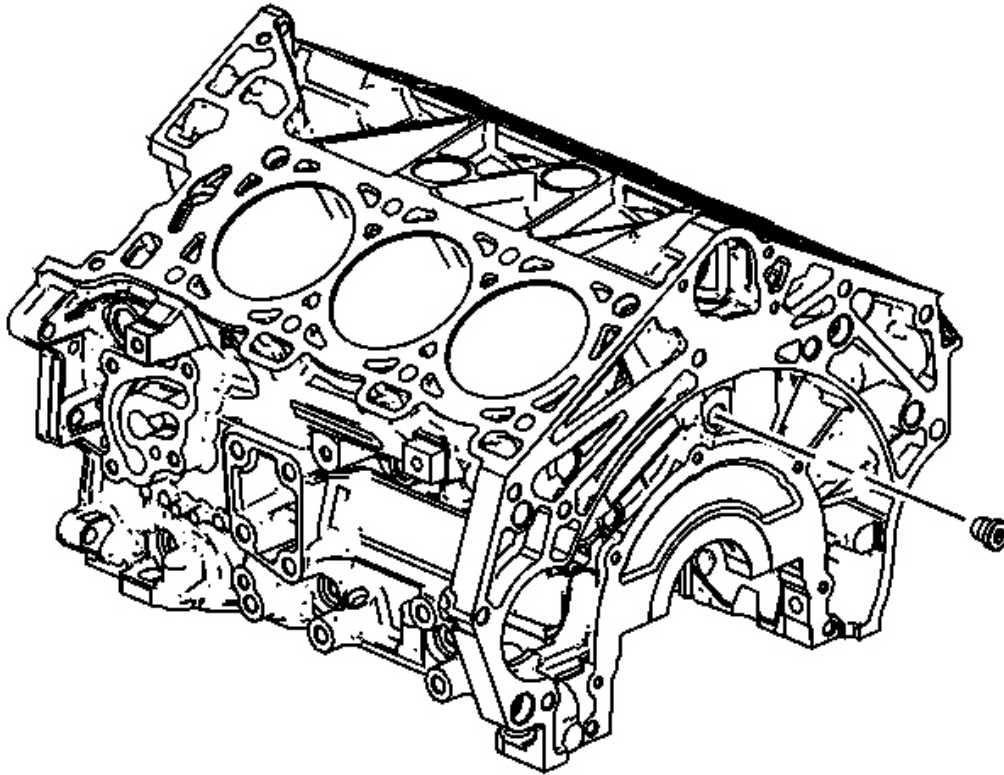


Fig. 34: View of M14 Rear Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
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15. Remove the M14 rear oil gallery threaded plug.

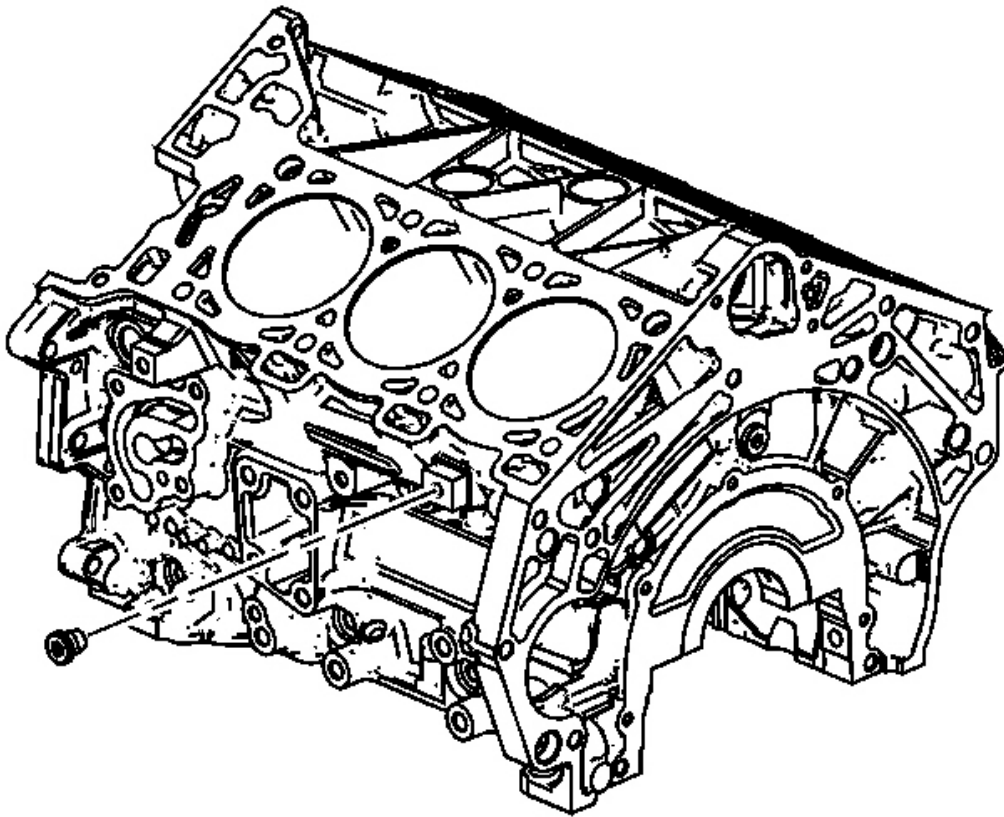


Fig. 35: View Of M14 Left Side Coolant Drain Threaded Plug
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16. Remove the M14 left side coolant drain threaded plug.

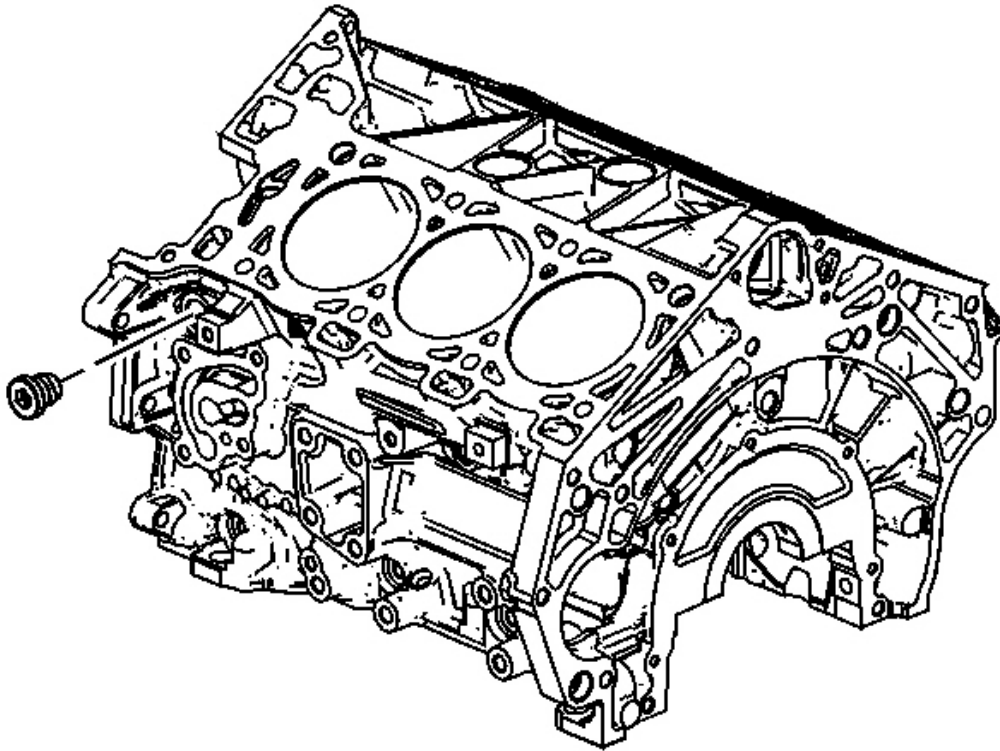


Fig. 36: Identifying M20 Left Side Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
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17. Remove the M20 left side oil gallery threaded plug.

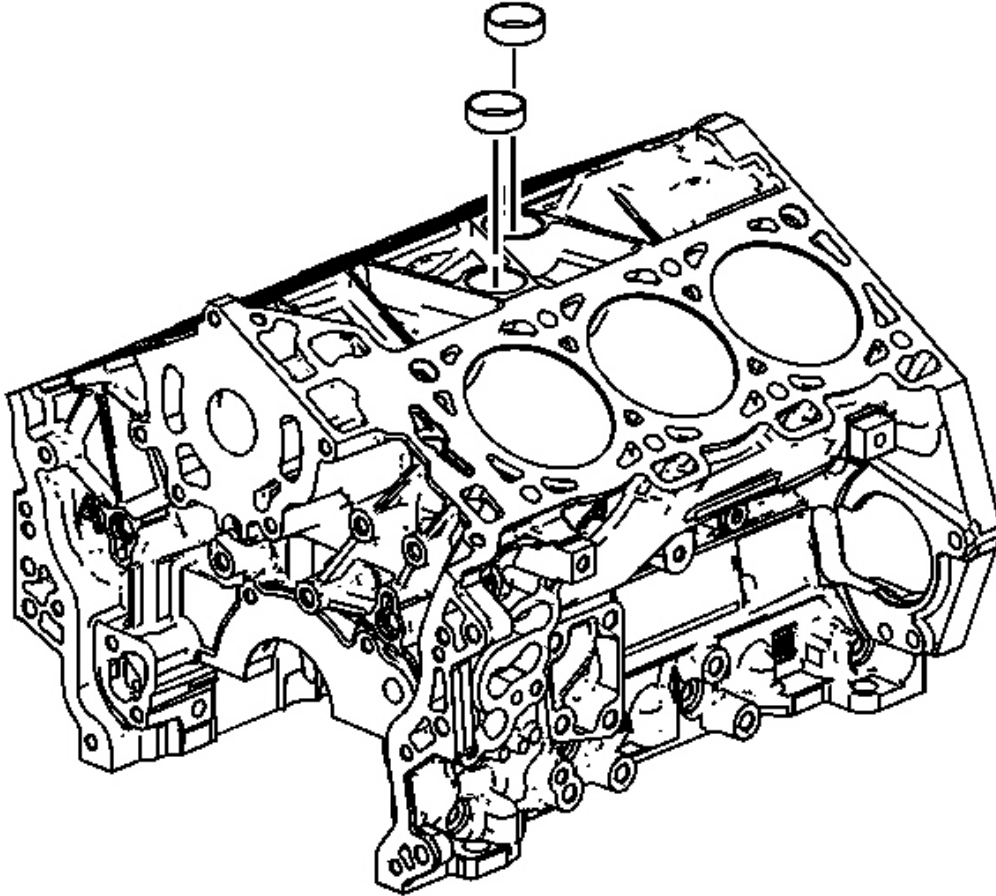


Fig. 37: Identifying Coolant Expansion Plugs
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18. Remove the coolant expansion plugs.

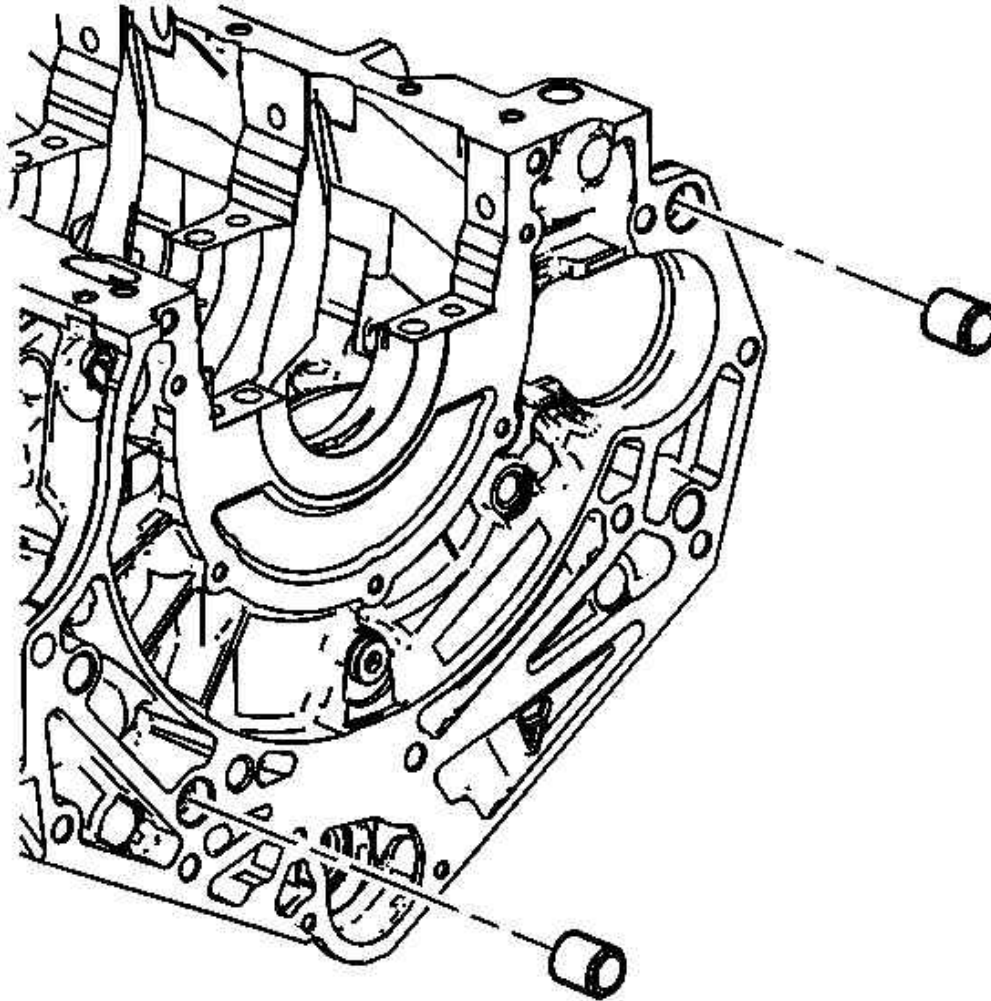


Fig. 38: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Transmission Alignment Dowels
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19. Remove the cylinder block-to-transmission alignment dowels.

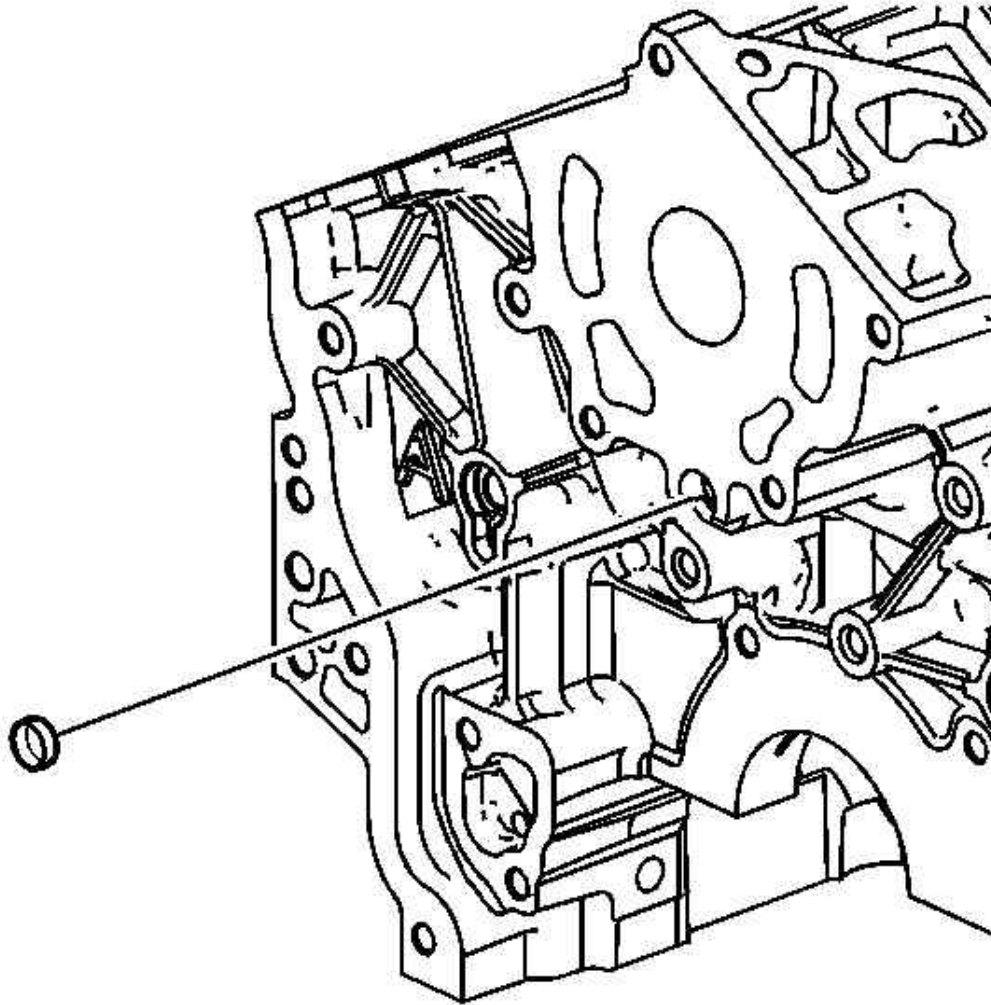


Fig. 39: Locating Front Oil Gallery Expansion Plug
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20. Remove the front oil gallery expansion plug.

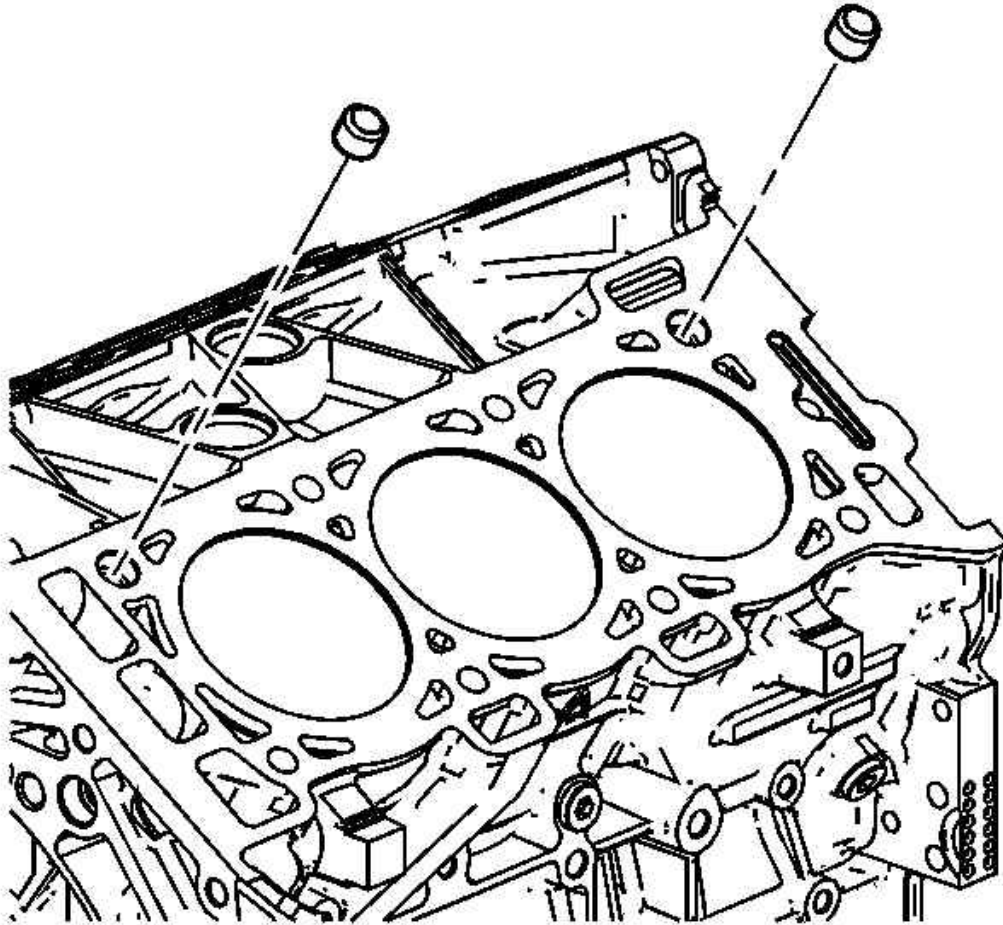


Fig. 40: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Cylinder Head Alignment Dowels
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21. Remove the cylinder block-to-cylinder head alignment dowels.

ENGINE BLOCK CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Tools Required

- **J 8087** Cylinder Bore Gage. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 28410** Gasket Remover

Cleaning Procedure

1. Remove any old thread sealant, gasket material or sealant using **J 28410** .
2. Clean all the following areas with solvent:
 - Sealing surfaces
 - Cooling passages
 - Oil passages
 - Bearing journals
3. Clean all threaded and through holes with solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

4. Dry the engine block with compressed air.

Visual Inspection

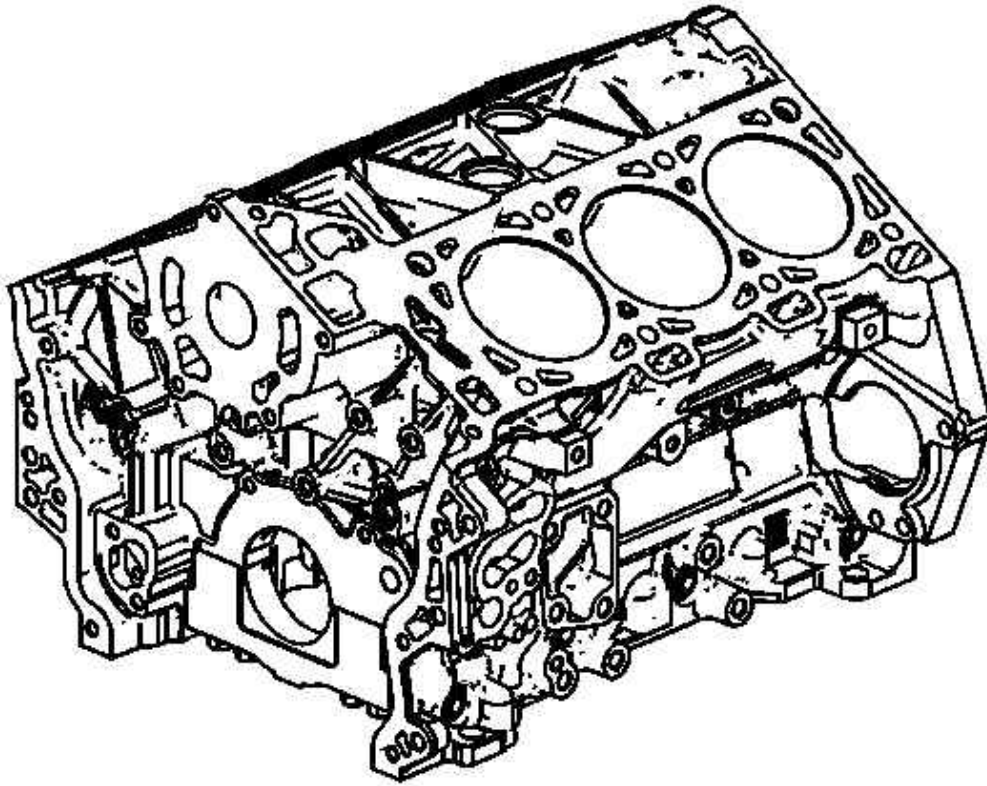


Fig. 41: View Of Engine Block
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1. Inspect the crankshaft bearings journals for damage or spun bearings. The crankshaft bearing journals are not repairable, if the crankshaft bearing journals are damaged the cylinder block assembly must be replaced.
2. Inspect the primary camshaft drive chain tensioner mounting surface on the engine block for burrs or any defects that would degrade the sealing of the NEW primary camshaft drive chain tensioner gasket.
3. Inspect all sealing and mating surfaces for damage, repair or replace the cylinder block assembly if necessary.
4. Inspect all threaded and through holes for damage or excessive debris.

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5. Inspect all bolts for damage, if damaged replace with NEW bolts only.
6. Inspect the cylinder walls for cracks or damage. The cylinder sleeves are not serviced separately, if the cylinders are damaged the cylinder block assembly must be replaced.
7. Inspect the engine block for cracks. Do not repair any cracks. If cracks are found, the cylinder block assembly must be replaced.
8. Repair any damaged threaded holes. Refer to **Thread Repair Specifications** and **Thread Repair**.

Measuring Cylinder Bore Diameter

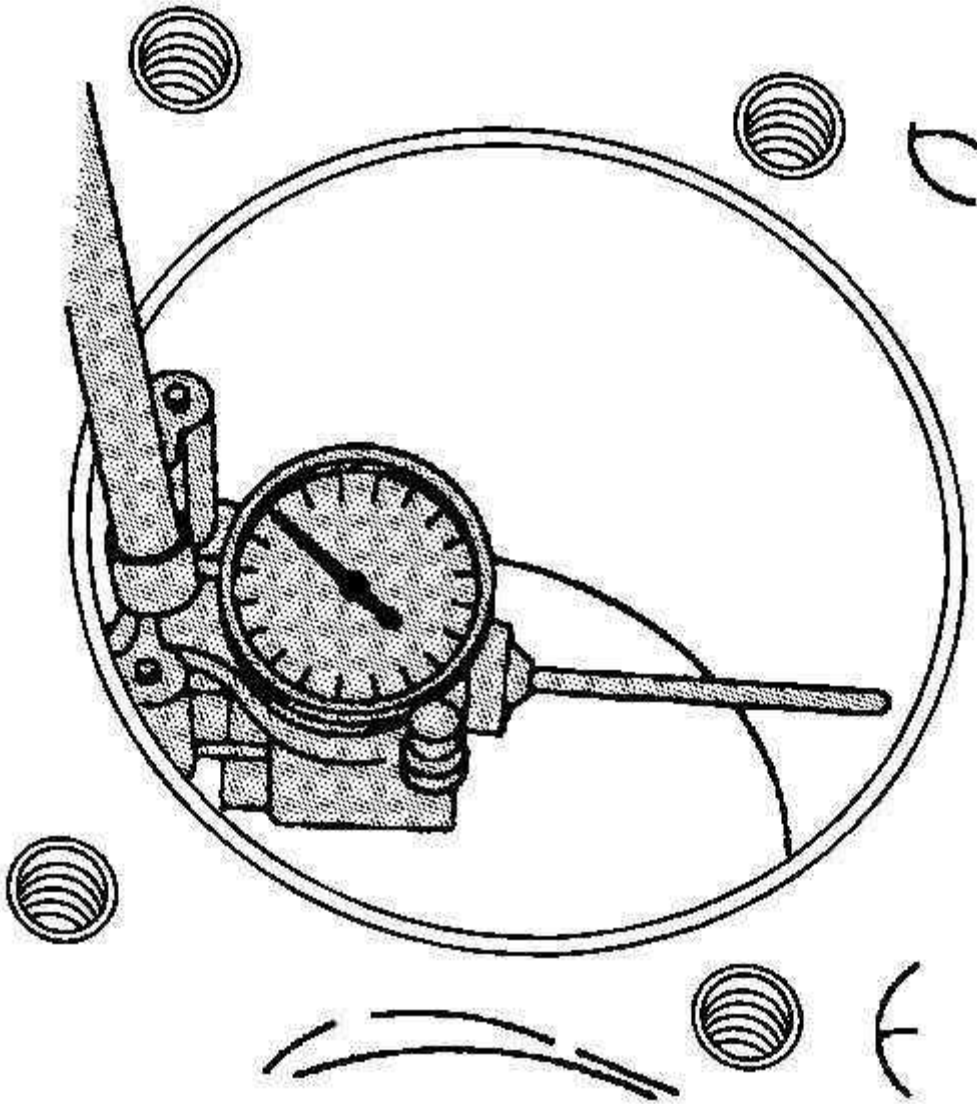


Fig. 42: Measuring Cylinder Bore
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Measure the cylinder bore diameter 37 mm (1.457 in) from the deck face using the **J 8087** . See **Special Tools** .

Compare your results with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** . If the cylinder diameter exceeds the specifications, the cylinder block may be oversized to 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only one size of oversized pistons and rings available for service.

Measuring Cylinder Bore Taper

1. Measure the cylinder bore along the thrust surfaces, perpendicular to the crankshaft centerline, at 10 mm (0.397 in) below the deck surface and record your measurement.
2. Measure the cylinder bore along the thrust surfaces, perpendicular to the crankshaft centerline, at 100 mm (3.976 in) below the deck surface and record your measurement.
3. Calculate the difference between the 2 measurements. The result will be the cylinder taper.
4. Compare your results with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** . If the cylinders exceed the specifications, the cylinder block may be oversized to 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only one size of oversized pistons and rings available for service.

Measuring Cylinder Bore Out-of-Round

1. Measure both the thrust and non-thrust cylinder diameter at 10 mm (0.397 in) below the deck. Record your measurements.
2. Calculate the difference between the 2 measurements. The result will indicate out-of-round at the upper end of the cylinder.
3. Measure both the thrust and non-thrust cylinder diameter at 100 mm (3.976 in) below the deck surface. Record your measurements.
4. Calculate the difference between the 2 measurements. The result will indicate out-of-round at the lower end of the cylinder.
5. Compare your results with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** . If the cylinders exceed these specifications, the cylinder block may be oversized to 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only one size of oversized pistons and rings available for service.

Deck Flatness Inspection

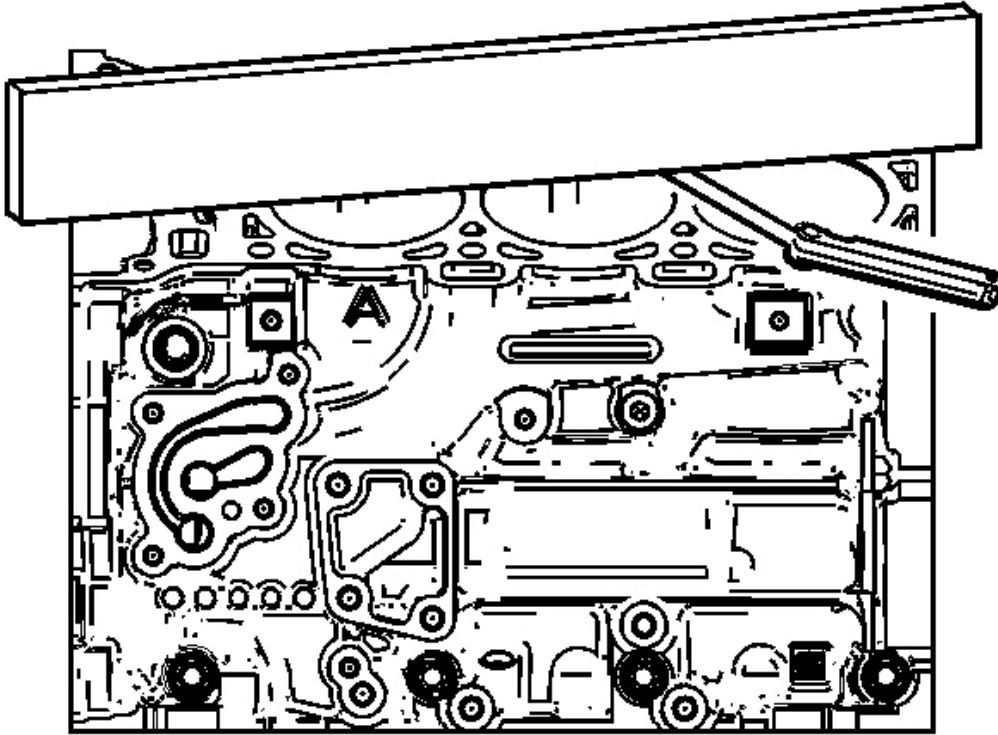


Fig. 43: Measuring Deck Flatness
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1. Ensure the engine block decks are clean and free of gasket material.
2. Inspect the surface for any imperfections or scratches that could inhibit proper cylinder head gasket sealing.
3. Place a straight-edge diagonally across the cylinder block deck face surface.
4. Measure the clearance between the straight-edge and the cylinder block deck face using a feeler gage at 4 points along the straight-edge.
5. If the warpage is less than 0.05 mm (0.002 in), the cylinder block deck surface does not require resurfacing.
6. If the warpage is between 0.05-0.20 mm (0.002-0.008 in) or any imperfections or scratches that could inhibit proper cylinder head gasket sealing are present, the cylinder block deck surface requires resurfacing.

7. If resurfacing is required the maximum amount that can be removed is 0.25 mm (0.010 in).
8. If the cylinder block deck surface requires more than 0.25 mm (0.010 in) material removal the block must be replaced.

CRANKSHAFT AND BEARING CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the following components in solvent:

- Crankshaft bearings
- Connecting rod bearings
- Crankshaft journals
- Crankpin journals
- Crankshaft oil passages
- Crankshaft threaded holes

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the following components with compressed air:

- Crankshaft bearings
- Connecting rod bearings
- Crankshaft journals
- Crankpin journals
- Crankshaft oil passages
- Crankshaft threaded holes

Visual Inspection

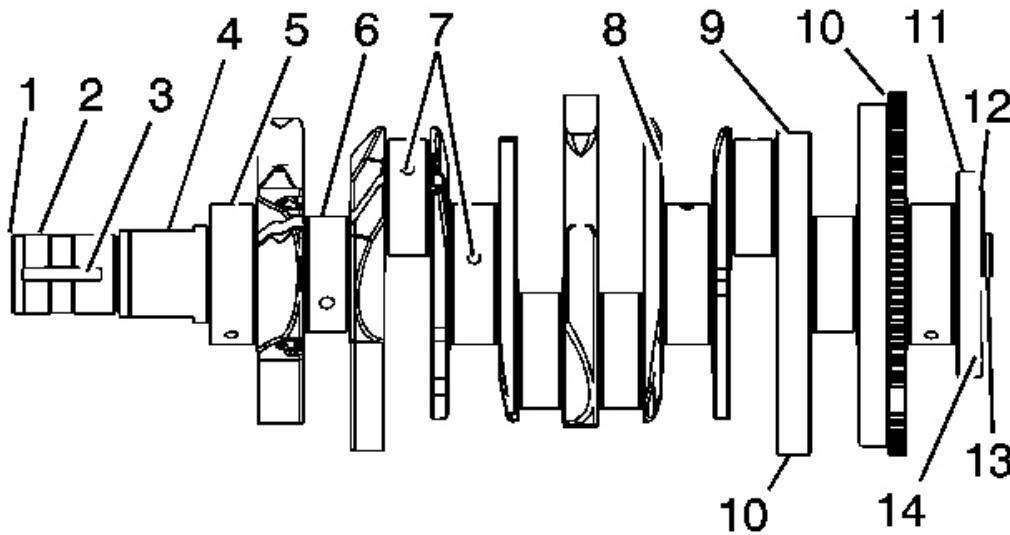


Fig. 44: Identifying Crankshaft Inspection Areas
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1. Perform the following visual inspections:

- Inspect the crankshaft balancer bolt hole (1) for thread damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft balancer mounting area (2) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft keyway (3) for damage.
- Inspect the oil pump drive flats (4) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft main journals (5) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft connecting rod journals (6) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft oil passages (7) for obstructions.
- Inspect the crankshaft main bearing thrust wall surfaces (8) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft counterweights (9) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft reluctor ring teeth (10) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft rear main oil seal surface (11) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft engine flywheel mounting surface (12) for damage.
- Inspect the crankshaft pilot hole (13) for damage.

- Inspect the crankshaft engine flywheel bolt holes (14) for thread damage.
2. Repair or replace the crankshaft as necessary.

Crankshaft Bearing Inspection

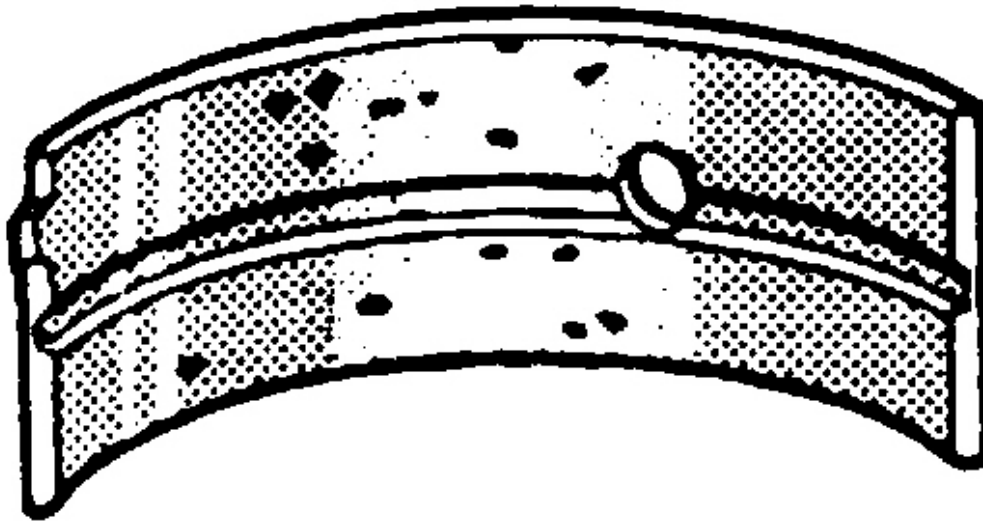


Fig. 45: Identifying Crankshaft Bearing Craters Or Pockets
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IMPORTANT:

- All connecting rod and main journal bearings that have been used in a running engine must be replaced. Never re-use the crankshaft or connecting rod bearings.
- The following bearing wear conditions should be used to diagnose engine operating conditions or root cause of a condition.

1. Inspect for fatigue indicated by craters or pockets. Flattened sections on the bearing halves also indicate fatigue.

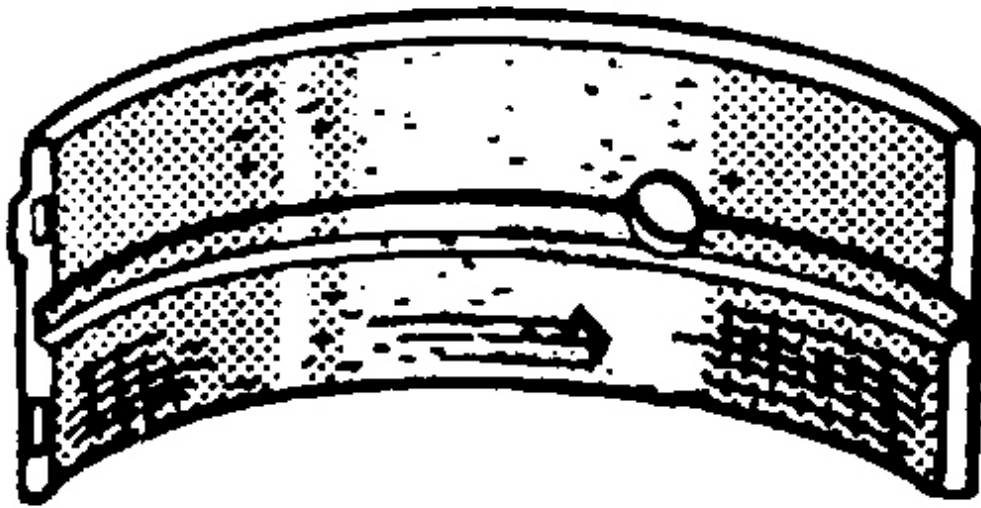


Fig. 46: Identifying Connecting Rod Bearing Scoring Or Discoloration
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2. Inspect for excessive scoring or discoloration on both front and back of the bearing halves.
3. Inspect the main bearings for dirt embedded into the bearing material.

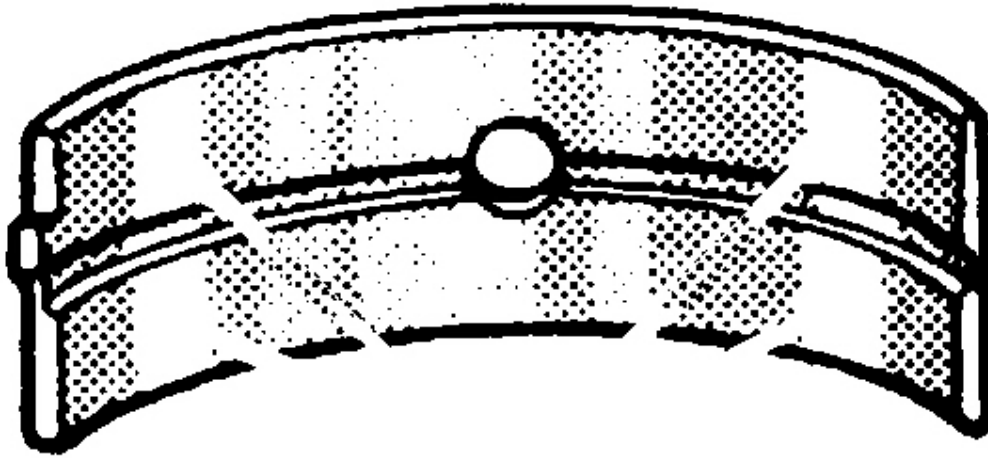


Fig. 47: View Of Crankshaft Bearing Polished Sections (Improper Seating)

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4. Inspect for improper seating indicated by bright, polished sections.

Tools Required

J 7872 Magnetic Base Dial Indicator. See **Special Tools** .

Crankshaft Measurement

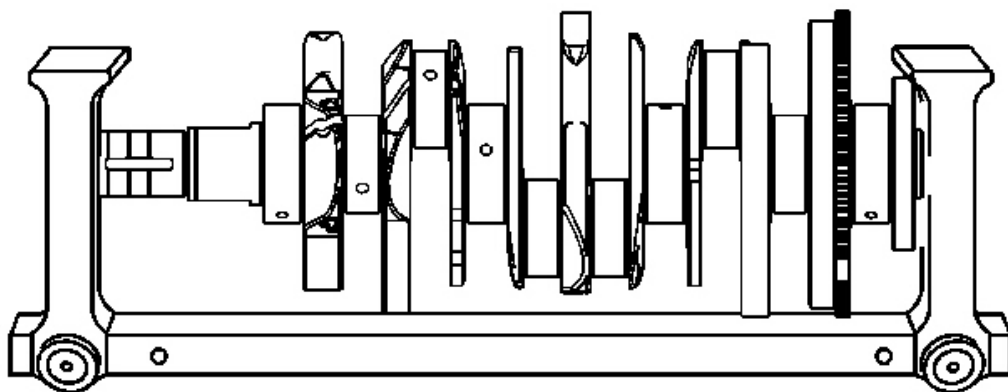


Fig. 48: View of Crankshaft & Support
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1. Using a suitable fixture, support the crankshaft.

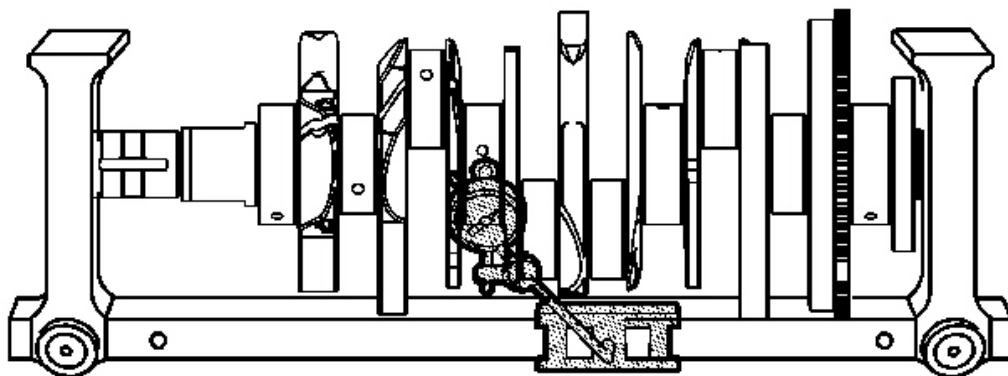


Fig. 49: View of Tool J 7872 & Crankshaft
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2. Install the J 7872 . See **Special Tools** .

3. Measure the crankshaft runout using the **J 7872** . See **Special Tools** . Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

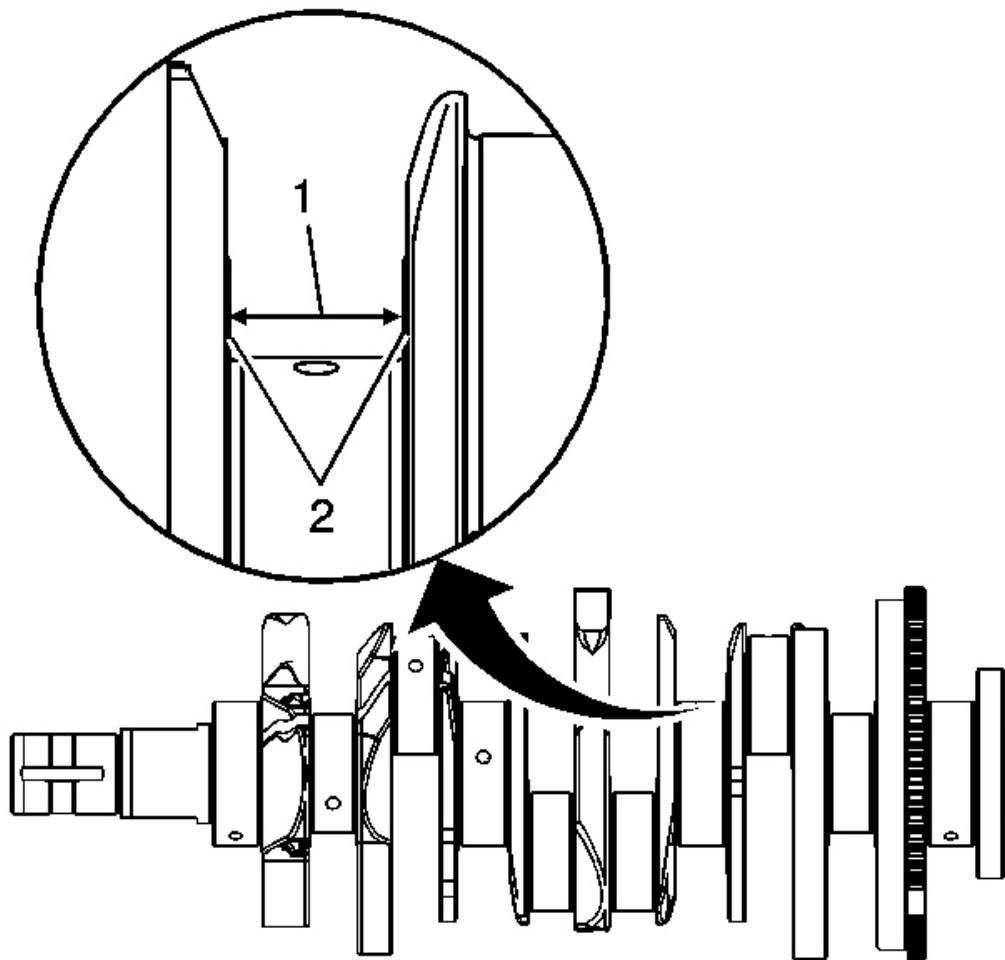


Fig. 50: View of Crankshaft Thrust Wall
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4. Measure the crankshaft thrust wall width (1) for wear using an inside micrometer. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
5. Measure the crankshaft thrust wall surface (2) for runout using the **J 7872** . See **Special Tools** . Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

6. If the crankshaft journals are damaged or worn beyond specifications, the crankshaft may be ground 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only 1 size of oversized main bearings available for service.

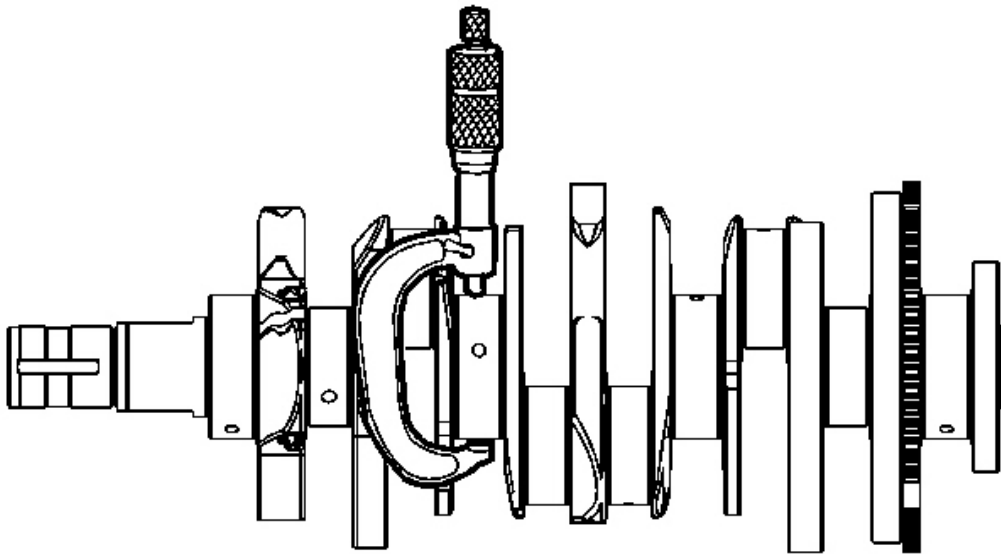


Fig. 51: Using Outside Micrometer To Inspect Crankshaft Main Journals
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7. Inspect the crankshaft main journals for undersize, using an outside micrometer.

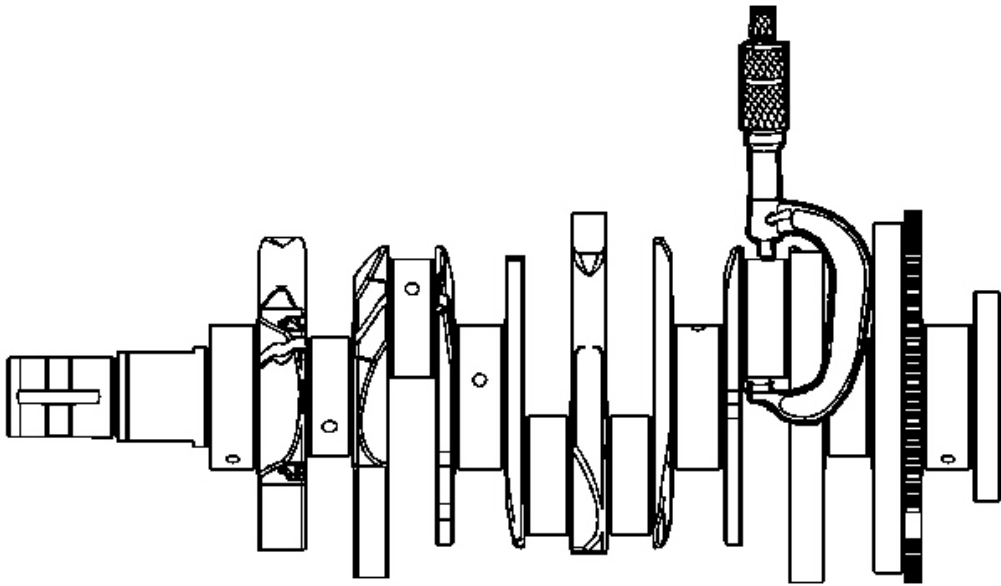


Fig. 52: Using Outside Micrometer To Inspect Crankpins
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8. Inspect the crankpins for undersize using an outside micrometer.
9. Compare your measurements with those listed in the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** . If the crankpin journals are worn beyond the specifications, the crankshaft may be ground 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only 1 size of oversized connecting rod bearings available for service.

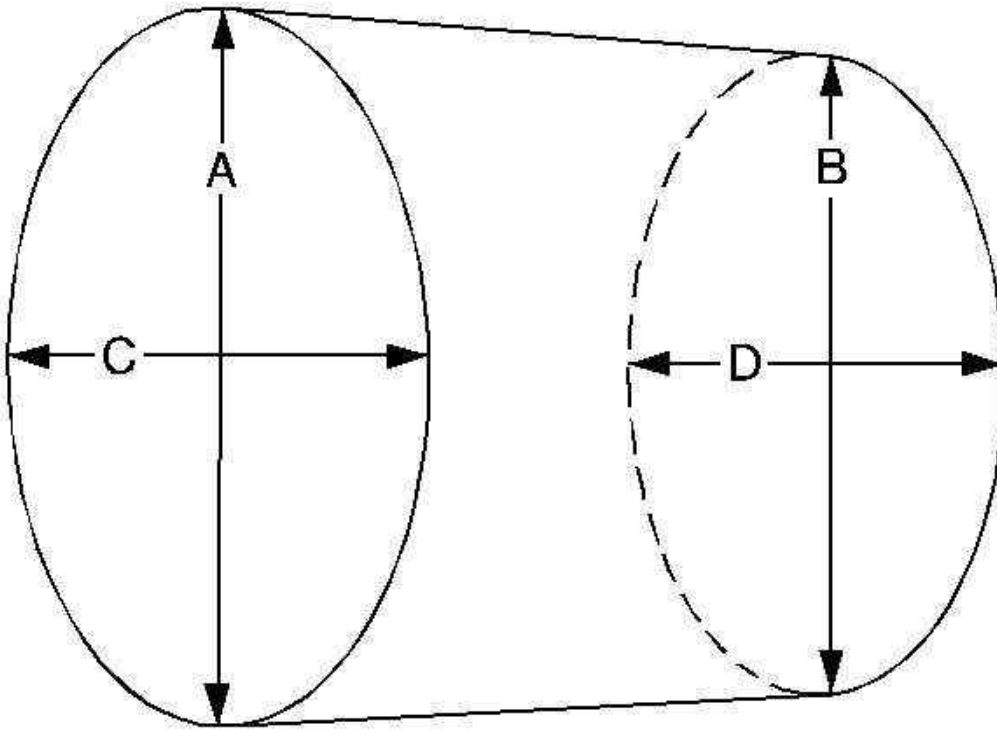


Fig. 53: Identifying Out-Of-Round Measurements
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10. Measure the main bearing and crankpin journals for out-of-round using the following procedure:
 1. Using an outside micrometer, measure the journal at the extreme front and rear locations on the journal. Call these points A and B.
 2. Measure the journal in 2 new locations exactly 90 degrees from the first points. Call these points C and D.
 3. Subtract A from C and B from D. The differences will indicate journal out-of-round.
 4. The out-of-round should not exceed 0.004 mm (0.00016 in) maximum.
 5. If the journals are worn beyond the specifications, the crankshaft may be ground 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only 1 size of oversized crankshaft

and connecting rod bearings available for service.

11. Measure the main bearing and crankpin journals for taper using the following procedure:

1. Using an outside micrometer, measure the journal at the extreme front (A) and rear (B) of the journal parallel to the crankshaft centerline.
2. Subtract the smallest from the largest measurement. The result will be the journal taper.
3. If the main bearing journal taper exceeds 0.004 mm (0.00016 in), replace the crankshaft.
4. If the journals are worn beyond the specifications, the crankshaft may be ground 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only 1 size of oversized crankshaft and connecting rod bearings available for service.

CRANKSHAFT BALANCER CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

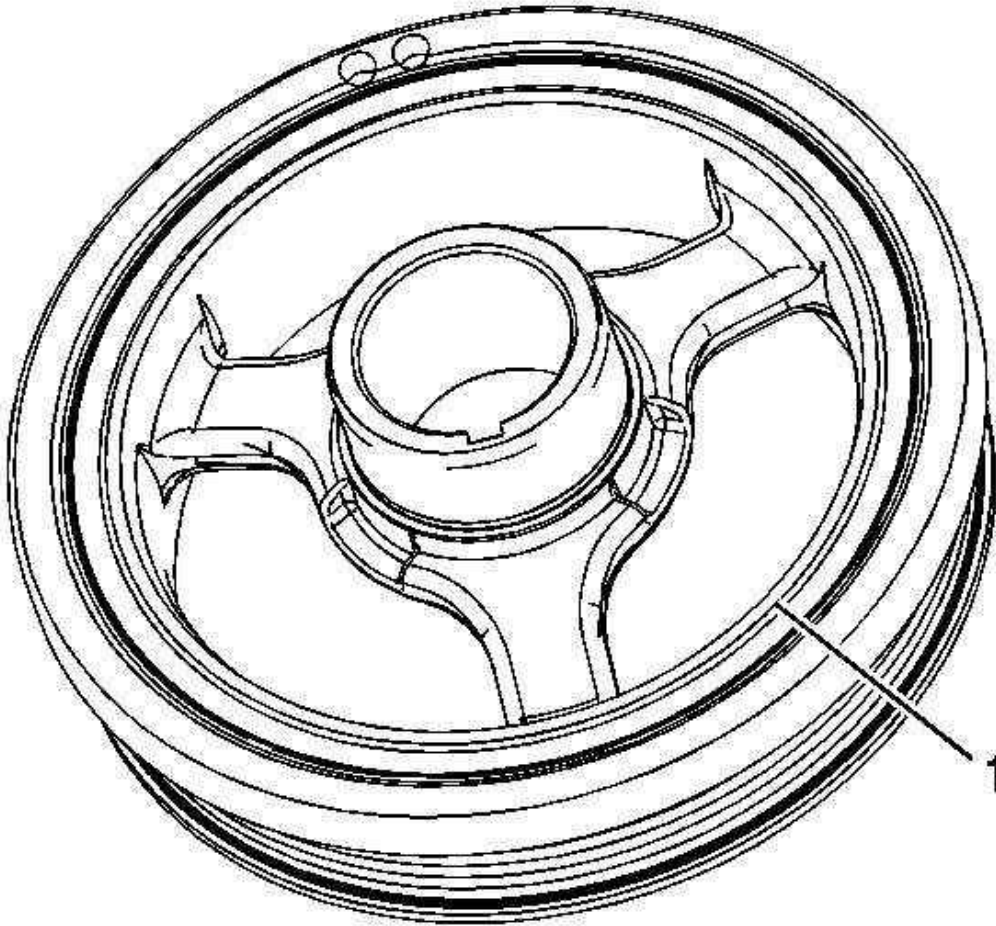


Fig. 54: View Of Crankshaft Balancer
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Clean the crankshaft balancer in solvent that is compatible with the rubber (1).

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the crankshaft balancer with compressed air.

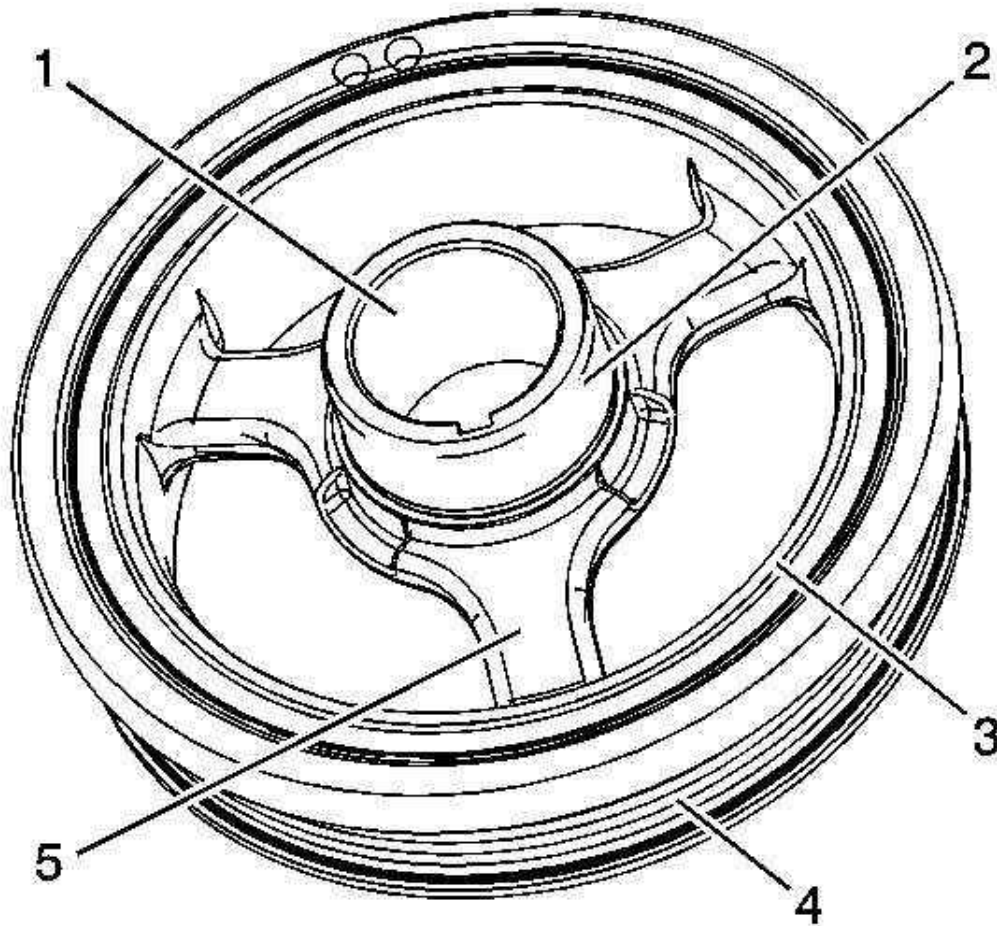


Fig. 55: Identifying Crankshaft Balancer Inspection Areas
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1. Inspect the crankshaft balancer for the following:
 - Worn or damaged hub-to-crankshaft surface (1)
 - Worn, grooved or damaged hub seal surface (2)

A crankshaft balancer hub seal surface with excessive scoring, grooves, rust or other damage must be replaced.

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- Worn, chunking or deteriorated rubber between the hub and pulley (3)
- Damaged drive belt ribs (4)
- Damaged webs (5)

2. Repair or replace the crankshaft balancer as necessary.

ENGINE FLYWHEEL CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

IMPORTANT: In order to maintain the proper component balance, contact surface taper and heat transfer, manual transmission flywheels are NOT to be machined.

1. Clean the engine flywheel in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the engine flywheel with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

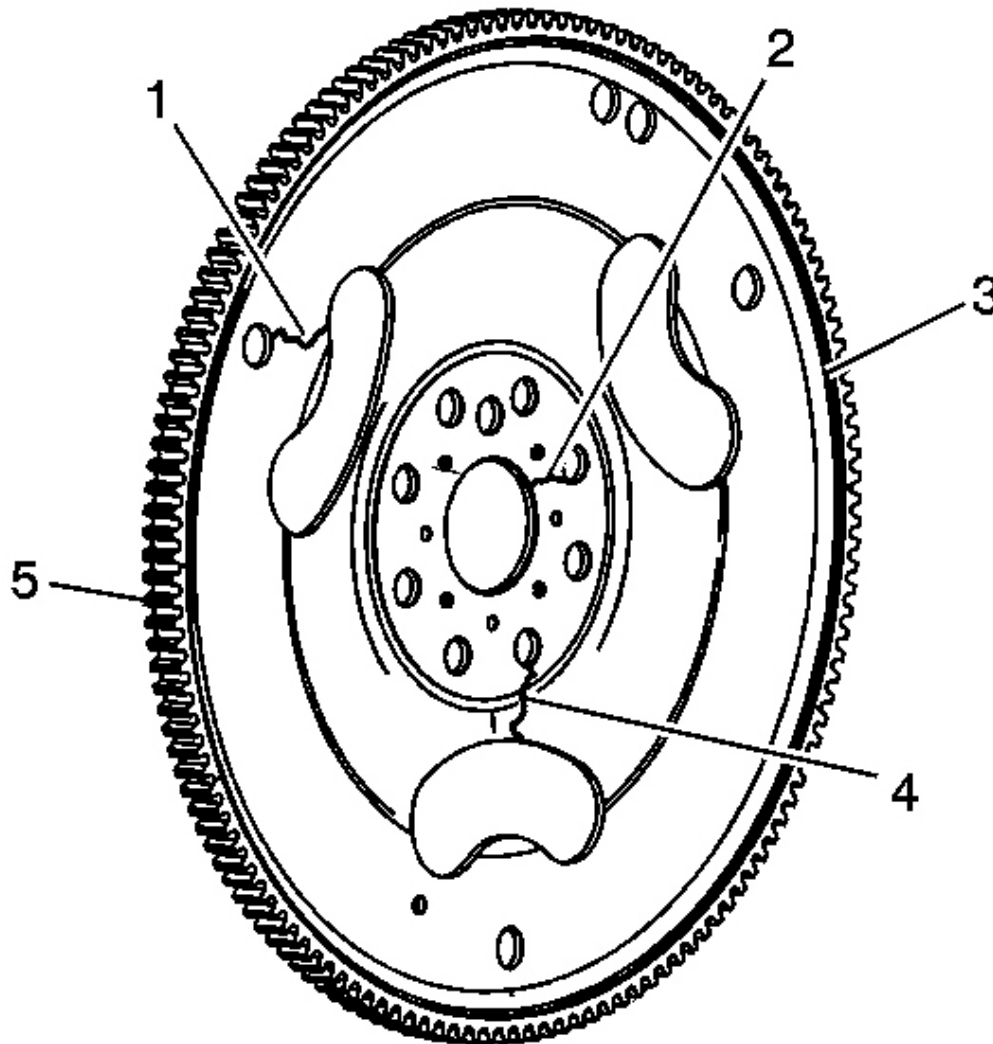


Fig. 56: Identifying Engine Flywheel Inspection Points
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the engine flywheel for the following conditions:
 - Stress cracks around the engine flywheel-to-torque converter mounting bolt hole locations (1) and/or engine flywheel-to-crankshaft (2, 4)

IMPORTANT: Do not attempt to repair the welded areas that retain the ring gear to the engine flywheel plate. Install a new engine flywheel.

- Cracks at welded areas that retain the ring gear onto the engine flywheel (3)
- Damaged or missing ring gear teeth (5)

2. Replace the engine flywheel as necessary.

PISTON AND CONNECTING ROD DISASSEMBLE

Tools Required

EN-46745 Piston Pin Clip Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .

Disassembly Procedure

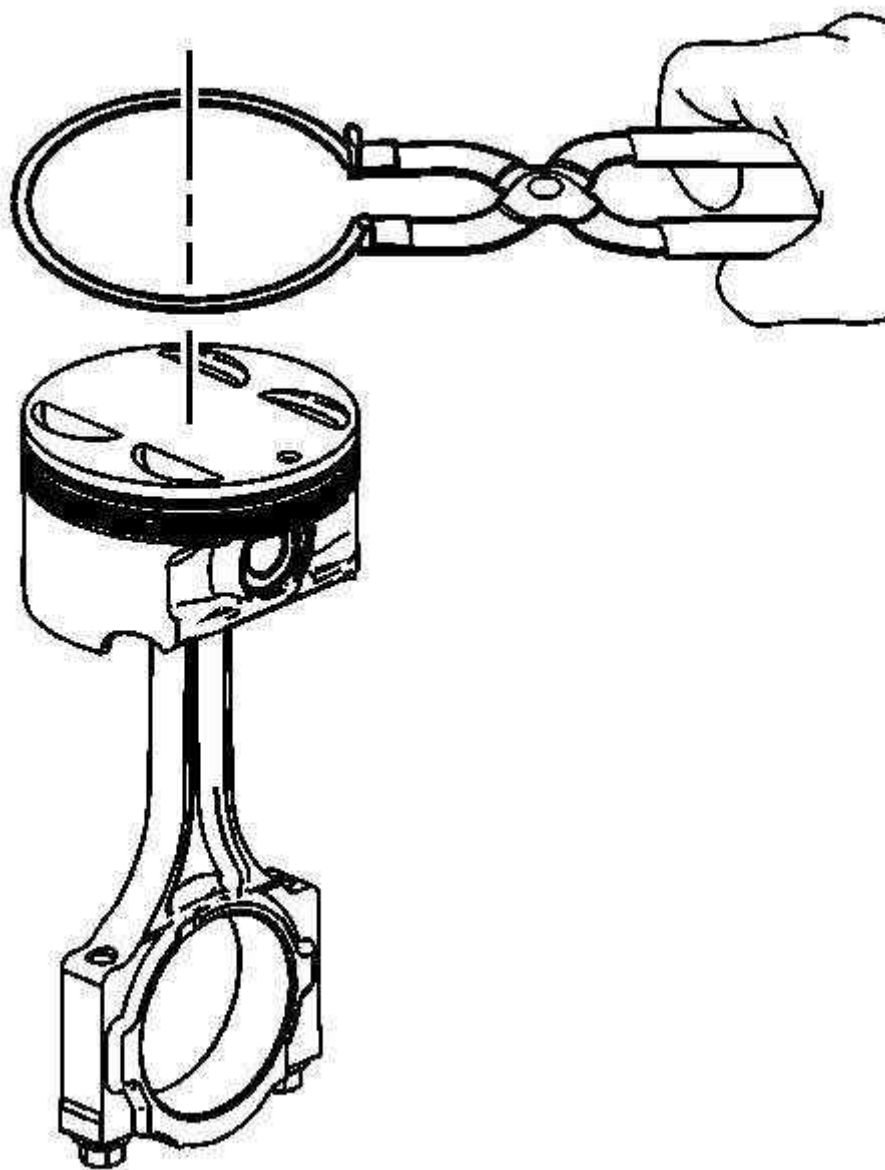


Fig. 57: View Of Piston Ring Expander
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: You must use a piston ring expander to remove and install the piston rings. Only expand the rings far

enough to fit over the piston lands. If the rings are overexpanded, the top ring will shatter and the others will distort.

1. Remove the piston rings using a piston ring expander. Place each ring in a clean shop towel for storage.

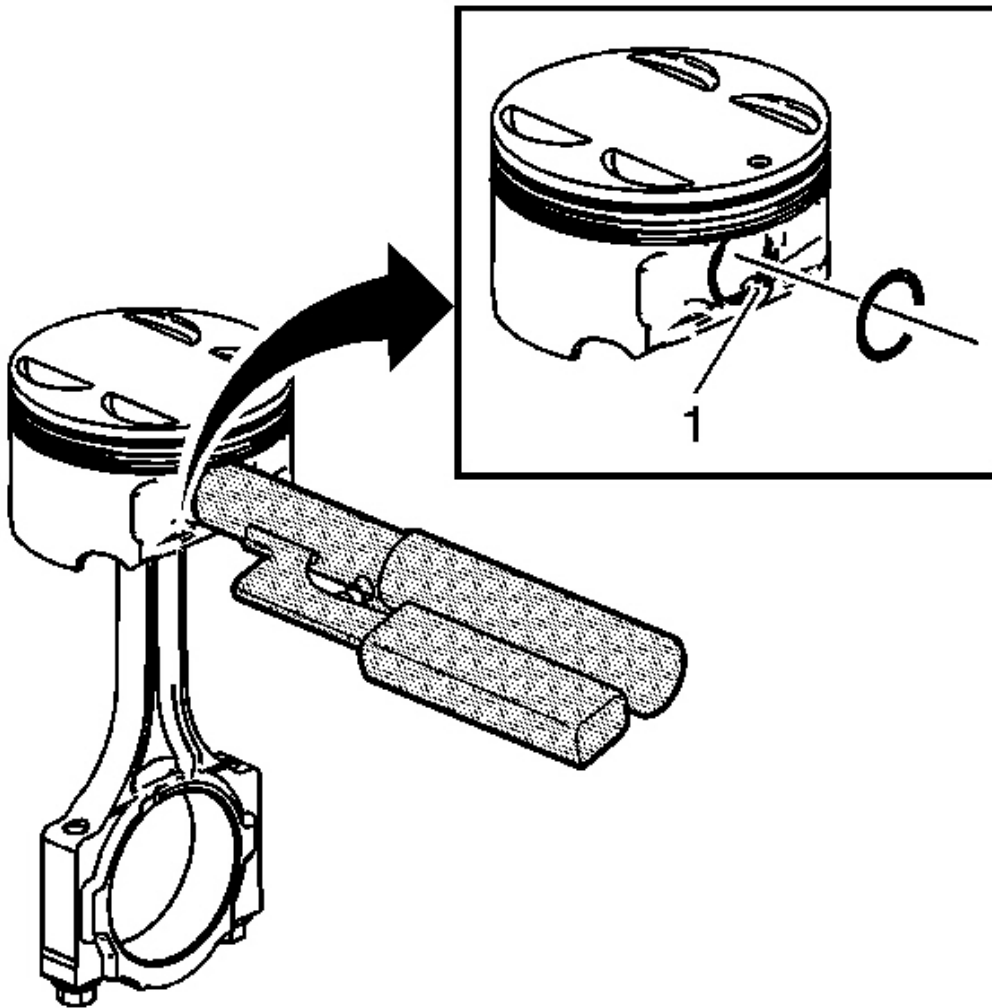


Fig. 58: Identifying Piston Pin Retainers Removal Access Notch
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- The connecting rod is non-directional and may be assembled/reassembled to the piston in either direction.
- DO NOT reuse the piston pin retainers.

2. Using the **EN-46745** , remove the piston pin retainers by using the removal access notch (1) in the side of the piston. See **Special Tools** . Discard the piston pin retainers.

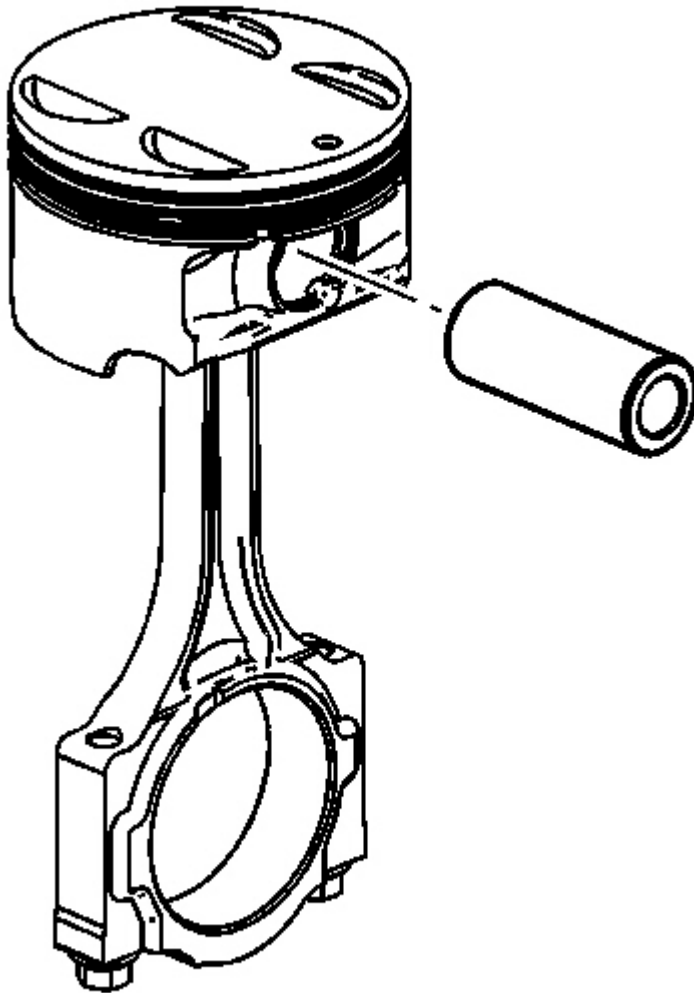


Fig. 59: View Of Piston Pin
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Slide the piston pin out of the piston. The piston will disconnect from the connecting rod.

PISTON, CONNECTING ROD, AND BEARING CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

IMPORTANT: DO NOT wire brush any part of the piston.

1. Clean the piston skirts and the pins with a cleaning solvent.
2. Clean the piston ring grooves with a groove cleaner. Ensure that the oil ring holes and slots are clean.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

3. Dry the piston with compressed air.

Piston Inspection Procedure

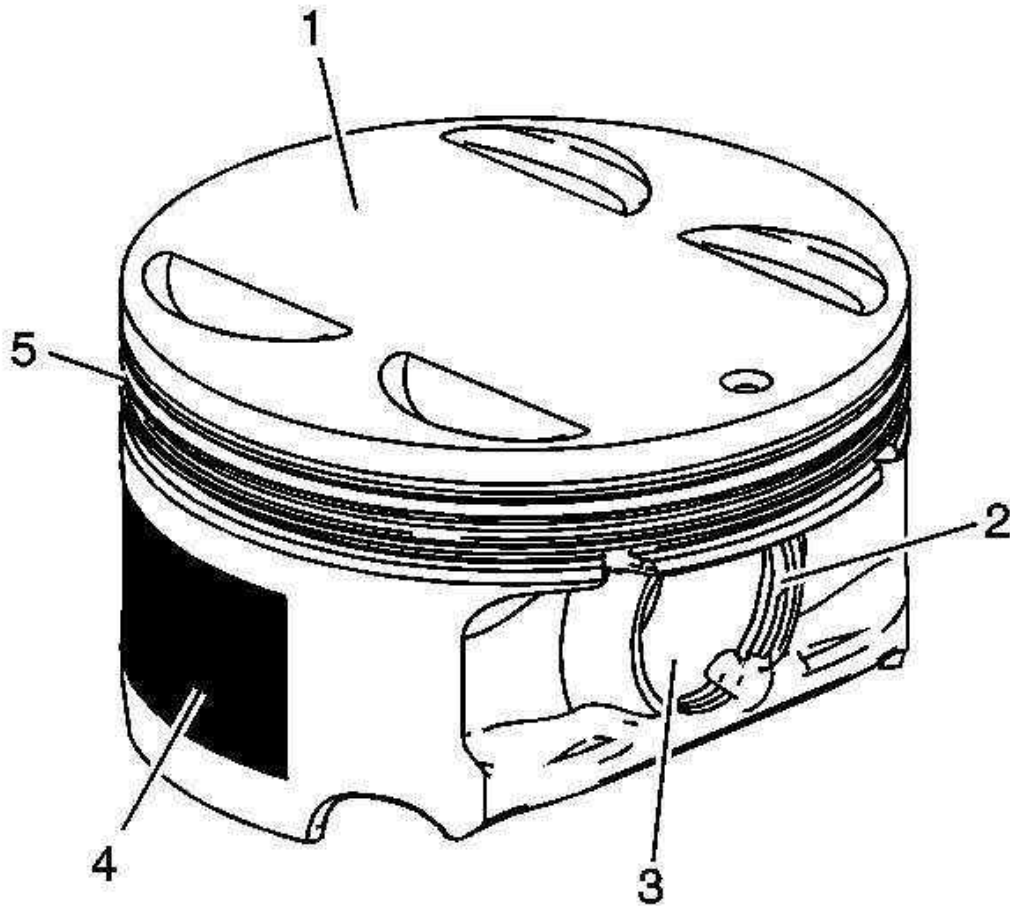


Fig. 60: Identifying Piston Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the pistons for the following conditions:
 - Cracked ring lands, skirts or pin bosses
 - Ring grooves for nicks, burrs that may cause binding (5)
 - Warped or worn ring lands (5)
 - Piston pin retainer grooves for burrs (2)
 - Eroded areas at the top of the piston (1)
 - Scuffed or damaged skirt coating (4)

- Worn piston pin bores or worn piston pins (3)
2. Replace pistons that show any signs of damage or excessive wear.

Piston Measurement Procedure

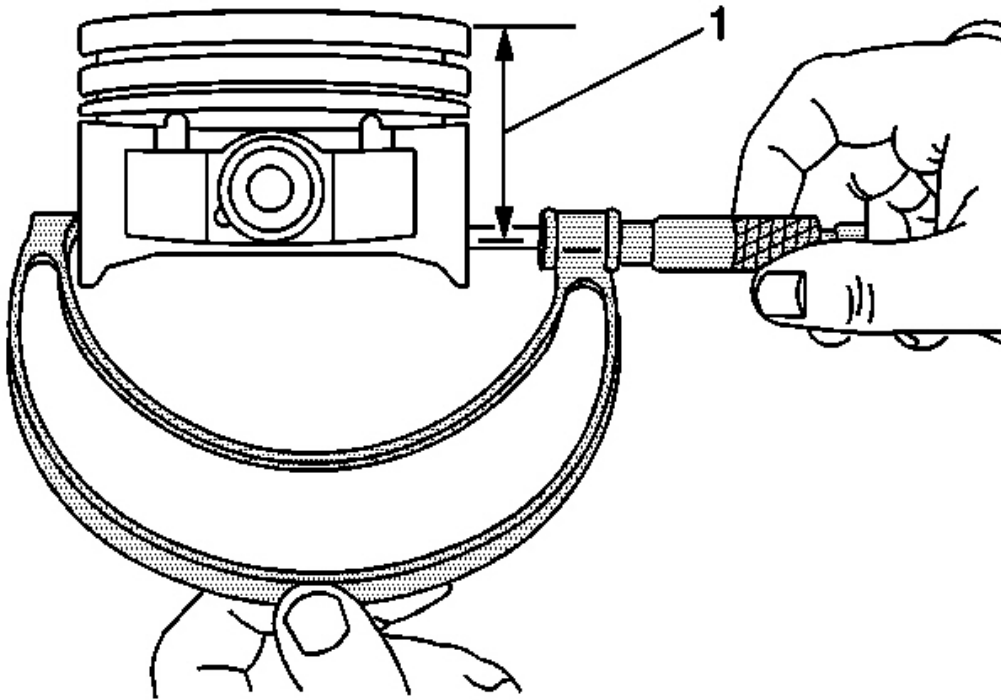


Fig. 61: Measuring Piston Width
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Measure piston width using the following procedure:
 1. Using an outside micrometer, measure the width of the piston at 30 mm (1.181 in) below the crown, top (1), at the thrust surfaces of the piston, perpendicular to the piston pin centerline.
 2. Compare the measurement of the piston to its original cylinder by subtracting the piston width from the cylinder diameter.
 3. Check your measurements with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

4. If the clearance obtained through measurement is greater than the provided specifications and the cylinder bores are within specification, replace the piston.

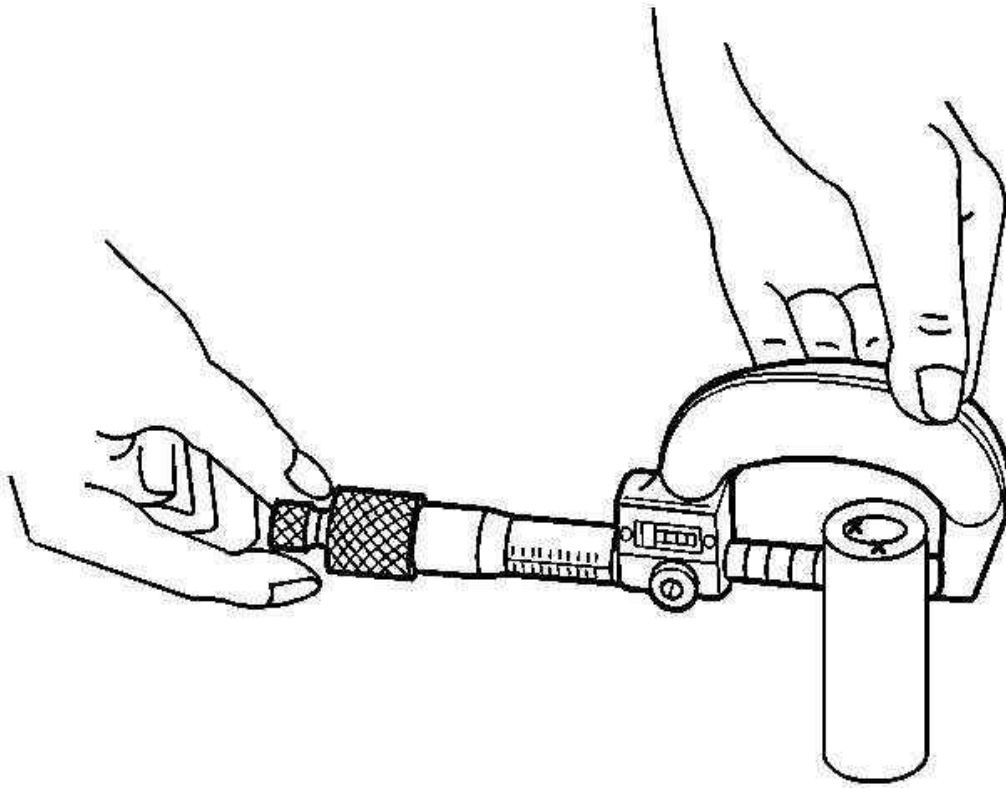


Fig. 62: Measuring Piston Pin Diameter
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Measure the piston pin bore to piston pin clearances using the following procedure:
 1. Piston pin bores and pins must be free of varnish or scuffing.
 2. Use an outside micrometer to measure the piston pin in the piston contact areas.

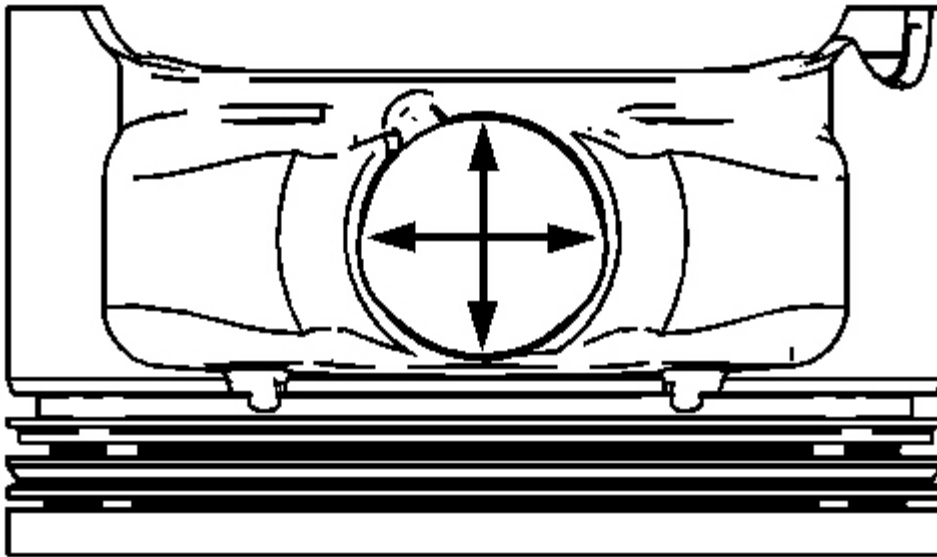


Fig. 63: Checking Piston Pin Bore Dimensions
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3. Using an inside micrometer, measure the piston pin bore. Compare your result with the piston pin diameter and piston pin to piston pin bore clearance listed in the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
4. If the clearance is excessive, determine which piece is out of specification and replace as necessary.
5. You must replace the piston if any of its dimensions are out of specification.
6. If the new piston does not meet clearance specifications, the cylinder block may need to be oversized to 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only one size of oversized pistons and rings available for service.

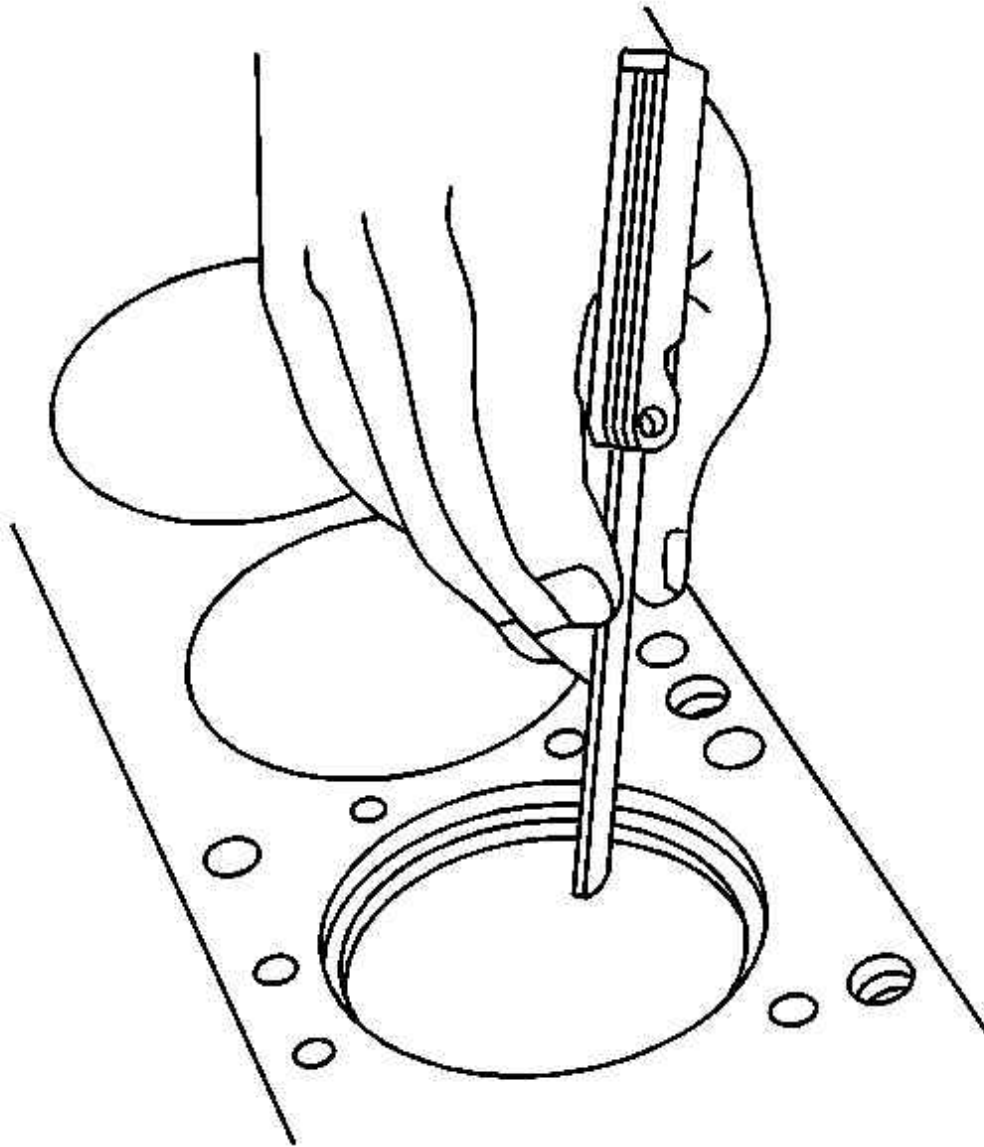


Fig. 64: Measuring Piston Ring End Gap
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Measure the piston ring end gap using the following procedure:
 1. Place the piston ring in the area of the bore where the piston ring will

travel approximately 25 mm (1 in) down from the deck surface. Ensure that the ring is square with the cylinder bore by positioning the ring with the piston head.

2. Measure the end gap of the piston ring with feeler gages. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
3. If the clearance exceeds the provided specifications, the piston rings must be replaced.
4. Repeat the procedure for all the piston rings.

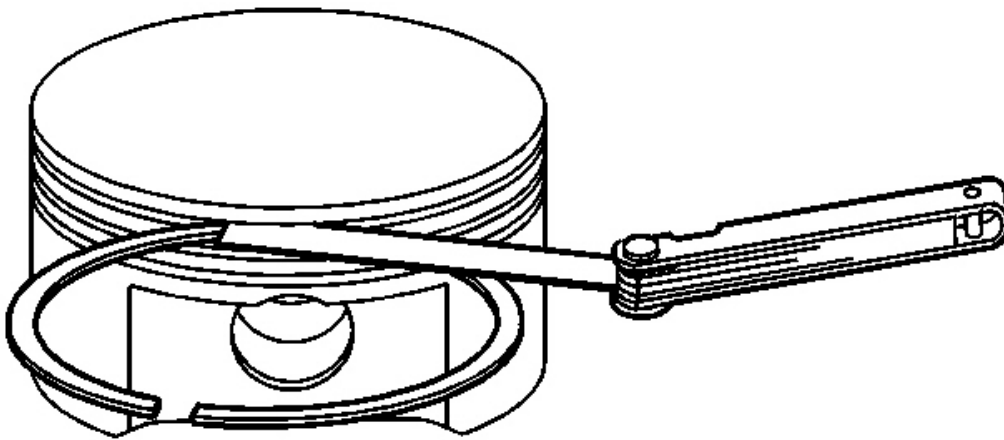


Fig. 65: Measuring Piston Ring Side Clearance
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2. Measure the piston ring side clearance using the following procedure:
 1. Roll the piston ring entirely around the piston ring groove. If any binding is caused by the ring groove, dress the groove with a fine file. If any binding is caused by a distorted piston ring, replace the ring.
 2. With the piston ring on the piston, use feeler gages to check clearance at multiple locations.
 3. Compare the measurements with piston ring side clearance listed in the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

4. If the clearance is greater than specifications, replace the piston rings.

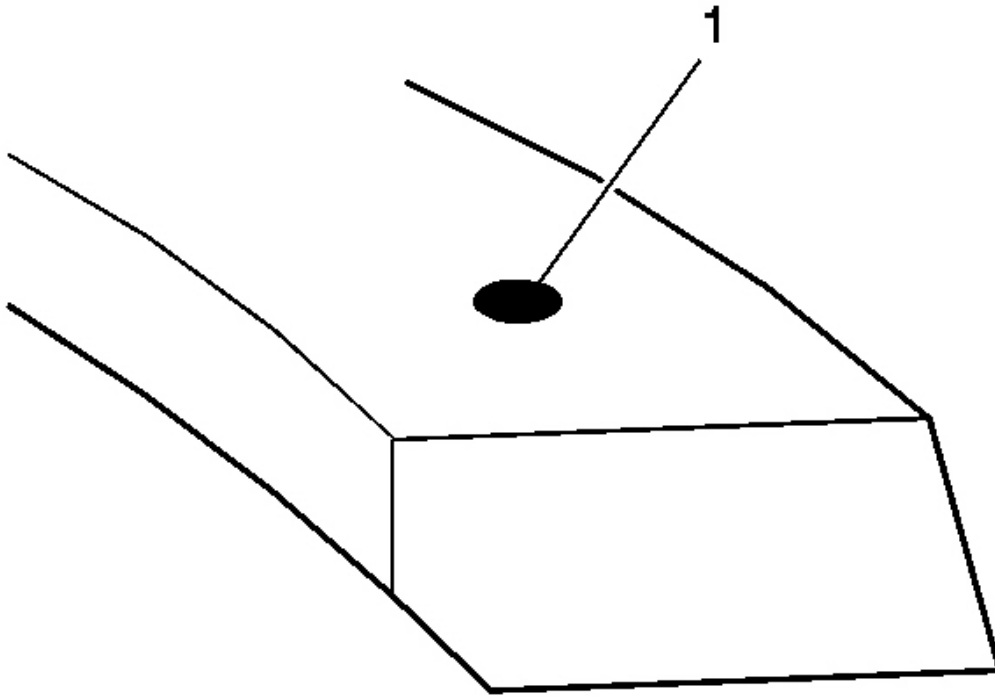


Fig. 66: View Of Lower Compression Piston Ring Mark
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3. There is a locating dimple (1) on the compression rings near the end for identification. Install the compression rings with the dimple facing up.
4. If the new ring does not reduce the clearance to the proper specification, install a new piston.
5. If the new piston does not meet clearance specifications, the cylinder block may need to be oversized to 0.25 mm (0.010 in). There is only one size of oversized pistons and rings available for service.

Connecting Rod Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the connecting rods in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the connecting rod using compressed air.
3. Remove the connecting rod cap and clean the threads.
4. Remove the connecting rod bearing and discard. Never reuse a connecting rod bearing used in a running engine.

Connecting Rod Visual Inspection Procedure

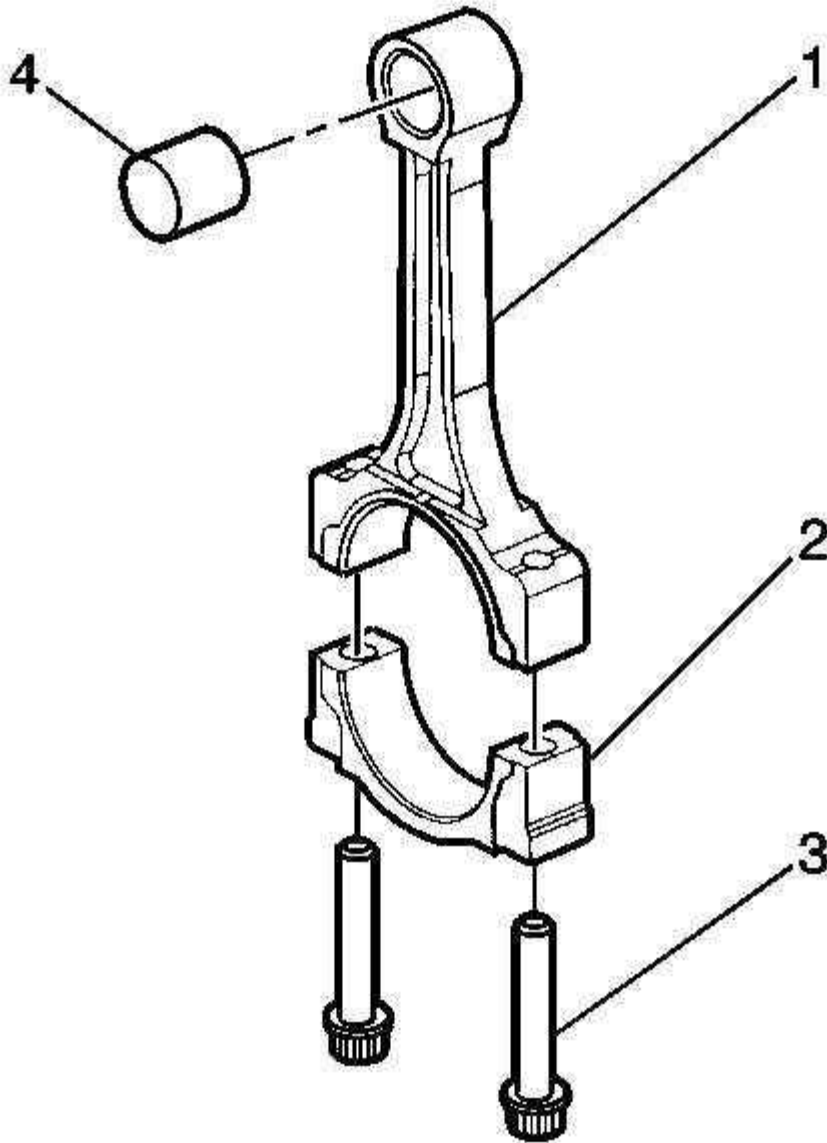


Fig. 67: Inspecting Connecting Rod Components
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the piston pin bushing (4) for scoring or damage.
2. Inspect the connecting rod beam (1) for twisting or bending.

3. Inspect the rod cap (2) for any nicks or damage caused by possible interference.
4. Inspect for scratches or abrasion on the rod bearing seating surface.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT scrape the rod or rod cap.

5. If the connecting rod bores contain minor scratches or abrasions, clean the bores in a circular direction with a light emery paper.

Connecting Rod Measurement Procedure

Piston Pin End

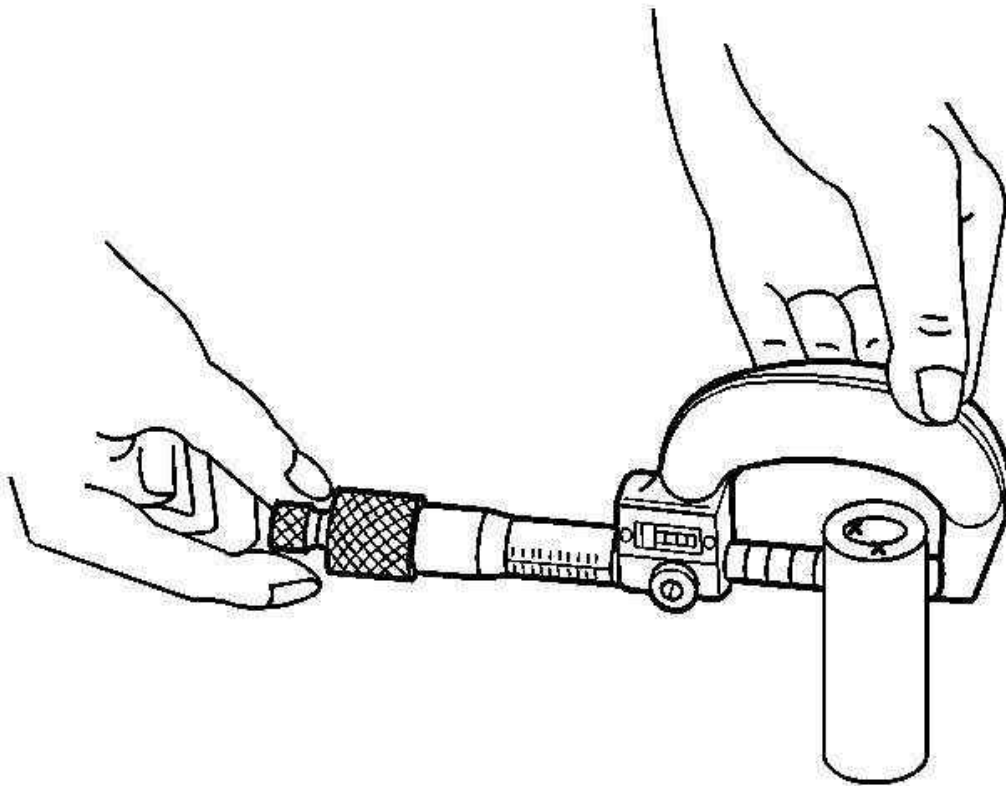


Fig. 68: Measuring Piston Pin Diameter

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Measurements of all components should be taken with the components at normal room temperature.

1. Using an outside micrometer, take 2 measurements of the piston pin in the area of the connecting rod contact.

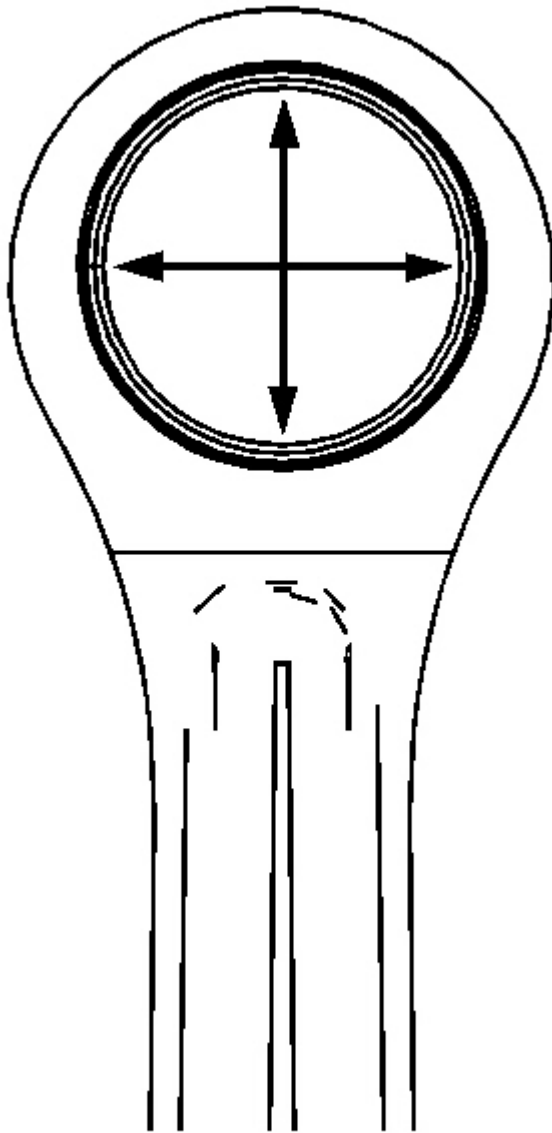


Fig. 69: Checking Connecting Rod Piston Pin Bore Dimensions
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2. Using an inside micrometer, measure the connecting rod piston pin bore.
3. Subtract the piston pin diameter from the piston pin bore.

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4. Compare the clearance measurements with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
5. If the clearance is excessive, replace the piston pin. If a new pin does not resolve the clearance problem, replace the connecting rod.

Connecting Rod Crankshaft Bearing End

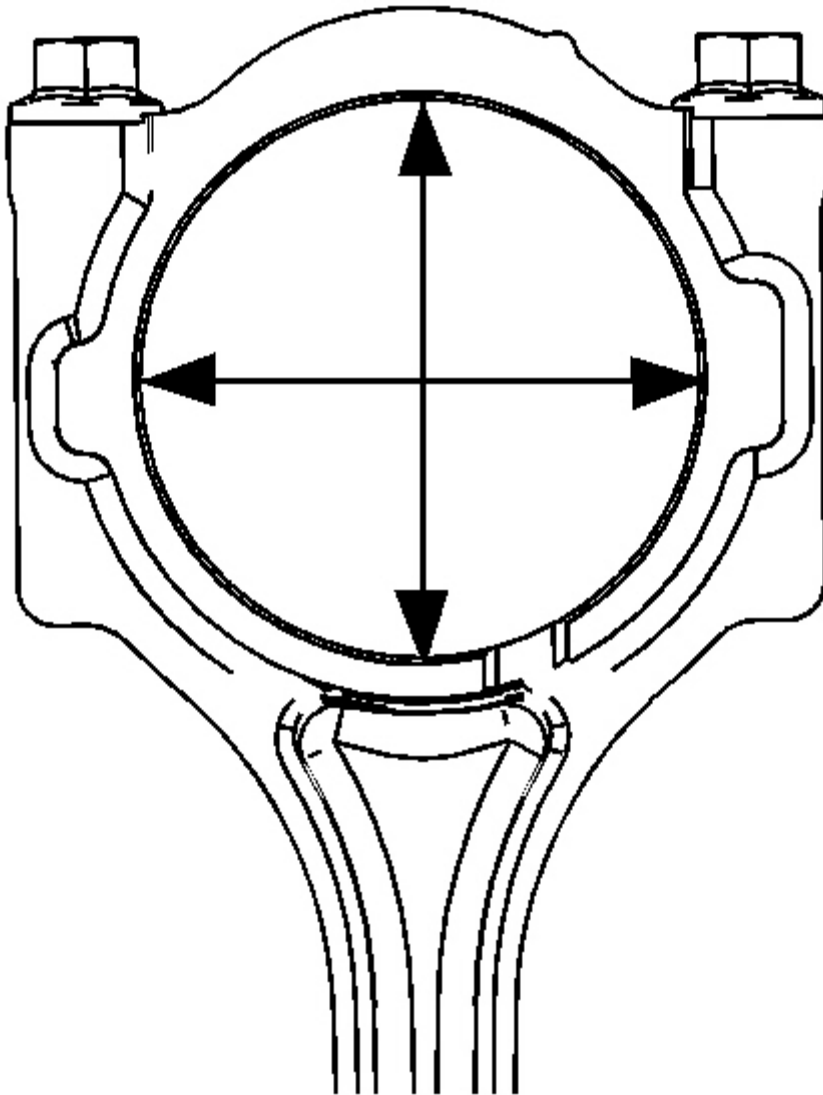


Fig. 70: Measuring Connecting Rod Crankshaft Bearing Bore
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IMPORTANT: Measurements of all components should be taken with the components at normal room temperature.

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1. Using an inside micrometer, measure the connecting rod crankshaft bearing bore.
2. Compare the bore measurements with the **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
3. Replace the connecting rod if the bore is out of specifications. DO NOT recondition the connecting rod.

PISTON AND CONNECTING ROD ASSEMBLE

Tools Required

- **EN 46121** Connecting Rod Guide Pin Set. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN-46745** Piston Pin Clip Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .

Piston and Piston Pin Installation Procedure

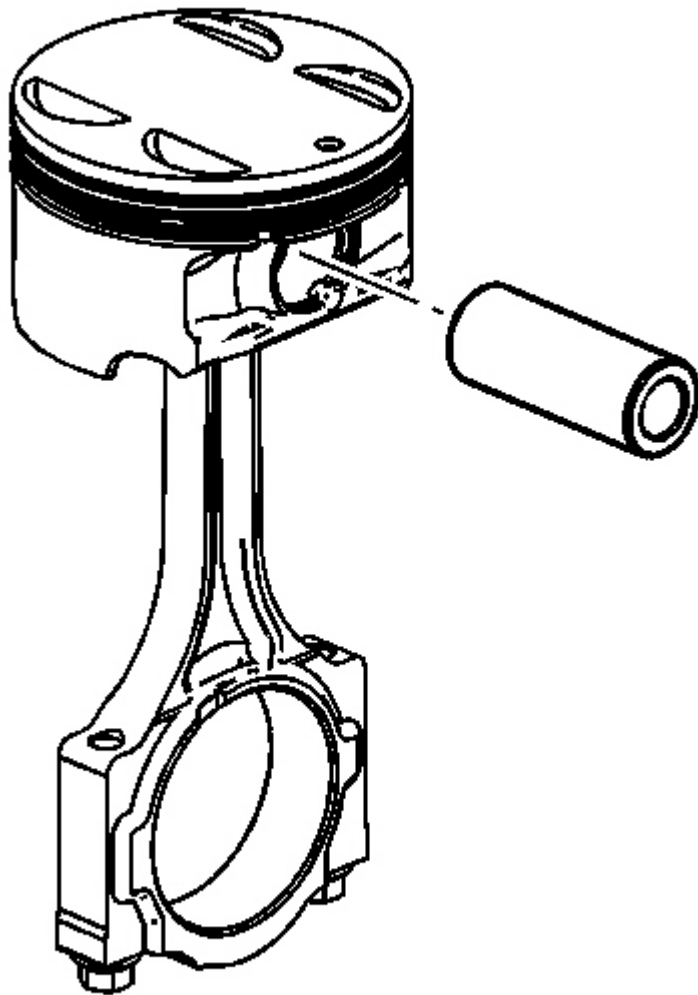


Fig. 71: View Of Piston Pin

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- The arrow located on top of the piston must point toward the front of the engine.
- The connecting rod is non-directional and may be assembled/reassembled to the piston in either direction.

1. Lubricate the piston pin bores in the piston and the connecting rod with GM prelube lubricant GM P/N 1052367 (Canadian P/N 992869) or equivalent.
2. Assemble the piston and piston pin to the connecting rod. Properly orient the piston when reusing a marked connecting rod.
3. Align the piston pin bore with the connecting rod pin bore.
4. Slide the piston pin into the piston and the connecting rod.

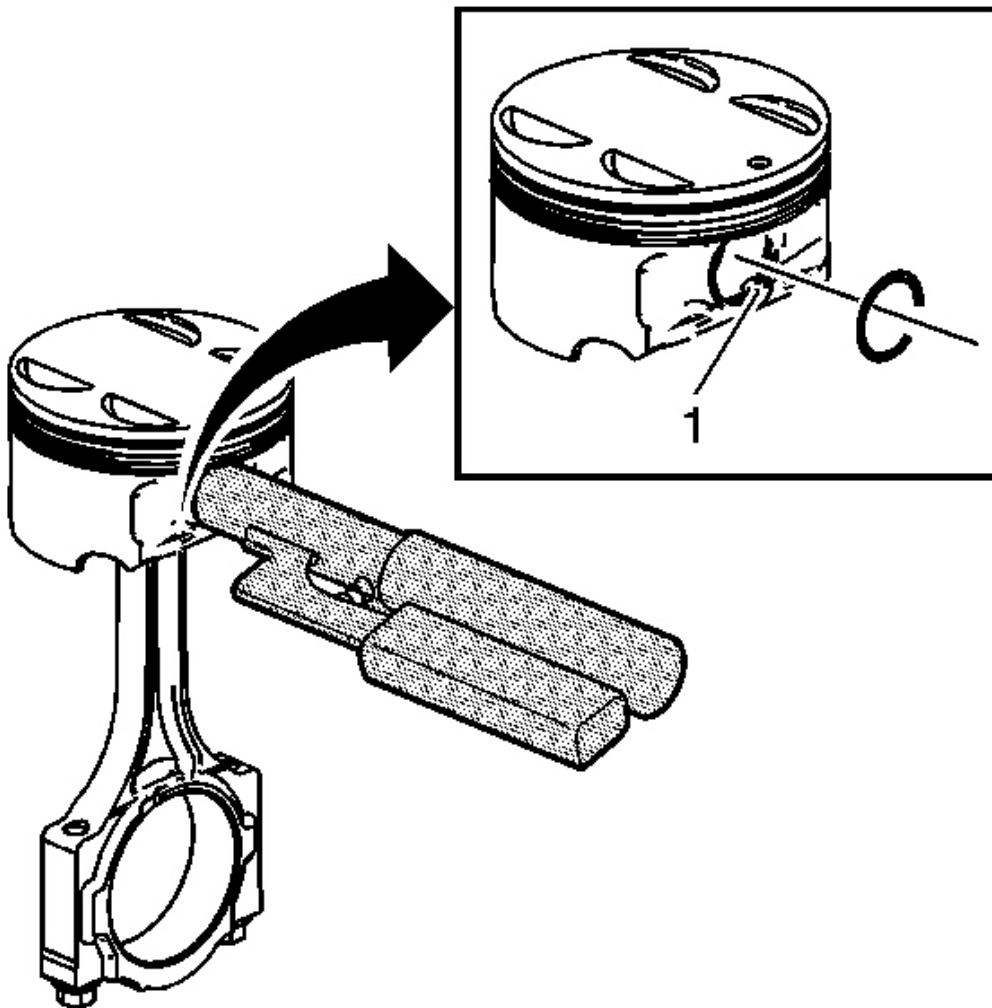


Fig. 72: Identifying Piston Pin Retainers Removal Access Notch

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IMPORTANT: New piston pin retainers must be used. Never reuse the piston pin retainers.

5. Install NEW piston pin retainers using the **EN-46745** . See **Special Tools** . Align the **EN-46745** to the notch (1) in the piston. See **Special Tools** .
6. Ensure that the piston pin retainers are fully seated in their grooves.
7. Repeat these procedures for the remaining pistons.

Piston Ring Installation Procedure

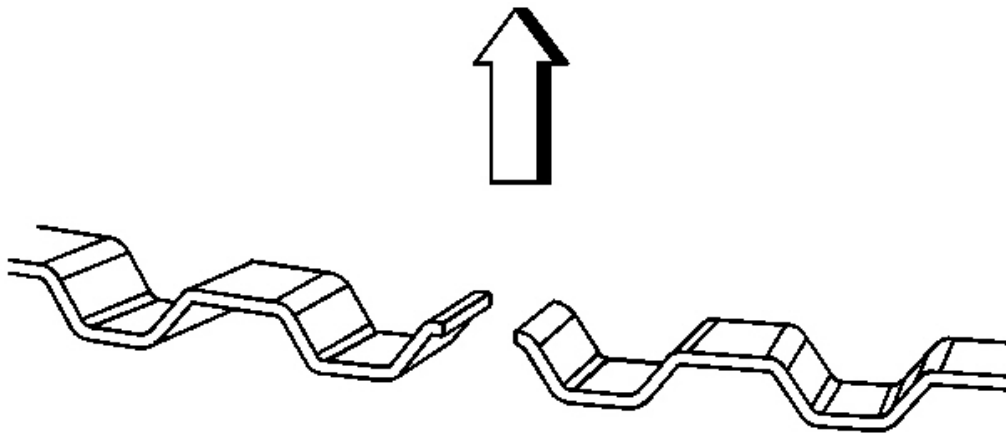


Fig. 73: Aligning Oil Control Ring Expander
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1. Properly orient the oil control ring expander as shown before installation. The ends of the expander must be facing toward the top of the piston.

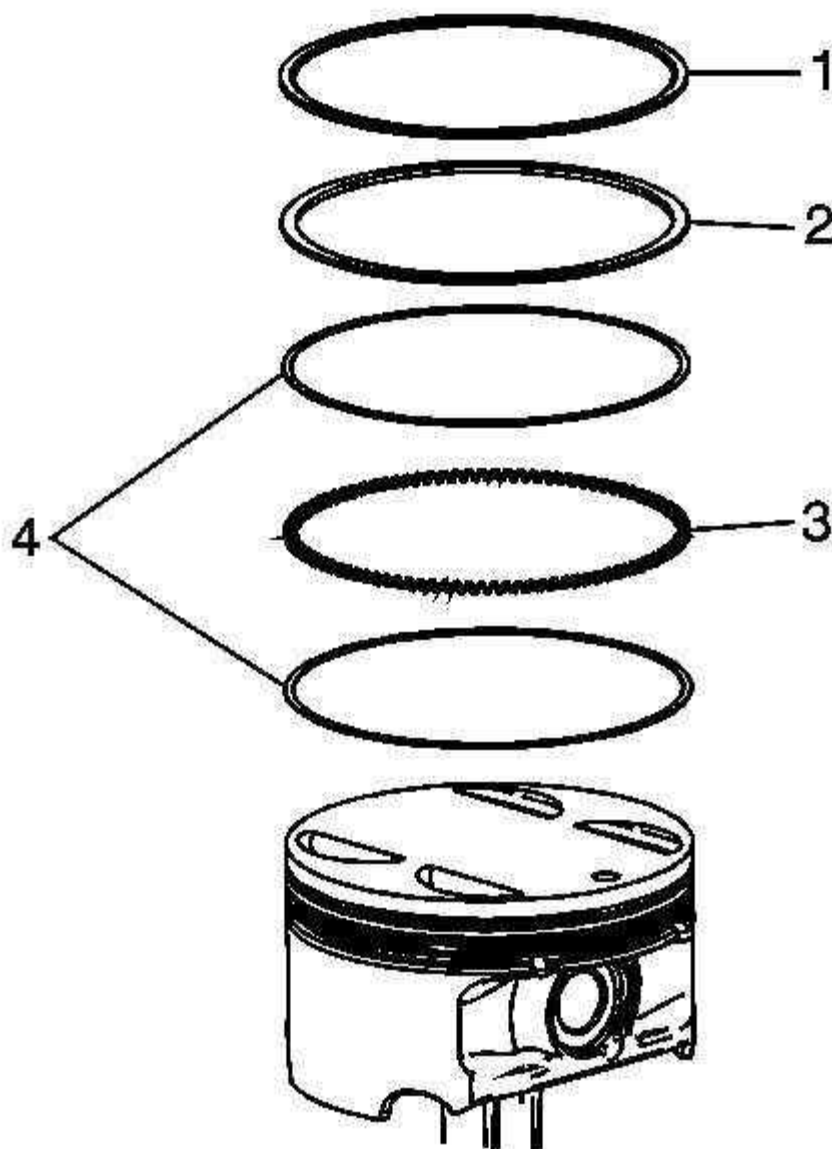


Fig. 74: Identifying Piston Rings
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Using a piston ring expander, install the oil control ring assembly using the following procedure:

1. Install the expander ring (3).
2. Install the 2 oil scraper rings (4). Expand the rings only enough to clear the piston diameter. Overexpanding the piston rings will distort or crack the rings.

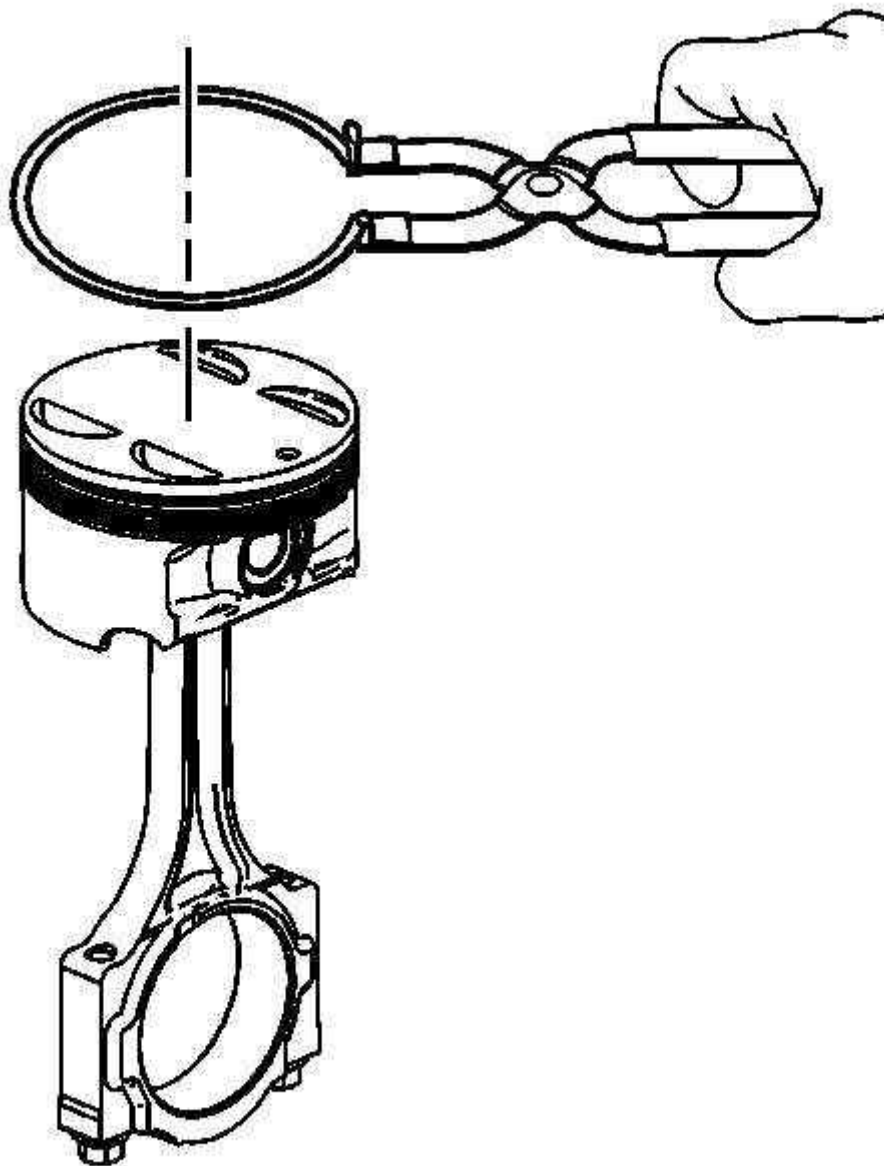


Fig. 75: View Of Piston Ring Expander
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3. Install the second and top piston rings using the ring expander. Ensure that you do not overexpand the rings.

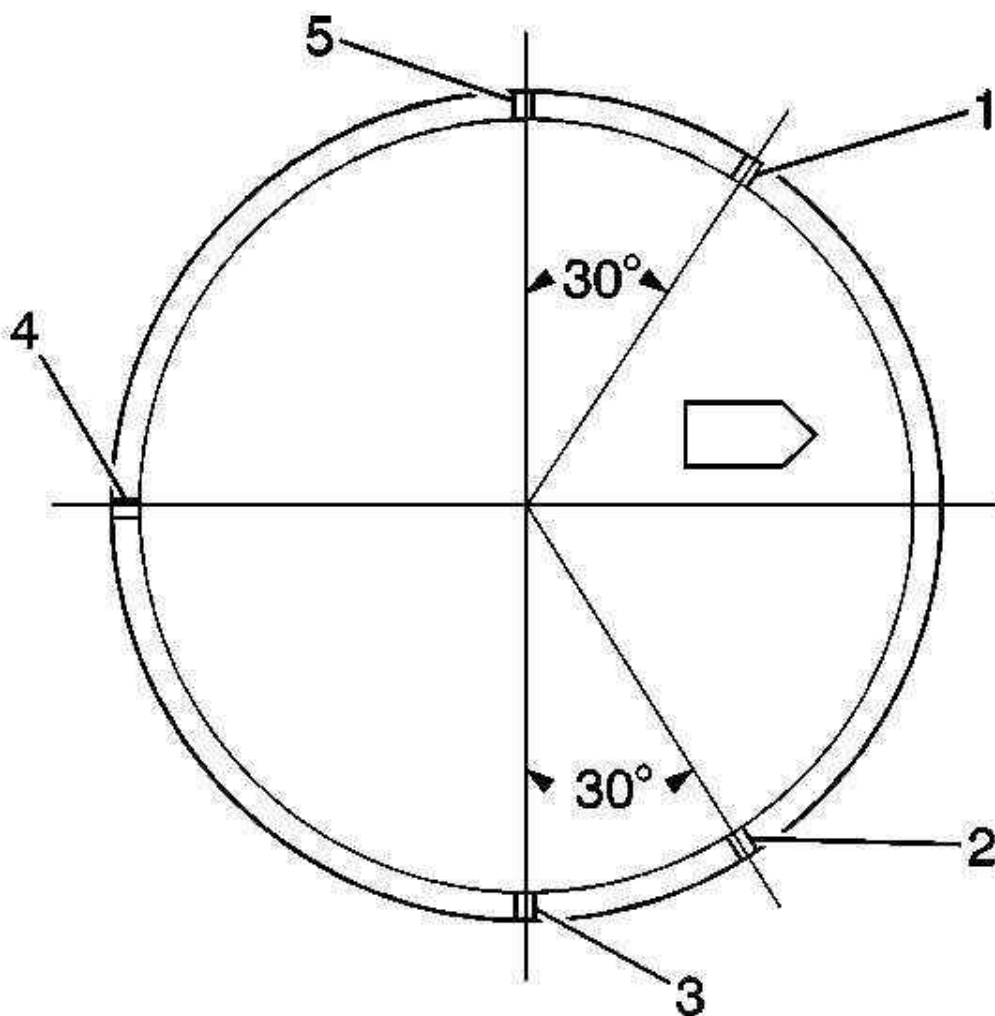


Fig. 76: Illustrating Ring Gap Positions
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4. Once the rings are installed, set the ring gaps for the oil control, second and top ring as follows. Use the piston location arrow for reference.
 1. Lower oil control ring - position 1
 2. Upper oil control ring - position 2
 3. Top Ring - position 3
 4. Oil control ring expander - position 4
 5. Second ring - position 5

Connecting Rod Bearing Installation Procedure

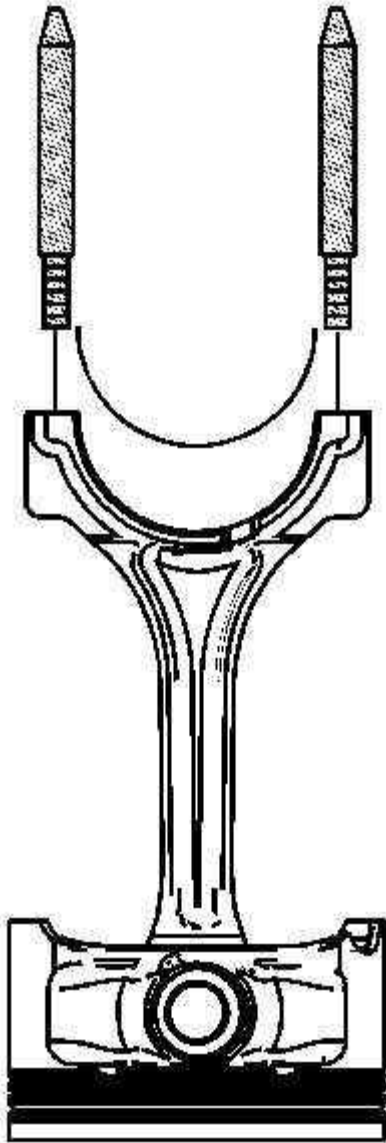


Fig. 77: View Of Piston/Connecting Rod Installation Tool
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the connecting rod bearings have been used in a running engine, you must replace them with NEW

connecting rod bearings for reassembly.

1. Clean the connecting rod and the connecting rod cap bearing bore with a lint-free cloth.
2. Clean all the oil from behind the connecting rod bearing halves.
3. Install new upper connecting rod bearings into position. Roll the bearing into position so that the lock tang engages the alignment slot. The bearing must fit flush in the connecting rod.
4. Install the **EN 46121** into the connecting rod bolt holes. See **Special Tools** .

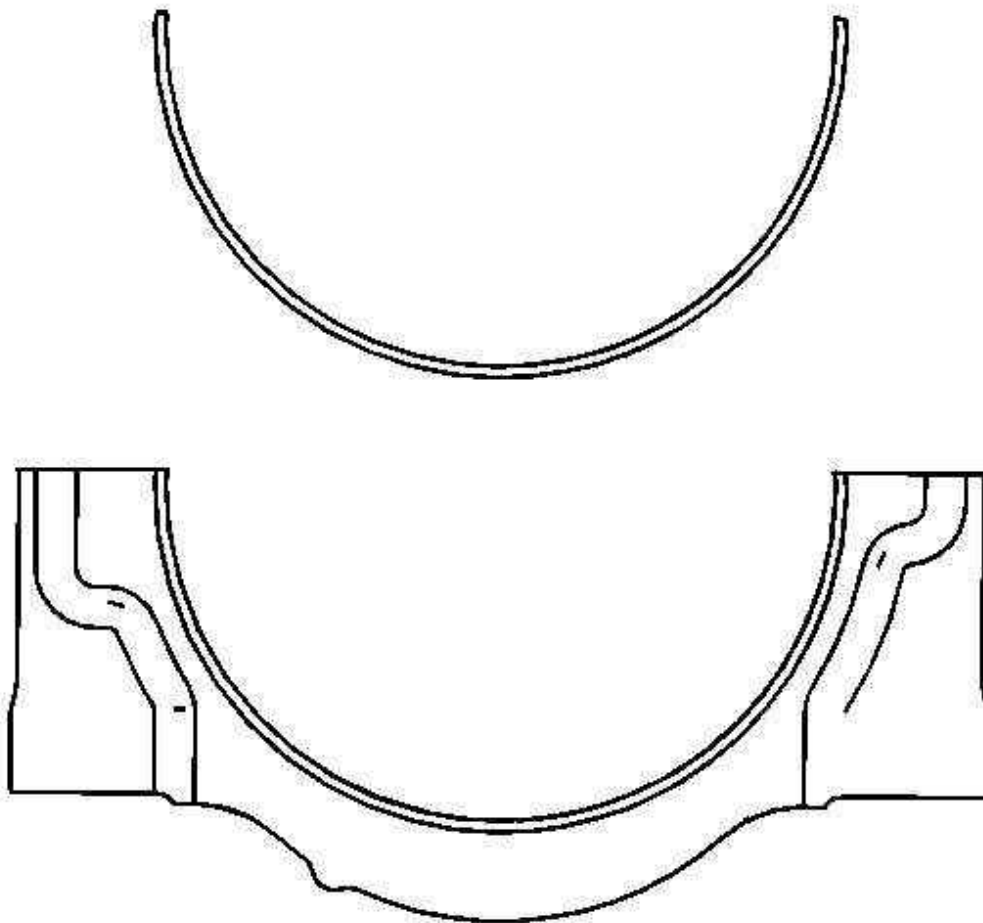


Fig. 78: View Of Lower Connecting Rod Cap & Bearing
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5. Install new lower connecting rod bearings into position in the connecting rod cap. Roll the bearing into position so that the lock tang engages the alignment slot. The bearings must fit flush with the connecting rod cap.

CYLINDER HEAD DISASSEMBLE

Tools Required

- **EN 46116** Valve Stem Seal Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN 46117** Valve Stem Key Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN 46119** Off-Vehicle Valve Spring Compressor Adapter. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 8062** Valve Spring Compressor - Head Off. See **Special Tools** .

Disassemble

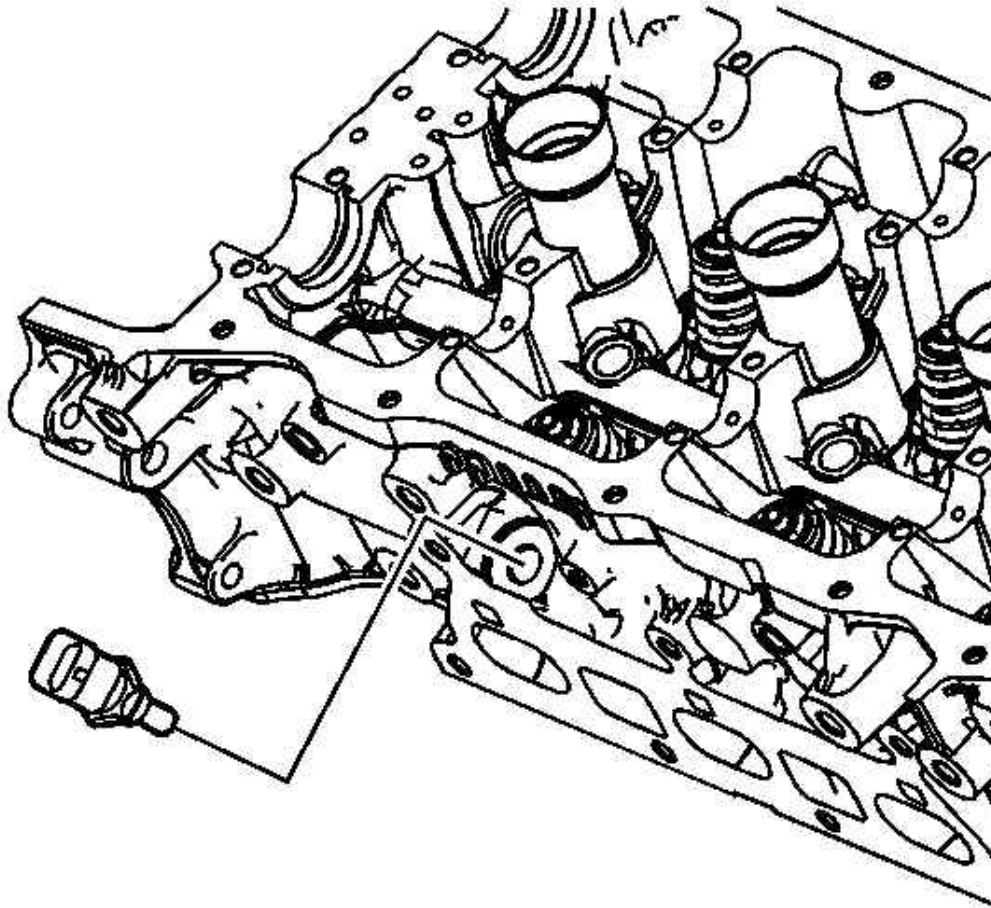


Fig. 79: Identifying Engine Coolant Temperature (ECT) Sensor
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1. Remove the engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor.

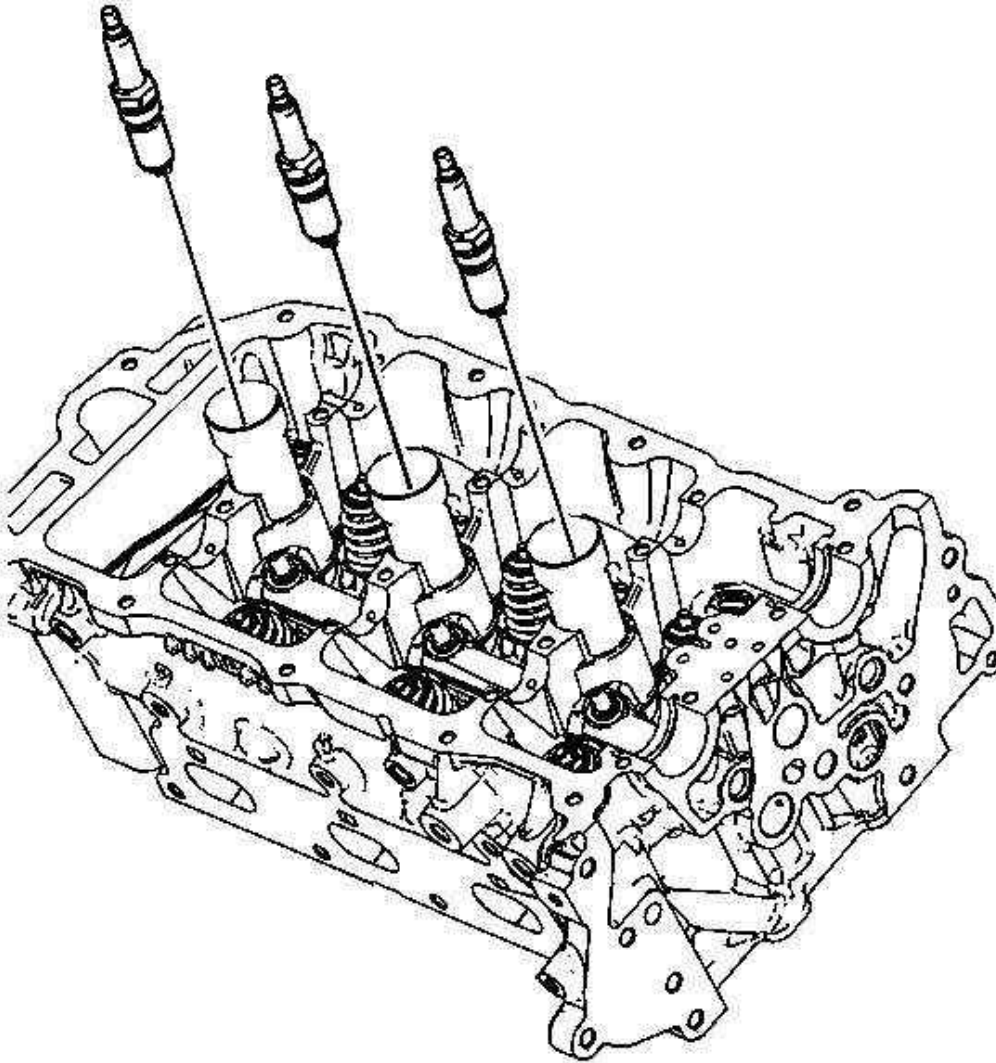


Fig. 80: Identifying Spark Plugs
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2. Remove the spark plugs.

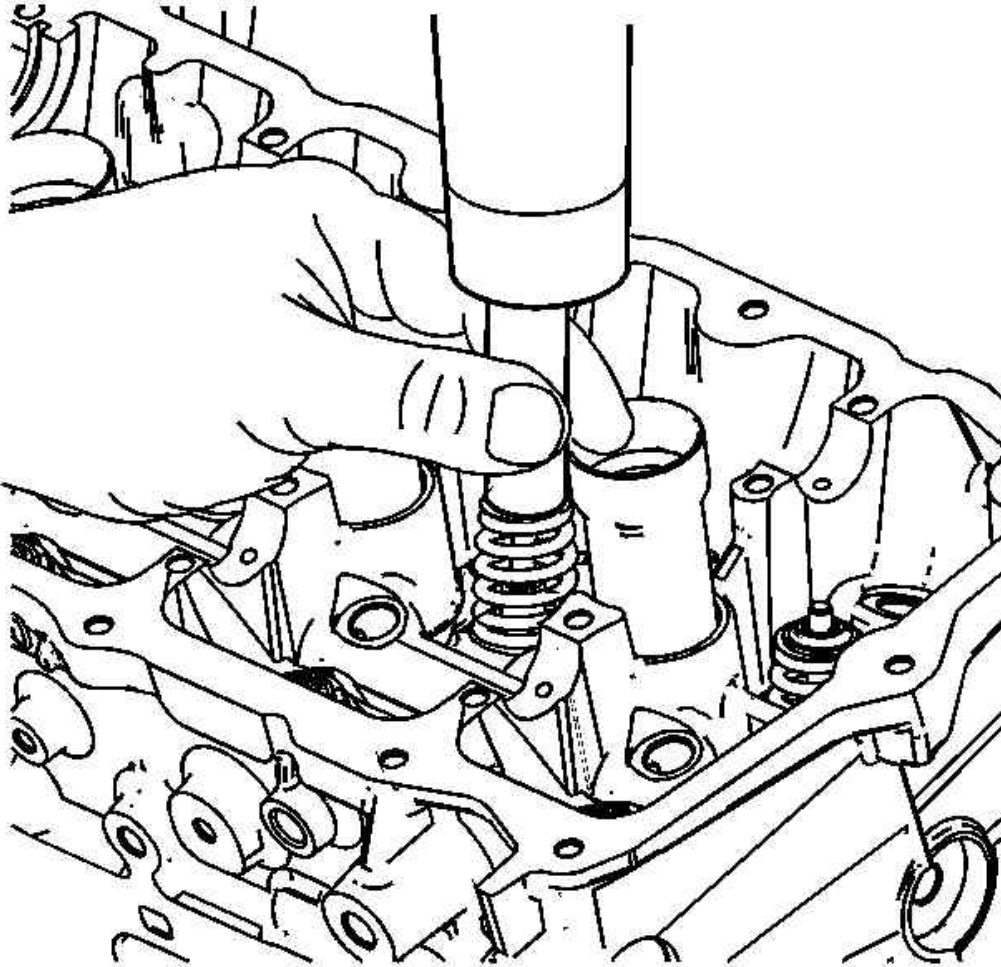


Fig. 81: View Of Valve Spring Retainer & Valve Keepers
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IMPORTANT: Ensure valve heads will not contact anything during the following step in order to avoid bending or damage.

3. Using an appropriately sized deep socket and a plastic hammer, lightly tap on the valve spring retainer to loosen the valve keepers.

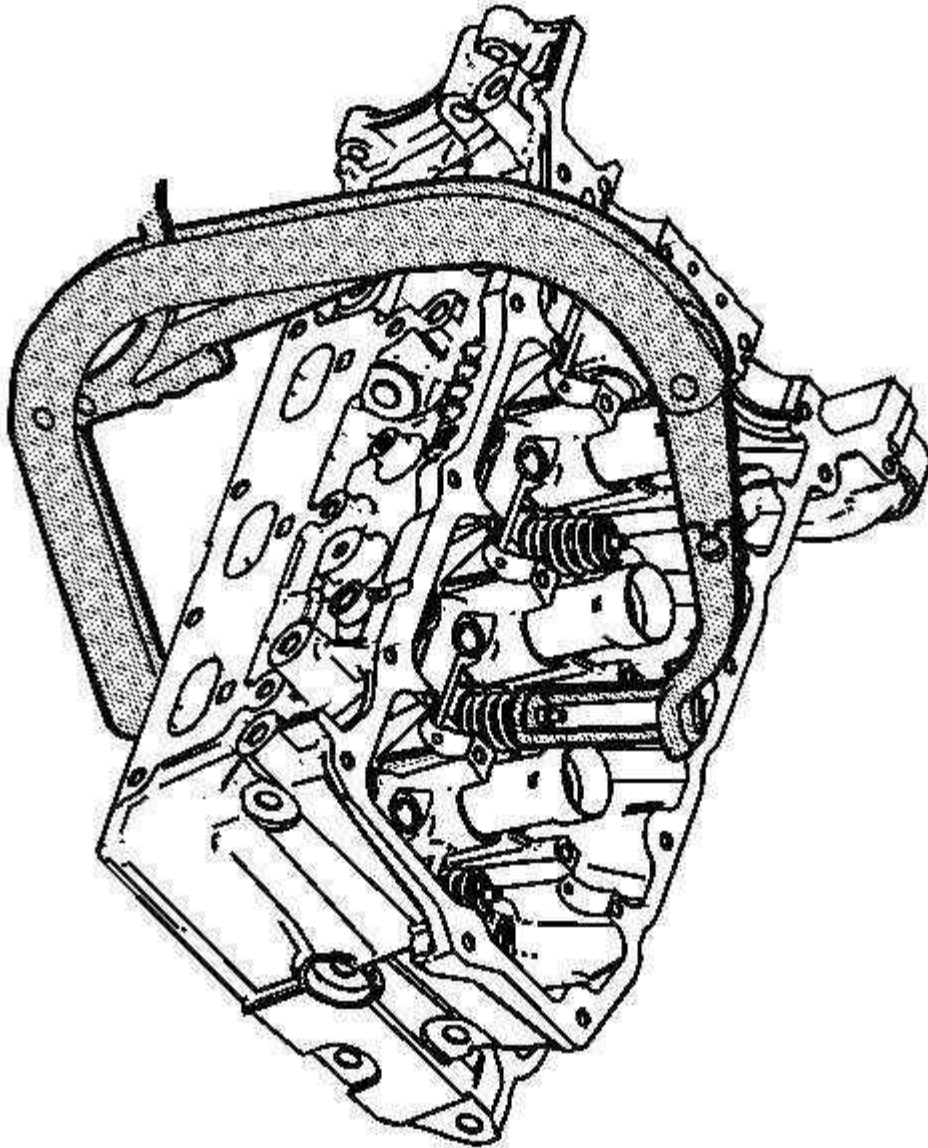


Fig. 82: Compressing Valve Spring
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CAUTION: Compressed valve springs have high tension against the valve spring compressor. Valve

springs that are not properly compressed by or released from the valve spring compressor can be ejected from the valve spring compressor with intense force. Use care when compressing or releasing the valve spring with the valve spring compressor and when removing or installing the valve stem keys. Failing to use care may cause personal injury.

NOTE: Do not compress the valve springs less than 24.0 mm (0.943 in). Contact between the valve spring retainer and the valve stem oil seal can cause potential valve stem oil seal damage.

4. Compress the valve spring using the **J 8062** and the **EN 46119** . See **Special Tools** .

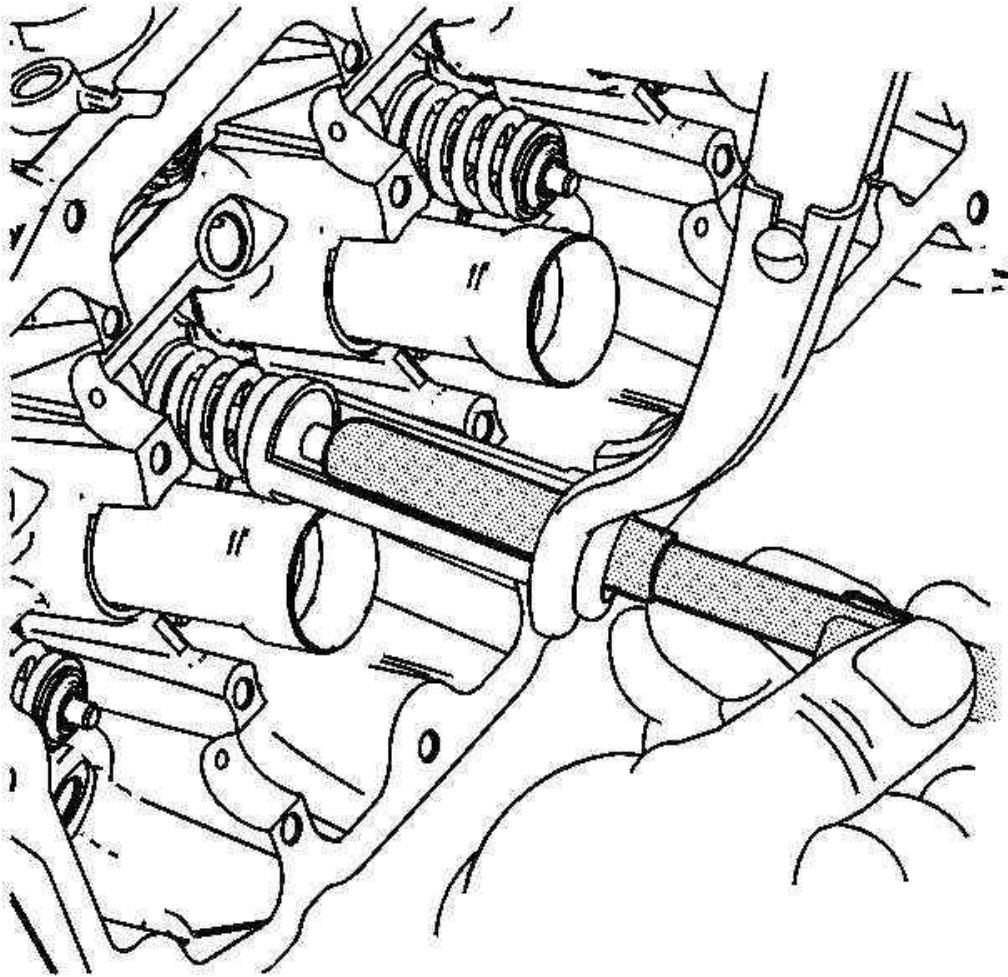


Fig. 83: Identifying Valve Spring Compressor & Adapter
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5. Use the magnet of the **EN 46117** in order to remove the valve keepers. See **Special Tools** .
6. Remove the valve spring compressor and the adapter.

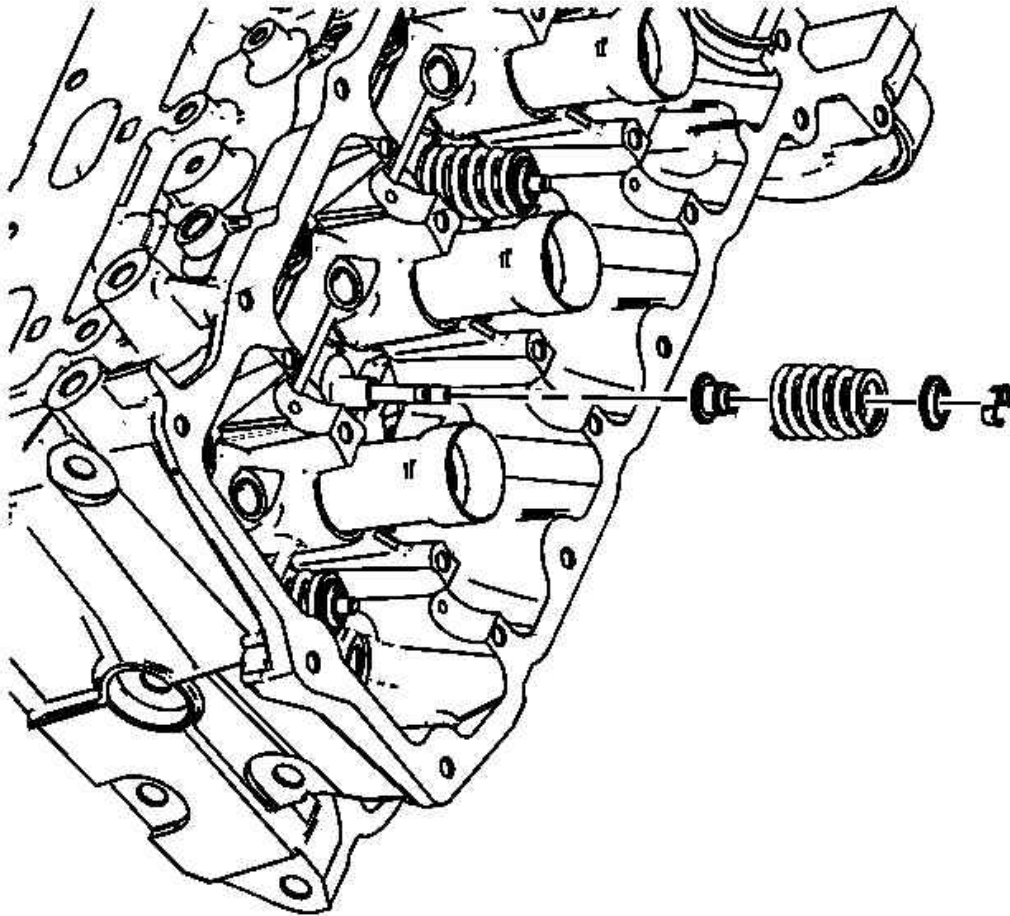


Fig. 84: Identifying Valve Spring & Retainer
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7. Remove the valve spring retainer.
8. Remove the valve spring.

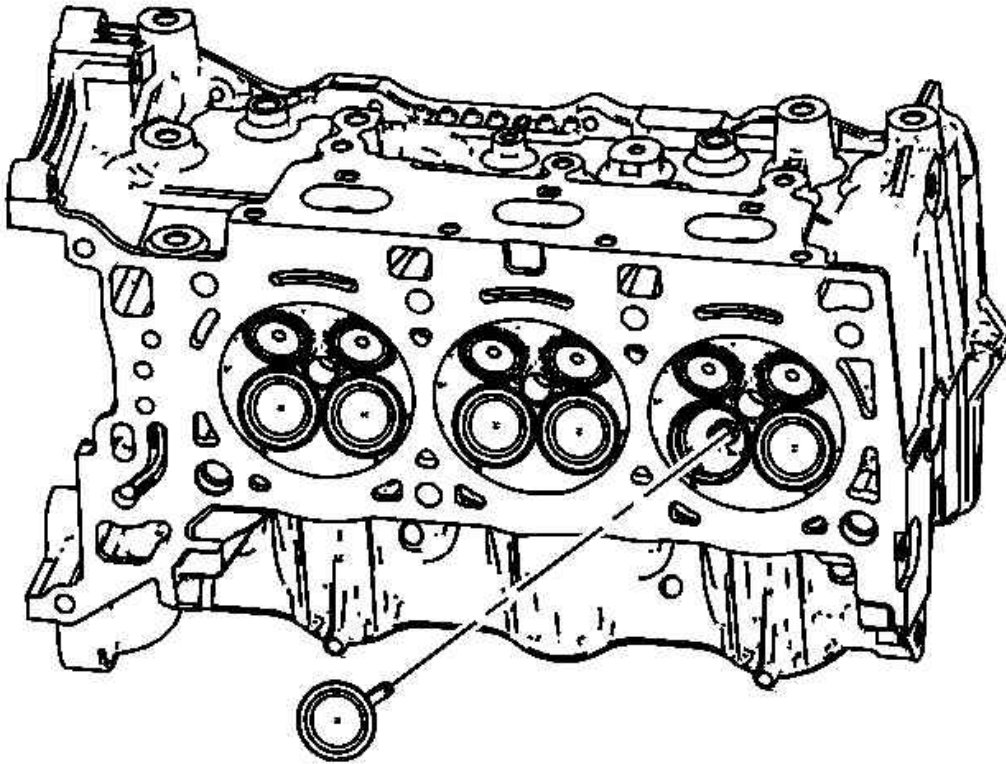


Fig. 85: View Of Valve & Cylinder Head
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9. Remove the valve.

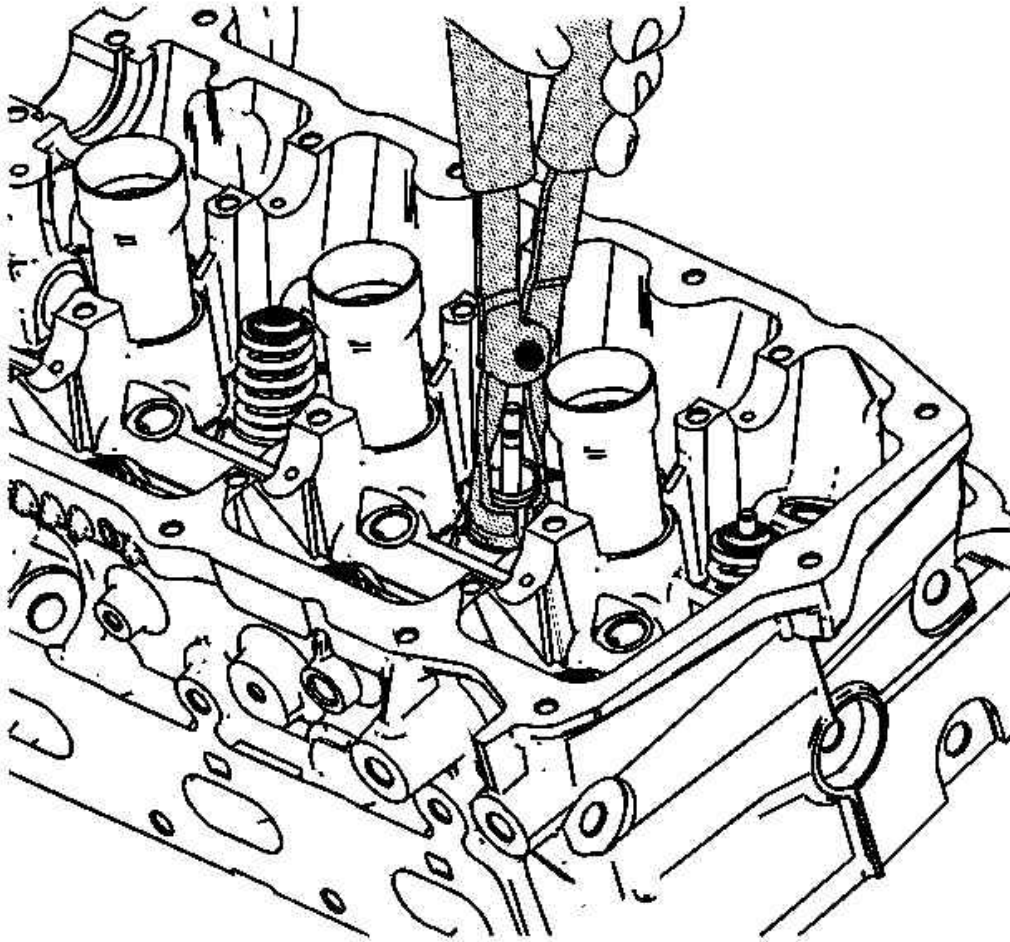


Fig. 86: View of Valve Stem Oil Seals With Tool EN 46116
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IMPORTANT: NEVER reuse a valve stem oil seal.

10. Remove the valve stem oil seal using the **EN 46116** and discard. See **Special Tools** .
11. Repeat these procedures for the remaining valves.

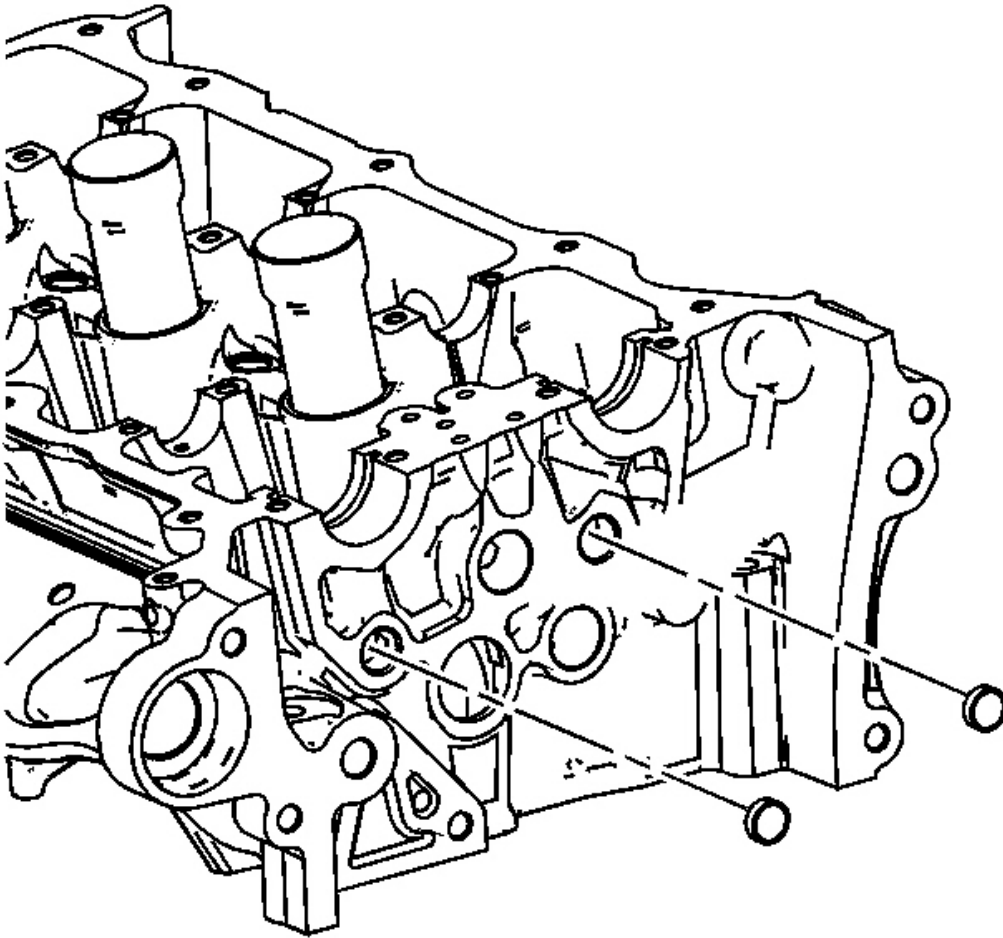


Fig. 87: Identifying Cylinder Head Oil Gallery Expansion Plugs
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12. Remove the cylinder head oil gallery expansion plugs.

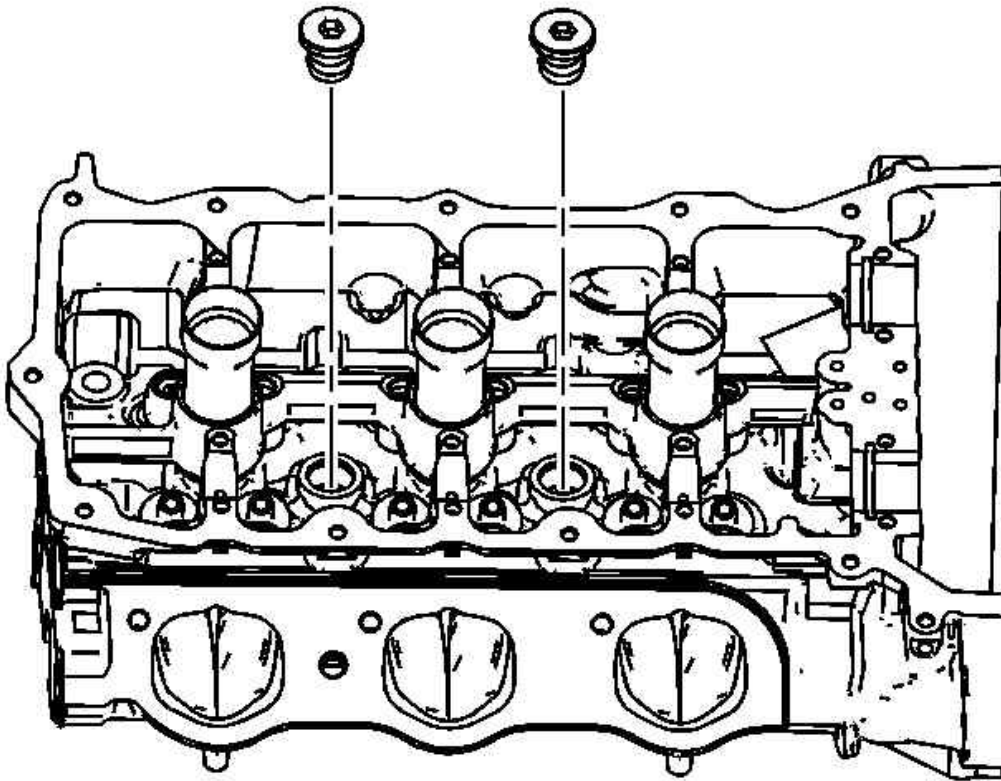


Fig. 88: Locating Cylinder Head Coolant Threaded Plugs
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13. Remove the cylinder head coolant threaded plugs.

CYLINDER HEAD CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Tools Required

- **EN 46122** Camshaft Position Actuator Check-Ball Valve Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 8001** Dial Indicator Set. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 8358** Carbon Removal Brush. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 28410** Gasket Remover

- **J 42096** Valve Guide Reamer. See **Special Tools** .

Cleaning Procedure

1. Remove any old thread sealant, gasket material or sealant using **J 28410** .
2. Clean all cylinder head surfaces with non-corrosive solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to **Safety Glasses Caution** .

3. Blow out all the oil galleries using compressed air.
4. Remove any carbon deposits from the combustion chambers using the **J 8358** . See **Special Tools** .
5. Clean any debris or build-up from the lifter pockets.

Visual Inspection

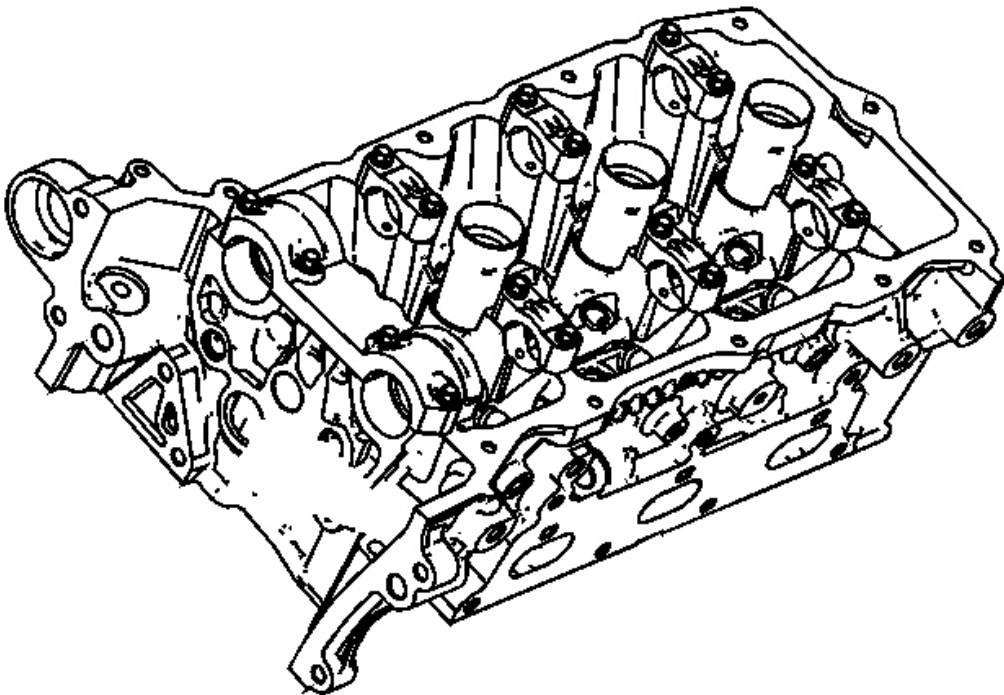


Fig. 89: View Of Cylinder Head
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the cylinder head camshaft bearing surfaces for the following conditions:
 - Excessive scoring or pitting
 - Discoloration from overheating
 - Deformation from excessive wear
 - If the camshaft bearing journals appear to be scored or damaged, you must replace the cylinder head. DO NOT machine the camshaft bearing journals.
2. If any of the above conditions exist on the camshaft bearing surfaces, replace the cylinder head.
3. Inspect the cylinder head for the following:
 - Cracks, damage or pitting in the combustion chambers
 - Debris in the oil galleries - Continue to clean the galleries until all debris is removed.
 - Coolant leaks or damage to the deck face sealing surface - If coolant leaks are present, measure the surface warpage as described under Cylinder Head Measurement - Deck Flatness Inspection.
 - Burrs or any defects that would degrade the sealing of the NEW secondary camshaft drive chain tensioner gasket
 - Damage to any gasket surfaces
 - Damage to any threaded bolt holes
 - Burnt or eroded areas in the combustion chamber
 - Cracks in the exhaust ports and combustion chambers
 - External cracks in the water passages
 - Restrictions in the intake or exhaust passages
 - Restrictions in the cooling system passages
 - Rusted, damaged or leaking core plugs
4. If the cylinder head is cracked or damaged, it must be replaced. No welding or patching of the cylinder head is recommended.

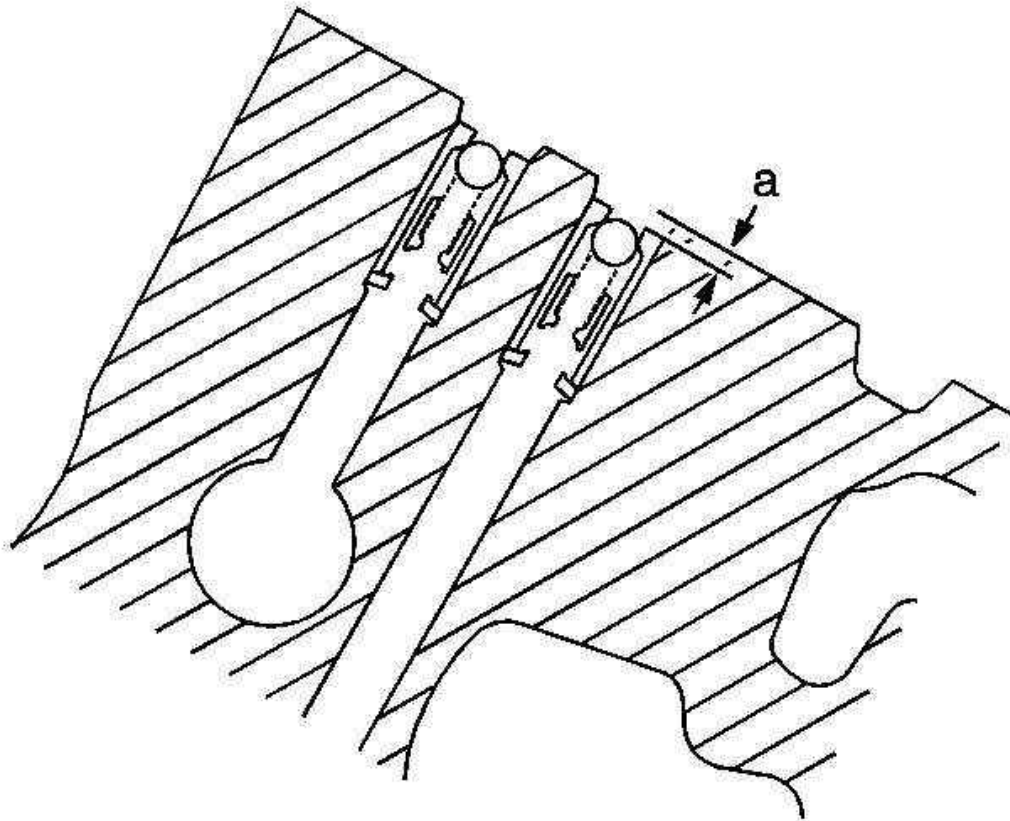


Fig. 90: Inspecting Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Feed Check Valves
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5. Inspect the camshaft position actuator oil feed check valves in order to ensure they are properly positioned in the cylinder head. The camshaft position actuator oil feed check valve should be flush to 2 mm (0.0787 in) below the cylinder head deck surface (a).

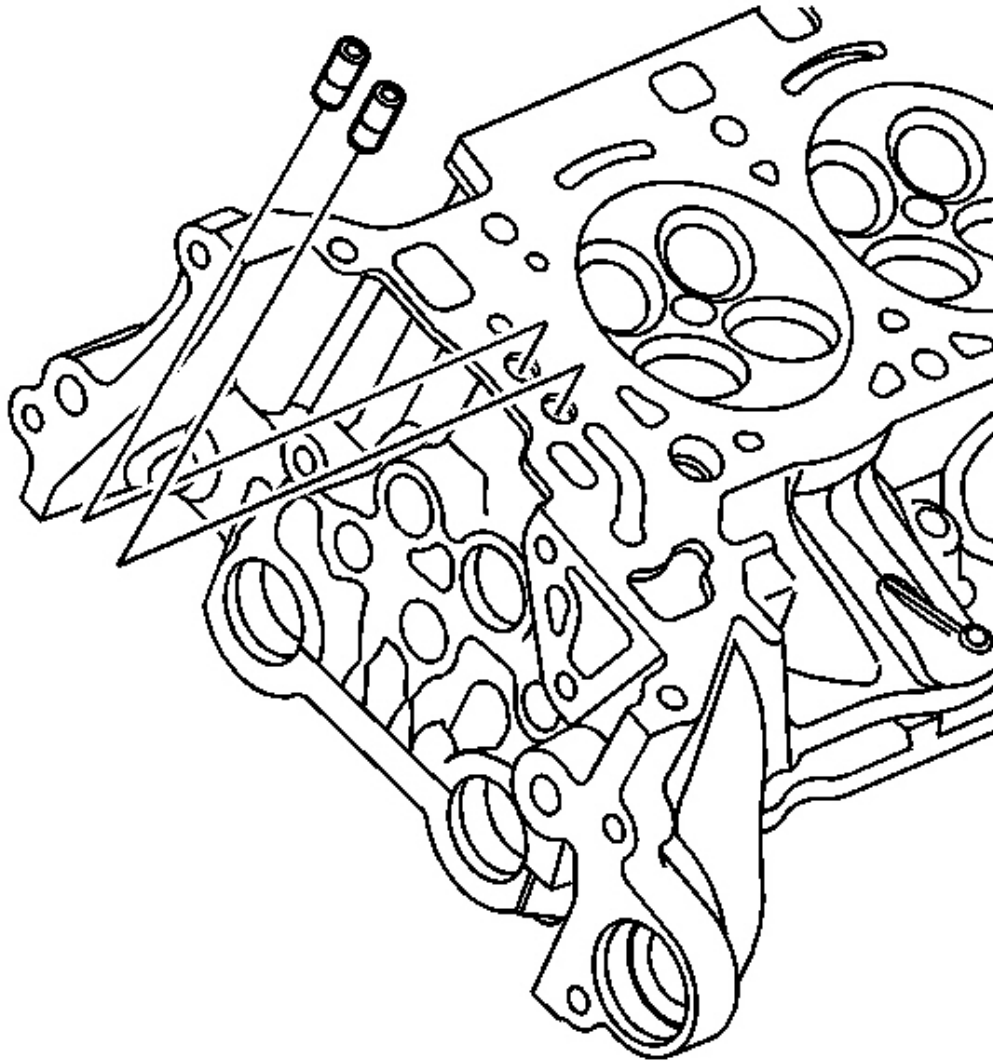


Fig. 91: View Of Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Feed Check Valve
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6. Damaged, restricted or clogged check valves can be replaced using the **EN 46122** . See **Special Tools** .

Camshaft Journal Clearance

1. Install the camshaft bearing cap in the cylinder head without the camshaft.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

2. Install the camshaft cap bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the camshaft cap bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

3. Measure the camshaft bearings using an inside micrometer.
4. Subtract the camshaft journal diameter from the camshaft bearing diameter. This will provide the running clearance. If the running clearance exceeds specifications and the camshaft journals are within specification, replace the cylinder head.

Camshaft Journal Alignment

1. Ensure the camshafts are serviceable.
2. Inspect the cylinder head camshaft bearing surfaces for any imperfections or scratches that could inhibit proper camshaft clearances. Repair minor imperfections or scratches.
3. Install the camshafts in the cylinder head.
4. Install the camshaft bearing caps.
5. Install the camshaft cap bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the camshaft cap bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

6. Ensure the camshafts spin freely in the cylinder head. If the camshaft does not run freely, replace the cylinder head.

Deck Flatness Inspection

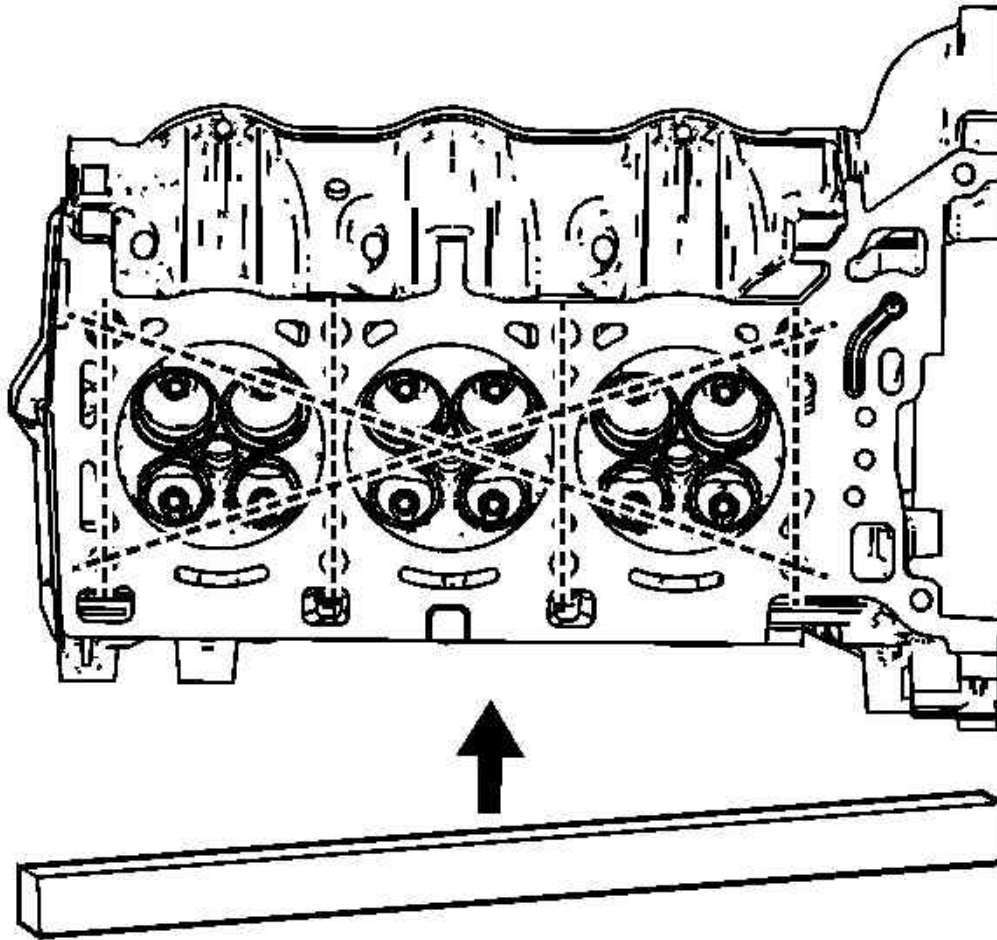


Fig. 92: Measuring Deck Flatness
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Ensure the cylinder head decks are clean and free of gasket material.
2. Inspect the surface for any imperfections or scratches that could inhibit proper cylinder head gasket sealing.
3. Place a straight-edge diagonally across the cylinder head deck face surface.
4. Measure the clearance between the straight-edge and the cylinder head deck face using a feeler gage at 4 points along the straight-edge.

5. If the warpage is less than 0.05 mm (0.002 in), the cylinder head deck surface does not require resurfacing.
6. If the warpage is between 0.05-0.20 mm (0.002-0.008 in) or any imperfections or scratches that could inhibit proper cylinder head gasket sealing are present, the cylinder head deck surface requires resurfacing.
7. If resurfacing is required the maximum amount that can be removed is 0.25 mm (0.010 in).
8. If the cylinder head deck surface requires more than 0.25 mm (0.010 in) material removal the head must be replaced.

Valve Guide Measurement

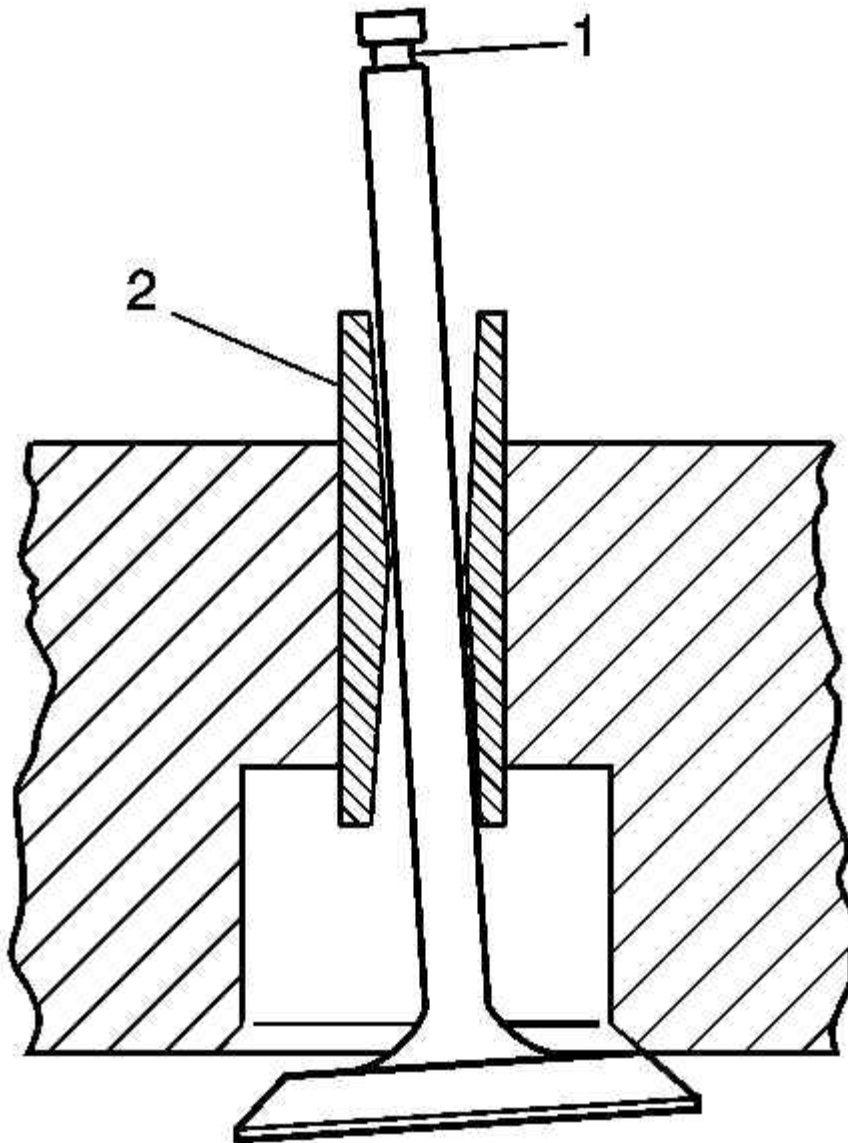


Fig. 93: Inspecting For Excessive Valve Stem To Guide Clearance
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1. Measure the valve stem (1)-to-guide (2) clearance. Excessive valve stem-to-guide clearance may cause an excessive oil consumption and may also cause a

valve to break. Insufficient clearance will result in noisy and sticky functioning of the valve and will disturb the engine assembly smoothness.

2. Clamp the **J 8001** to the cylinder head at the camshaft cover rail. See **Special Tools** .
3. Locate the dial indicator so that the movement of the valve stem from side to side, crossways to the cylinder head, will cause a direct movement of the indicator stem. The dial indicator stem must contact the side of the valve stem just above the valve guide.
4. Drop the valve head about 0.064 mm (0.0025 in) off the valve seat.
5. Use light pressure when moving the valve stem from side to side in order to obtain a clearance reading. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** for proper clearance.
 - If the clearance for the valve is greater than specifications and a new standard diameter valve stem will not bring the clearance within specifications, the valve guide may be oversized by 0.075 mm (0.003 in) using the **J 42096** . See **Special Tools** . There is 1 size of oversized valve stem available for service.
 - Valve guide wear at the bottom 10 mm (0.390 in) of the valve guide is not significant to normal operation.
 - If oversizing the guide does not bring the clearance within specifications, replace the cylinder head.

VALVE SPRING INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Tools Required

J 22738-B Valve Spring Tester. See **Special Tools** .

Inspection Procedure

1. Clean the valve springs in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the valve springs with compressed air.

3. Inspect the valve springs for broken coils or coil ends.

Measurement Procedure

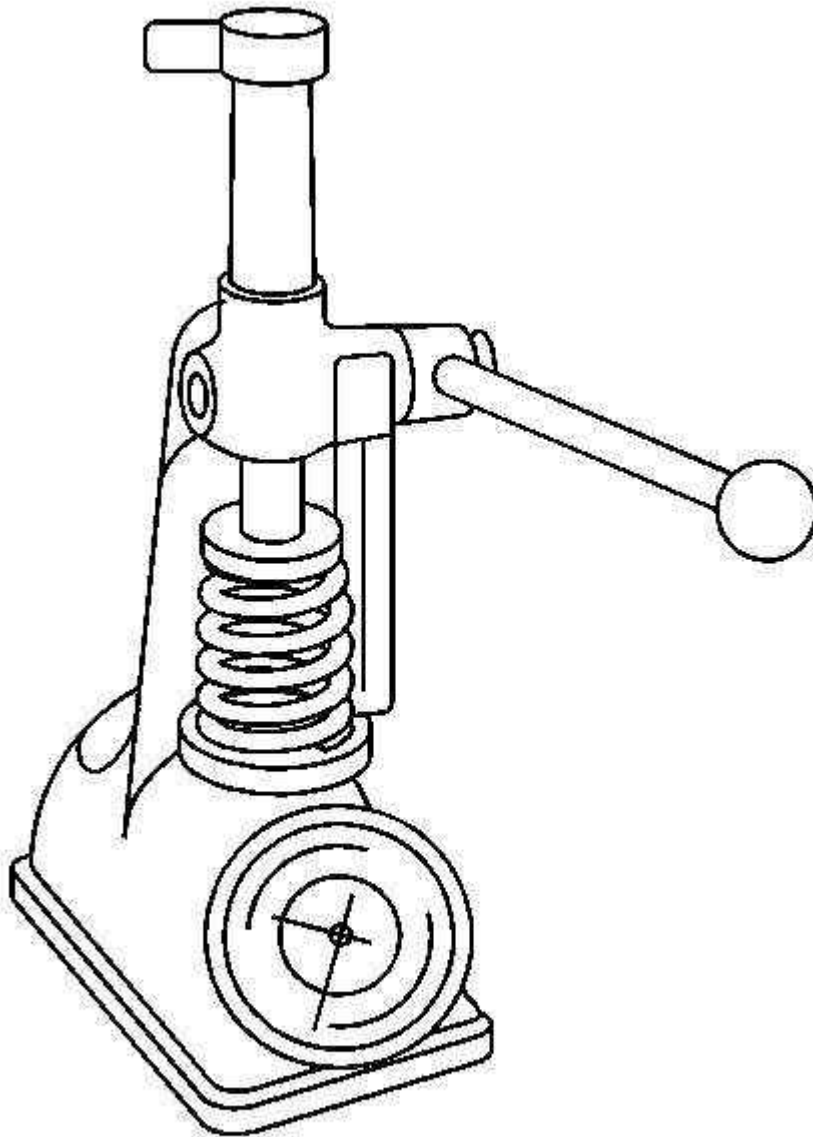


Fig. 94: Measuring Valve Spring Tension
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Measure the valve spring tension using the **J 22738-B** . See **Special Tools** . Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
2. If low valve spring load is found, replace the valve springs. DO NOT use shims to increase spring load. The use of shims can cause the valve spring to bottom out before the camshaft lobe is at peak lift.

VALVE AND SEAT GRINDING

Valve Cleaning Procedure

1. Use soft bristle wire brush to clean any carbon build-up from the valve head. DO NOT use a wire brush on any part of the valve stem. The valve stem is chrome plated to provide enhanced wear characteristics. Wire brushing the stem could remove the chrome plating.
2. Thoroughly clean the valve with solvent and wipe dry.

Valve Visual Inspection Procedure

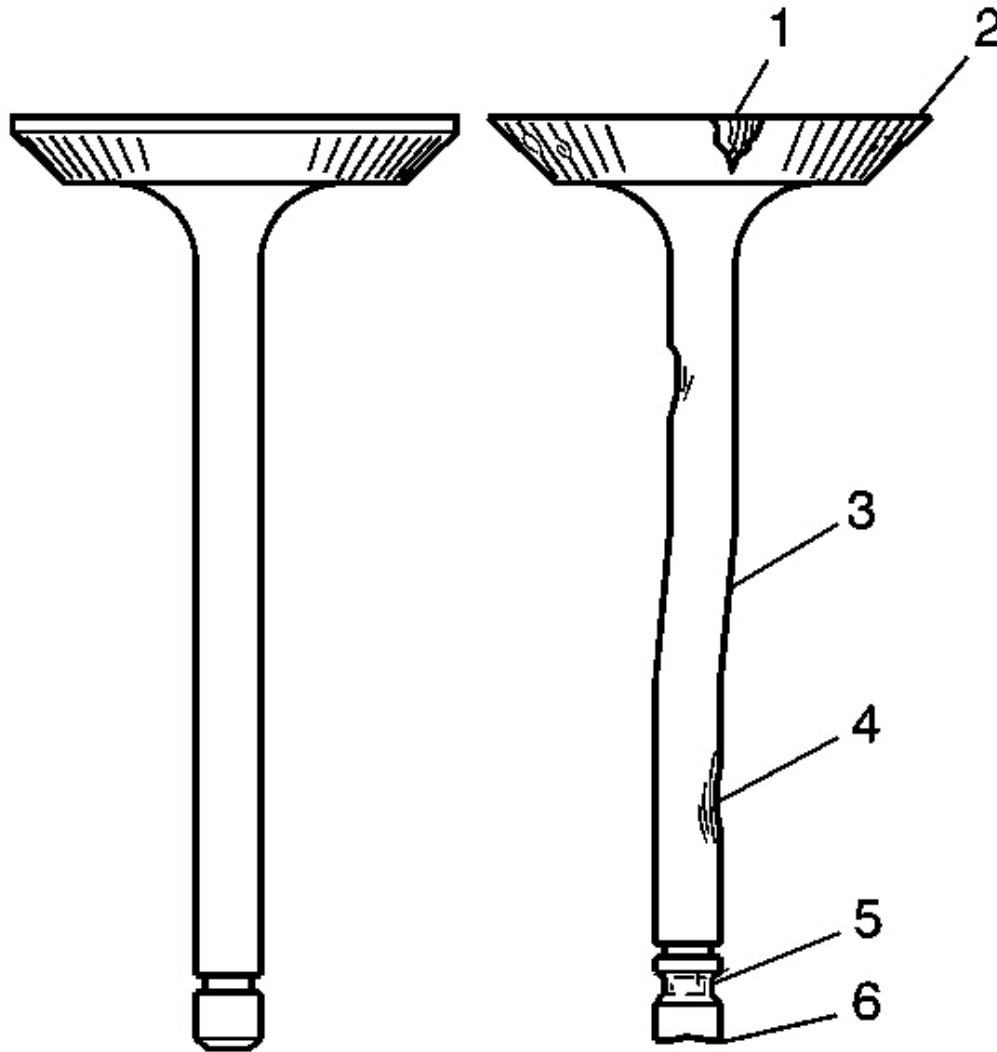


Fig. 95: Identifying Inspection Points For Valves Damage
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1. Inspect the valve for damage from the head to tip for the following conditions:
 - Pitting in the valve seat area (1)
 - Lack of valve margin (2)
 - Bending in the valve stem (3)

- Pitting or excessive wear in the stem (4)
- Worn valve key grooves (5)
- Worn valve tip (6)

2. Replace the valve if any of these conditions exist.

Valve Measurement and Reconditioning Overview

IMPORTANT:

- **Proper valve service is critical to engine performance. Therefore, all detailed measurement procedures must be followed to identify components that are out of specification.**
- **If the measurement procedures reveal that the valve or valve seat must be reconditioned, it is critical to perform the measurement procedures after reconditioning.**

Valve Seat Width Measurement Procedure

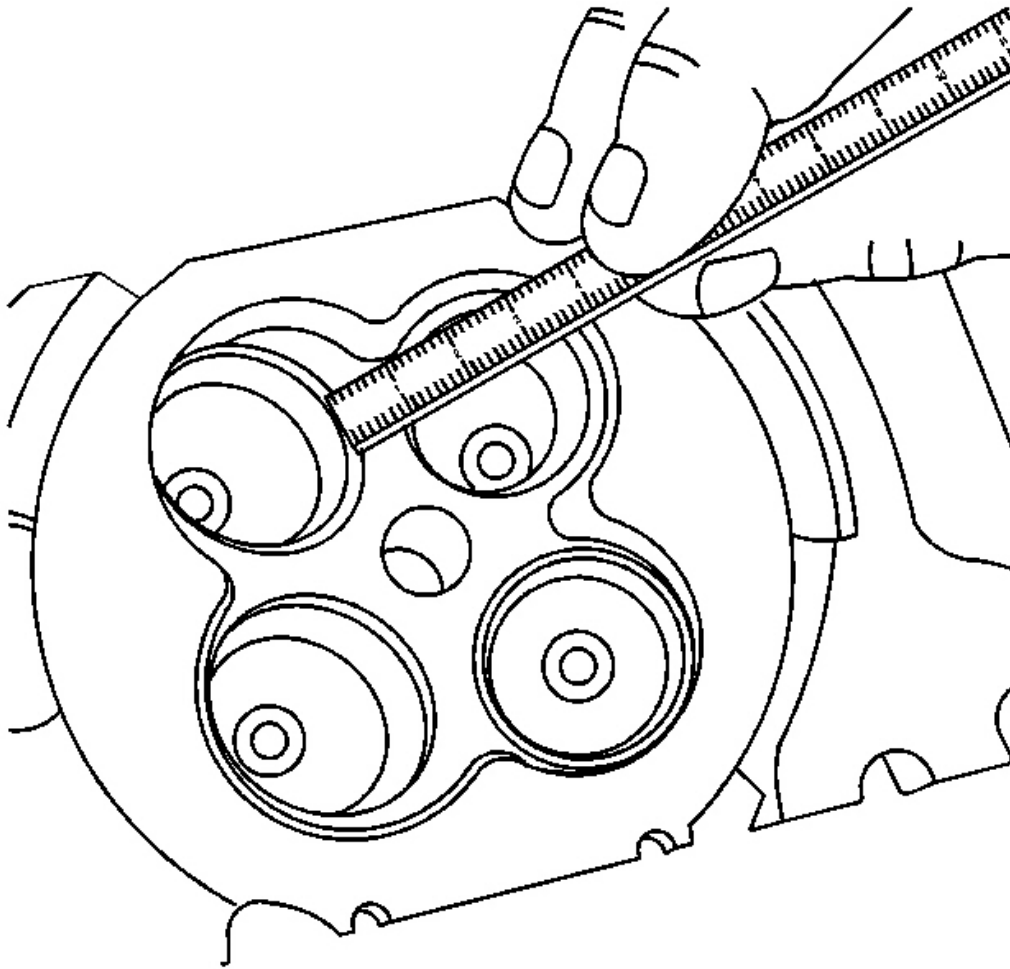


Fig. 96: Checking Valve Seat Width
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1. Measure the valve seat width in the cylinder head using a proper scale.

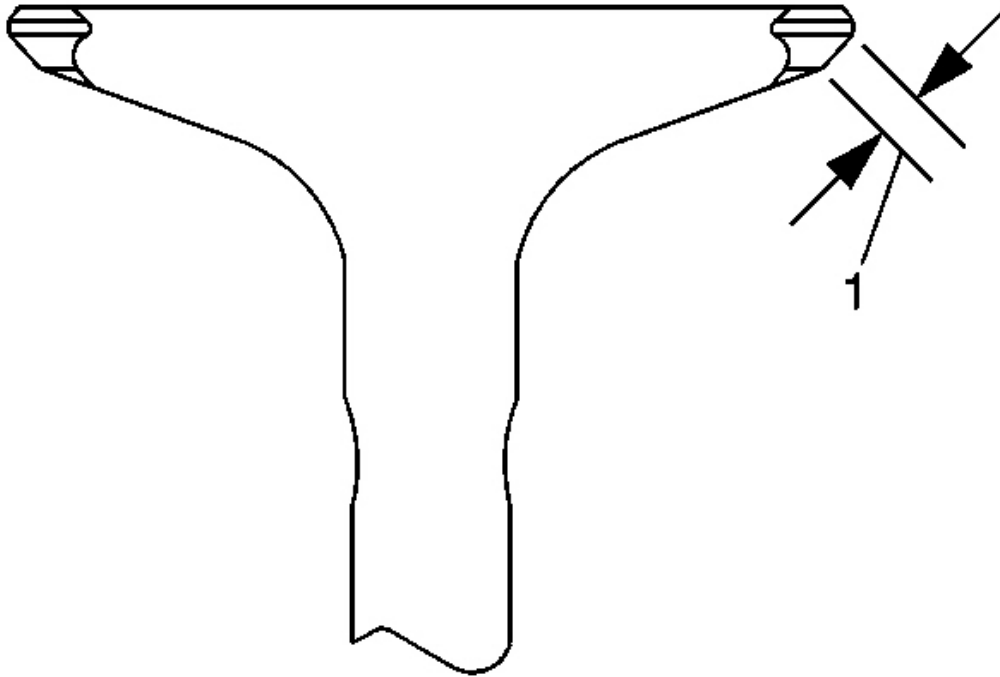


Fig. 97: Measuring Seat Width On Valve Face
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2. Measure the seat width on the valve face (1) using a proper scale.

IMPORTANT: The seat contact area must be at least 0.5 mm (0.020 in) from the outer diameter (margin) of the valve. If the contact area is too close to the margins, the seat must be reconditioned to move the contact area away from the margin.

3. Compare your measurements with the specifications listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications**.
4. If the seat widths are acceptable, check the valve seat roundness using the Valve Seat Roundness Measurement Procedure.
5. If the seat width is not acceptable, you must grind the valve seat using the

Valve and Seat Reconditioning Procedure to bring the width back into specification. Proper valve seat width is critical to providing the correct amount of valve heat dissipation.

Valve Seat Roundness Measurement Procedure

1. Measure the valve seat roundness using a dial indicator attached to a tapered pilot installed in the guide. The pilot should have a slight bind when installed in the guide.

NOTE: **The correct size pilot must be used. Do not use adjustable diameter pilots. Adjustable pilots may damage the valve guides.**

2. Compare your measurements with the specifications listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
3. If the valve seat exceeds the roundness specification, you must grind the valve and valve seat using the Valve and Seat Reconditioning Procedure.
4. If new valves are being used, the valve seat roundness must be within 0.05 mm (0.002 in).

Valve Margin Measurement Procedure

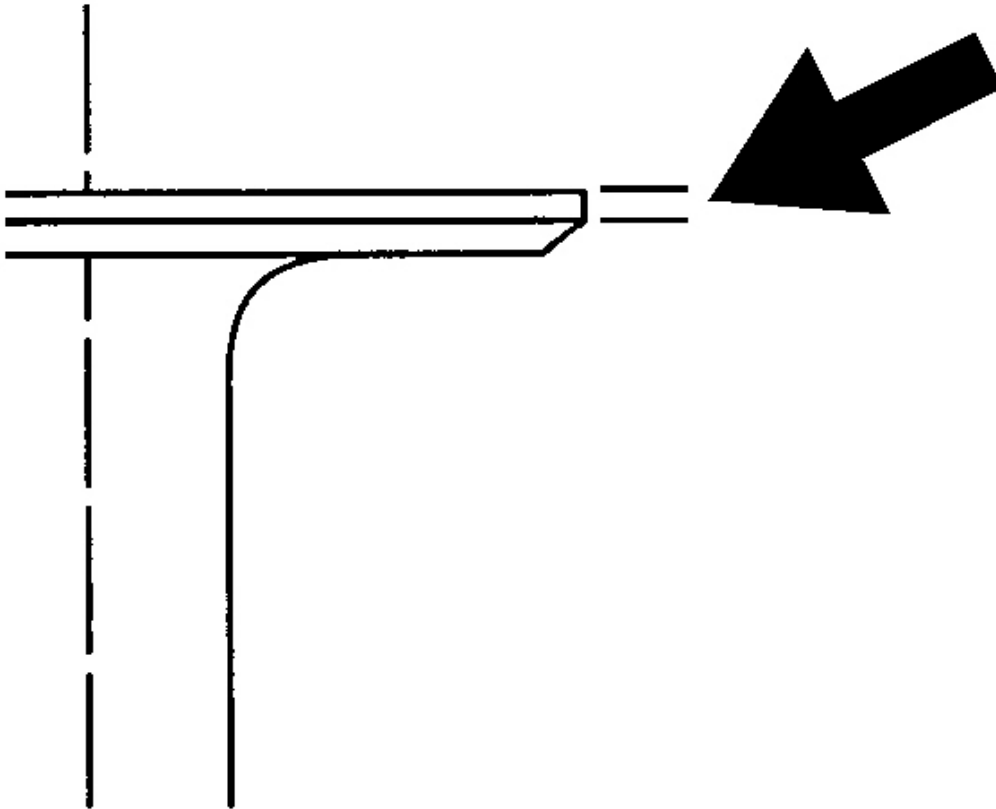


Fig. 98: View Of Valve Margin Measurement
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1. Measure the valve margin using an appropriate scale.
2. Reference the specifications in this section for minimum valve margin and compare them to your measurements.
3. If the valve margins are beyond specification, replace the valves.
4. If the valve margins are within specification and do not require refacing, test the valve for seat concentricity using the Valve-to-Seat Concentricity Measurement Procedure.

IMPORTANT:

- Checking the valve-to-seat concentricity determines whether the valve and seat are sealing properly.
- You must measure the valve face and the valve seat to ensure proper valve sealing.

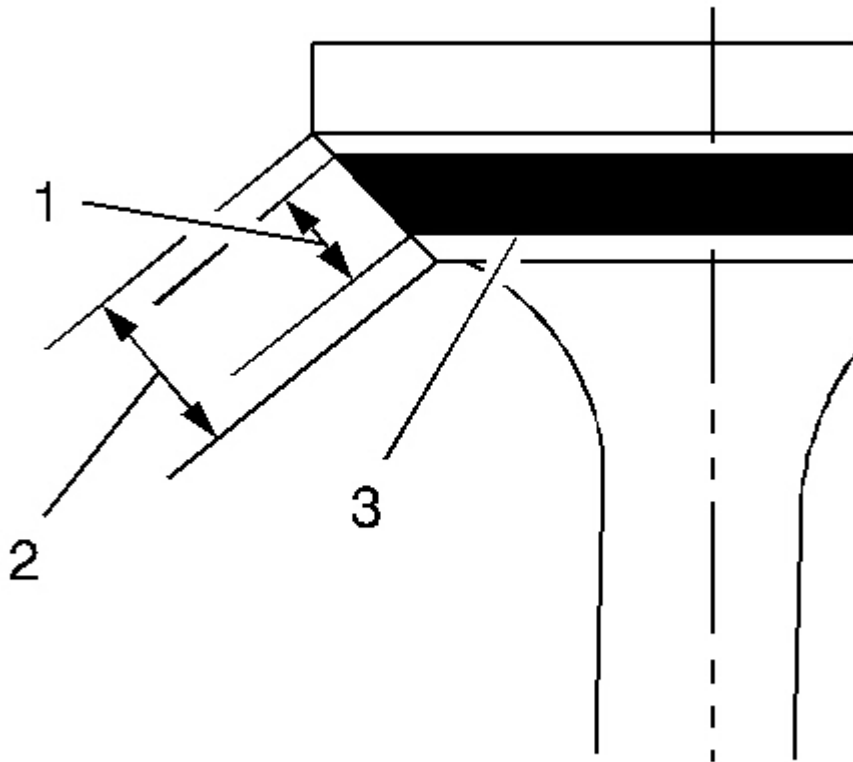


Fig. 99: View Of Valve Contact Face Measurements
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1. Coat the valve face lightly with blue dye (3).
2. Install the valve in the cylinder head.
3. Turn the valve against the seat with enough pressure to wear off the dye.

4. Remove the valve from the cylinder head.

5. Inspect the valve face.

- If the valve face is concentric, providing a proper seal, with the valve stem, a continuous mark will be made around the entire face (1).

IMPORTANT: The wear mark MUST be at least 0.5 mm (0.020 in) from the outer diameter, the margin, of the valve. If the wear mark is too close to the margin, the seat must be reconditioned to move the contact area away from the margin.

- If the face is not concentric with the stem, the mark will NOT be continuous around the valve face. The valve should be refaced or replaced and the seat must be reconditioned using the Valve and Seat Reconditioning Procedure.

Valve and Seat Reconditioning Procedure

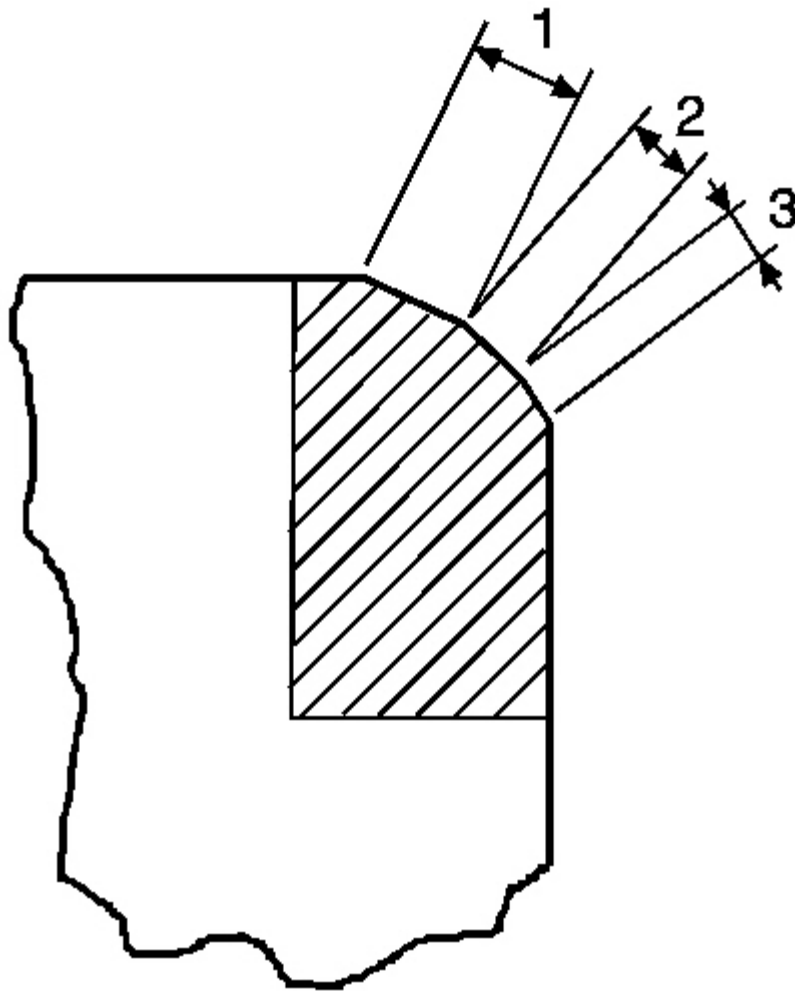


Fig. 100: Illustrating Valve Seat Proper Angles
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IMPORTANT:

- If the valve seat width, roundness or concentricity is beyond specifications, you must grind the seats in order to ensure proper heat dissipation and prevent the build up of carbon on the seats.

- **It is necessary to reface the valve if seat reconditioning is required unless a new valve is used.**

1. Grind the valve seats (2) to the proper angle specification listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
2. Using the proper angle specification listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** , grind, relieve, the valve seats (1) to correctly position the valve seating surface (2) to the valve.
3. Using the proper angle specification listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** , grind, undercut, the valve seats (3) to narrow the valve seat widths to the specifications listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
4. If the original valve is being used, grind the valve to the specifications listed in **Engine Mechanical Specifications** . Measure the valve margin again after grinding using the Valve Margin Measurement Procedure. Replace the valve if the margin is out of specification. New valves do not require grinding.
5. When grinding the valves and seats, grind off as little material as possible. Cutting valve seat results in lowering the valve spring pressure.
6. Install the valve in the cylinder head.
 - If you are using refaced valves, lap the valves into the seats with a fine grinding compound. The refacing and reseating operations should leave the refinished surfaces smooth and true so that minimal lapping is required. Excessive lapping will groove the valve face and prevent a good seat when hot.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to clean any remaining lapping compound from the valve and seat with solvent and compressed air prior to final assembly.

- If you are using new valves, do not lap the valves under any condition.
7. After obtaining the proper valve seat width in the cylinder head, you must re-measure the valve stem height using the Valve Stem Height Measurement Procedure.
 8. If the valve stem height is acceptable, test the seats for concentricity using the

Valve-to-Seat Concentricity Measurement Procedure.

Valve Stem Height Measurement Procedure

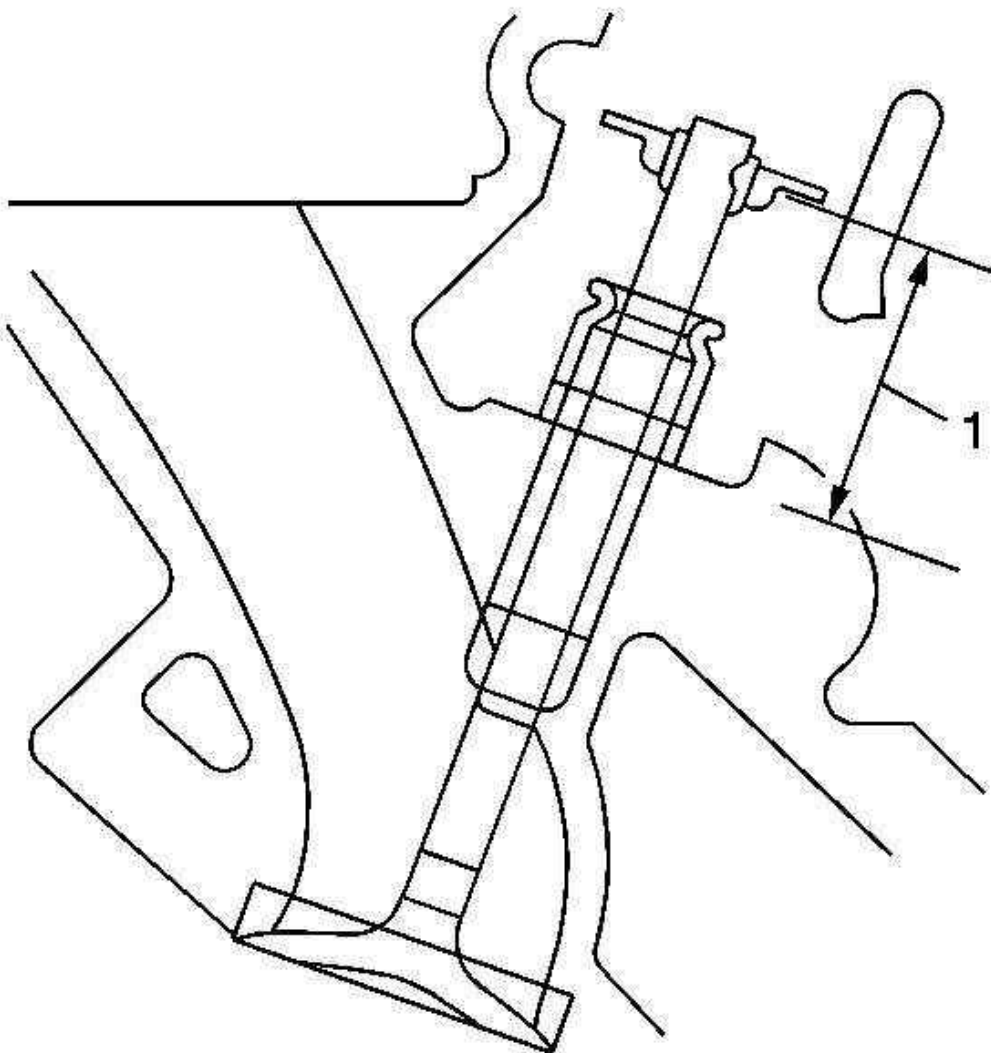


Fig. 101: Measuring Valve Stem Height
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: To determine the valve stem height measurement,

measure from the valve spring seat to the valve spring retainer.

1. Install the valve into the valve guide.
2. Ensure the valve is seated to the cylinder head valve seat.
3. Install the valve stem oil seal.
4. Install the valve spring retainer and valve stem locks.
5. Measure the distance (1) between the cylinder head to the bottom of the valve spring retainer. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
6. If the maximum height specification is exceeded, a new valve should be installed and the valve stem height re-measured.

NOTE: DO NOT grind the valve stem tip. The tip of the valve is hardened and grinding the tip will eliminate the hardened surface causing premature wear and possible engine damage.

NOTE: DO NOT use shims in order to adjust valve stem height. The use of shims will cause the valve spring to bottom out before the camshaft lobe is at peak lift and engine damage could result.

7. If the valve stem height still exceeds the maximum height specification, the cylinder head must be replaced.

CYLINDER HEAD ASSEMBLE

Tools Required

- **J 8062** Valve Spring Compressor - Head Off. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN 46116** Valve Stem Seal Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN 46117** Valve Stem Key Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **EN 46119** Off-Vehicle Valve Spring Compressor Adapter. See **Special Tools** .

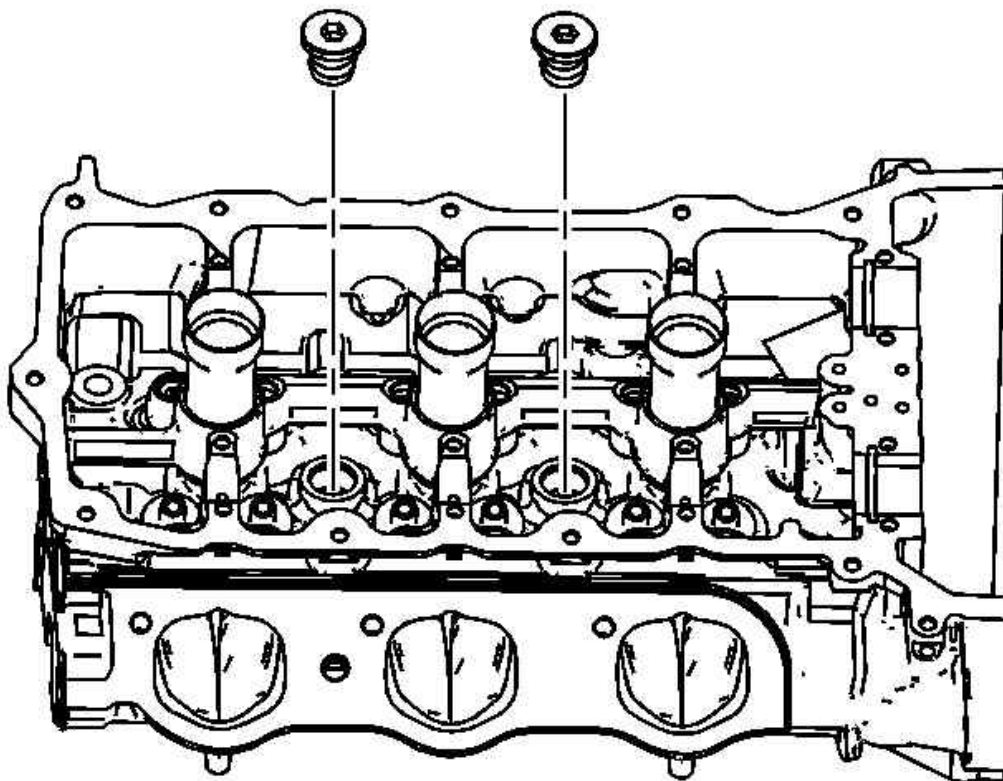


Fig. 102: Locating Cylinder Head Coolant Threaded Plugs
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NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

1. Install the cylinder head coolant threaded plugs.

Tighten: Tighten the cylinder head coolant threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

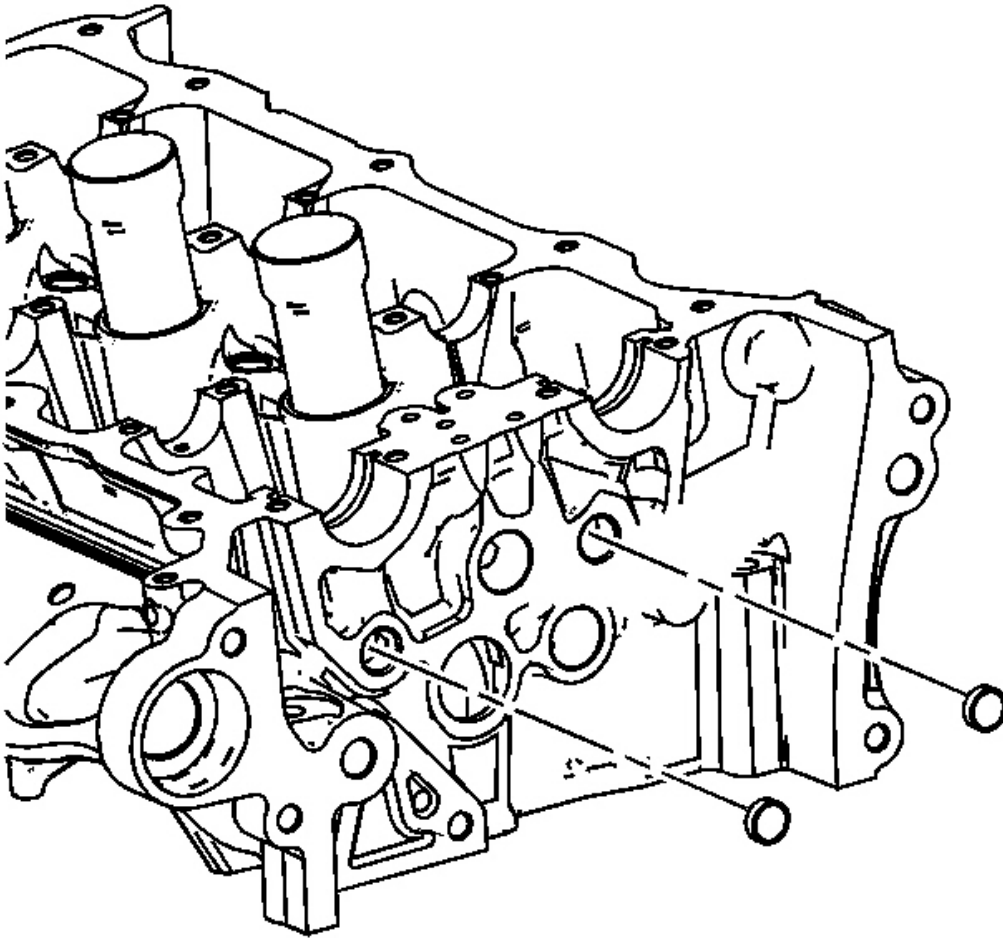


Fig. 103: Identifying Cylinder Head Oil Gallery Expansion Plugs
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2. Install the NEW cylinder head oil gallery expansion plugs.

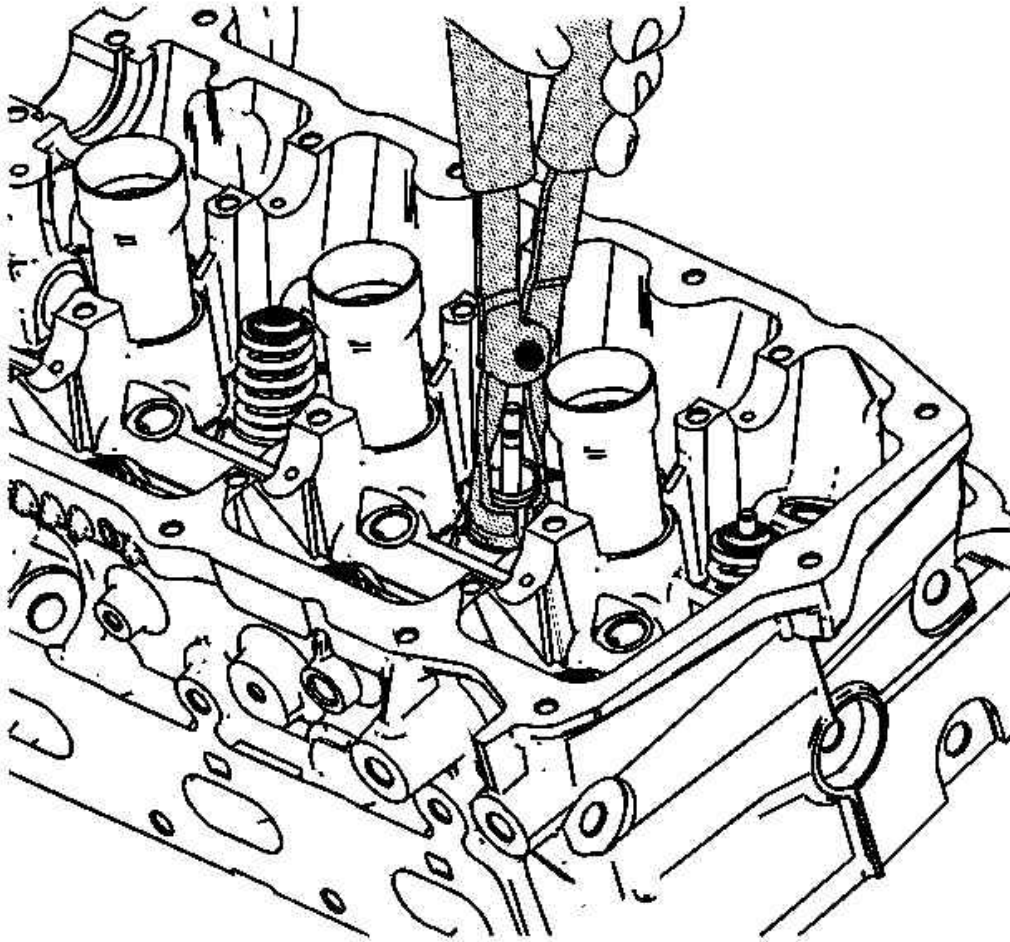


Fig. 104: View of Valve Stem Oil Seals With Tool EN 46116
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3. Place the valve stem oil seals onto the guides.

IMPORTANT: NEVER reuse a valve stem oil seal. Always use new seals when assembling the cylinder head.

4. Mount a new valve stem oil seal using the **EN 46116** . See Special Tools .

IMPORTANT: Force should only be applied to the valve spring

contact area of the new valve stem oil seal during installation.

5. Push and twist the valve stem oil seal into position on the valve guide until the seal positively locks on the guide using the **EN 46116** . See **Special Tools** .
6. Lubricate the valve stem and valve guide ID with clean engine oil GM P/N 12345501 (Canadian P/N 992704) or equivalent.

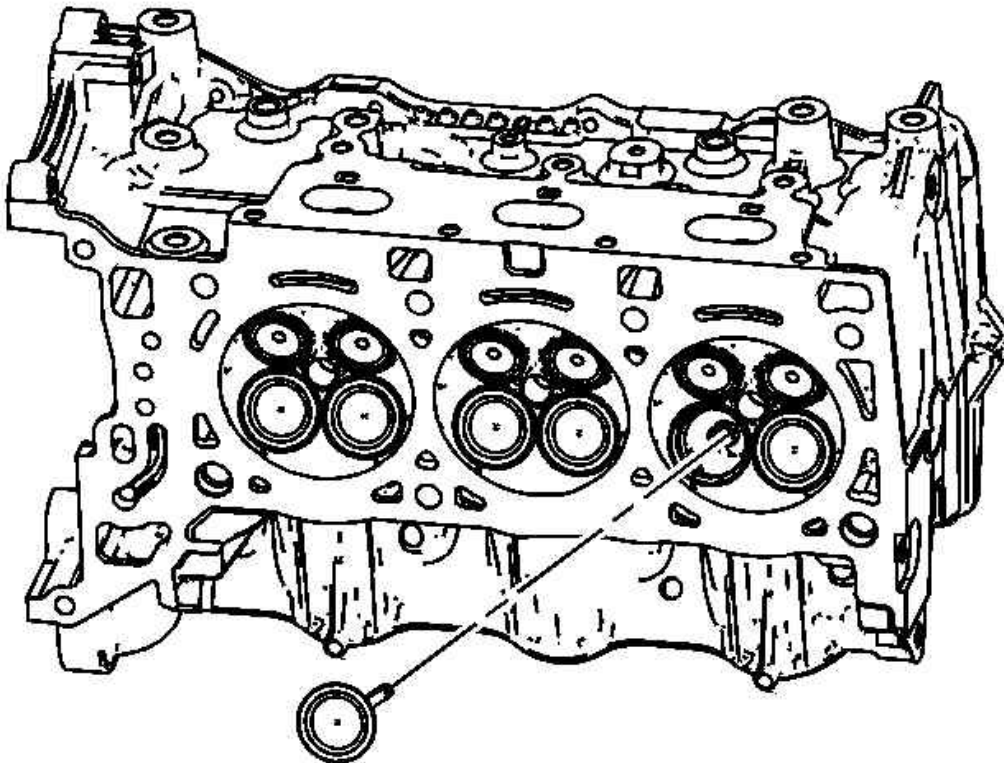


Fig. 105: View Of Valve and Cylinder Head
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IMPORTANT: The valve stem oil seal must not come loose from the valve guide when the valve is installed.

7. Insert the valve into the valve guide until it bottoms on the valve seat.

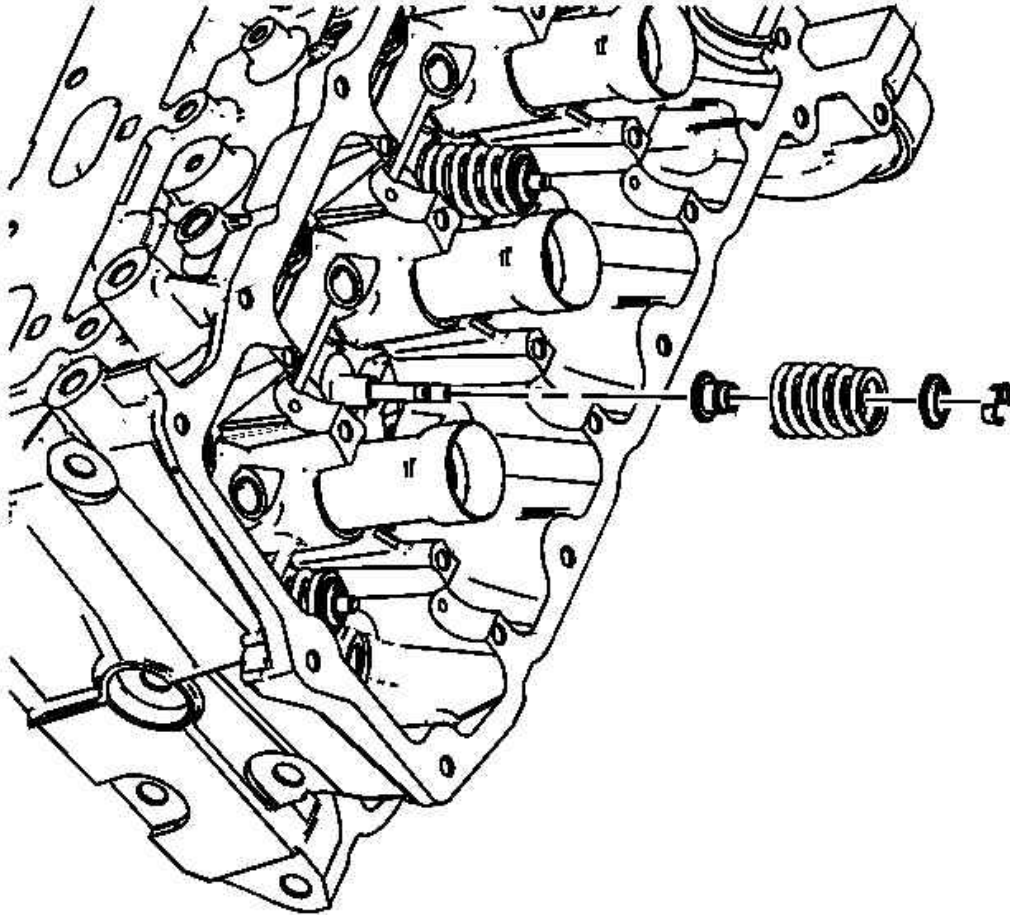


Fig. 106: Identifying Valve Spring & Retainer
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8. Position the valve spring on the spring seat.
9. Place the valve spring retainer onto the valve spring.

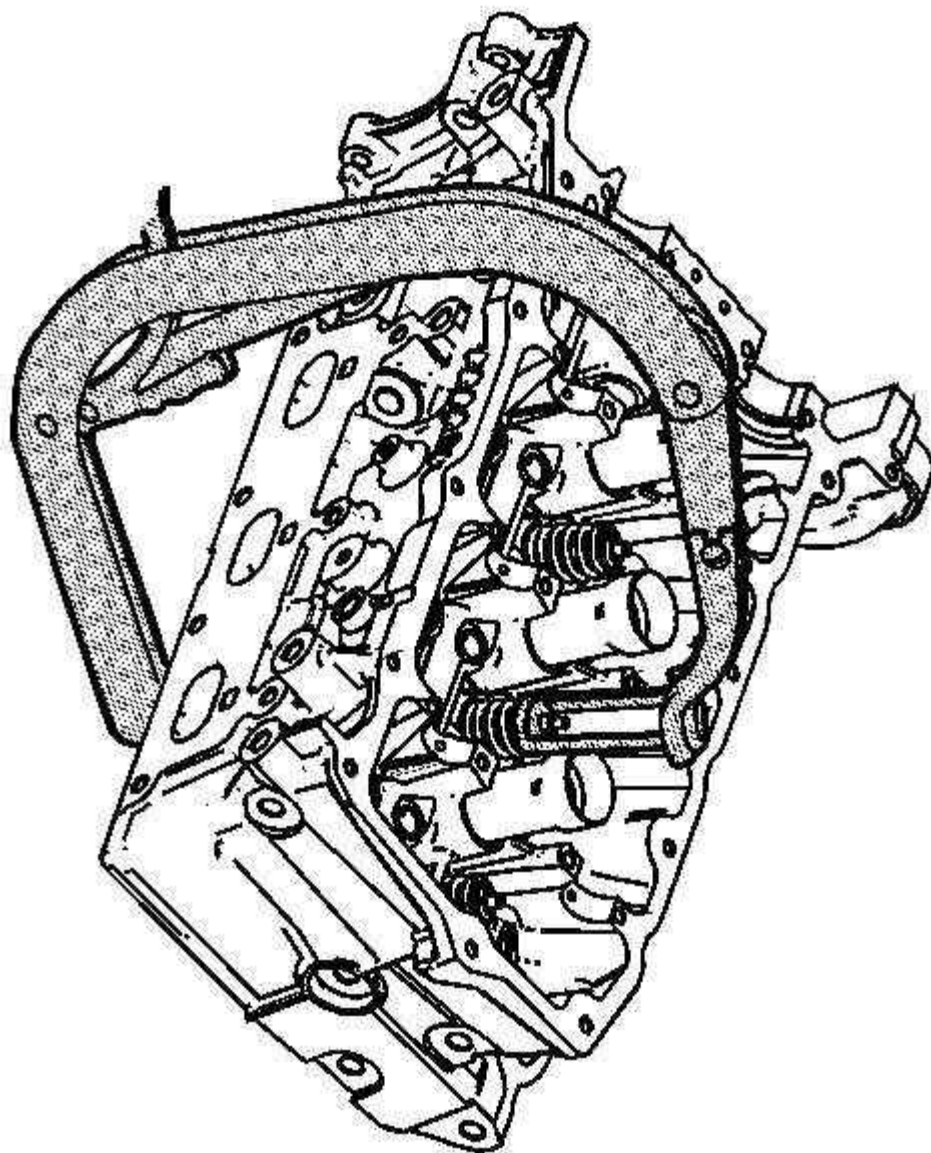


Fig. 107: Compressing Valve Spring
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

CAUTION: Compressed valve springs have high tension against the valve spring compressor. Valve

springs that are not properly compressed by or released from the valve spring compressor can be ejected from the valve spring compressor with intense force. Use care when compressing or releasing the valve spring with the valve spring compressor and when removing or installing the valve stem keys. Failing to use care may cause personal injury.

NOTE: Do not compress the valve springs less than 24.0 mm (0.943 in). Contact between the valve spring retainer and the valve stem oil seal can cause potential valve stem oil seal damage.

10. Compress the valve spring using the **J 8062** and the **EN 46119** . See **Special Tools** .

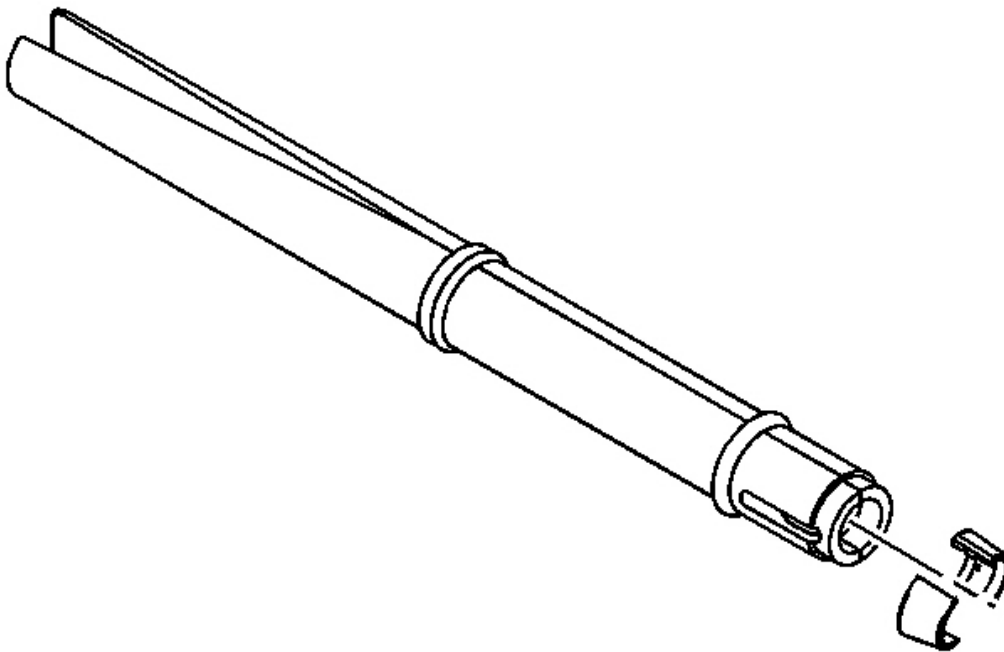


Fig. 108: View Valve Keepers With EN 46117
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IMPORTANT: Ensure proper directional placement of valve keepers in the EN 46117 . See Special Tools . The valve keepers must be installed with the tapered end towards the valve stem seal.

11. With the spring compressed, install the valve keepers into the **EN 46117** . See Special Tools .

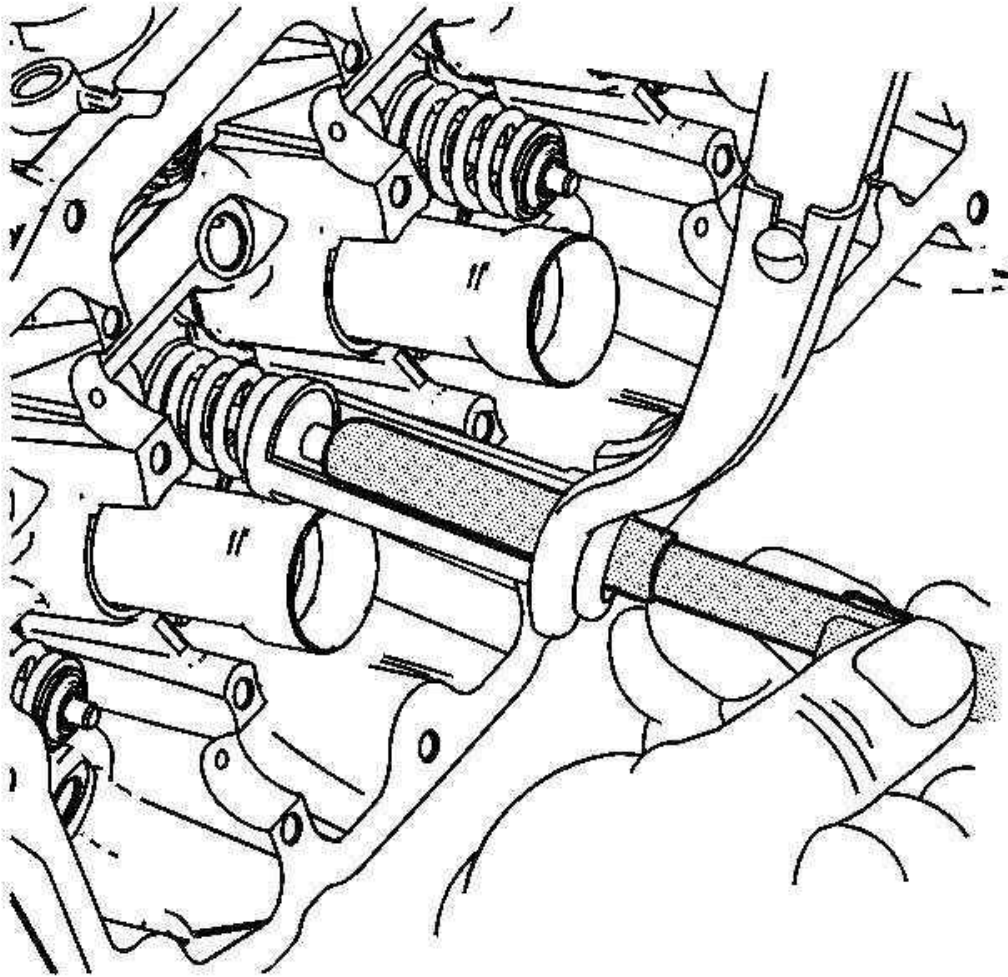


Fig. 109: Identifying Valve Spring Compressor & Adapter
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12. Place the keepers into position by pushing the tool downward and releasing tension on the **EN 46119** and the **J 8062** . See **Special Tools** .
13. Verify that the valve keepers are installed by placing a rag over the valve tip and tapping with a dead-blow hammer. The valve keepers and the spring should remain in place.

Tools Required

J 7872 Magnetic Base Dial Indicator. See **Special Tools** .

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the camshaft in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the camshaft with compressed air.

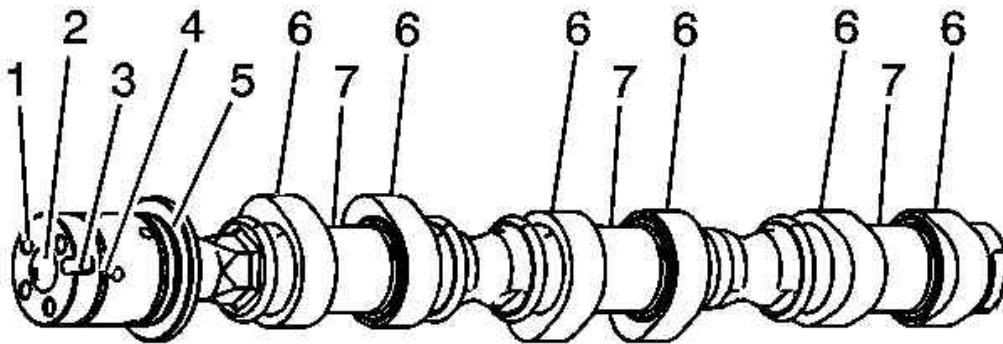
Visual Inspection

Fig. 110: Identifying Camshaft Inspection Areas
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1. Inspect the camshaft oil feed holes (1) to the camshaft position actuator for dirt, debris or blockage.
2. Inspect the threaded hole (2) for damage.
3. Inspect the camshaft position actuator locating notch (3) for damage or wear.
4. Inspect the camshaft sealing grooves (4) for damage.
5. Inspect the camshaft thrust surface (5) for damage.
6. Inspect the camshaft lobes (6) and journals (7) for the following conditions:

- Excessive scoring or pitting
- Discoloration from overheating
- Deformation from excessive wear, especially the camshaft lobes

7. If any of the above conditions exist on the camshaft, replace the camshaft.

Camshaft Measurement

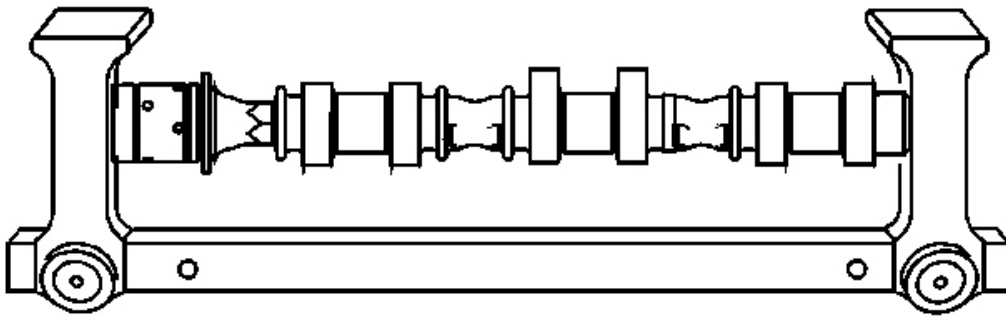


Fig. 111: Supporting Camshaft In Fixture
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1. With the camshaft in a suitable fixture, measure the camshaft for wear.

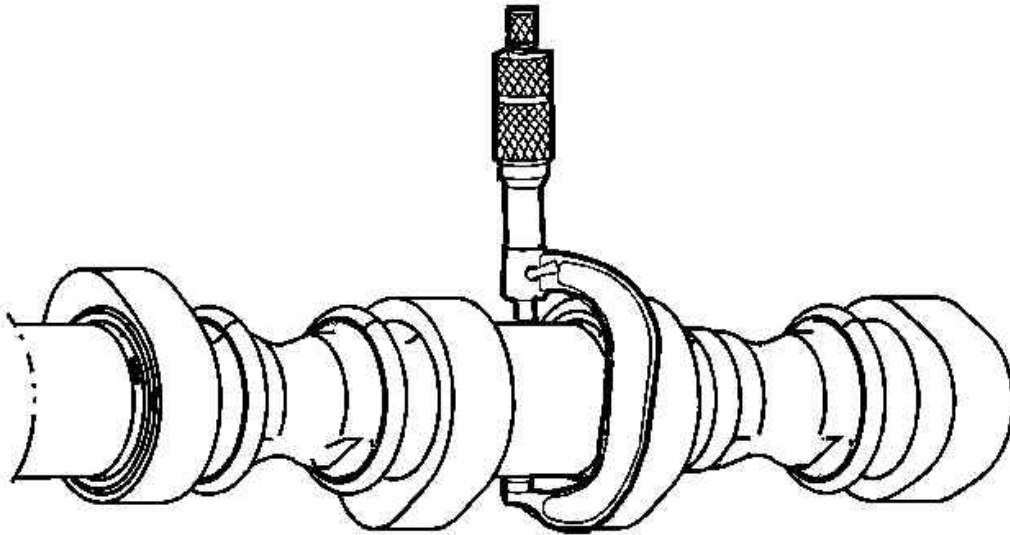


Fig. 112: Measuring Camshaft Journals
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2. Measure the camshaft journals for diameter and out-of-round using an outside micrometer. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
 - If the diameter is smaller than specifications, replace the camshaft.
 - If the out-of-round exceeds specifications, replace the camshaft.

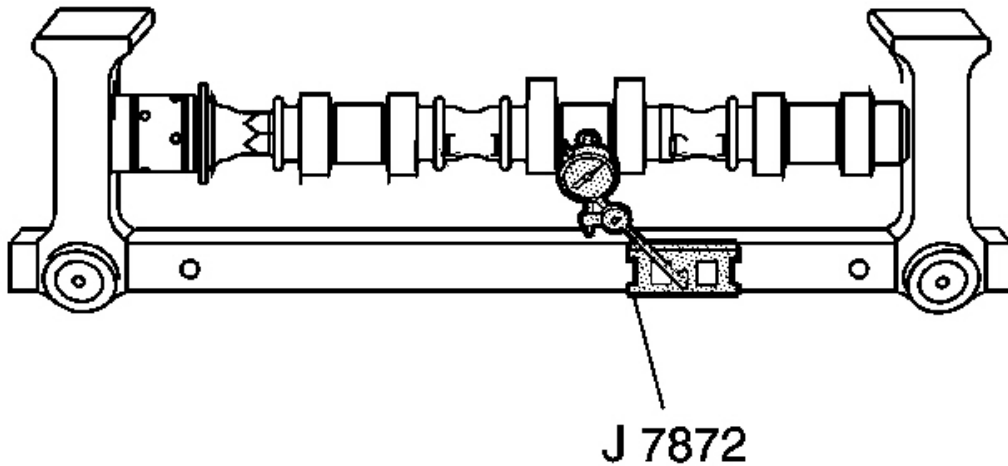


Fig. 113: Checking Camshaft Runout With J 7872
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3. Measure the camshaft runout using the **J 7872** . See **Special Tools** . Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

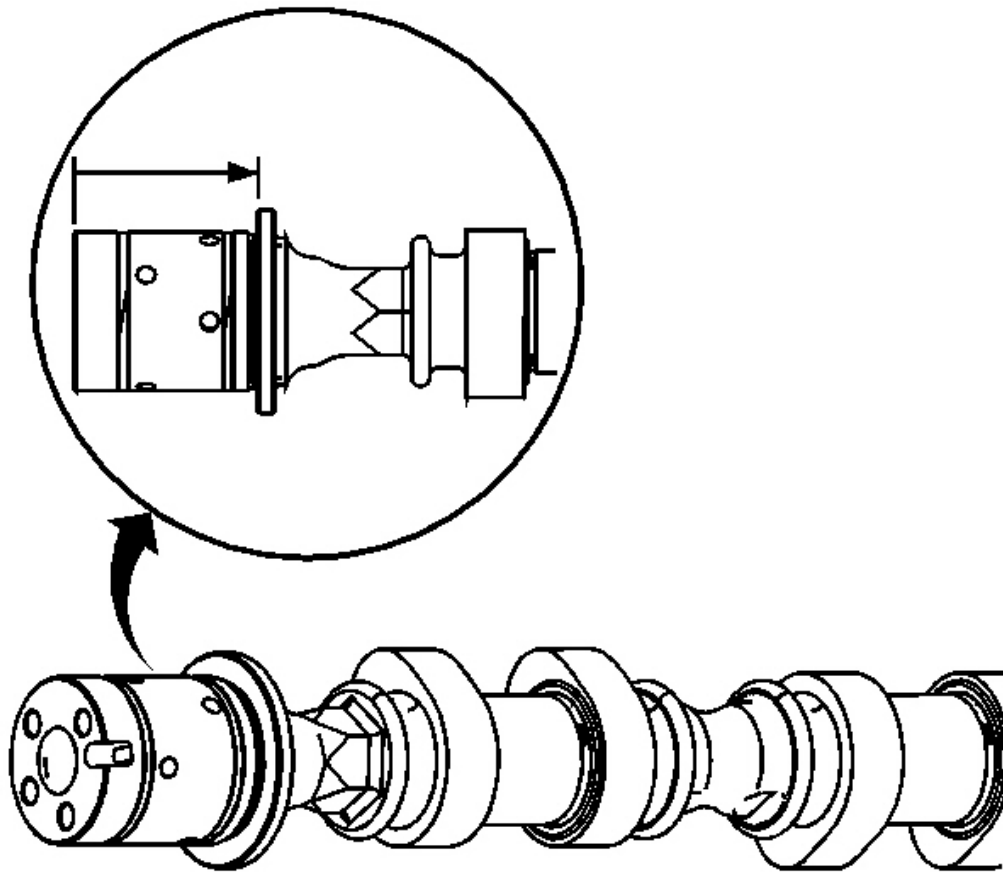


Fig. 114: Measuring Camshaft Thrust
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4. Measure the camshaft thrust width for wear using a depth micrometer. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .

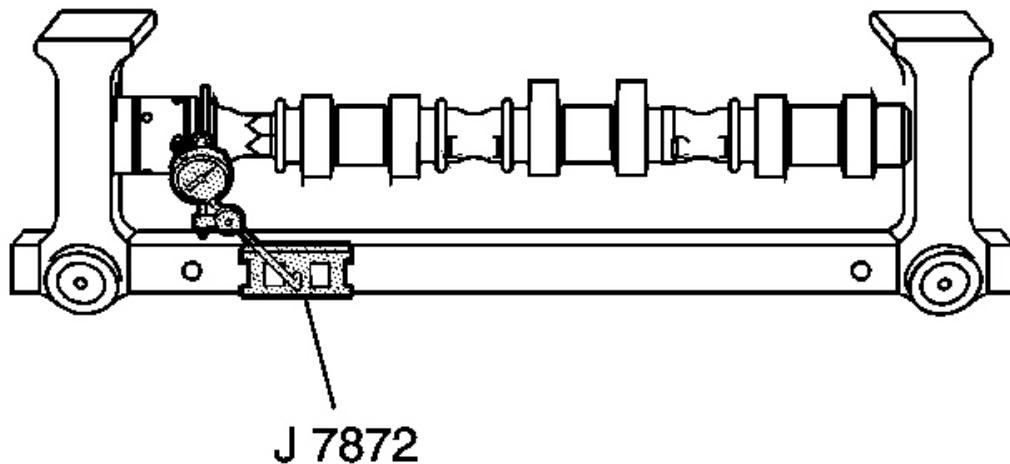


Fig. 115: Measuring Camshaft Thrust Wall Surface
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5. Measure the camshaft thrust wall surface for runout using **J 7872** . See **Special Tools** . Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
6. If the camshaft is damaged or worn beyond specifications, replace the camshaft. No machining of the camshaft is allowed.

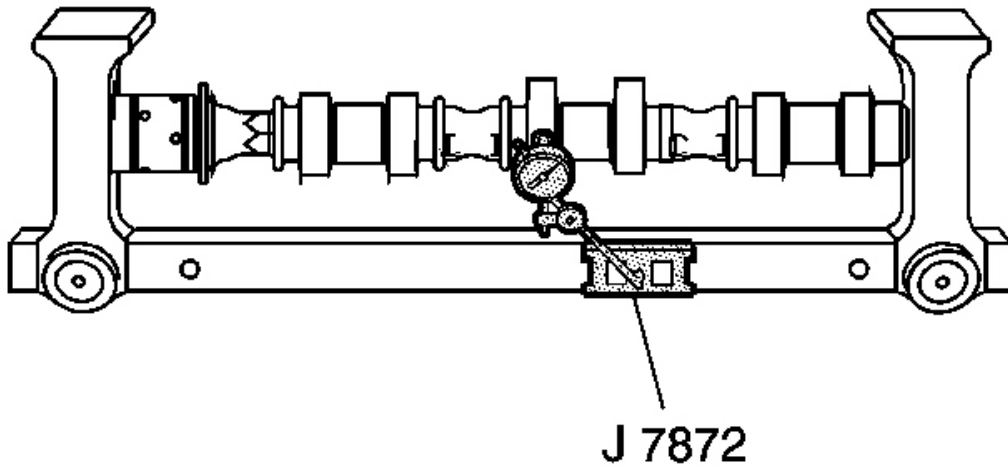


Fig. 116: Measuring Camshaft Lobes For Wear
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7. Measure the camshaft lobes for wear using the **J 7872** . See **Special Tools** .

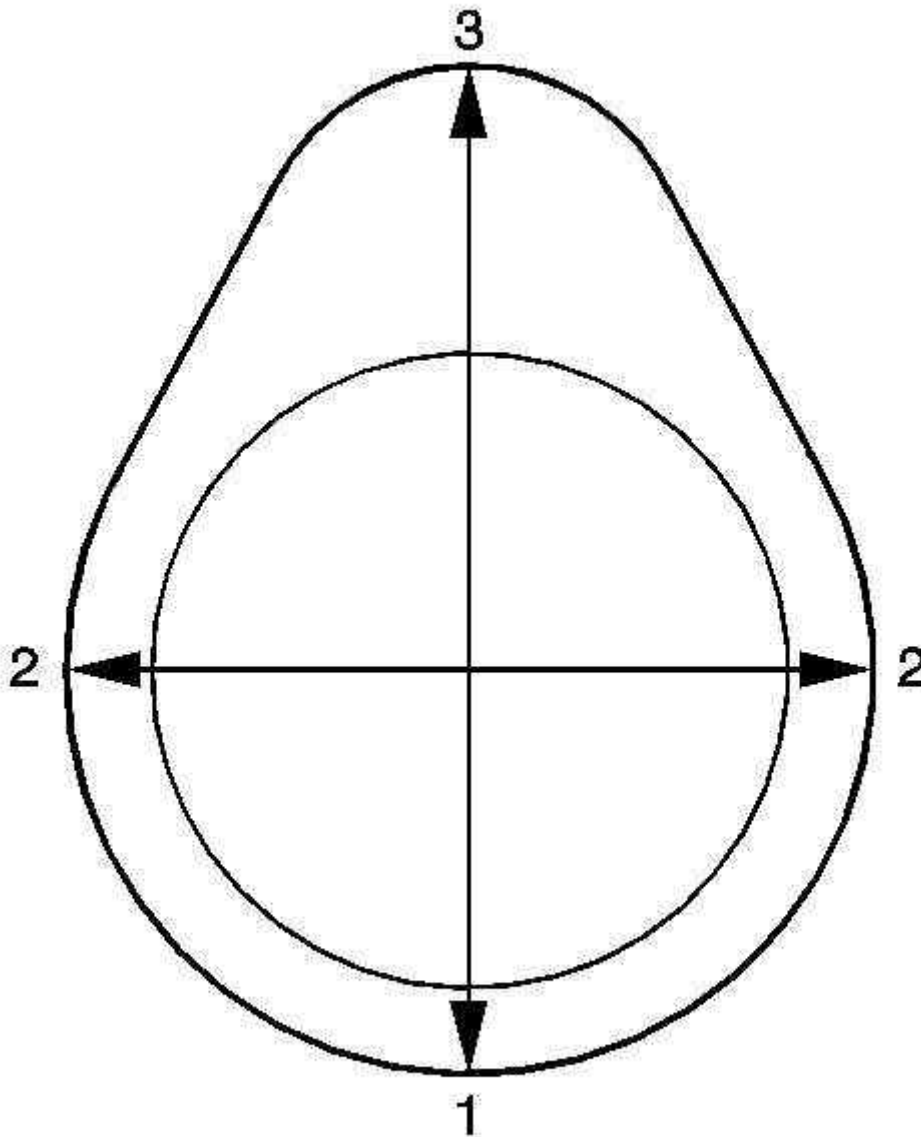


Fig. 117: Identifying Camshaft Lobe Dimensions
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8. Place the **J 7872** with the indicator tip on the base circle (1) of the camshaft lobe. See **Special Tools** .

1. Place the **J 7872** at zero. See **Special Tools** .
2. Rotate the camshaft until the indicator tip is at the highest point (3) on the lobe. This reading is the lift of the camshaft lobe. Refer to **Engine Mechanical Specifications** .
3. If the indicated measurement is significantly lower than these specifications, replace the camshaft or engine performance will be reduced.

VALVE LIFTERS CLEANING AND INSPECTION

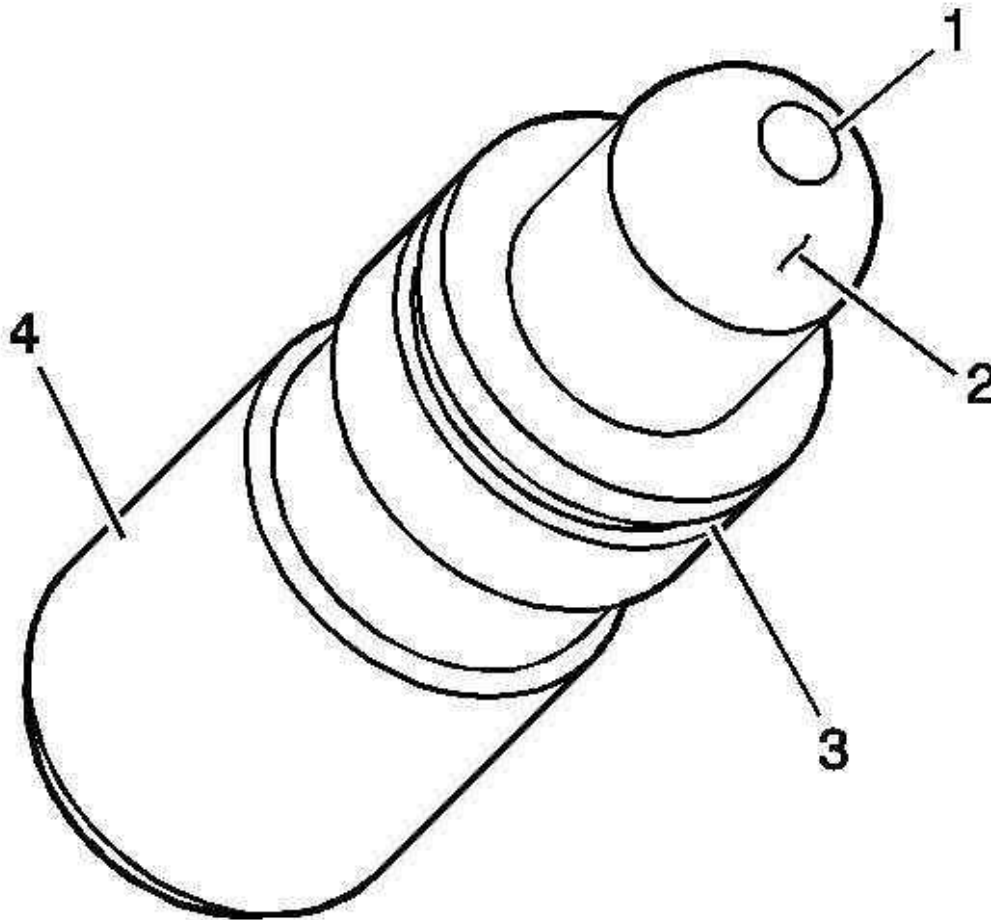


Fig. 118: Identifying Valve Lifter Inspection Points
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NOTE: Refer to VALVE LIFTER PRIMING NOTICE .

1. Inspect the stationary hydraulic lash adjuster (SHLA) in the following areas:
 - A plugged oil passage (1)
 - A scored or worn camshaft follower pivot area (2)
 - A damaged or broken retainer (3), some applications
 - A severely scuffed or worn SHLA body (4)
2. Replace the SHLA or SHLAs as necessary.

VALVE ROCKER ARMS CLEANING AND INSPECTION

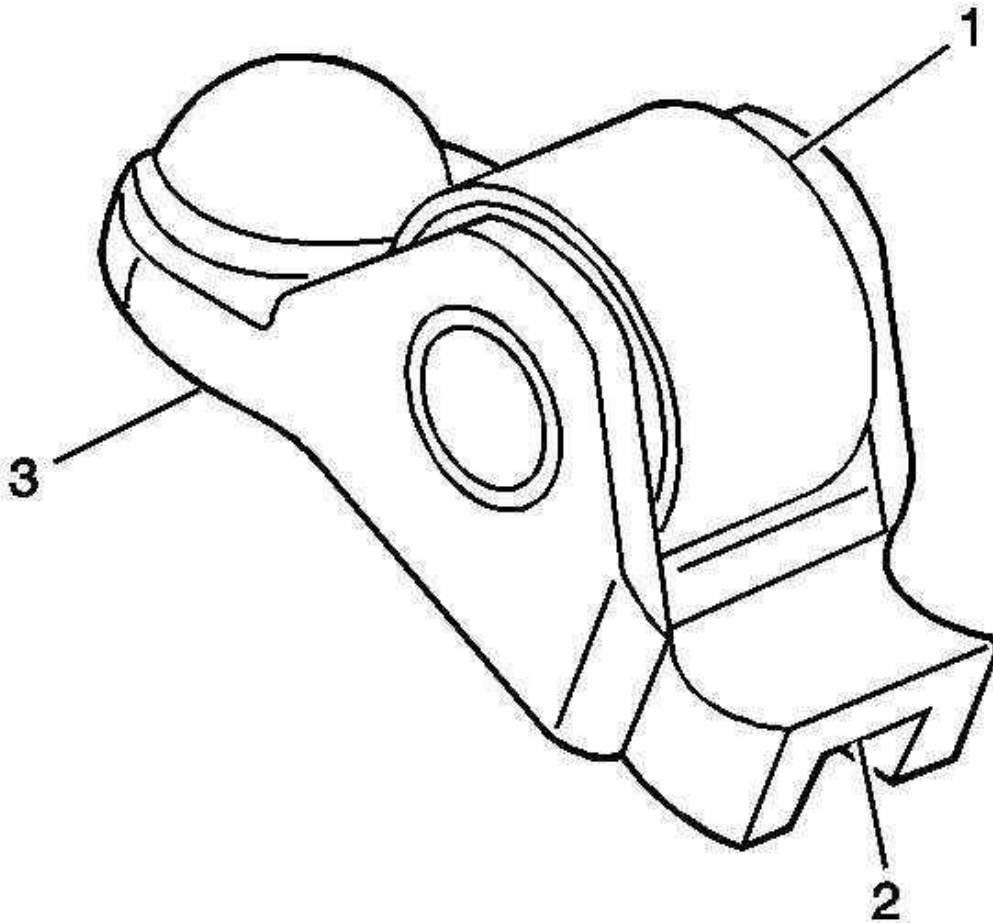


Fig. 119: Inspecting Valve Rocker Arms
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the camshaft follower roller (1) for the following:
 - Flat spots
 - Excessive scoring and pitting
 - Ensure the roller spins freely
2. Inspect the camshaft follower valve tip area (2).
3. Inspect the camshaft follower stationary hydraulic lash adjuster (SHLA) pivot

area (3).

4. Replace the camshaft follower or followers as necessary.

CAMSHAFT TIMING DRIVE COMPONENTS CLEANING AND INSPECTION (THIRD DESIGN)

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean all the following components with solvent:
 - Crankshaft sprocket
 - Primary timing drive chain
 - Primary timing drive chain shoe
 - Primary timing drive chain guides
 - Primary timing drive chain tensioner
 - Secondary timing drive chains
 - Secondary timing drive chain shoes
 - Secondary timing drive chain guides
 - Secondary timing drive chain tensioners
 - Timing component fastening bolts
2. Clean each camshaft position actuator's exterior with solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

3. Dry the timing components with compressed air.

Visual Inspection

Camshaft Position Actuators

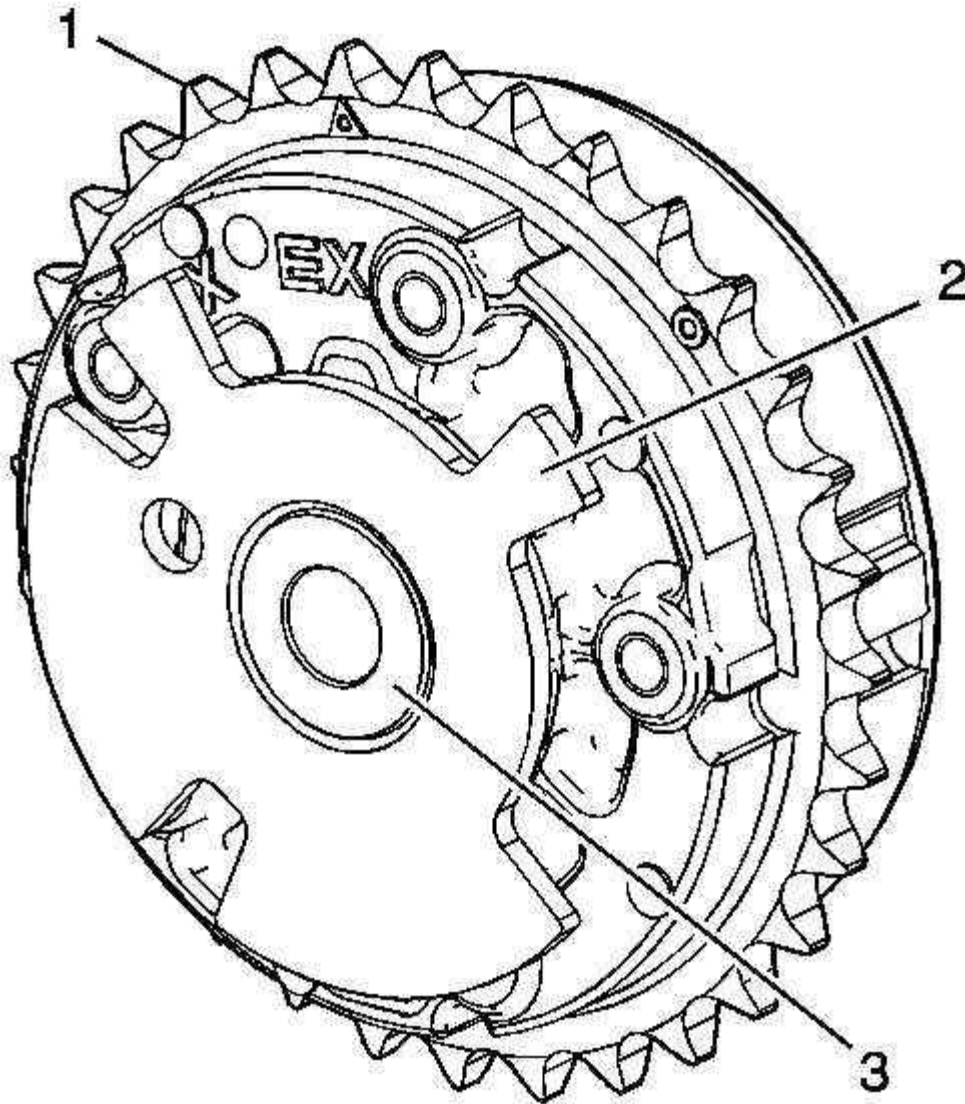


Fig. 120: Identifying Camshaft Position Actuator Inspection Points
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the exhaust camshaft position actuators for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Reluctor/sensor wheel damage (2)

- Camshaft position actuator bolt seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)

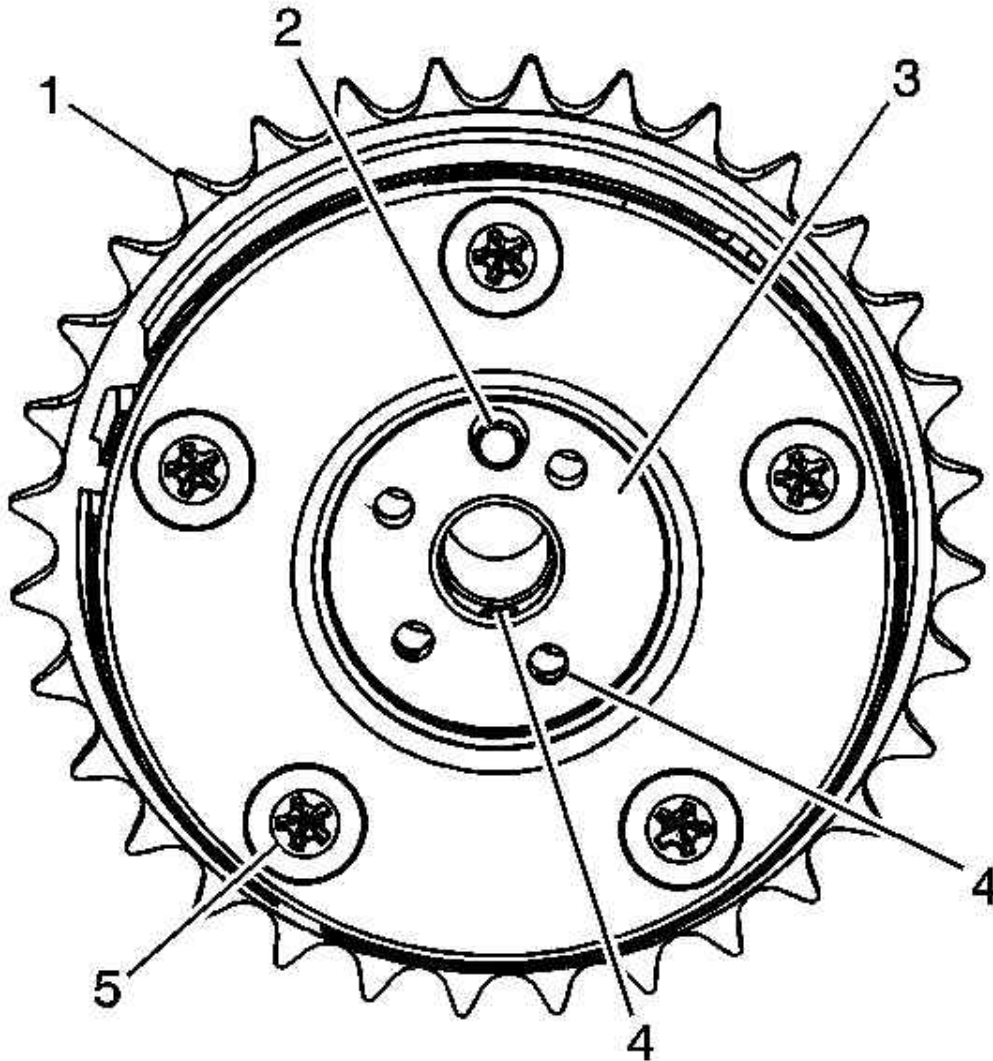


Fig. 121: Identifying Exhaust Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Areas

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2. Inspect the back of the exhaust camshaft position actuators for the following:
- Sprocket damage (1)
 - Camshaft locating pin damage (2)
 - Camshaft seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)
 - Blockage to the oil passages (4)
 - Loose or missing housing bolts (5)

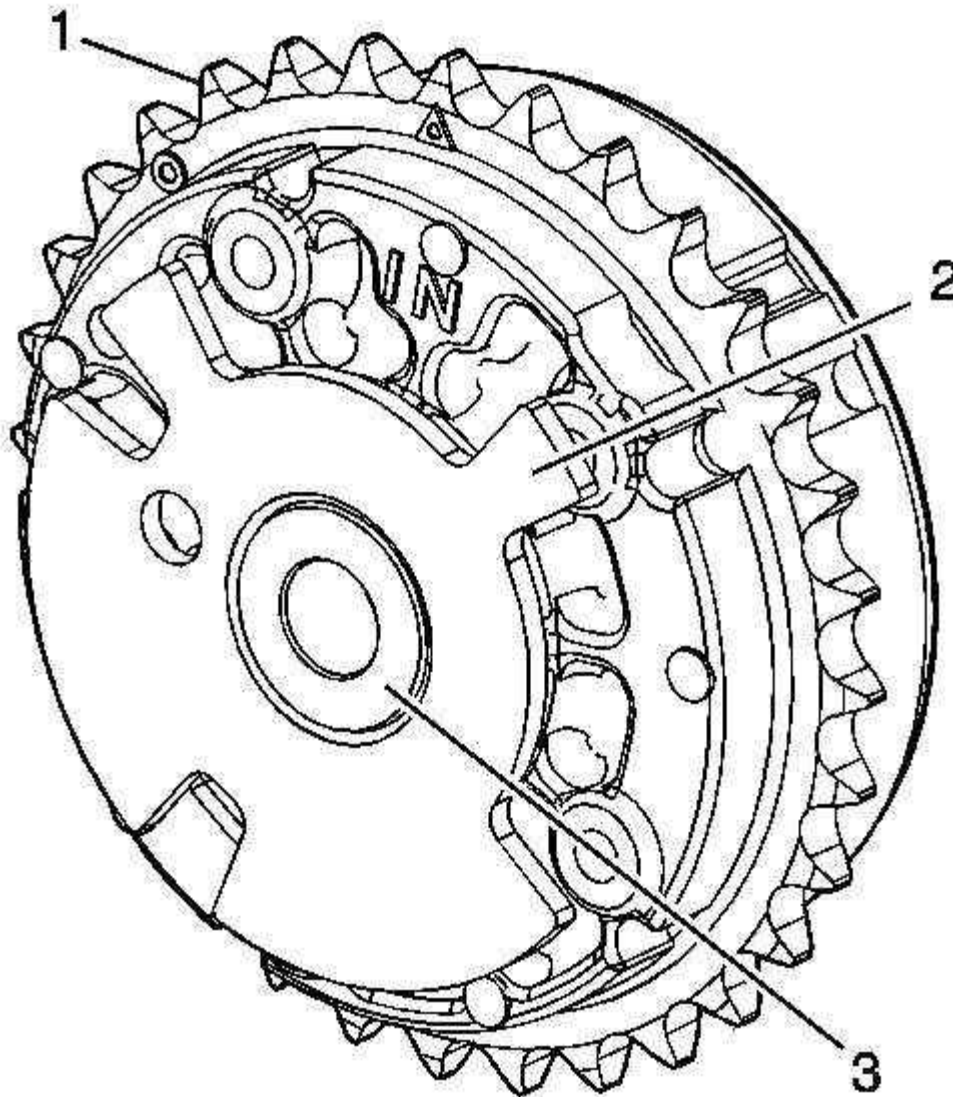


Fig. 122: Identifying Camshaft Position Actuator Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Inspect the front of the intake camshaft position actuators for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Reluctor/sensor wheel damage (2)

- Camshaft position actuator oil control valve bolt seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)

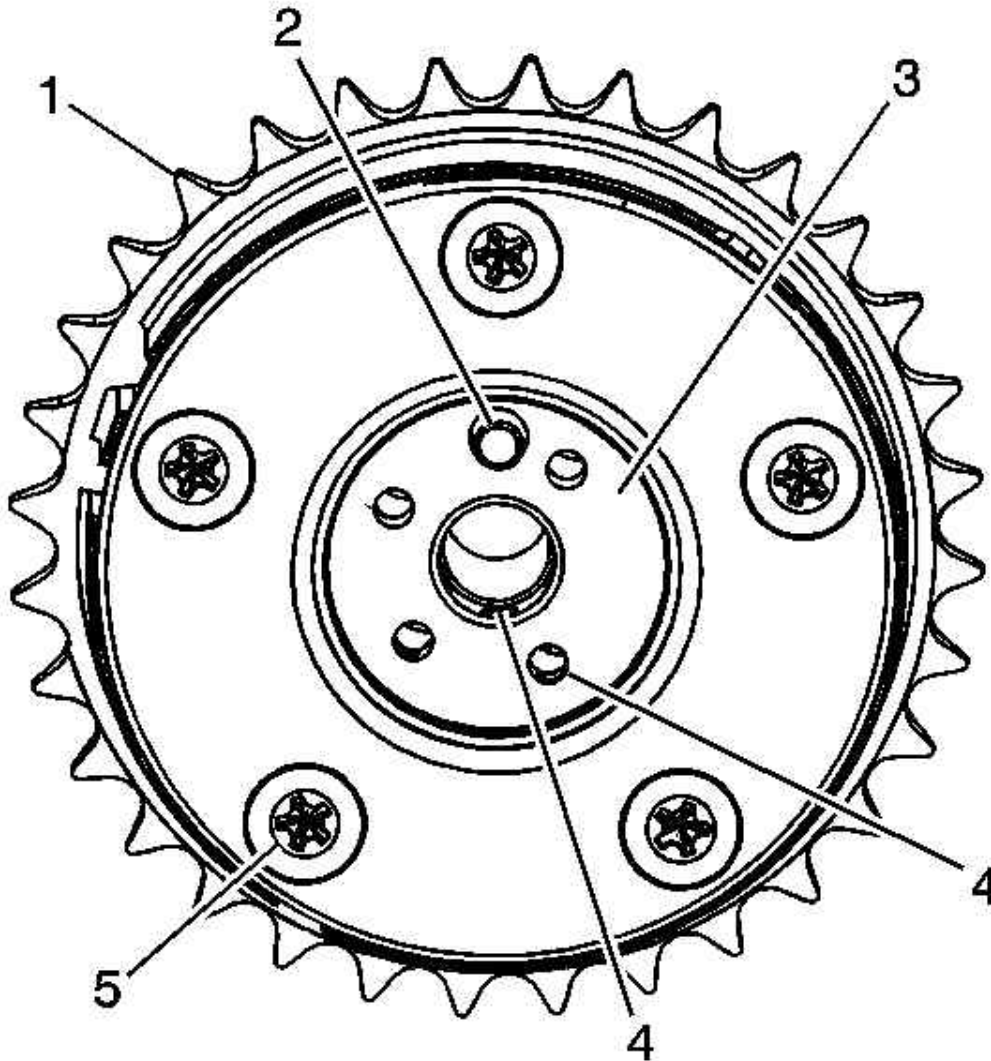


Fig. 123: Identifying Exhaust Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Areas

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4. Inspect the back of the intake camshaft position actuators for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Camshaft locating pin damage (2)
 - Camshaft seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)
 - Blockage to the oil passages (4)
 - Loose or missing housing bolts (5)
5. Replace a damaged camshaft position actuator.

Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Control Valves

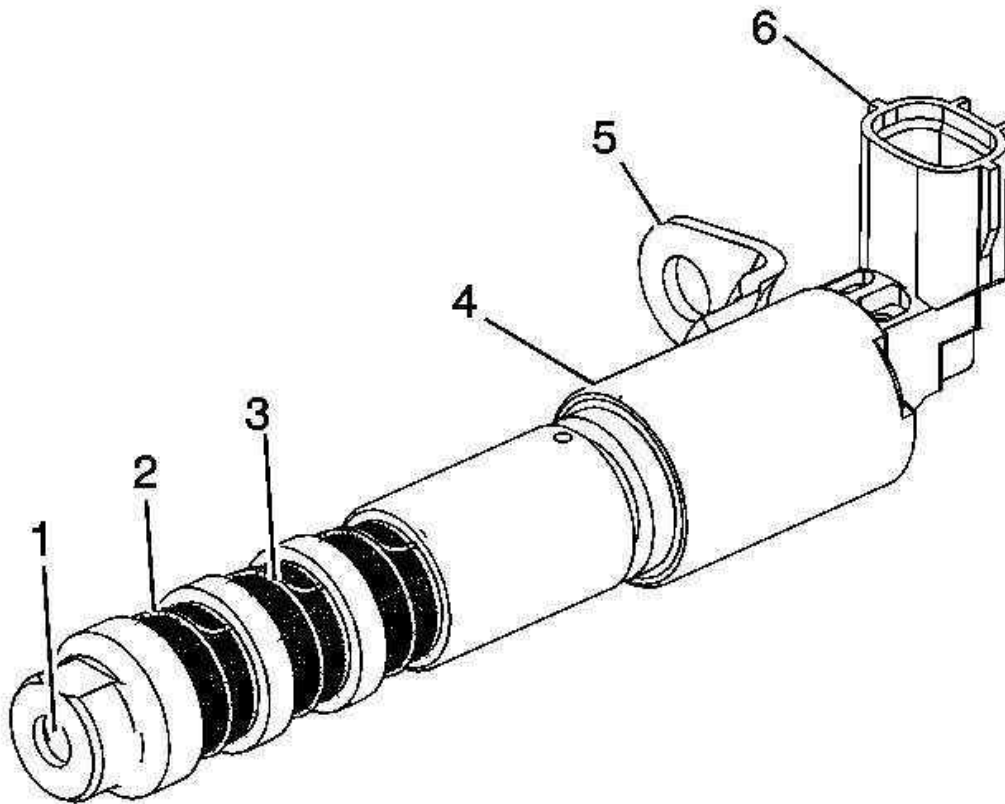


Fig. 124: Identifying Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Control Valves Inspection Areas

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1. Inspect the camshaft position actuator oil control valves for the following:
 - Blockage to the oil passage (1)
 - Missing or damaged oil screen clip (2)
 - Blockage or damage to the oil screen (3)
 - Damage to the sealing surface for the camshaft position actuator oil control valve solenoid oil seal (4)
 - Damage to the bracket (5)
 - Damage to the wiring harness connection and/or terminals (6)
2. Replace a damaged camshaft position actuator oil control valve.

Left Intermediate Sprocket with Primary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

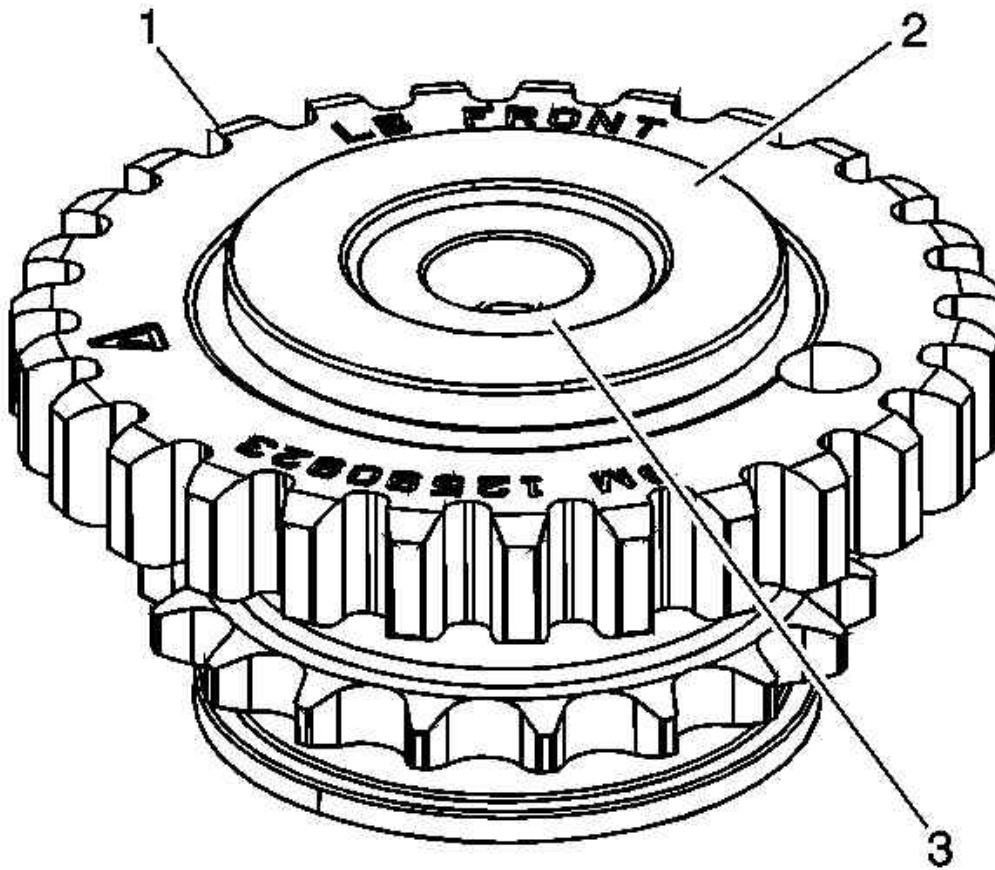


Fig. 125: Checking Front Of Left Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the left intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the primary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the hub bearing (2)-Ensure the hub bearing spins freely. If the hub bearing wobbles, is noisy, or feels rough when rotated, replace the intermediate sprocket.
 - Damage to the bolt flange seating/sealing surface (3)

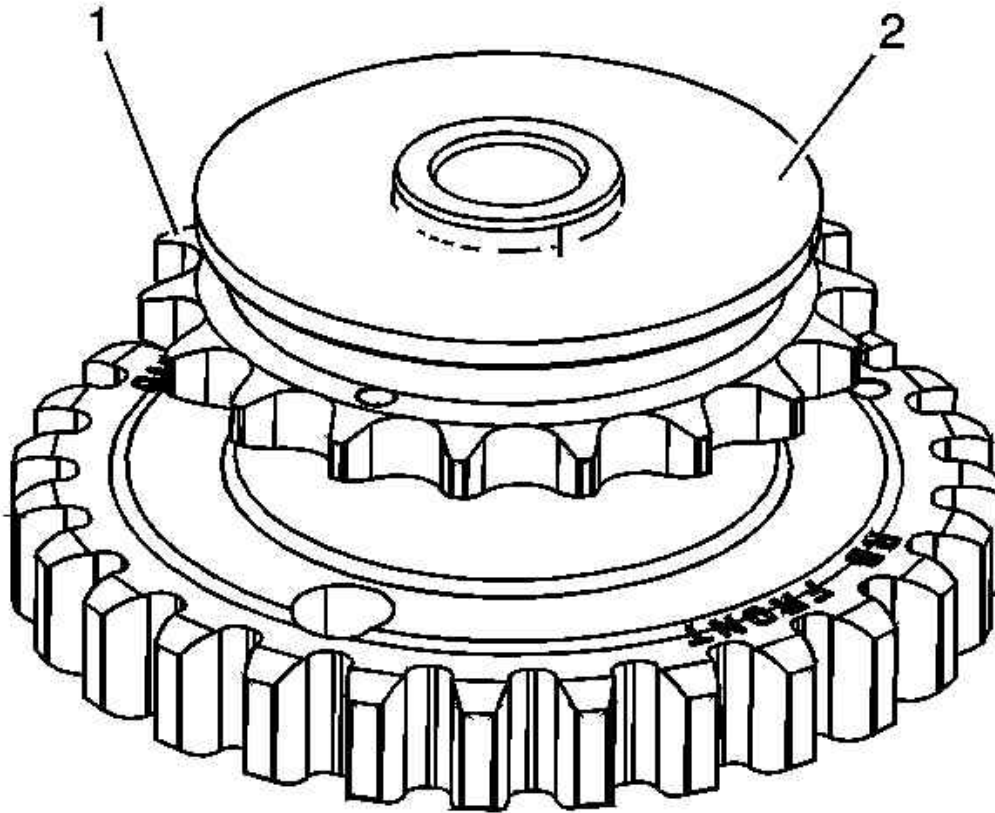


Fig. 126: Inspecting Back Of Intermediate Sprocket
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2. Inspect the back of the intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the left secondary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the bearing hub-to-engine block sealing surface (2)
3. Replace a damaged left intermediate sprocket.

Right Intermediate Sprocket with Primary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

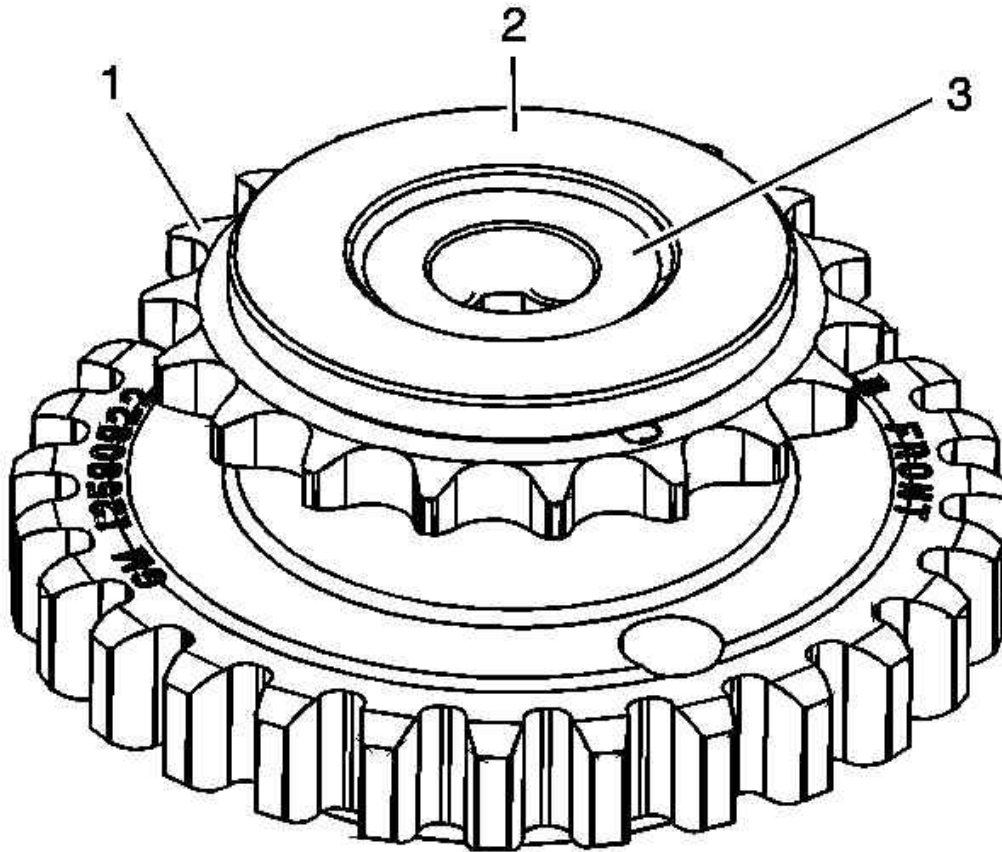


Fig. 127: Identifying Front Of Right Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Areas

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the right intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the right secondary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the hub bearing (2)-Ensure the hub bearing spins freely. If the hub bearing wobbles, is noisy, or feels rough when rotated, replace the intermediate sprocket.
 - Damage to the bolt flange seating/sealing surface (3)

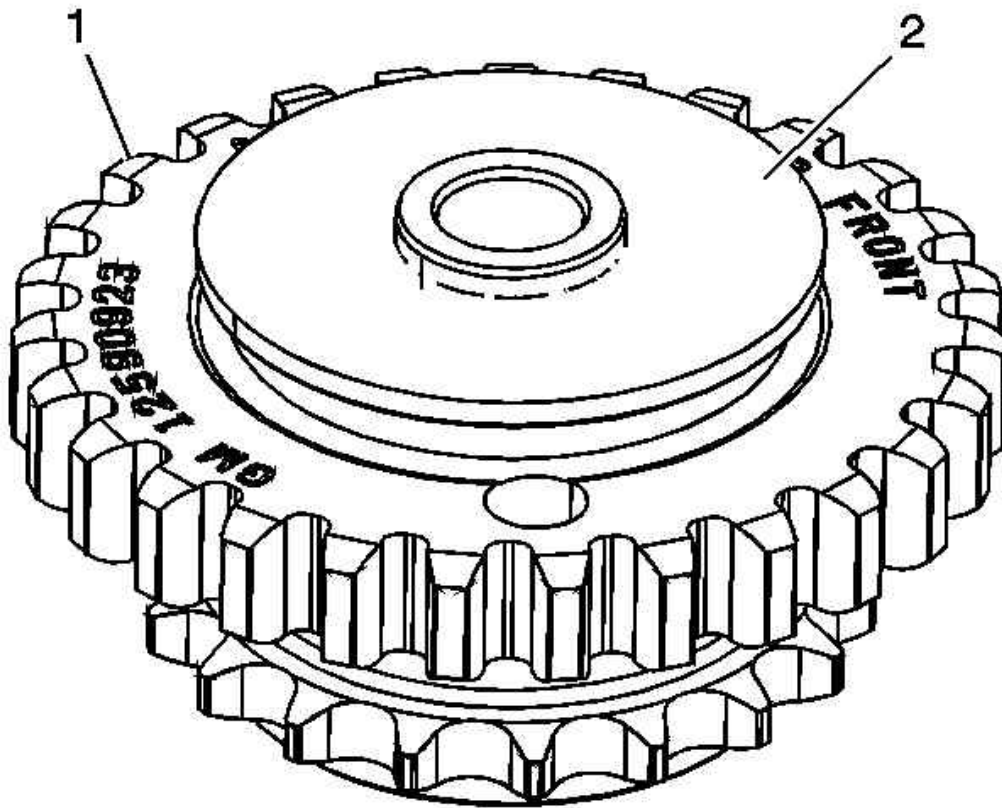


Fig. 128: Inspecting Back Of Right Intermediate Sprocket
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the back of the right intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the primary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the bearing hub-to-engine block sealing surface (2)
3. Replace a damaged right intermediate sprocket.

Crankshaft Sprocket with Primary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

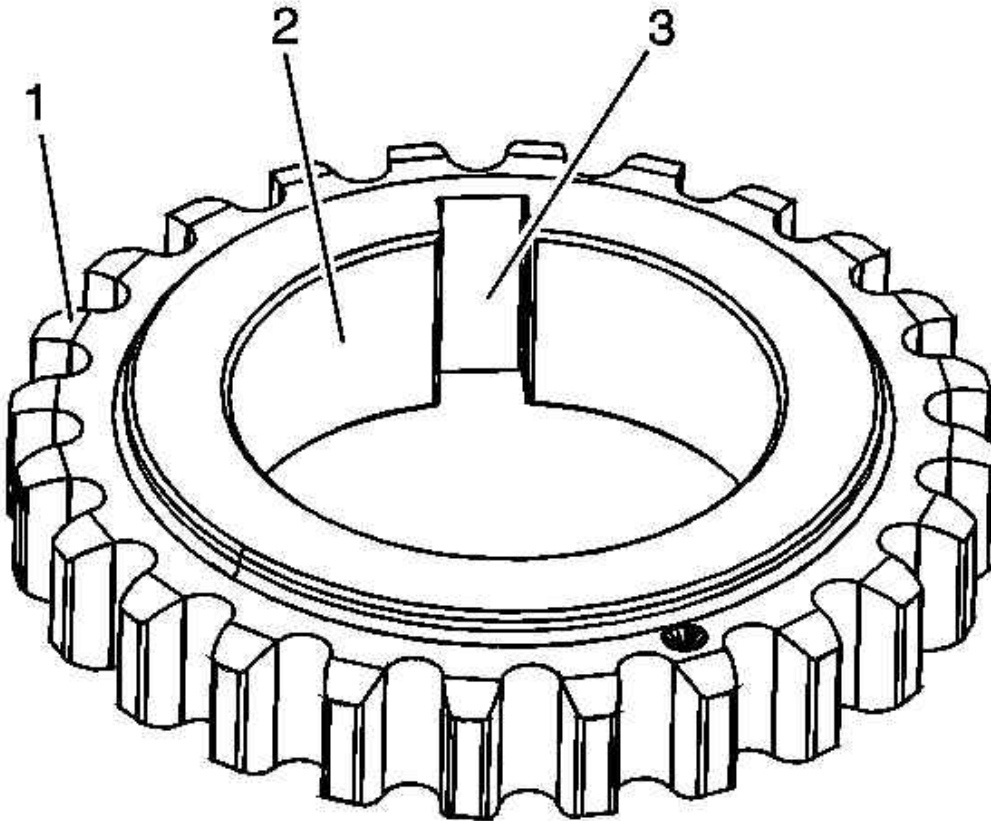


Fig. 129: Checking Crankshaft Sprocket With Primary (IT) Inverted Tooth Chain

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the crankshaft sprocket for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Bore damage (2)
 - Keyway damage (3)
2. Replace a damaged crankshaft sprocket.

Secondary Timing Chains with Roller Chain

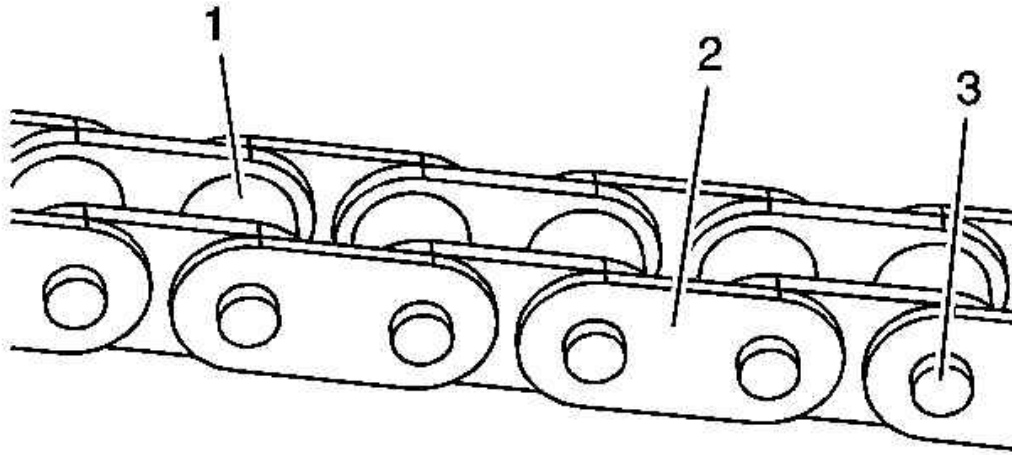


Fig. 130: Inspecting Primary And Secondary Timing Chains With Roller Chain

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1. Inspect the secondary timing chain for the following:
 - Binding or worn rollers (1)
 - Loose links (2)
 - Loose pins (3)
2. Replace a damaged secondary timing chain.

Primary Timing Chain with Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

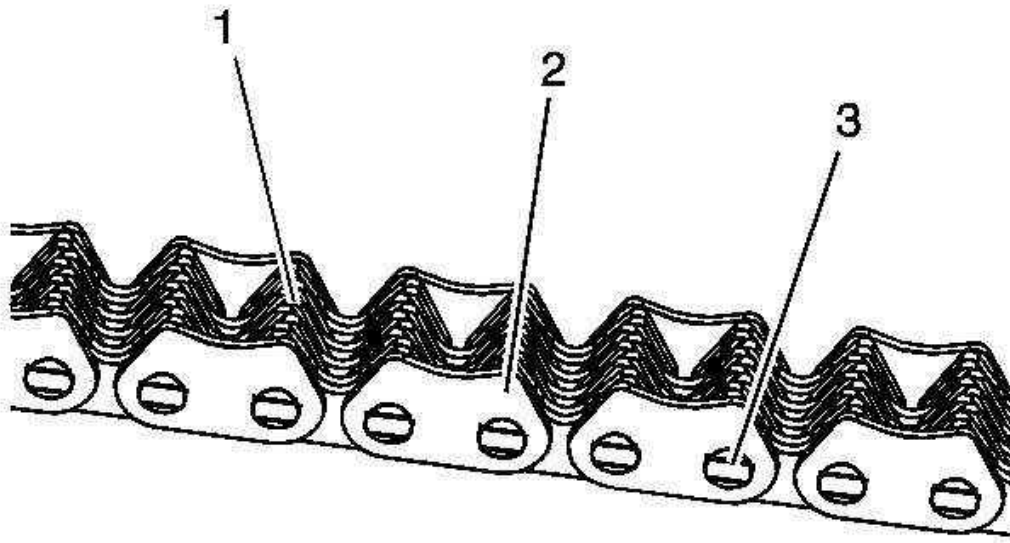


Fig. 131: Identifying Primary Timing Chain With (IT) Inverted Tooth Chain

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1. Inspect the primary timing chain for the following:
 - Binding or worn links (1)
 - Loose links (2)
 - Loose pins (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain.

Primary Timing Chain Upper Guide

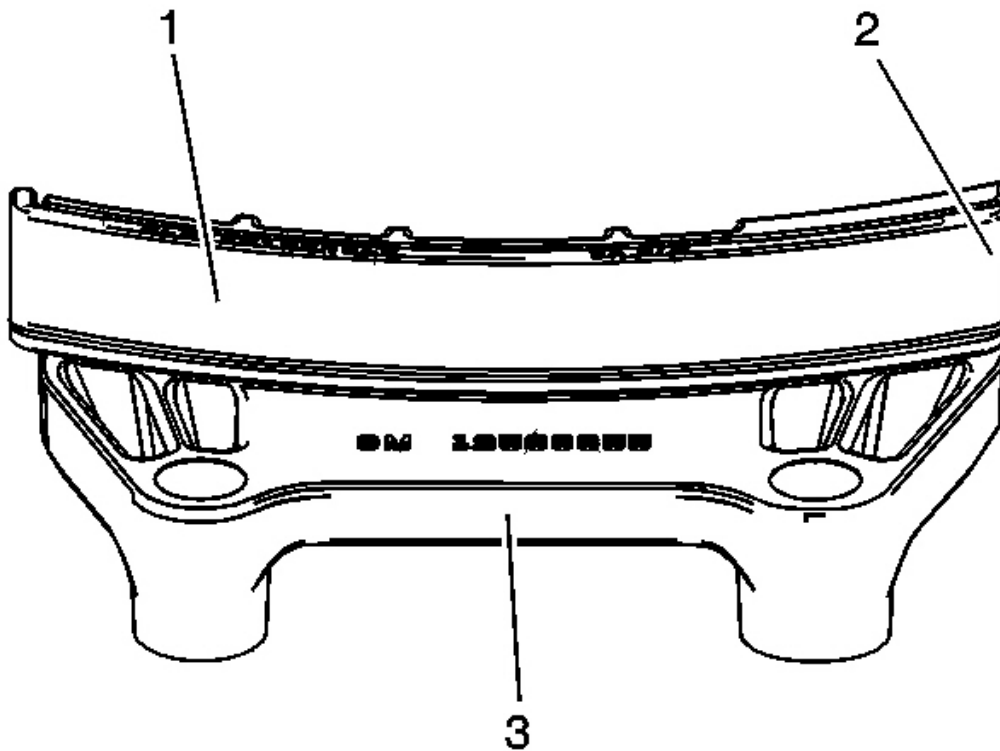


Fig. 132: Checking Primary Timing Chain Upper Guide
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1. Inspect the primary timing chain upper guide for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain upper guide.

Primary Timing Chain Lower Guide

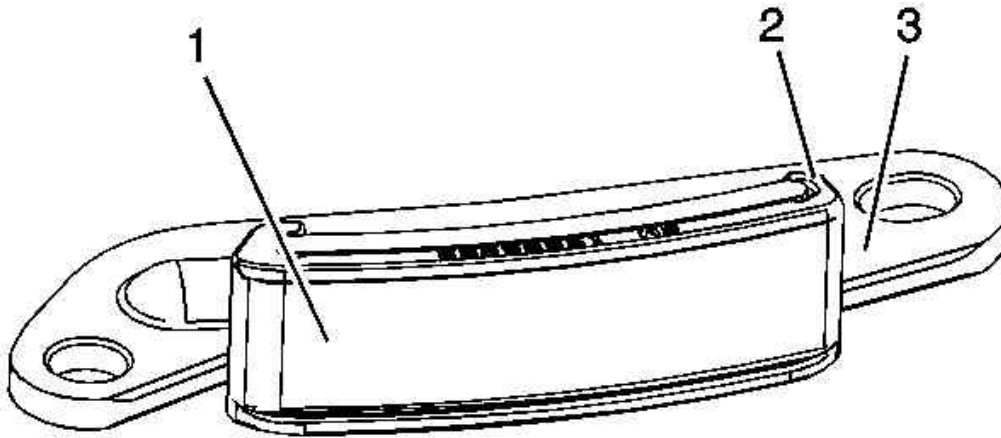


Fig. 133: View Of Primary Camshaft Drive Chain Lower Guide Inspection Locations

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1. Inspect the primary timing chain lower guide for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain lower guide.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Guide

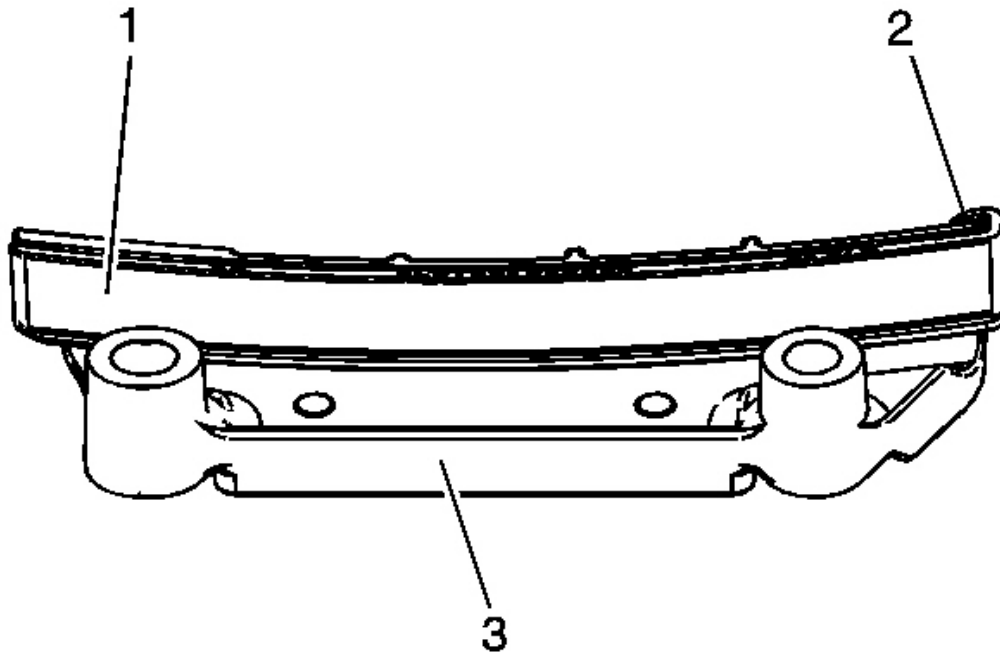


Fig. 134: Checking Left Secondary Timing Chain Guide
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the left secondary timing chain guides for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain guide.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Guide

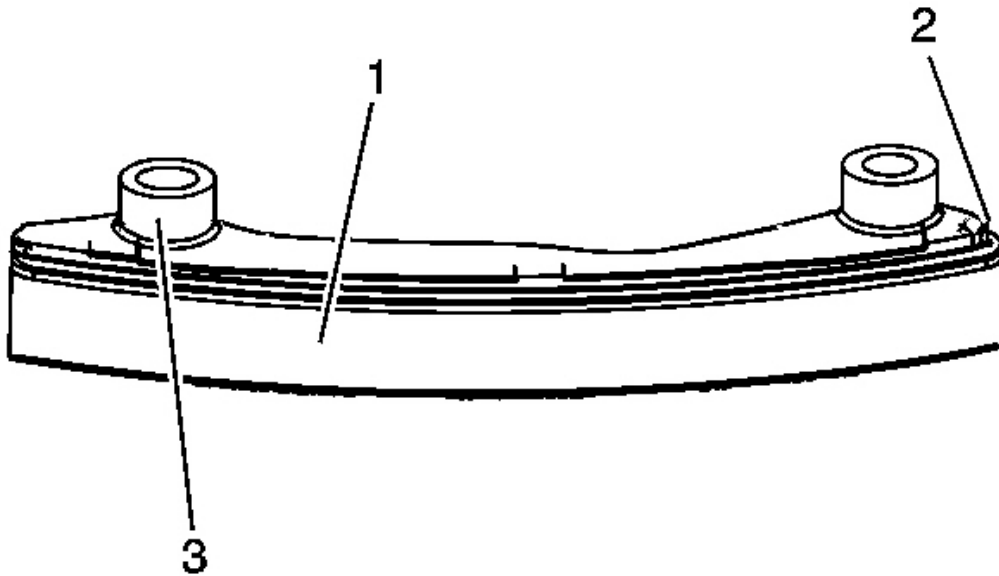


Fig. 135: Identifying Right Secondary Timing Chain Guide
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the right secondary timing chain guides for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain guide.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Shoe

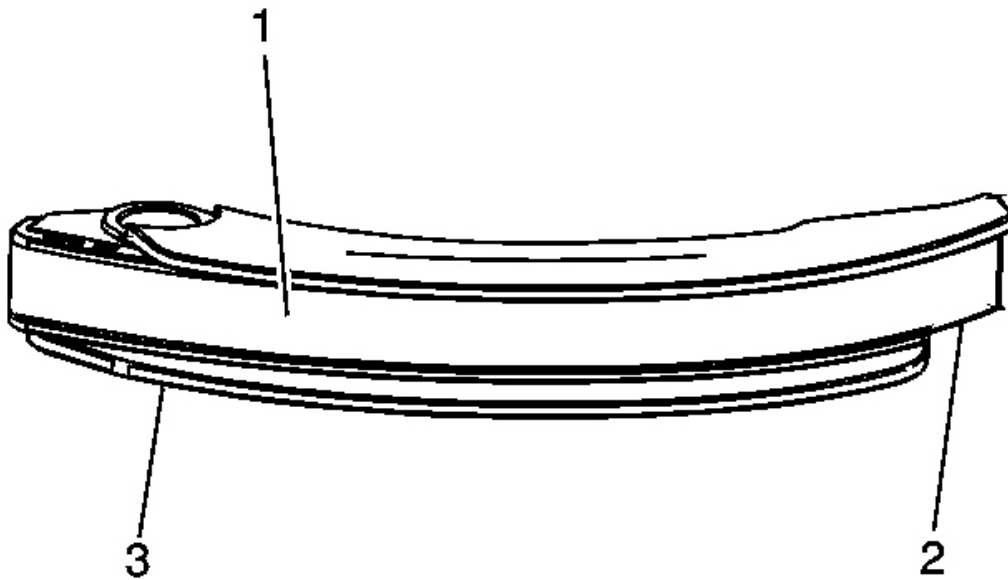


Fig. 136: Checking Left Secondary Timing Chain Shoe
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the left secondary timing chain shoe for the following:
 - Worn shoe surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken shoe surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged shoe (3)

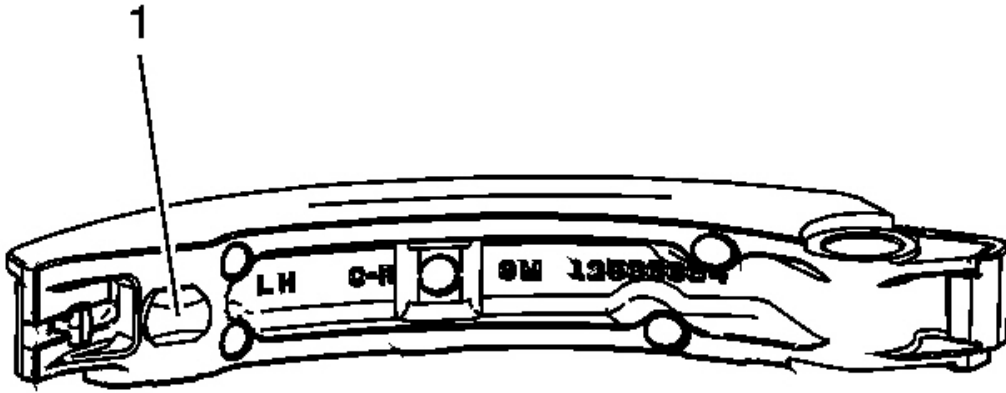


Fig. 137: Inspecting Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner Contact Pad
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2. Inspect the back of the left secondary timing chain shoe for a damaged, worn, or missing left secondary timing chain tensioner contact pad (1).
3. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain shoe.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Shoe

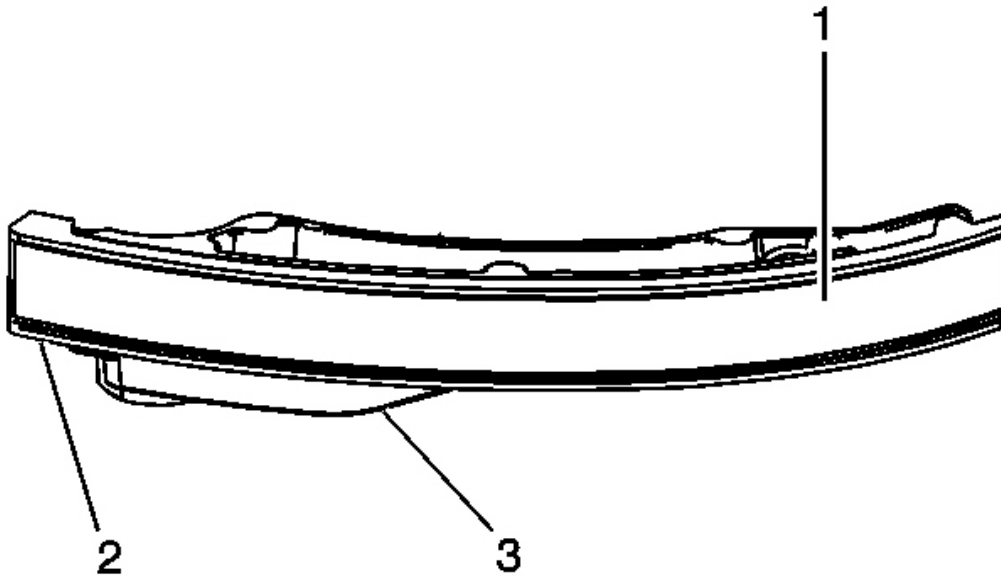


Fig. 138: Identifying Right Secondary Timing Chain Shoe
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the right secondary timing chain shoe for the following:
 - Worn shoe surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken shoe surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged shoe (3)

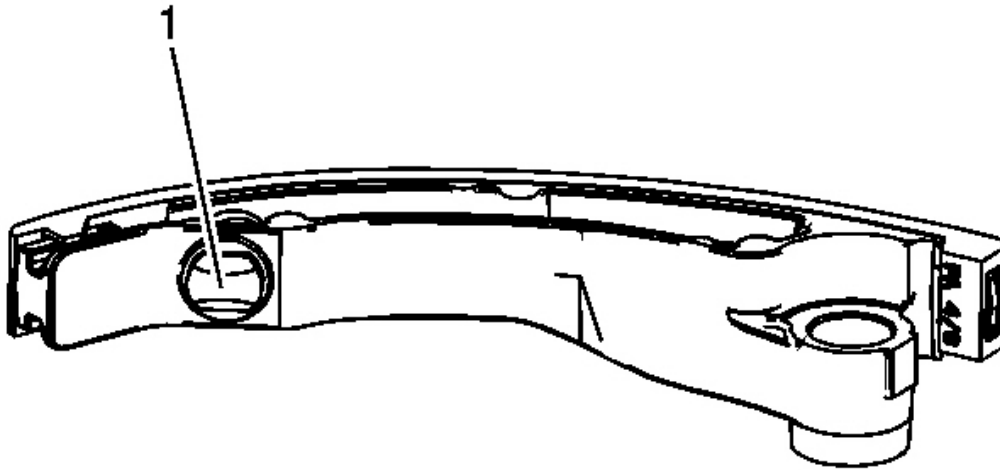


Fig. 139: Inspecting Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner Contact Pad

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2. Inspect the back of the right secondary timing chain shoe for a damaged, worn, or missing right secondary timing chain tensioner contact pad (1).
3. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain shoe.

Primary Timing Chain Tensioner

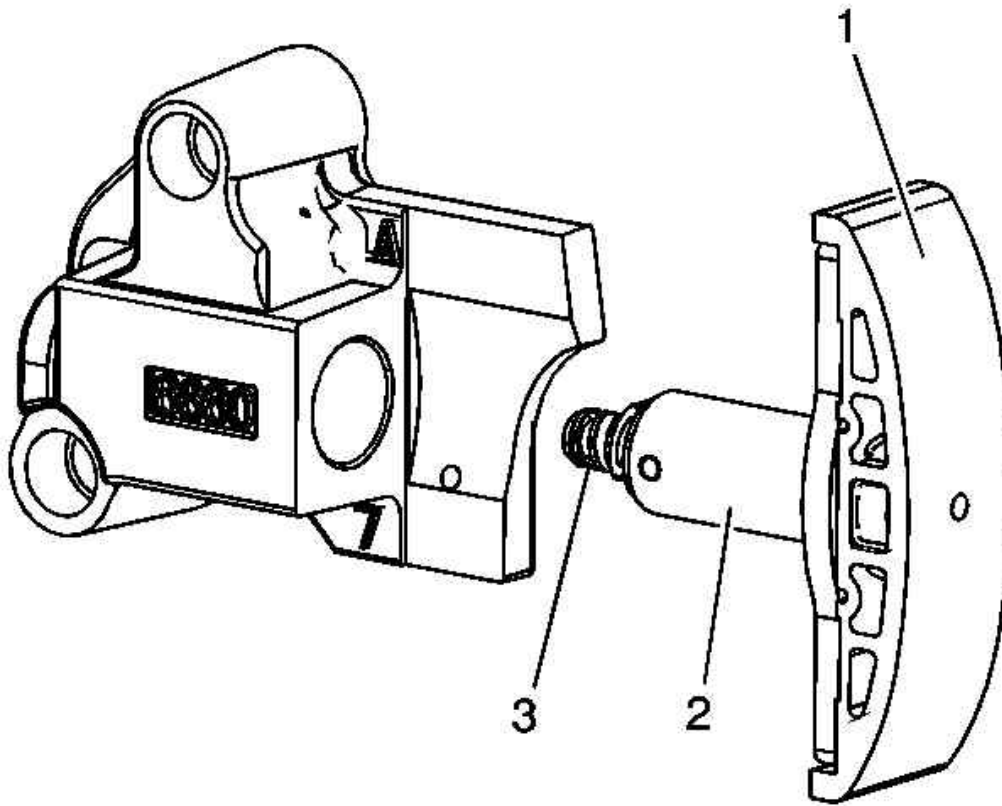


Fig. 140: Checking Primary Timing Chain Tensioner
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the primary timing chain tensioner for worn primary timing chain tensioner shoe surface (1).
2. Inspect the primary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Primary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged primary timing chain tensioner.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner

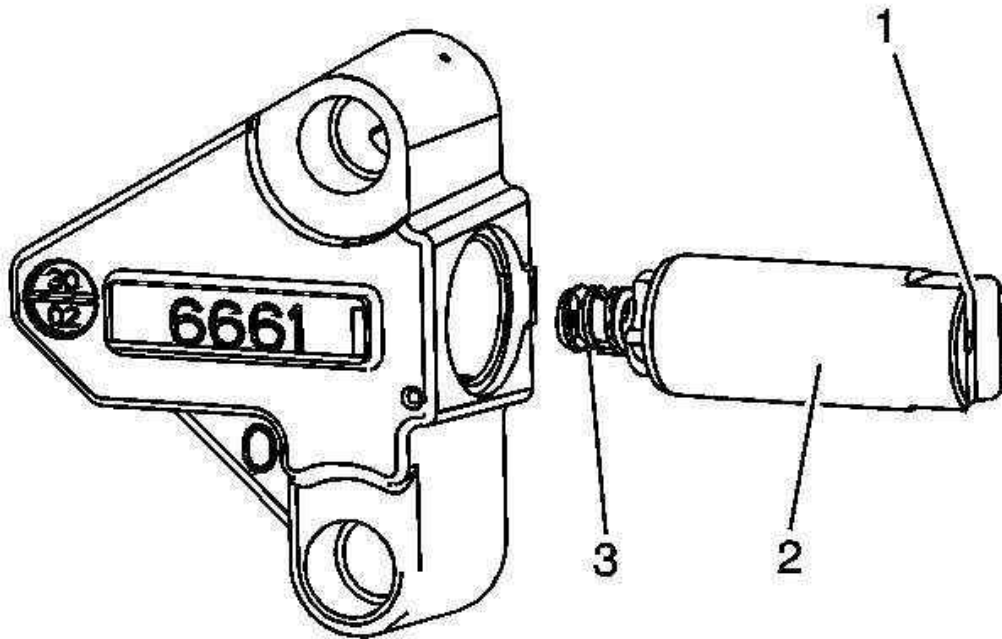


Fig. 141: Checking Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner
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1. Inspect the left secondary timing chain tensioner for damaged plunger-to-shoe contact surface (1).
2. Inspect the left secondary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Secondary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation - Left Side (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain tensioner.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner

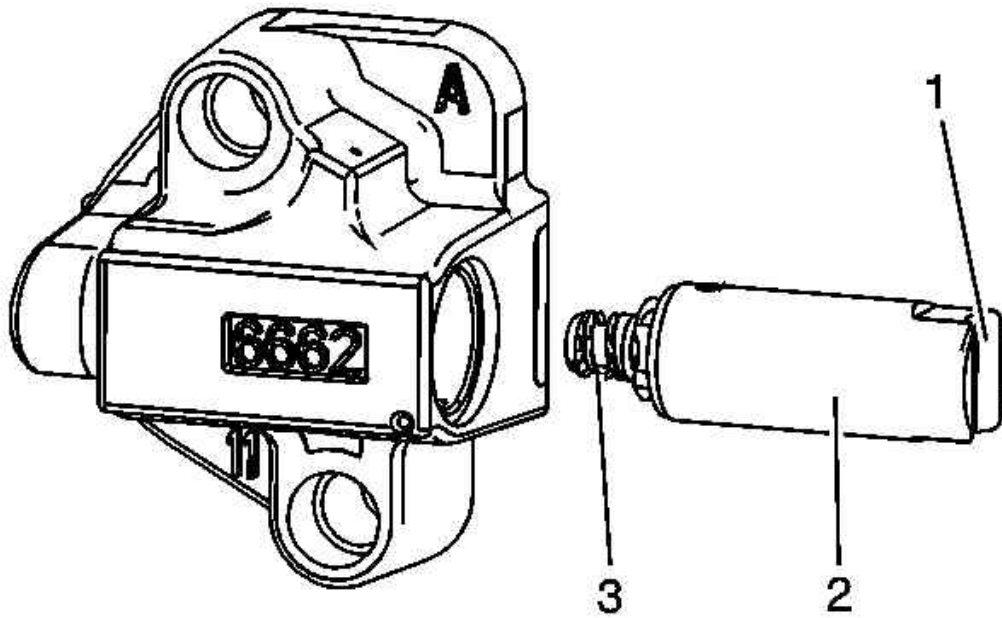


Fig. 142: Inspecting Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner
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1. Inspect the right secondary timing chain tensioner for damaged plunger-to-shoe contact surface (1).
2. Inspect the right secondary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Secondary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation - Right Side (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain tensioner.

CAMSHAFT TIMING DRIVE COMPONENTS CLEANING AND INSPECTION (FOURTH DESIGN)

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean all the following components with solvent:
 - Crankshaft sprocket
 - Primary timing drive chain

- Primary timing drive chain shoe
 - Primary timing drive chain guides
 - Primary timing drive chain tensioner
 - Secondary timing drive chains
 - Secondary timing drive chain shoes
 - Secondary timing drive chain guides
 - Secondary timing drive chain tensioners
 - Timing component fastening bolts
2. Clean each camshaft position actuator's exterior with solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

3. Dry the timing components with compressed air.

Visual Inspection

Camshaft Position Actuators

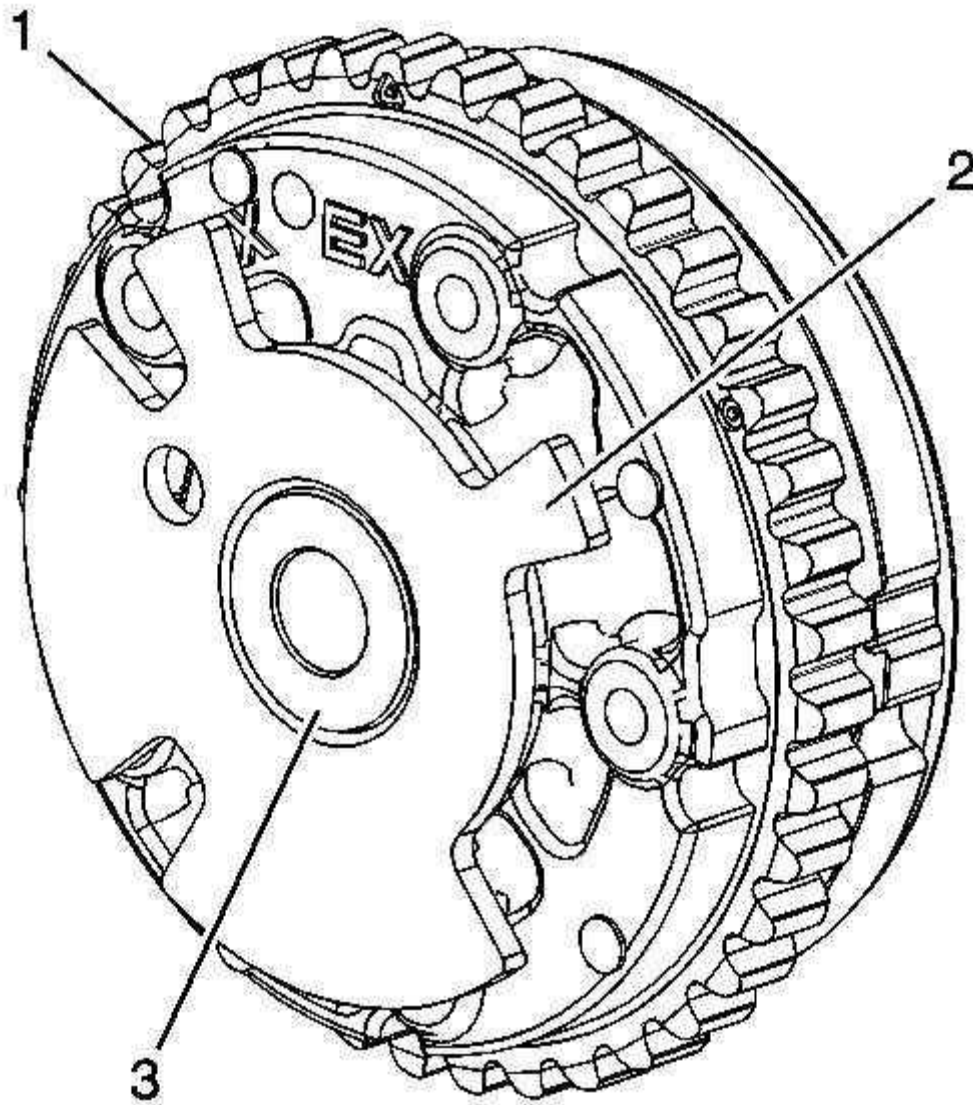


Fig. 143: View Of Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations
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1. Inspect the front of the exhaust camshaft position actuators for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Reluctor/sensor wheel damage (2)

- Camshaft position actuator bolt seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)

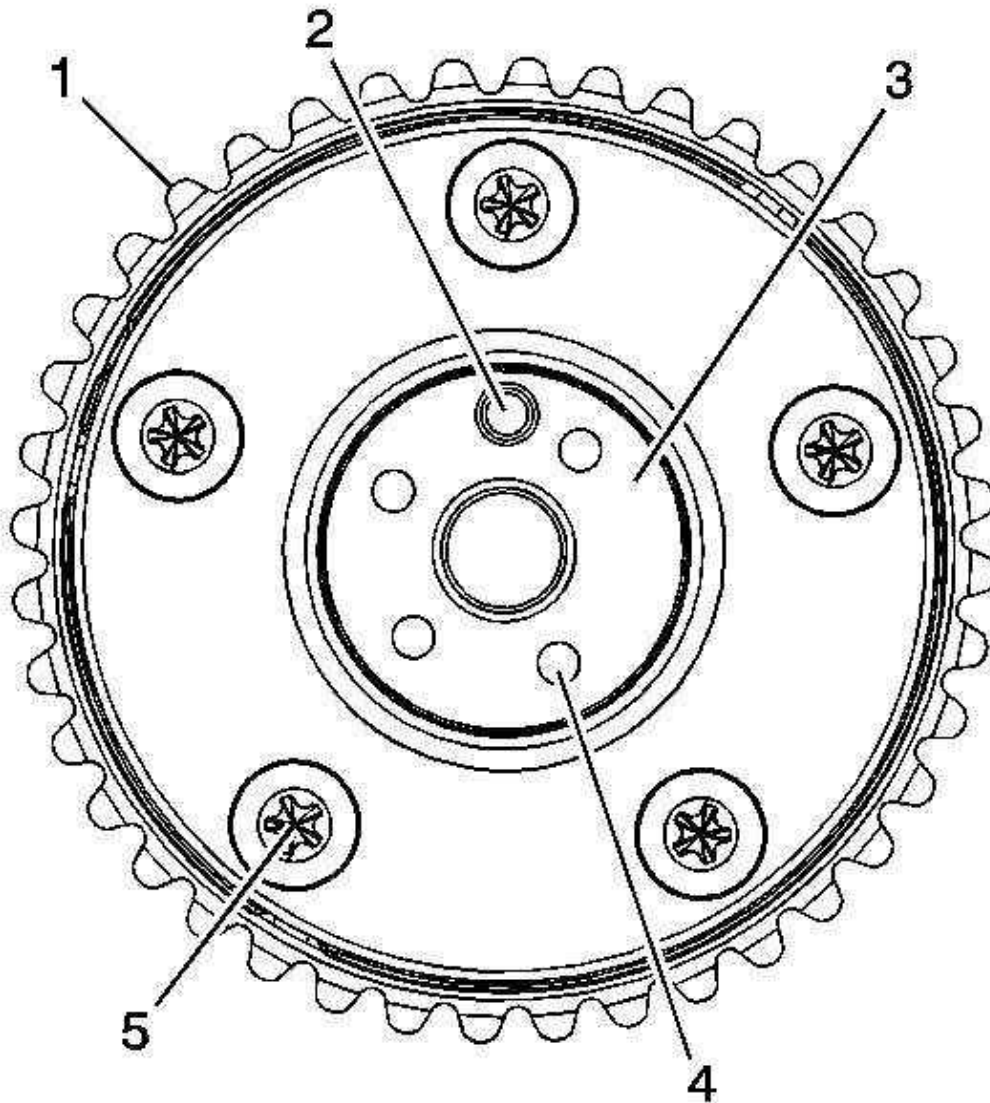


Fig. 144: View Of Exhaust Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations
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2. Inspect the back of the exhaust camshaft position actuators for the following:
- Sprocket damage (1)
 - Camshaft locating pin damage (2)
 - Camshaft seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)
 - Blockage to the oil passages (4)
 - Loose or missing housing bolts (5)

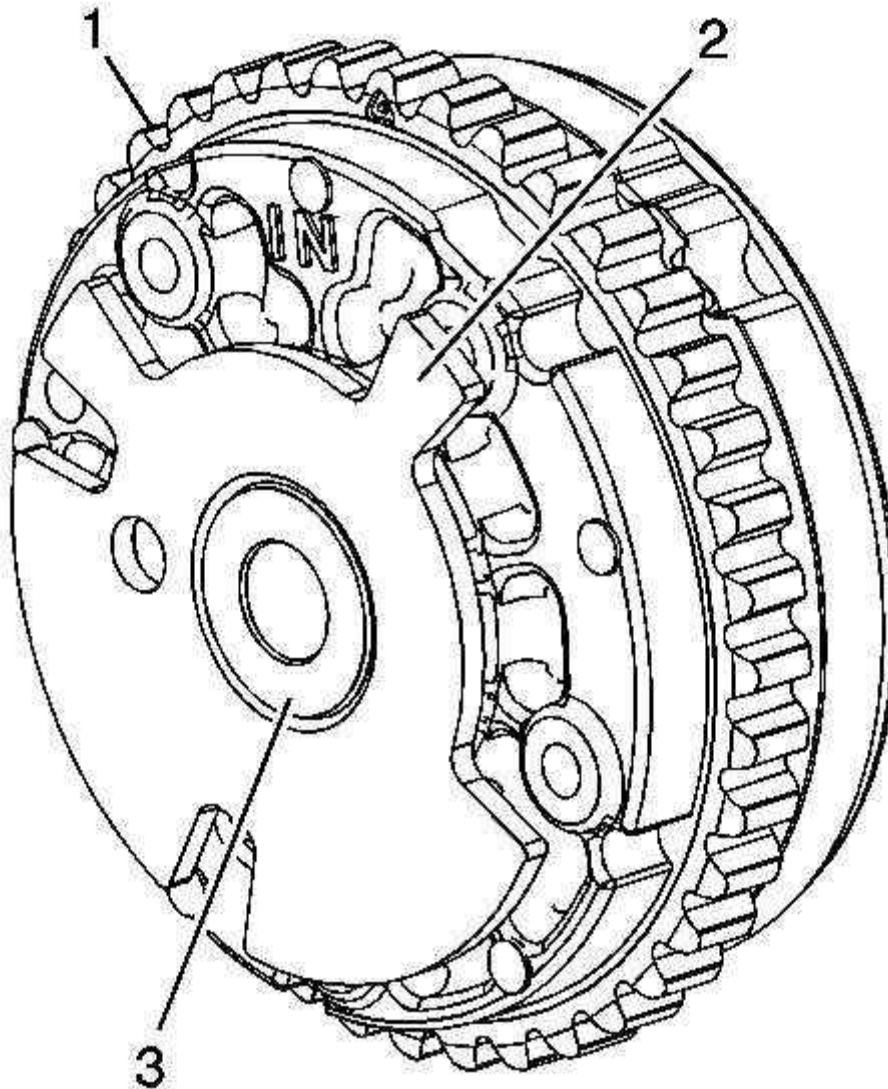


Fig. 145: View Of Left Intake Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations

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3. Inspect the front of the left intake camshaft position actuators for the following:

- Sprocket damage (1)
- Reluctor/sensor wheel damage (2)
- Camshaft position actuator oil control valve bolt seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)

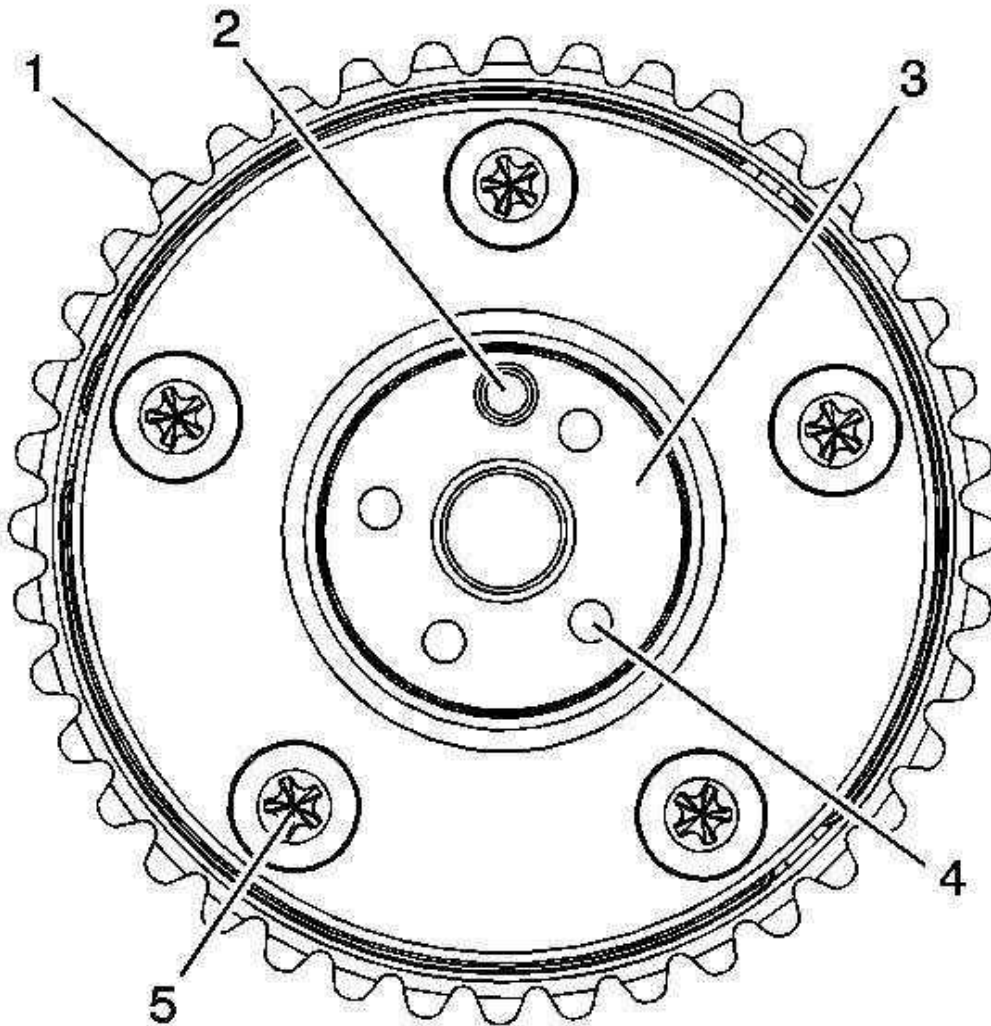


Fig. 146: View Of Left Intake Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations

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4. Inspect the back of the left intake camshaft position actuators for the following:
- Sprocket damage (1)
 - Camshaft locating pin damage (2)
 - Camshaft seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)
 - Blockage to the oil passages (4)
 - Loose or missing housing bolts (5)

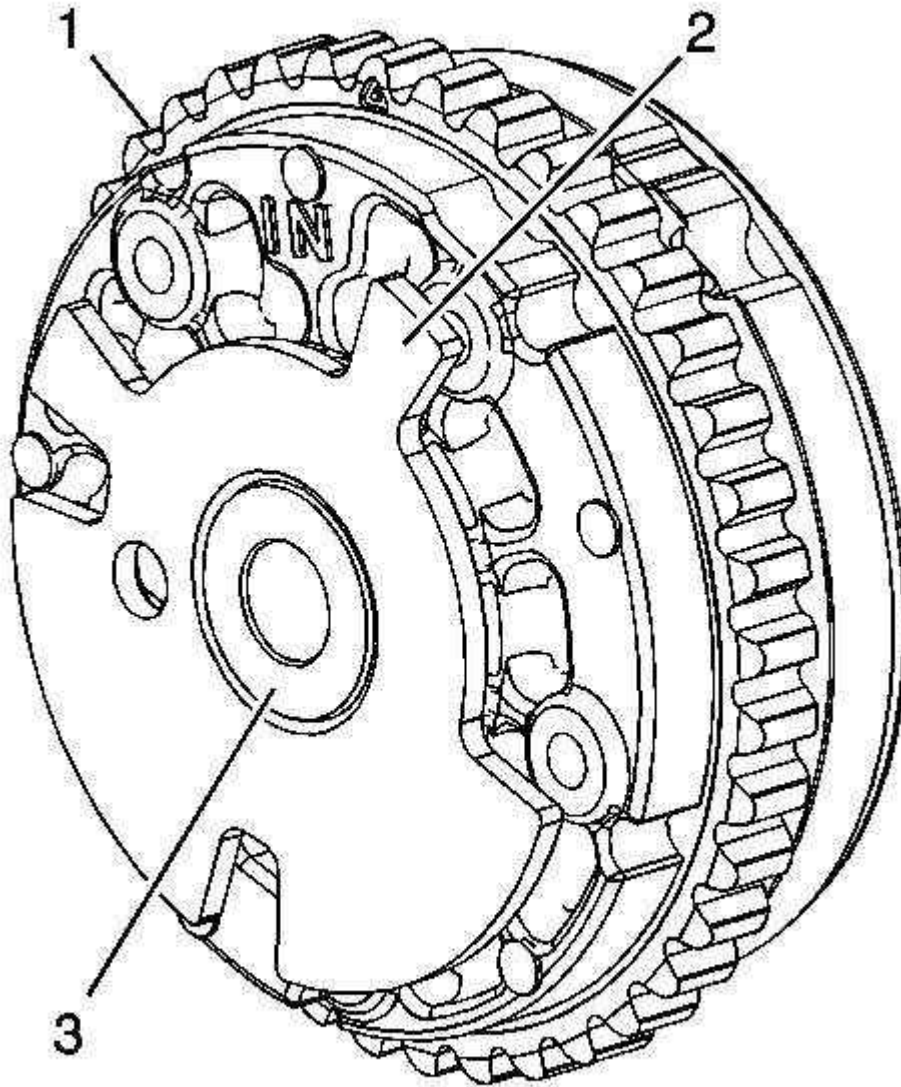


Fig. 147: View Of Right Intake Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations

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5. Inspect the front of the right intake camshaft position actuators for the following:

- Sprocket damage (1)
- Reluctor/sensor wheel damage (2)
- Camshaft position actuator oil control valve bolt seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)

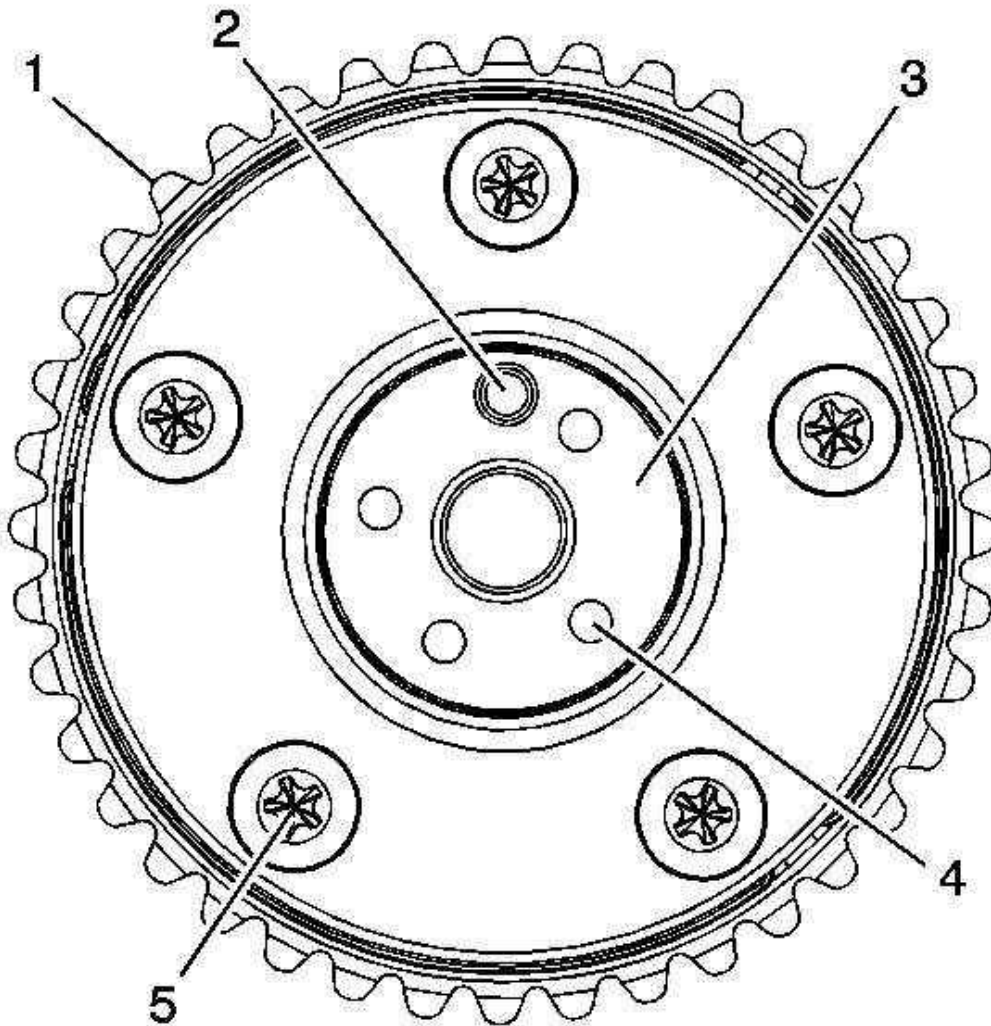


Fig. 148: View Of Left Intake Camshaft Position Actuators Inspection Locations

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6. Inspect the back of the right intake camshaft position actuators for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Camshaft locating pin damage (2)
 - Camshaft seating/sealing inner hub flange damage (3)
 - Blockage to the oil passages (4)
 - Loose or missing housing bolts (5)
7. Replace a damaged camshaft position actuator.

Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Control Valves

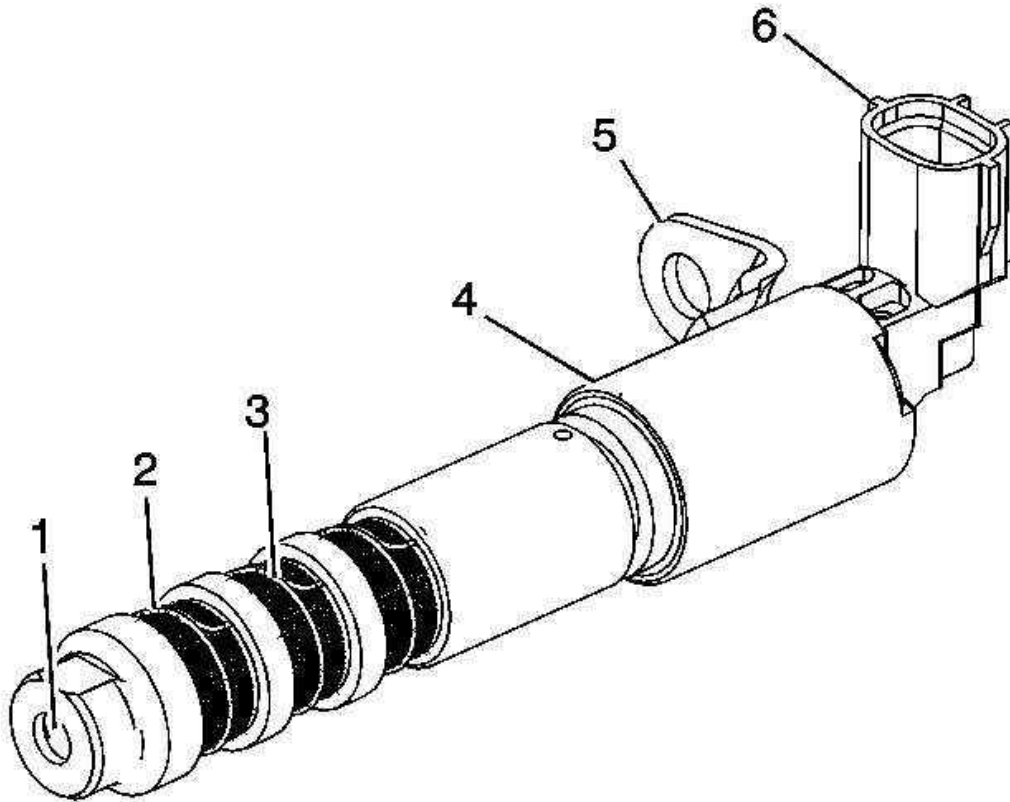


Fig. 149: Identifying Camshaft Position Actuator Oil Control Valves

Inspection Areas

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1. Inspect the camshaft position actuator oil control valves for the following:
 - Blockage to the oil passage (1)
 - Missing or damaged oil screen clip (2)
 - Blockage or damage to the oil screen (3)
 - Damage to the sealing surface for the camshaft position actuator oil control valve solenoid oil seal (4)
 - Damage to the bracket (5)
 - Damage to the wiring harness connection and/or terminals (6)
2. Replace a damaged camshaft position actuator oil control valve.

Left Intermediate Sprocket with Primary and Secondary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

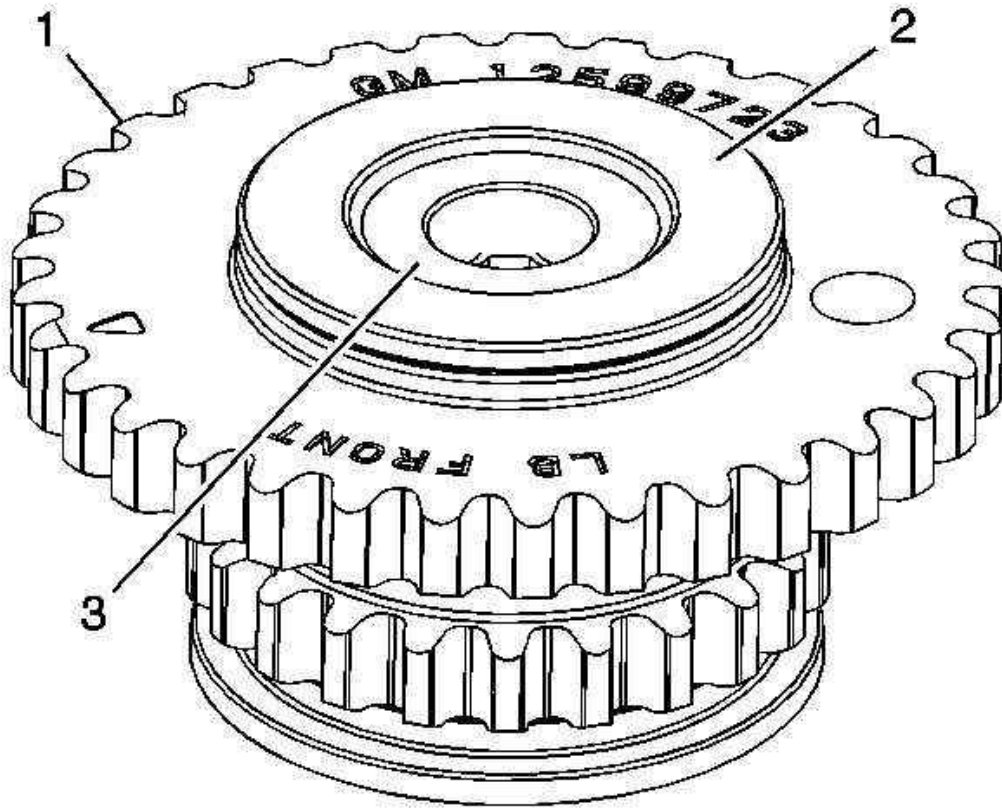


Fig. 150: View Of Left Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Locations
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1. Inspect the front of the left intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the primary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the hub bearing (2)-Ensure the hub bearing spins freely. If the hub bearing wobbles, is noisy, or feels rough when rotated, replace the intermediate sprocket.
 - Damage to the bolt flange seating/sealing surface (3)

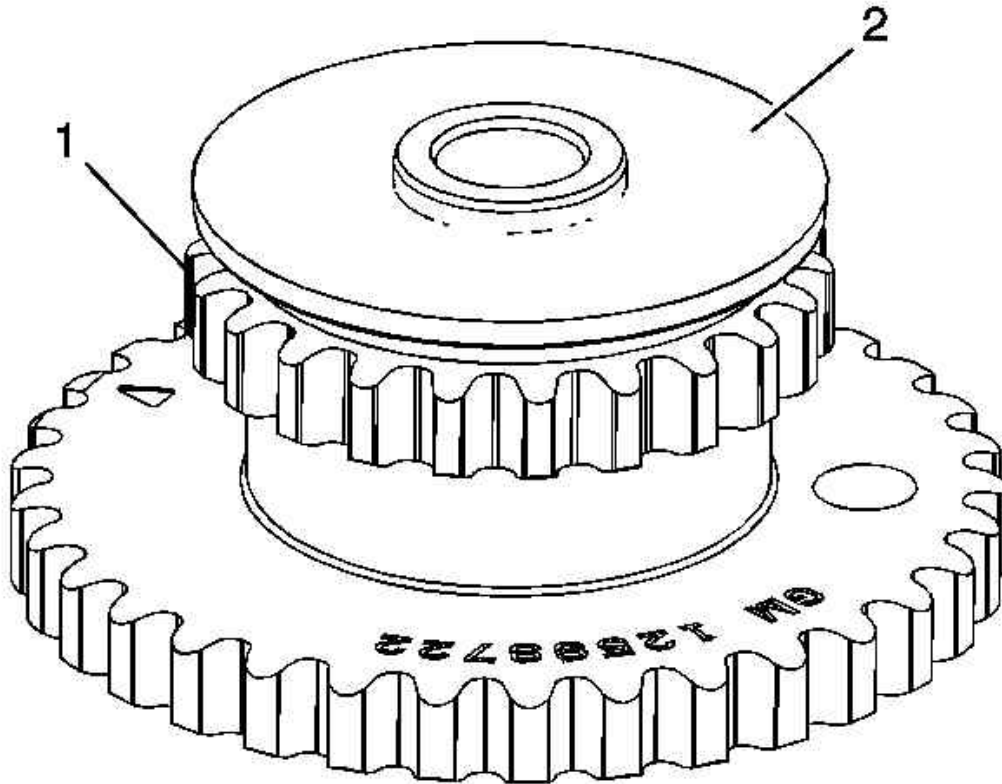


Fig. 151: View Of Left Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Locations
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2. Inspect the back of the left intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the left secondary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the bearing hub-to-engine block sealing surface (2)
3. Replace a damaged left intermediate sprocket.

Right Intermediate Sprocket with Primary and Secondary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

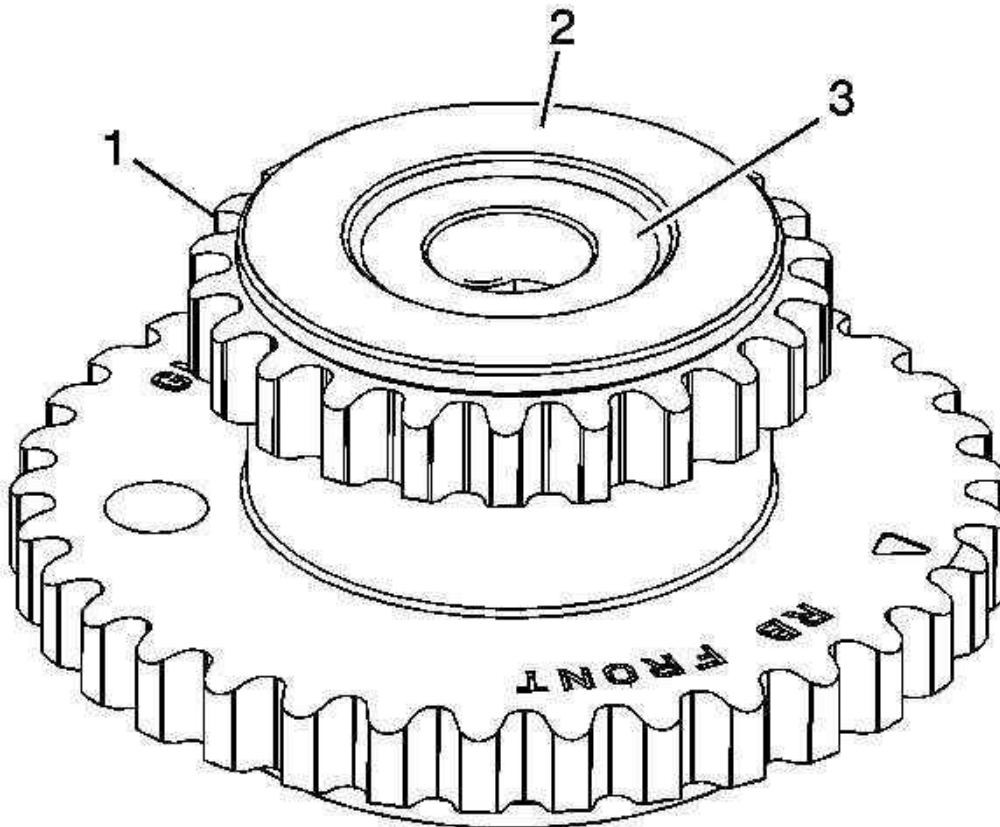


Fig. 152: View Of Right Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Locations
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the right intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the right secondary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the hub bearing (2)-Ensure the hub bearing spins freely. If the hub bearing wobbles, is noisy, or feels rough when rotated, replace the intermediate sprocket.
 - Damage to the bolt flange seating/sealing surface (3)

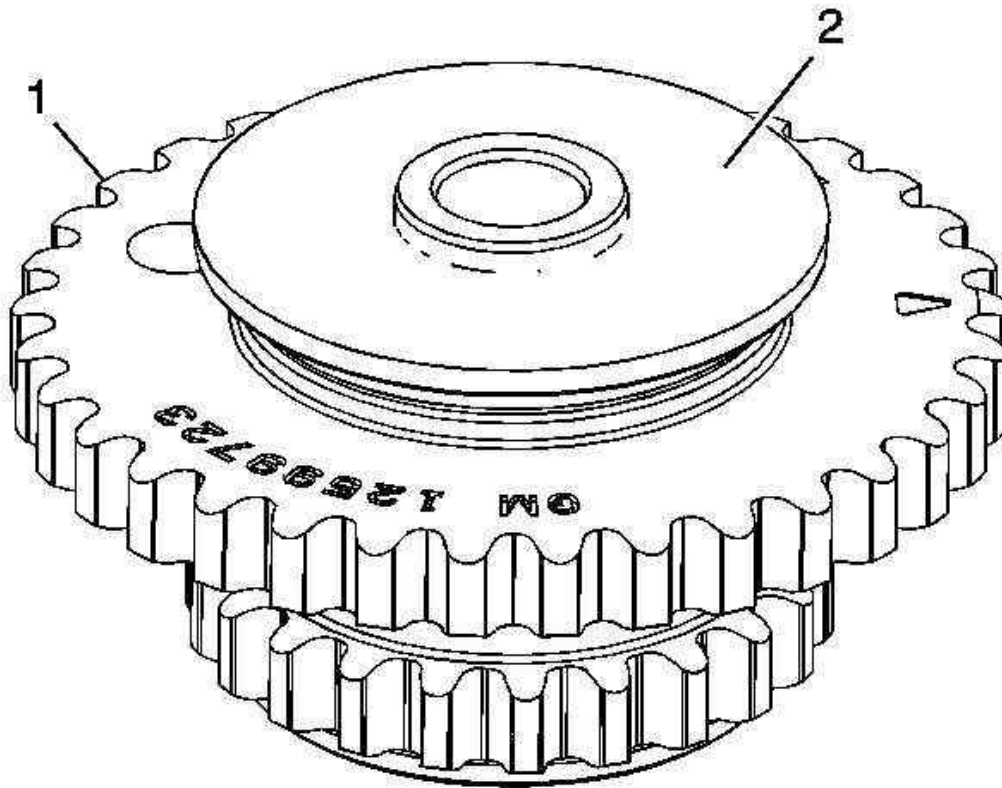


Fig. 153: View Of Right Intermediate Sprocket Inspection Locations
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the back of the right intermediate sprocket for the following:
 - Damage to the primary camshaft drive chain sprocket (1)
 - Damage to the bearing hub-to-engine block sealing surface (2)
3. Replace a damaged right intermediate sprocket.

Crankshaft Sprocket with Second Version Primary Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

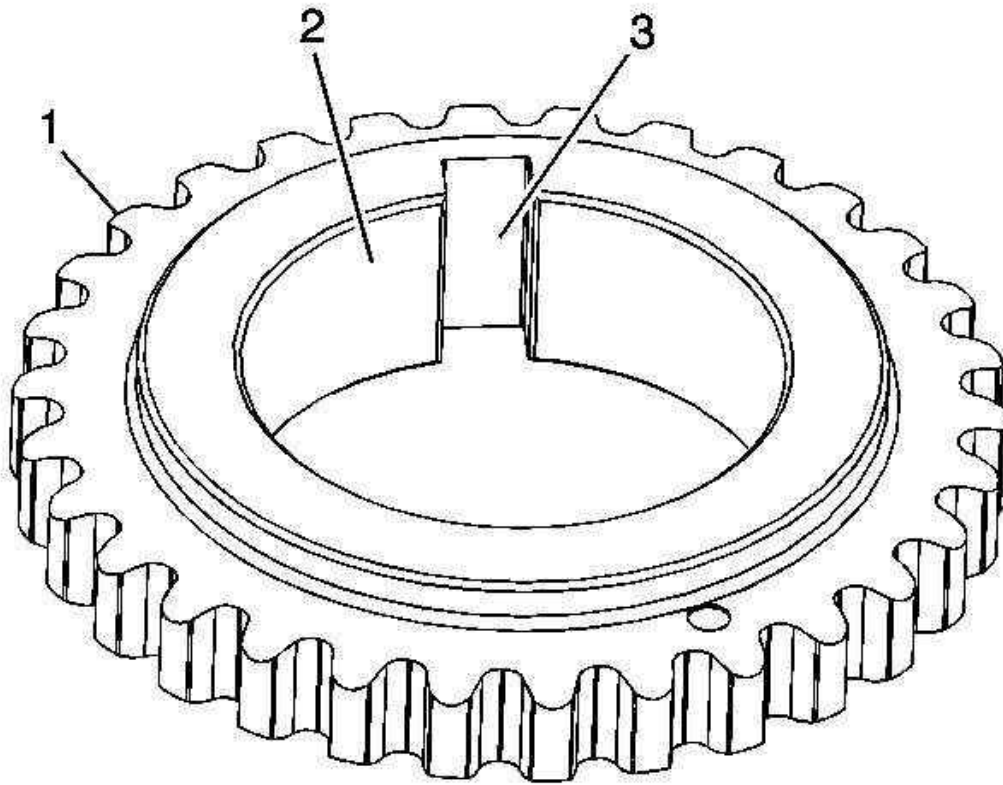


Fig. 154: View Of Crankshaft Sprocket Inspection Locations
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the crankshaft sprocket for the following:
 - Sprocket damage (1)
 - Bore damage (2)
 - Keyway damage (3)
2. Replace a damaged crankshaft sprocket.

Secondary Timing Chains with Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

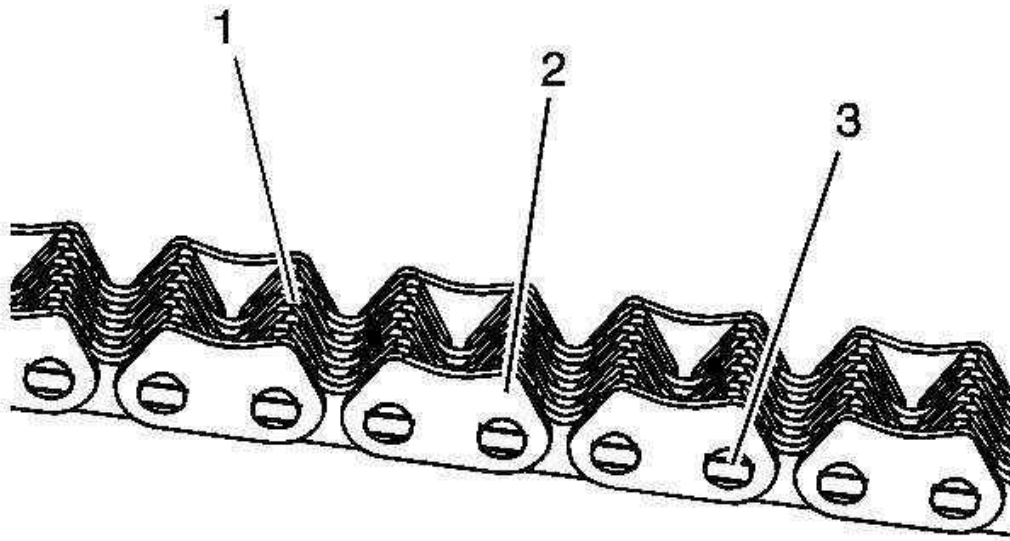


Fig. 155: Identifying Primary Timing Chain With (IT) Inverted Tooth Chain

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the secondary timing chain for the following:
 - Binding or worn links (1)
 - Loose links (2)
 - Loose pins (3)
2. Replace a damaged secondary timing chain.

Primary Timing Chain with Inverted Tooth (IT) Chain

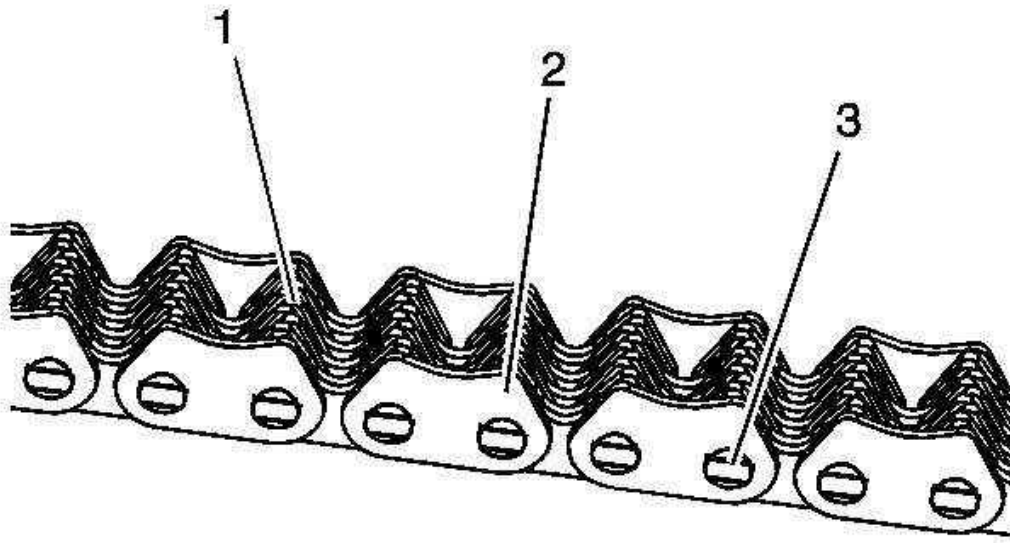


Fig. 156: Identifying Primary Timing Chain With (IT) Inverted Tooth Chain

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the primary timing chain for the following:
 - Binding or worn links (1)
 - Loose links (2)
 - Loose pins (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain.

Primary Timing Chain Upper Guide

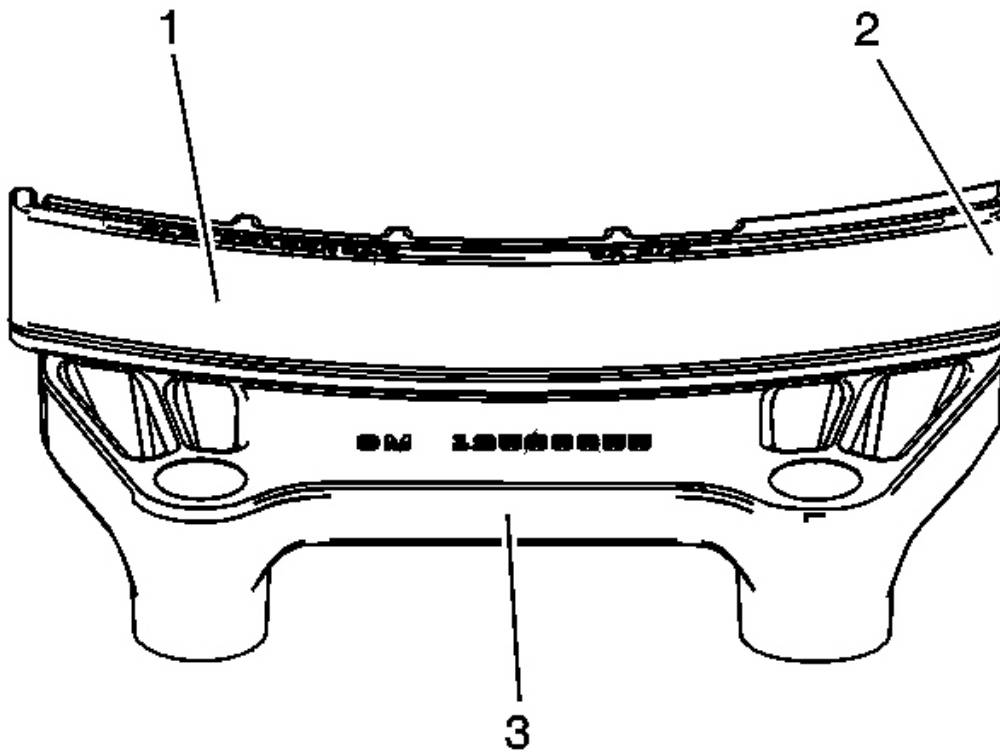


Fig. 157: Checking Primary Timing Chain Upper Guide
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the primary timing chain upper guide for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain upper guide.

Primary Timing Chain Lower Guide

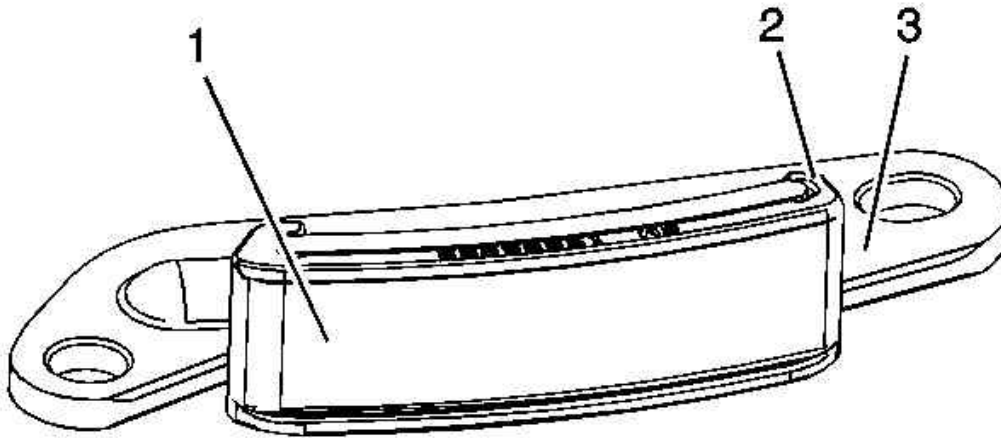


Fig. 158: View Of Primary Camshaft Drive Chain Lower Guide Inspection Locations

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the primary timing chain lower guide for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged primary timing chain lower guide.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Guide

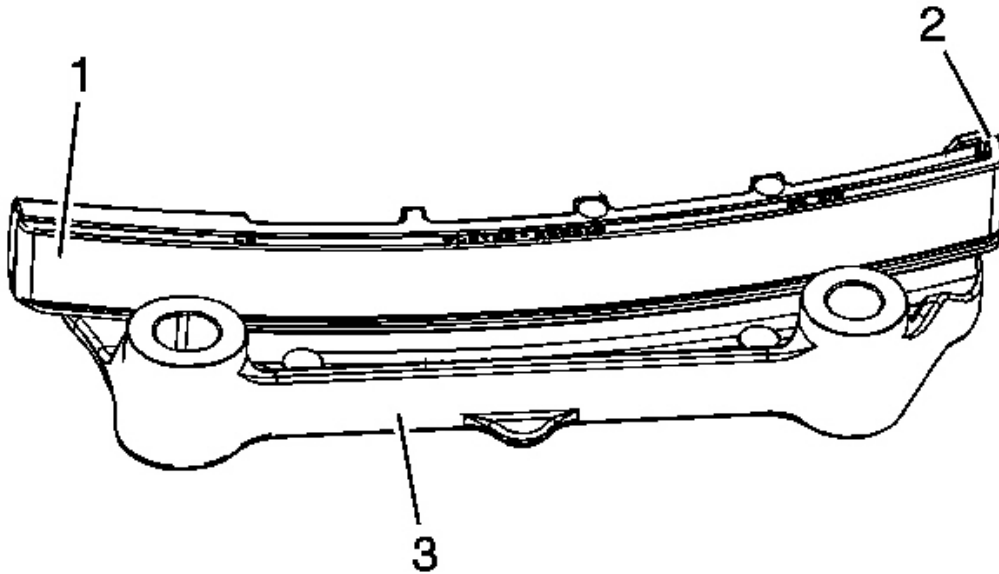


Fig. 159: View Of Left Secondary Timing Chain Guide Inspection Locations

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the left secondary timing chain guides for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain guide.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Guide

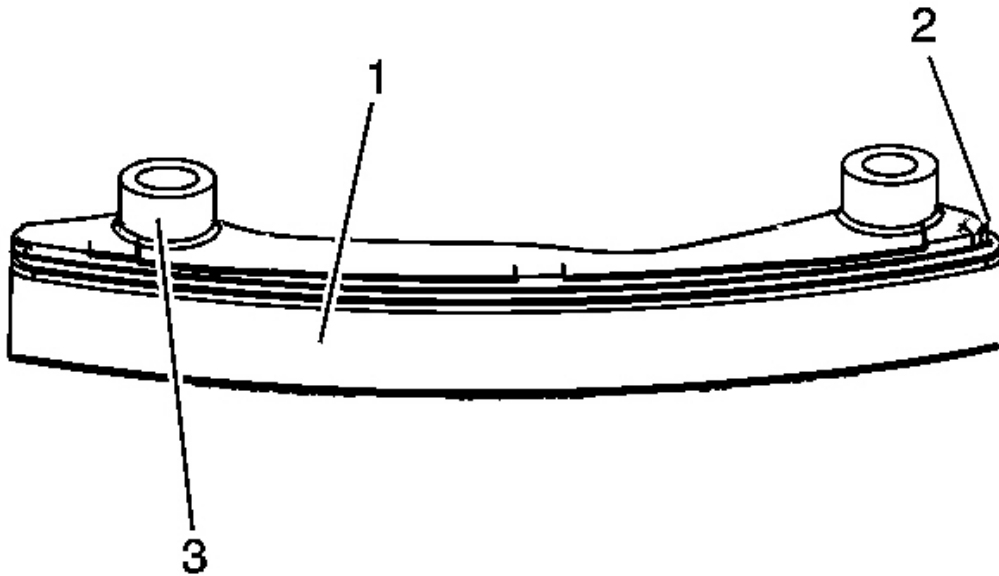


Fig. 160: Identifying Right Secondary Timing Chain Guide
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the right secondary timing chain guides for the following:
 - Worn guide surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken guide surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged guide base (3)
2. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain guide.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Shoe

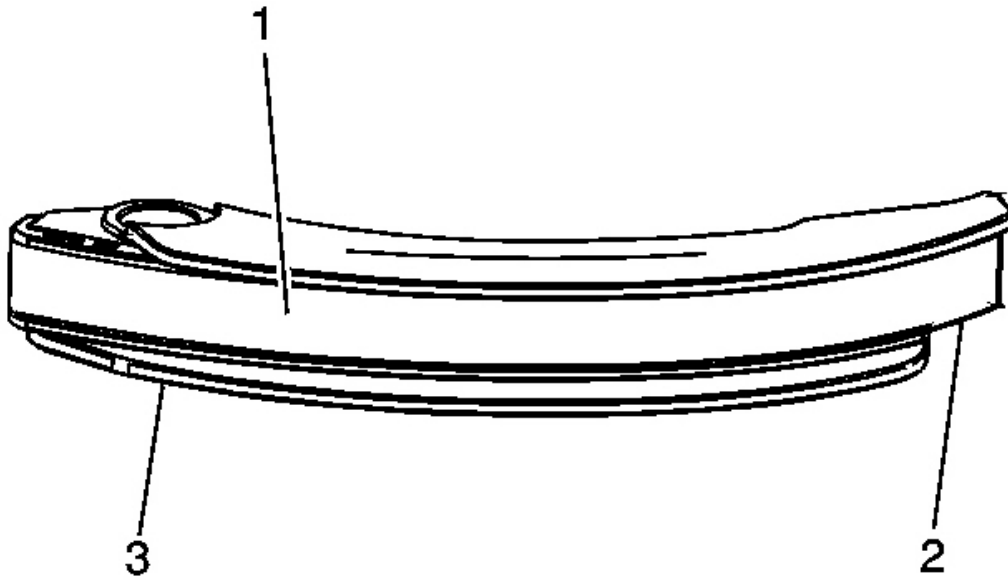


Fig. 161: Checking Left Secondary Timing Chain Shoe
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the left secondary timing chain shoe for the following:
 - Worn shoe surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken shoe surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged shoe (3)

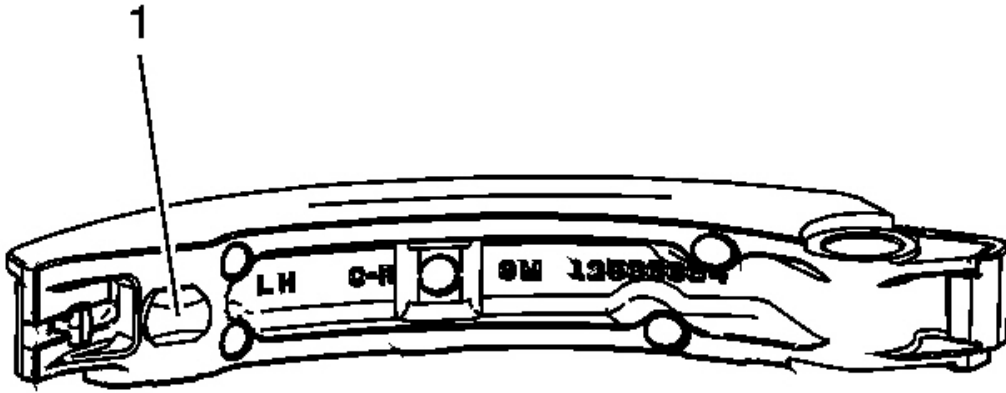


Fig. 162: Inspecting Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner Contact Pad
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the back of the left secondary timing chain shoe for a damaged, worn, or missing left secondary timing chain tensioner contact pad (1).
3. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain shoe.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Shoe

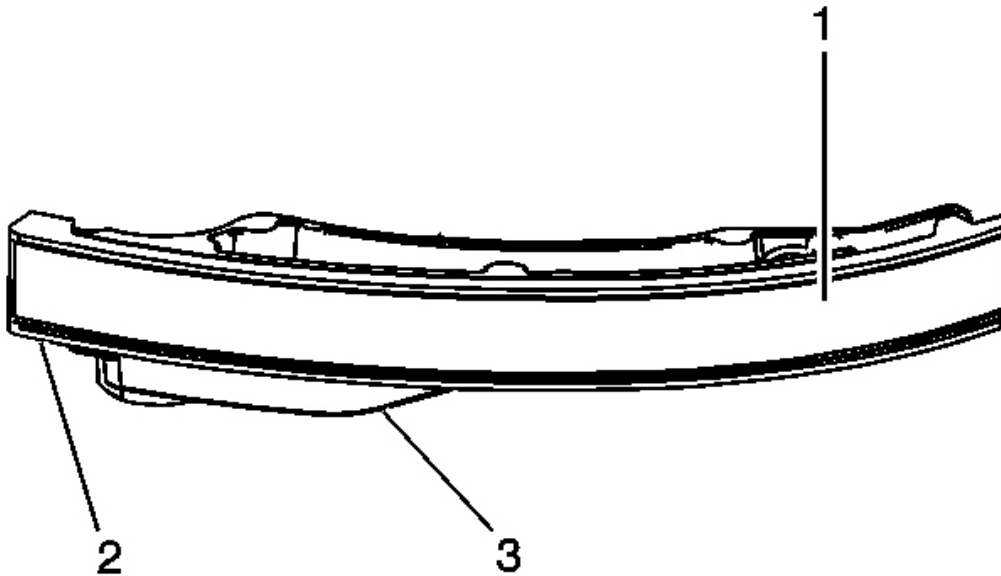


Fig. 163: Identifying Right Secondary Timing Chain Shoe
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the front of the right secondary timing chain shoe for the following:
 - Worn shoe surface (1)
 - Cracked or broken shoe surface (2)
 - Cracked or damaged shoe (3)

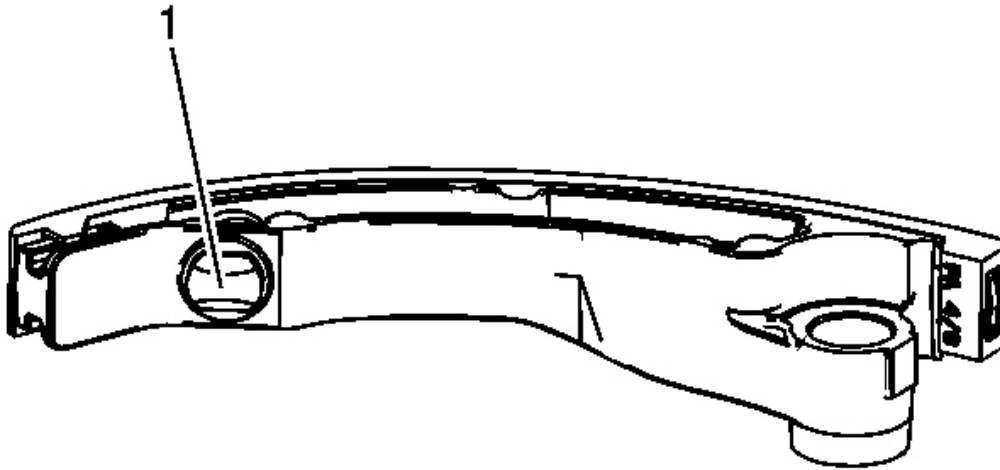


Fig. 164: Inspecting Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner Contact Pad

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the back of the right secondary timing chain shoe for a damaged, worn, or missing right secondary timing chain tensioner contact pad (1).
3. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain shoe.

Primary Timing Chain Tensioner

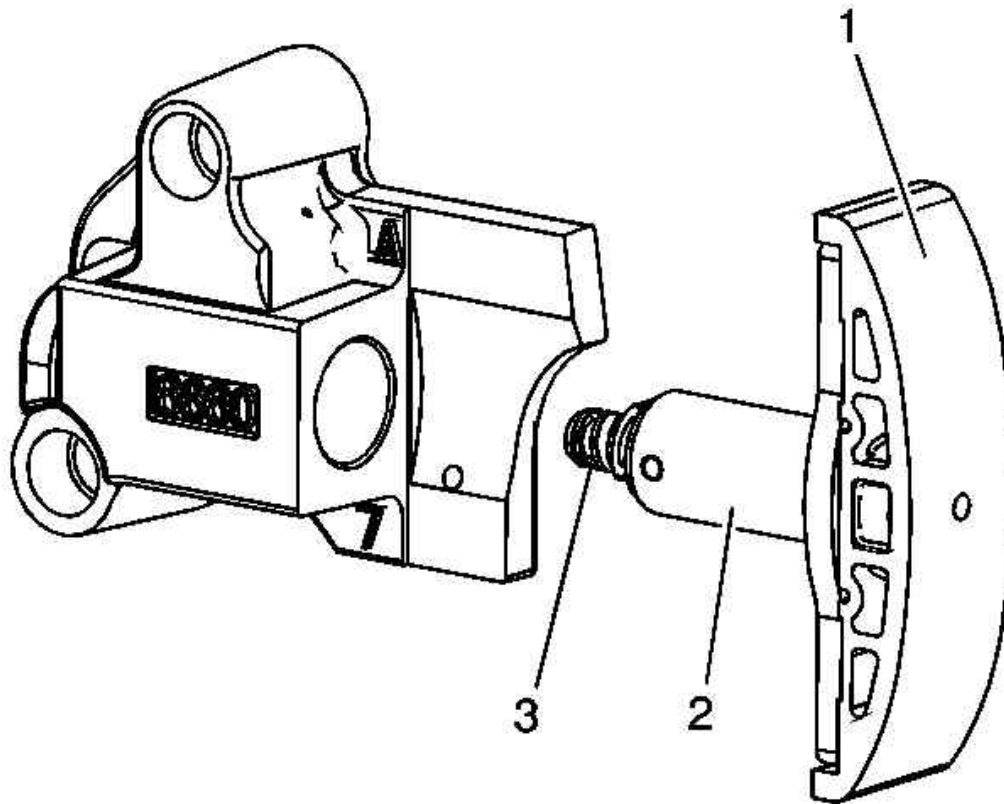


Fig. 165: Checking Primary Timing Chain Tensioner
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the primary timing chain tensioner for worn primary timing chain tensioner shoe surface (1).
2. Inspect the primary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Primary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged primary timing chain tensioner.

Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner

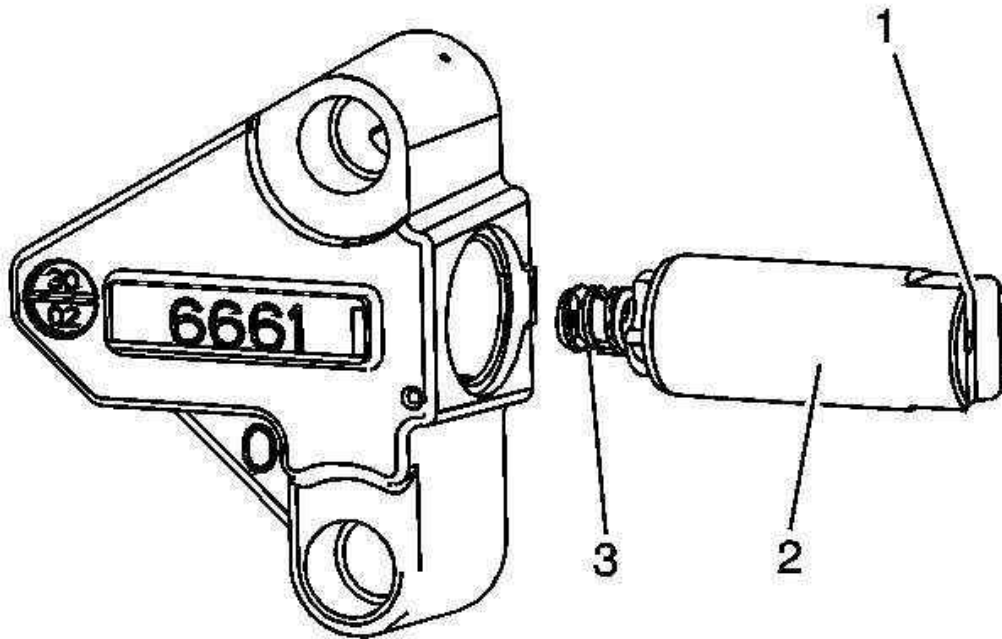


Fig. 166: Checking Left Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the left secondary timing chain tensioner for damaged plunger-to-shoe contact surface (1).
2. Inspect the left secondary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Secondary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation - Left Side (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged left secondary timing chain tensioner.

Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner

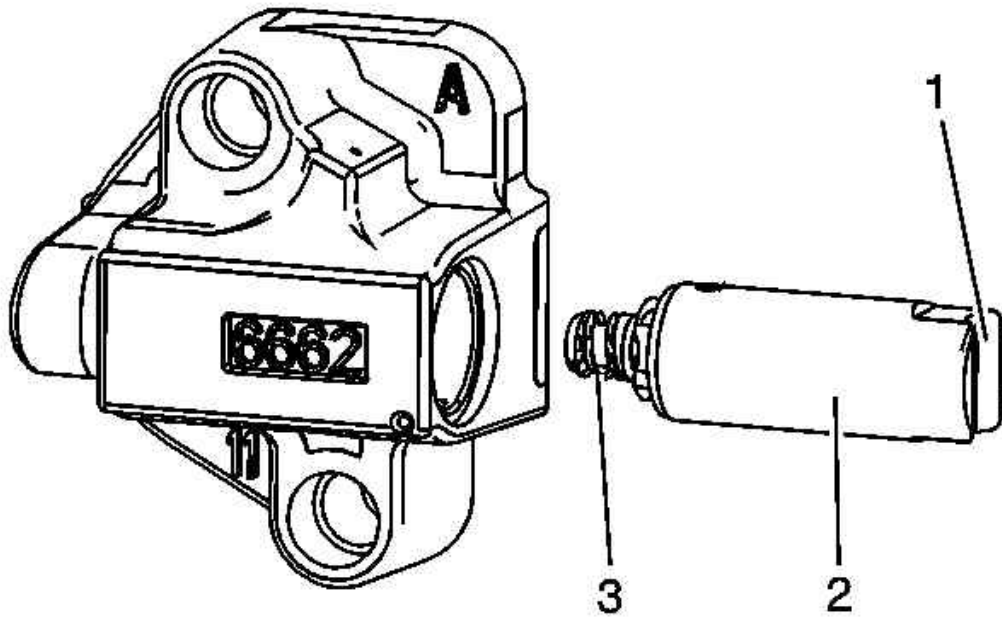


Fig. 167: Inspecting Right Secondary Timing Chain Tensioner
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the right secondary timing chain tensioner for damaged plunger-to-shoe contact surface (1).
2. Inspect the right secondary timing chain tensioner for locked or binding timing chain tensioner. Reset the plunger (3) and ensure the plunger moves freely (2) in and out of the body of the tensioner. Refer to **Secondary Camshaft Drive Chain Tensioner Installation - Right Side (Fourth Design)** .
3. Replace a damaged right secondary timing chain tensioner.

OIL PUMP DISASSEMBLE

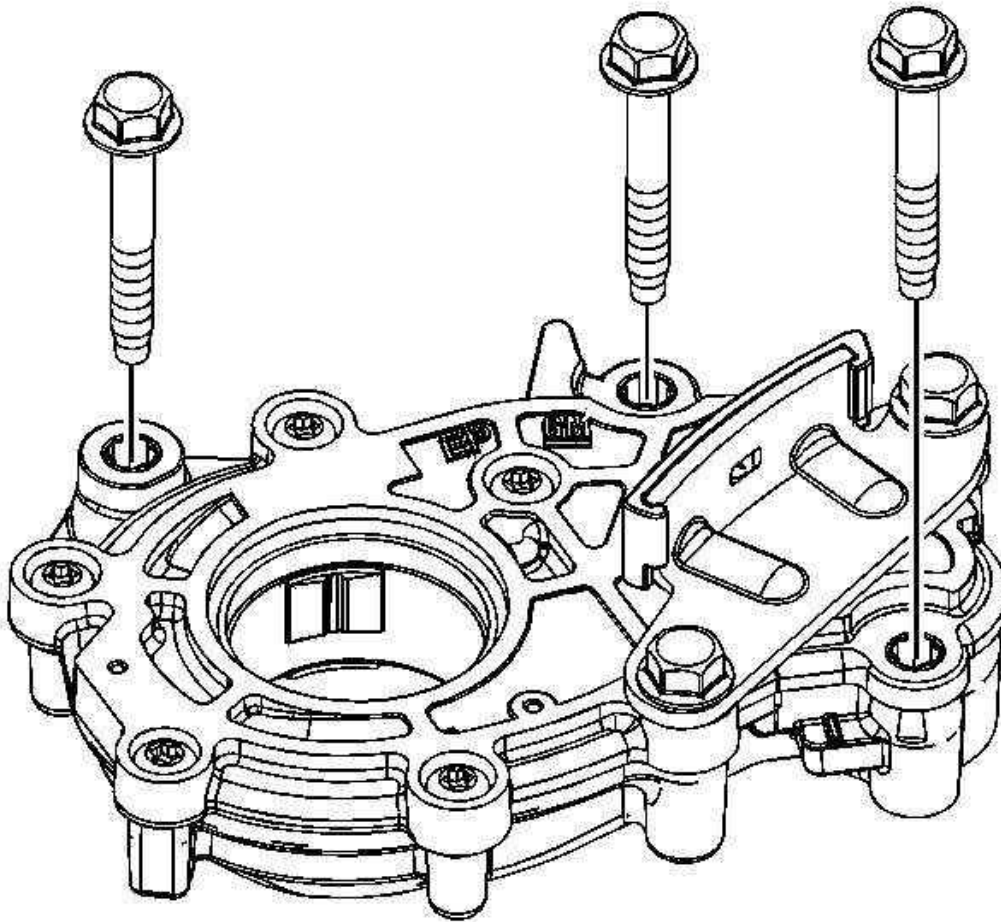


Fig. 168: Identifying Oil Pump Mounting Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: There are no serviceable components within the oil pump. Disassemble the pump only to diagnose an oiling concern. A disassembled oil pump must not be reused. A disassembled oil pump must be replaced.

1. Remove the oil pump mounting bolts.

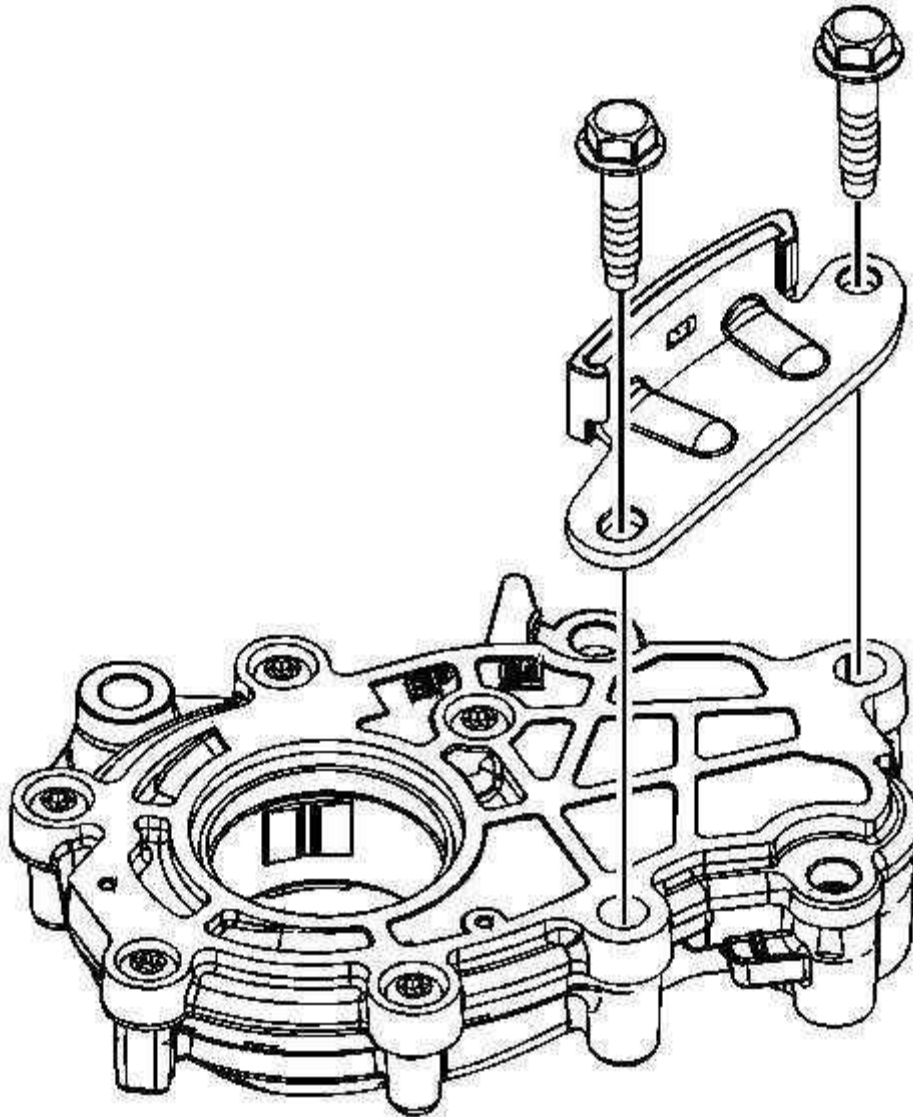


Fig. 169: View Of Oil Pump Mounting Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the primary camshaft drive chain lower guide bolts.
3. Remove the primary camshaft drive chain lower guide.

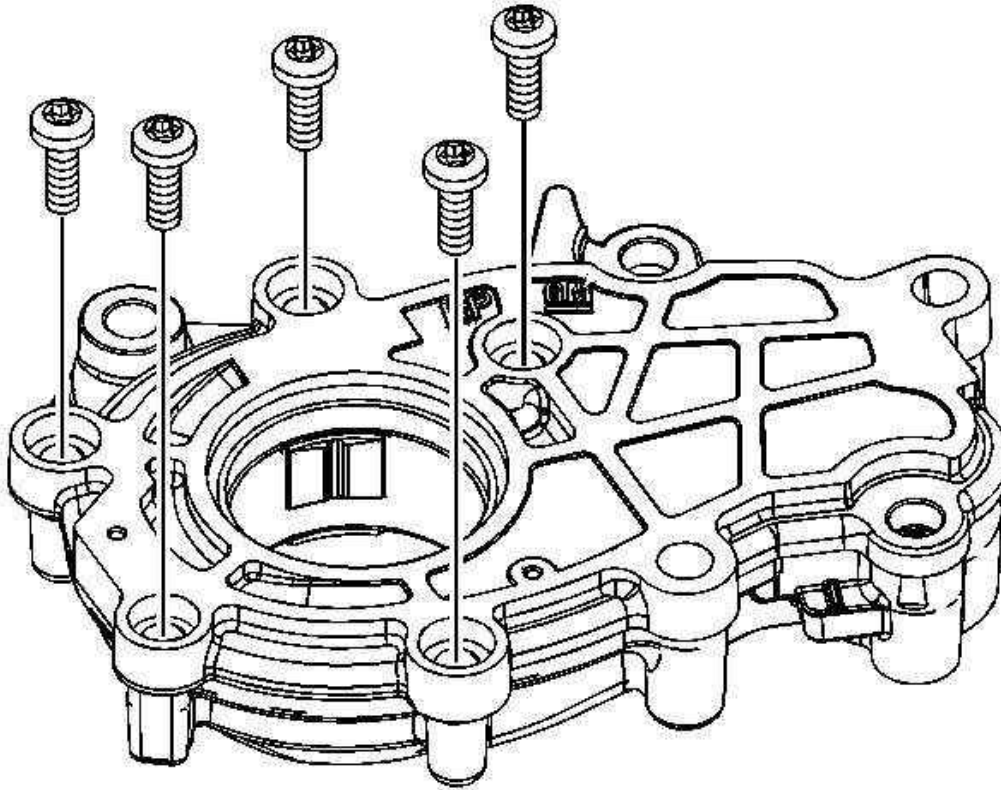


Fig. 170: View Of Oil Pump Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Remove the bolts holding the oil pump cover to the oil pump housing.

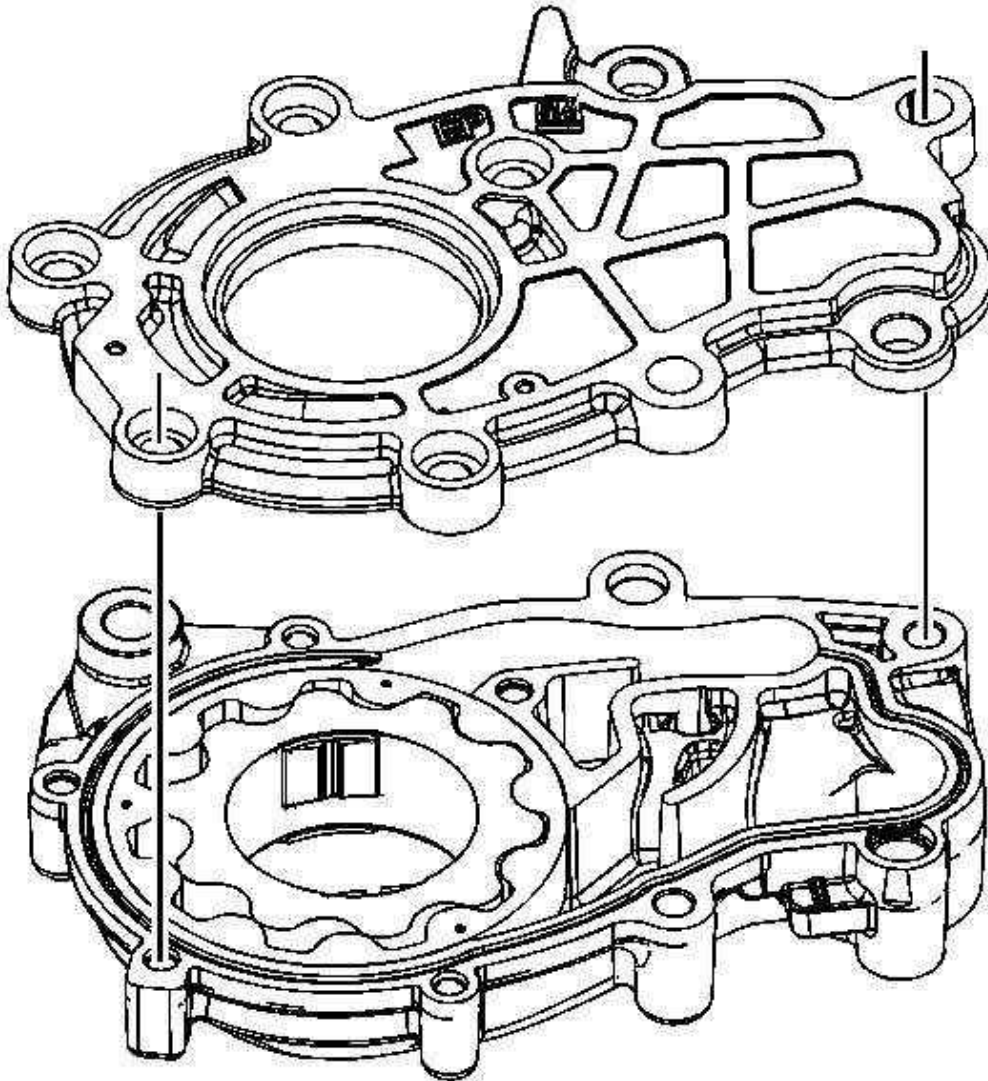


Fig. 171: View Of Oil Pump Housing & Cover
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5. Remove the oil pump cover from the oil pump housing.

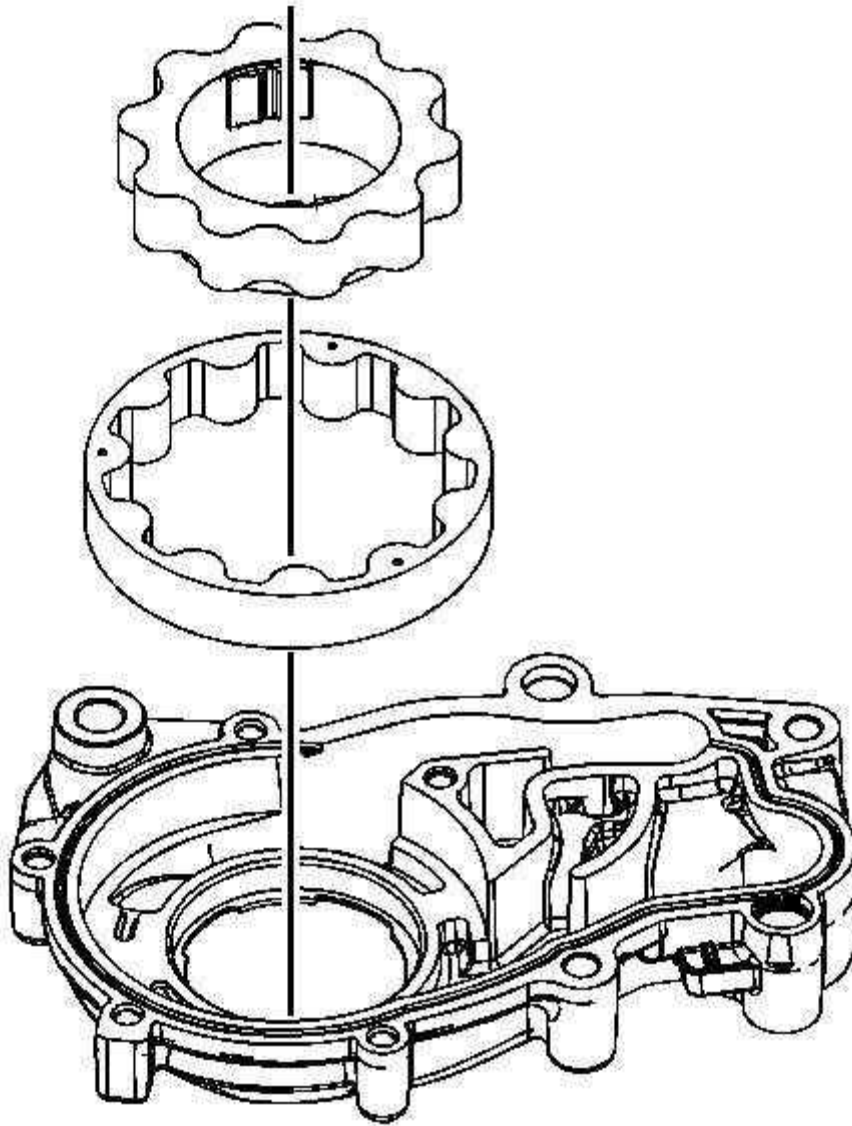


Fig. 172: Identifying Oil Pump Gears
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

6. Remove the inner oil pump drive gear.
7. Remove the outer oil pump driven gear.

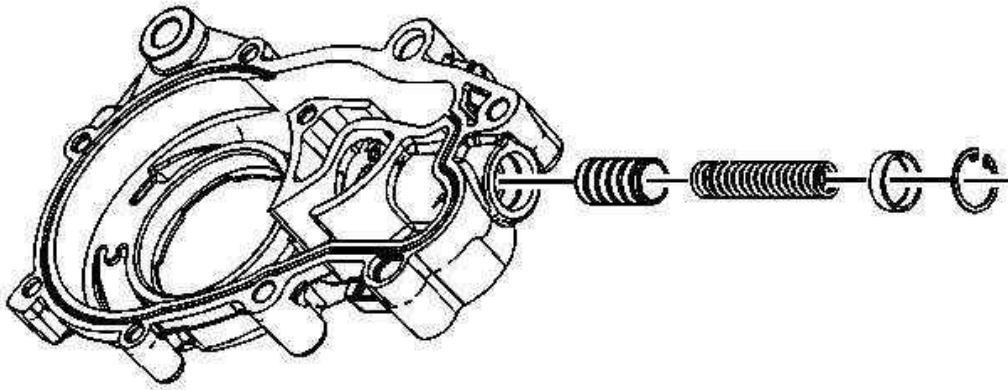


Fig. 173: View Of Oil Pressure Relief Valve Components
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

8. Remove the clip, holding the cap, for the oil relief valve components.
9. Remove the cap, spring, and plunger from the oil pump housing.

OIL PUMP CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the oil pump components with non-corrosive solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the oil pump components with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

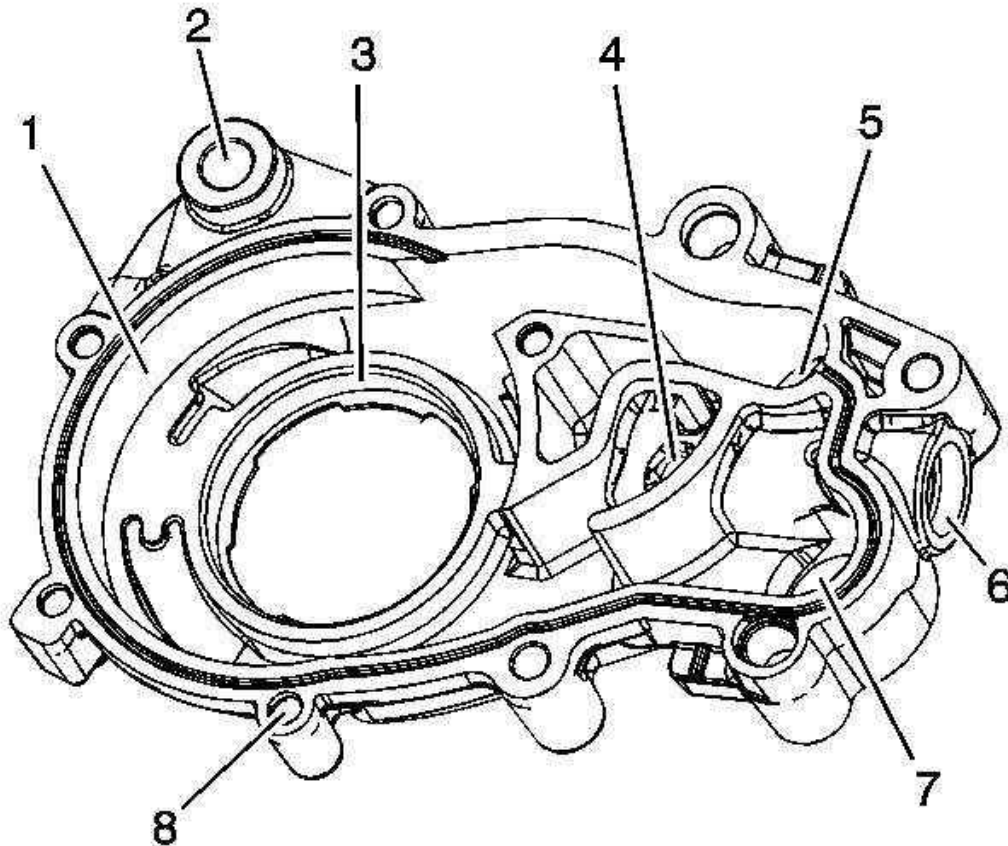


Fig. 174: View Of Oil Pump Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: There are no serviceable components within the oil pump. Disassemble the pump only to diagnose an oiling concern. A disassembled oil pump must not be reused. A disassembled oil pump must be replaced.

1. Inspect the oil pump housing for the following:
 - Damage, scoring, or debris on the housing surface for the driven gear (1)
 - Damage to the oil pump mounting bosses (2)

- Damage, scoring, or debris on the housing surface for the drive gear (3)
- Damage, scoring, or debris in the oil pump relief valve port (4)
- Damage, scoring, or debris in the oil pump intake port (5)
- Damage, scoring, or debris in the oil pump relief valve bore (6)
- Damage, scoring, or debris in the oil pump output port (7)
- Damage to the threads in the oil pump housing for the oil pump cover bolts (8)

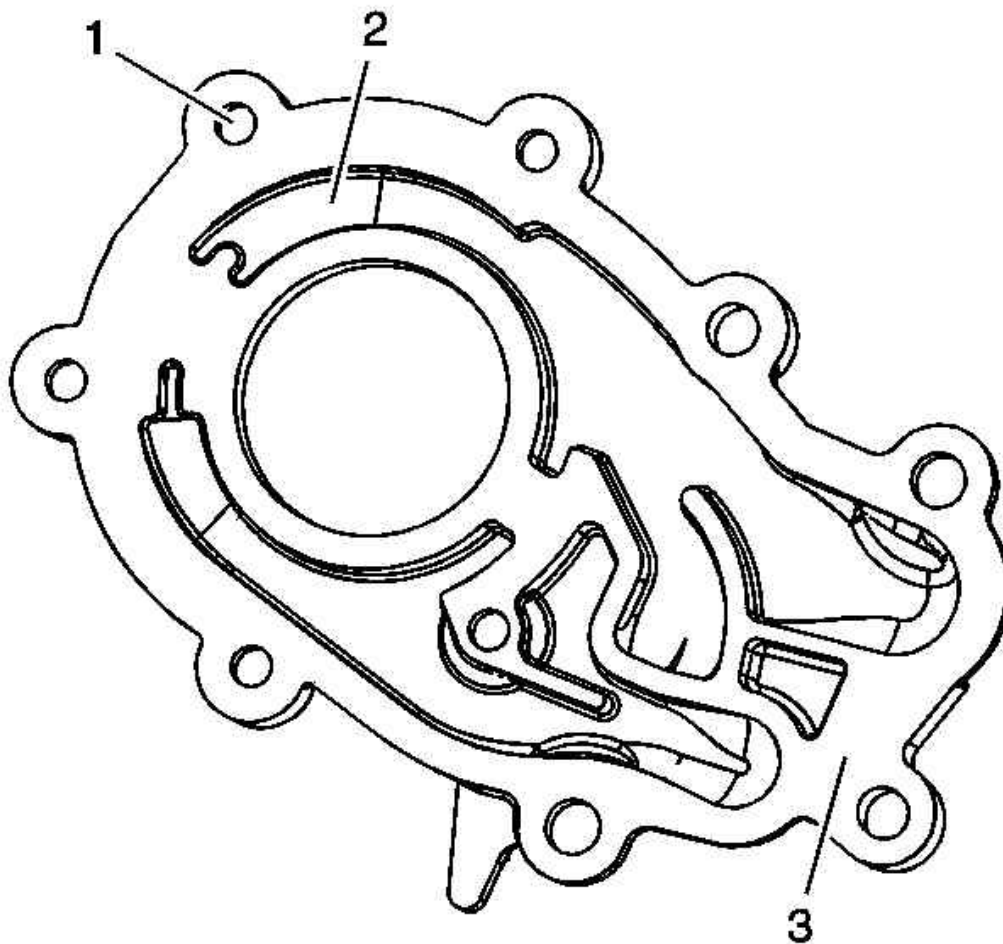


Fig. 175: View Of Oil Pump Inspection Locations

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2. Inspect the oil pump cover for the following conditions:
- Damage to the oil pump cover mounting bosses (1)
 - Damage, scoring, or debris in the oil pump cover oil passages (2)
 - Damage to the sealing surface between the oil pump cover and the oil pump housing (3)

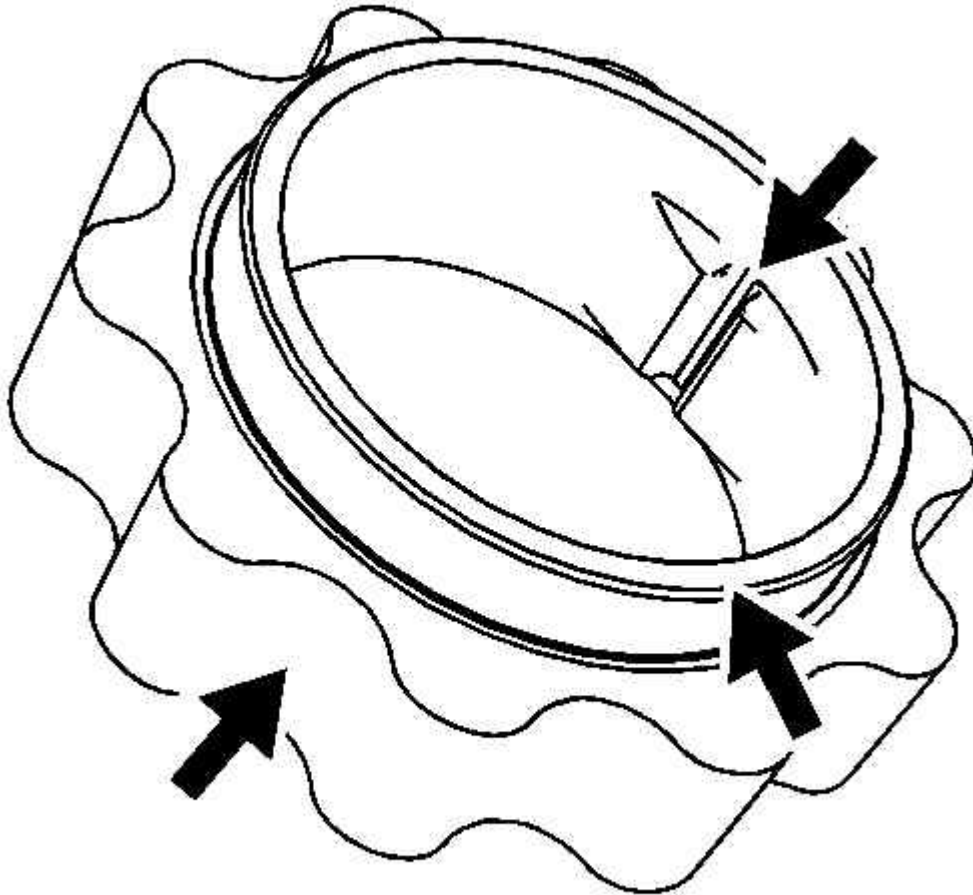


Fig. 176: Locating Inspection Areas On Inner Drive Gear
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3. Inspect the inner drive gear for damage. If inner diameter damage is found, ensure the crankshaft is also inspected.

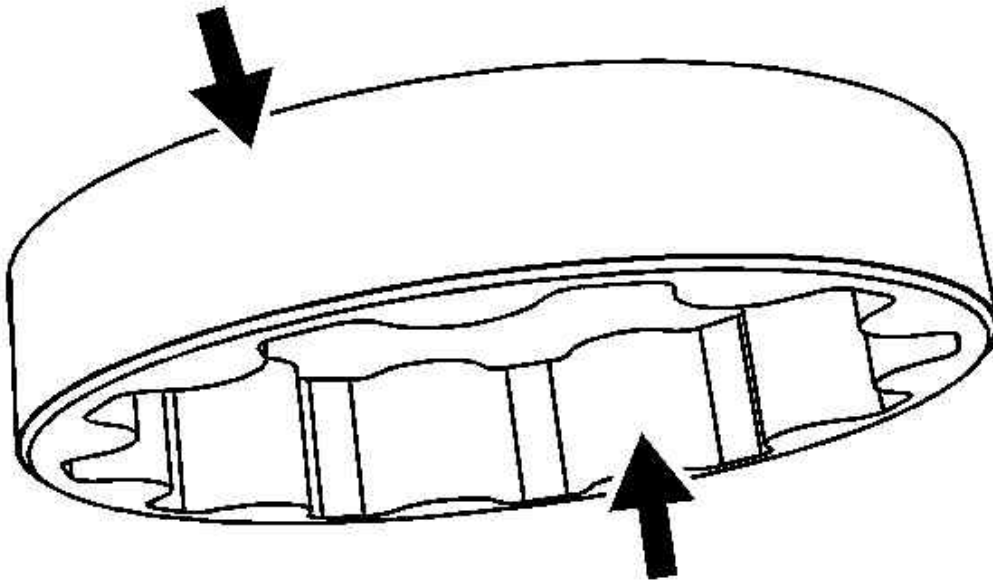


Fig. 177: Checking Outer Driven Gear
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Inspect the outer driven gear for damage.

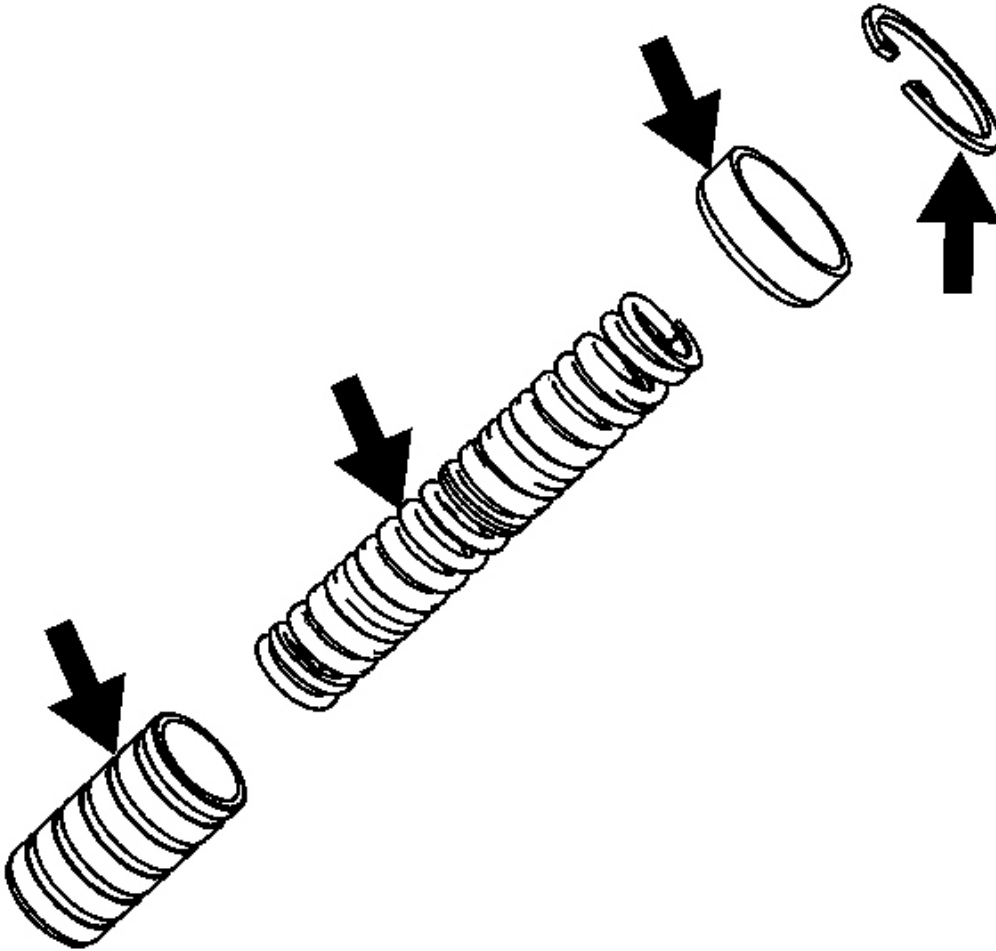


Fig. 178: Inspecting Oil Pump Relief Valve Components
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Inspect the oil pump relief valve components for debris or damage.

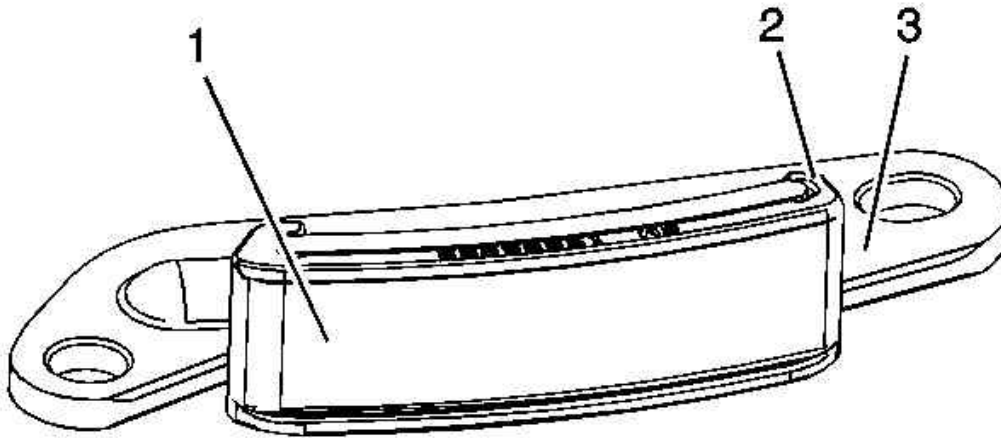


Fig. 179: View Of Primary Camshaft Drive Chain Lower Guide Inspection Locations

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6. Inspect the primary camshaft drive chain lower guide for damage (1-3).
7. If debris or damage is present within the oil pump, further inspection of all of the engine components is necessary.

OIL FILTER ADAPTER DISASSEMBLE

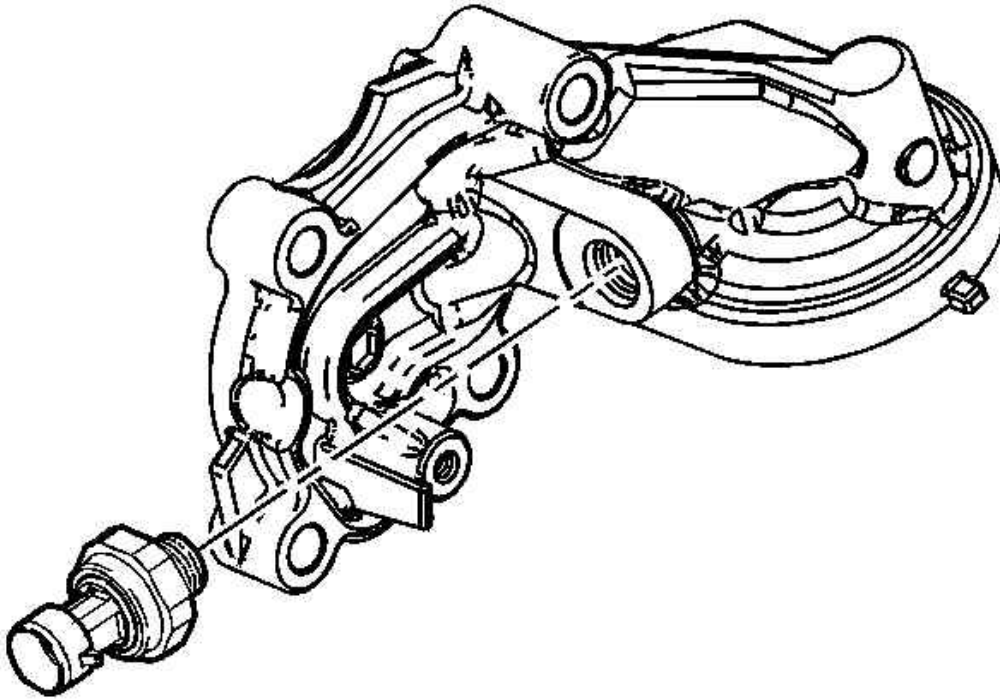


Fig. 180: View Of Oil Pressure Sender
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1. Remove the oil pressure sender.

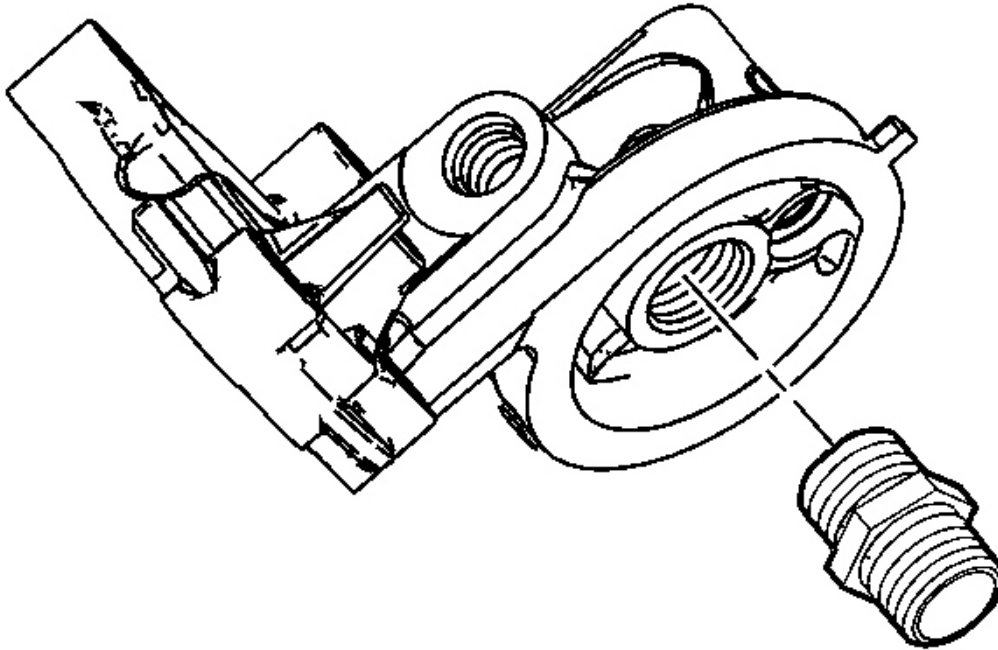


Fig. 181: Locating Oil Filter Fitting
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the oil filter fitting.

OIL FILTER ADAPTER CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the oil filter adapter components with non-corrosive solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the oil filter adapter components with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

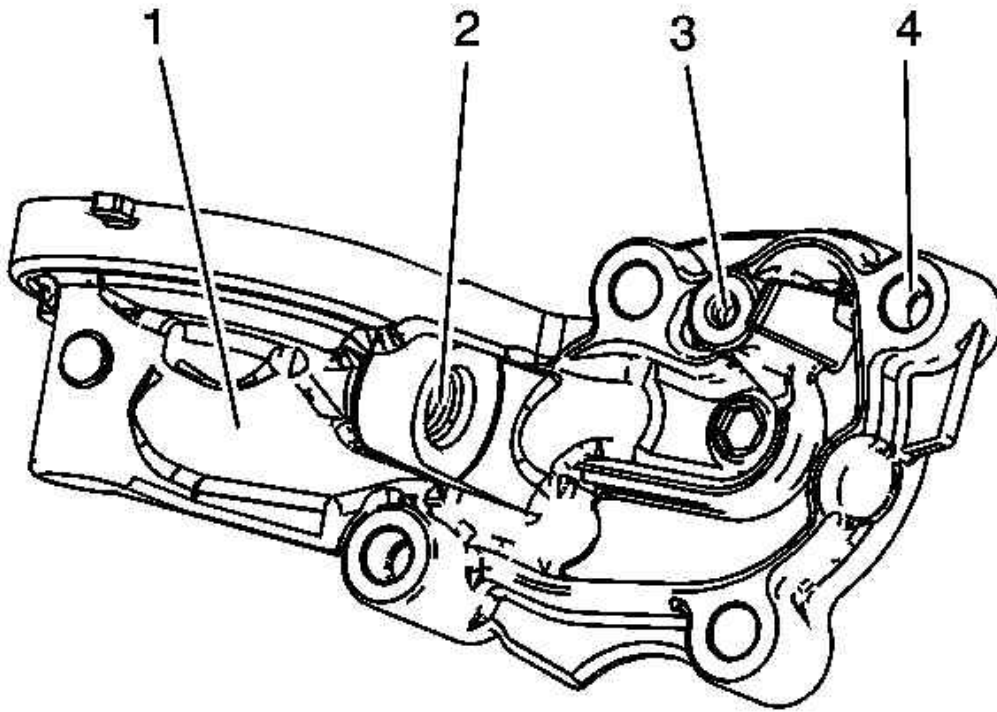


Fig. 182: Inspecting Oil Filter Adapter Housing
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The internal parts of the oil filter adapter housing are not serviced separately. If wear or damage is noted, replace the entire oil filter adapter assembly.

1. Inspect the oil filter adapter housing for cracks, casting imperfections or damage (1).
2. Inspect the threads for the oil pressure sender (2) or the bracket (3) for damage.
3. Inspect the mounting holes (4) for damage.

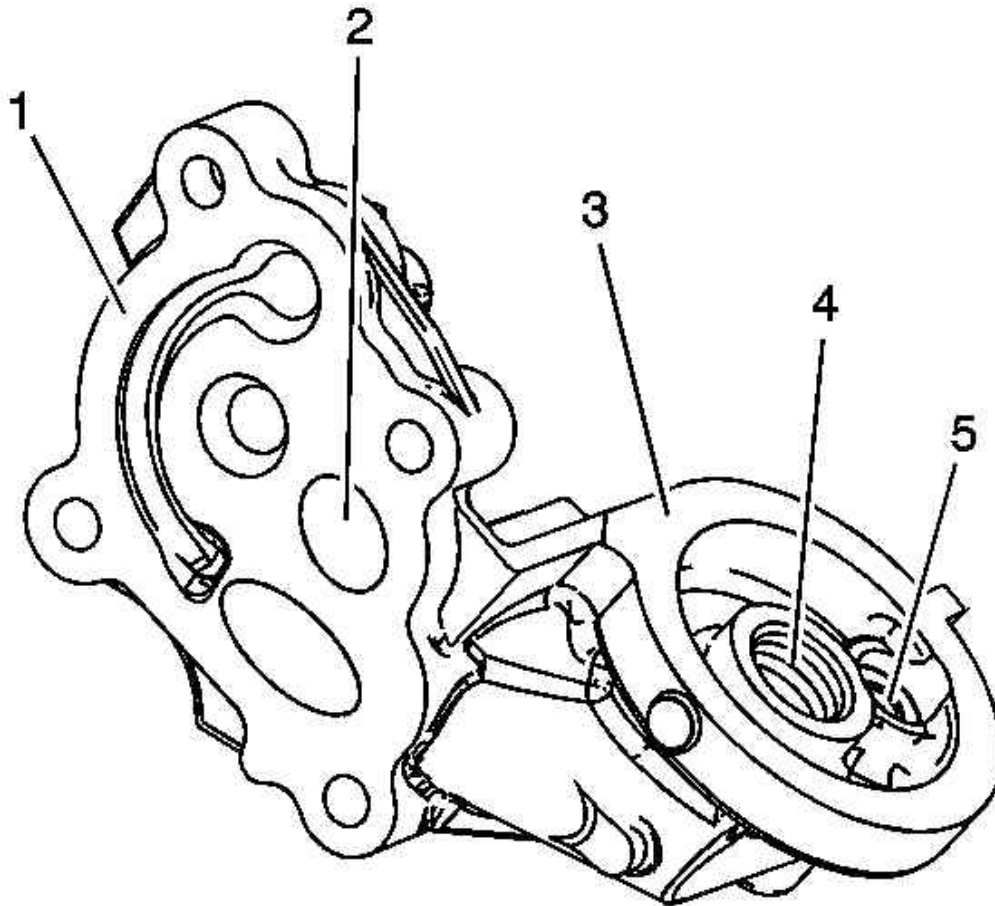


Fig. 183: Checking Oil Filter Adapter Housing Gasket Sealing Surface Inspection Areas

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4. Inspect the oil filter adapter housing gasket sealing surface (1) for damage.
5. Inspect the oil filter adapter housing passages (2) for damage or blockage.
6. Inspect the oil filter sealing surface (3) for damage.
7. Inspect the threads for the oil filter fitting (4) for damage.
8. Inspect the oil filter bypass valve (5) for damage or blockage.
9. Repair or replace the oil filter adapter housing as necessary.

OIL FILTER ADAPTER ASSEMBLY

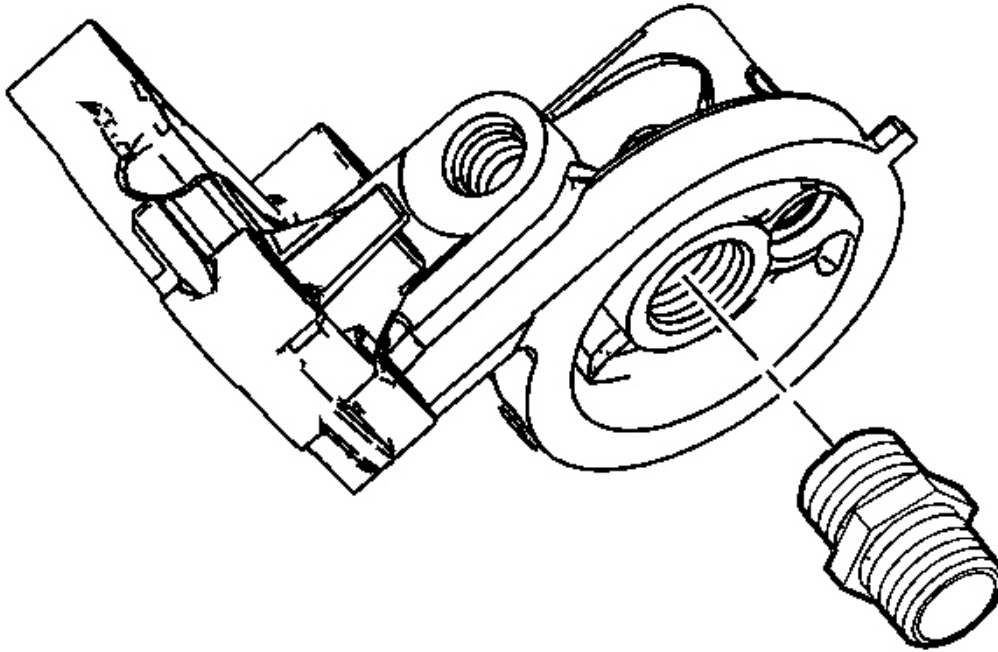


Fig. 184: Locating Oil Filter Fitting
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

1. Install the oil filter fitting.

Tighten: Tighten the oil filter fitting to 50 N.m (37 lb ft).

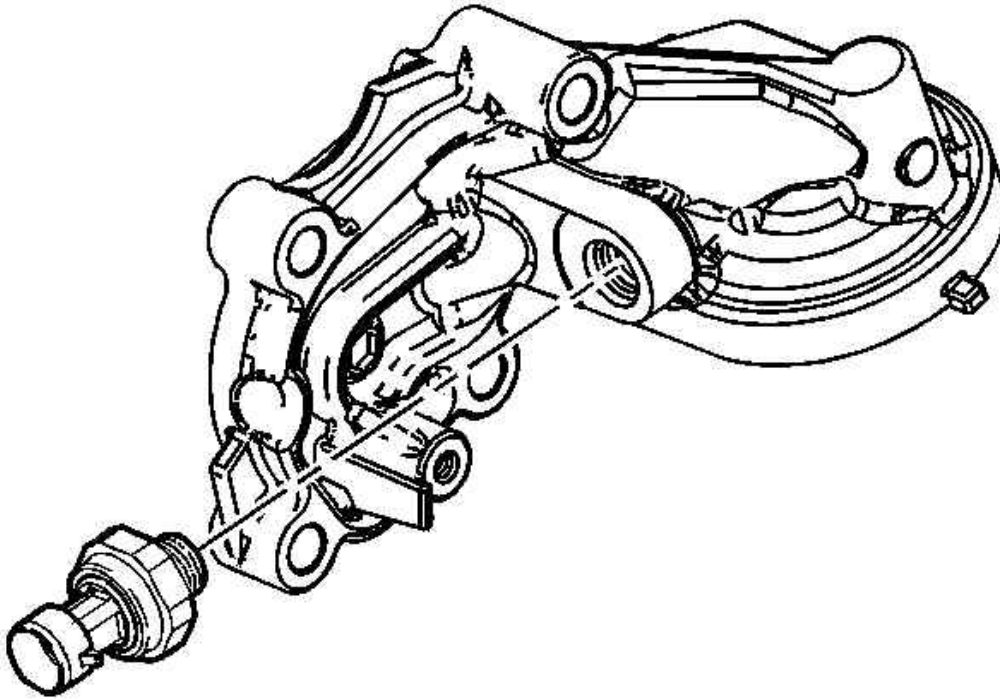


Fig. 185: View Of Oil Pressure Sender
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the oil pressure sender.

Tighten: Tighten the oil pressure sender to 20 N.m (15 lb ft).

OIL PAN DISASSEMBLE

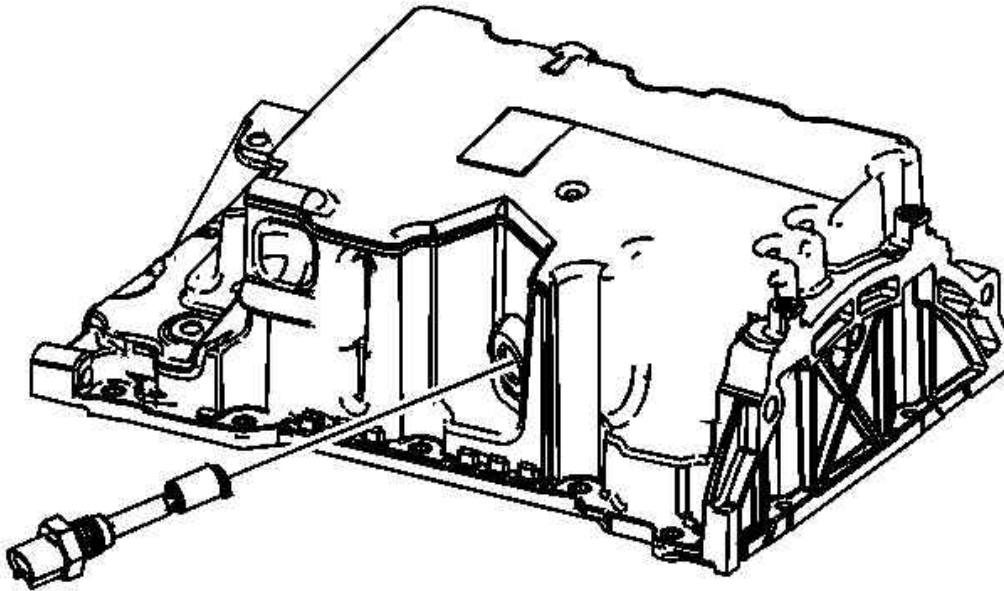


Fig. 186: Identifying Oil Level Sensor
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1. Remove the oil level sensor.

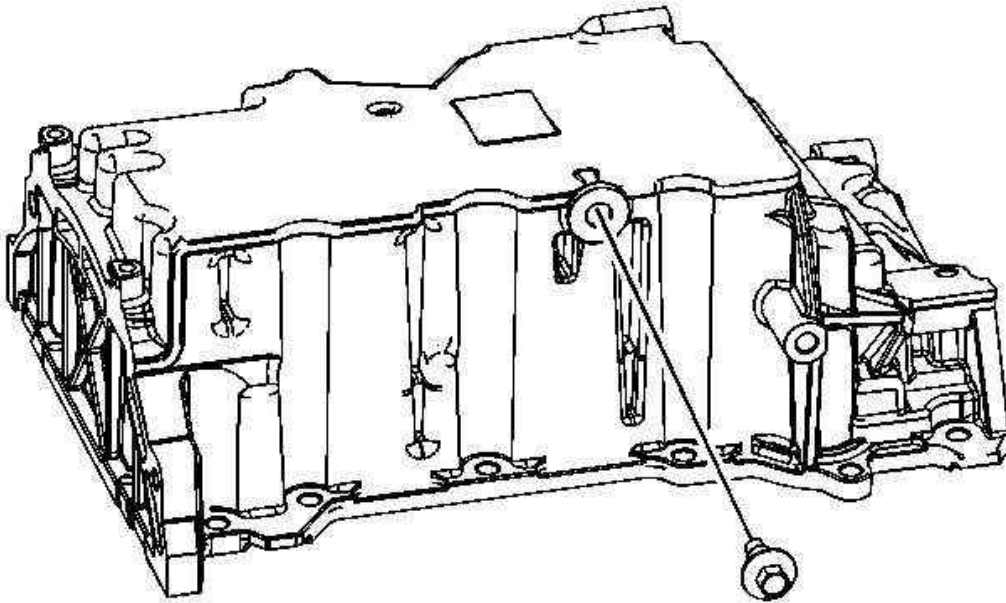


Fig. 187: Identifying Oil Pan Drain Plug
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2. Remove the oil pan drain plug.

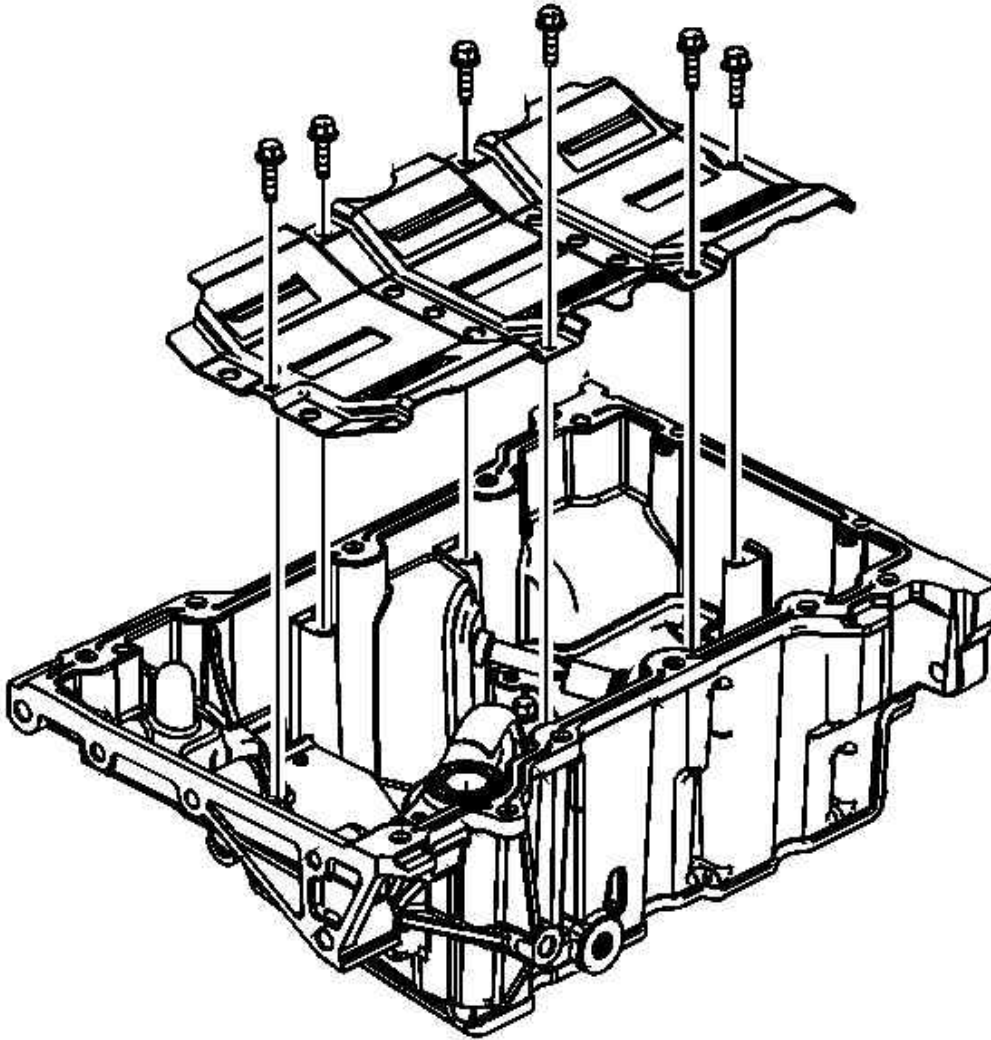


Fig. 188: View Of Oil Pan Scraper & Bolts
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3. Remove the oil pan scraper bolts.
4. Remove the oil pan scraper.

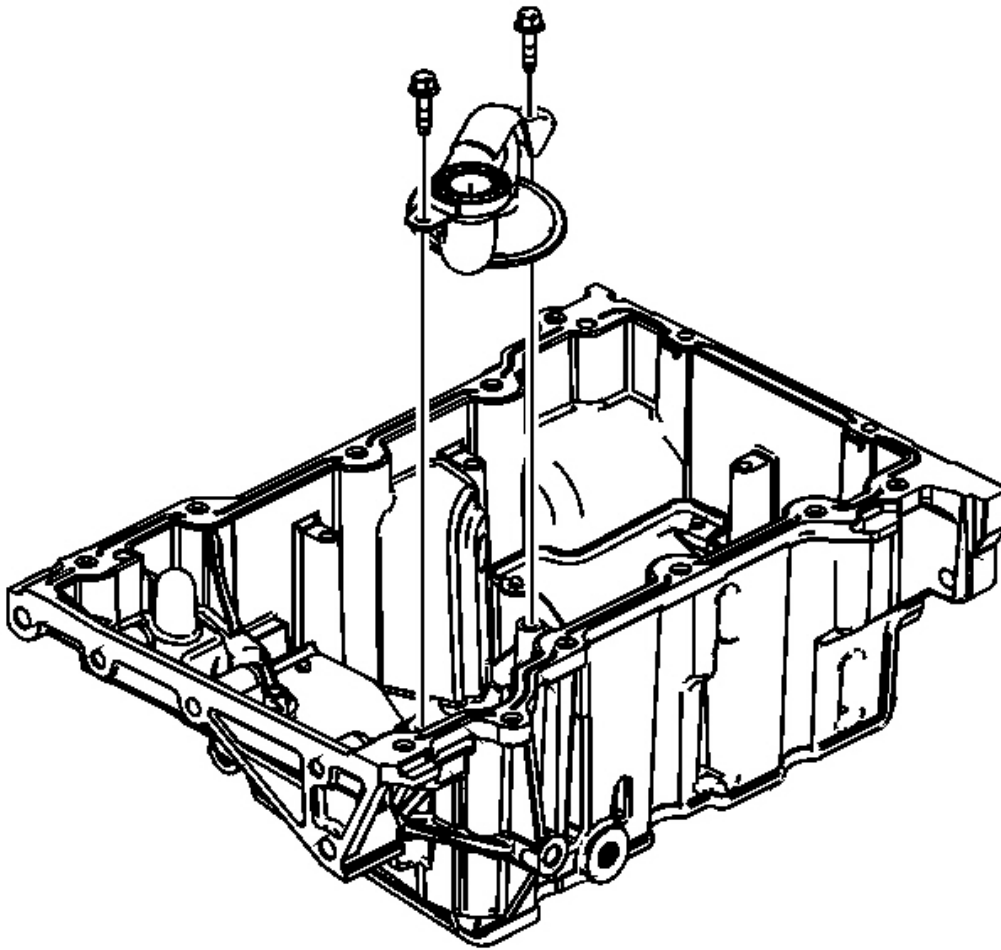


Fig. 189: View Of Oil Suction Tube
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5. Remove the oil suction pipe bolts.
6. Remove the oil suction pipe.

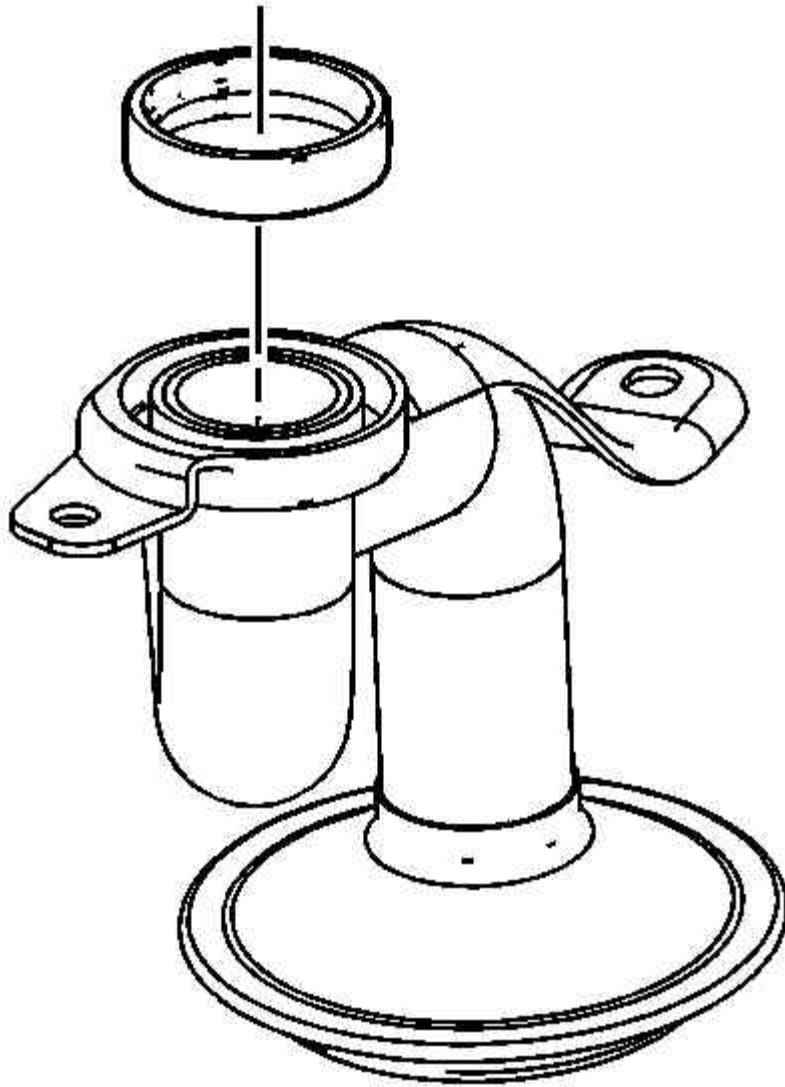


Fig. 190: View Of Oil Suction Tube Seal & Oil Suction Tube
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7. Remove the oil suction tube seal from the oil suction tube. Discard the oil suction tube seal.

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Tools Required**J 28410** Gasket Remover**Cleaning Procedure**

1. Remove any old thread sealant, gasket material or sealant using **J 28410** .
2. Clean the oil pan and oil pan components in solvent.
3. Clean out debris from the bolt holes.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

4. Dry the oil pan and oil pan components with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

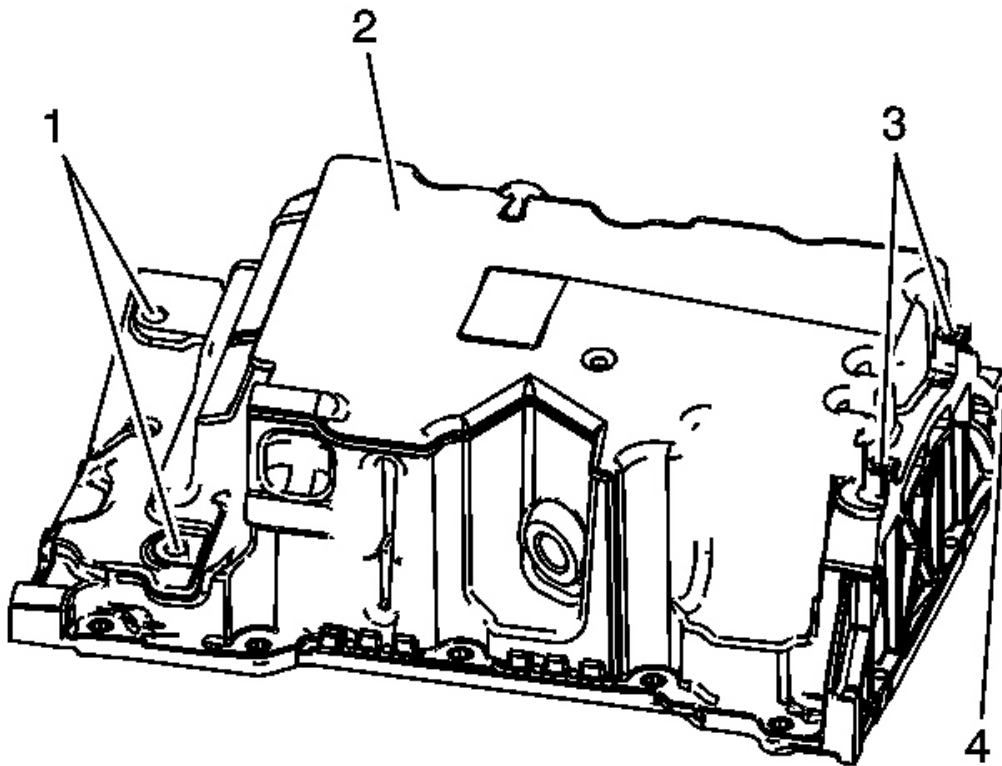


Fig. 191: Identifying Oil Pan Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the exterior of the oil pan for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the engine mount bracket bolt hole threads (1)
 - Dents, cracks or damage to the exterior (2)
 - Damage to the oil pan mounting holes (3)
 - Damage to the transmission mounting bolt hole threads (4)

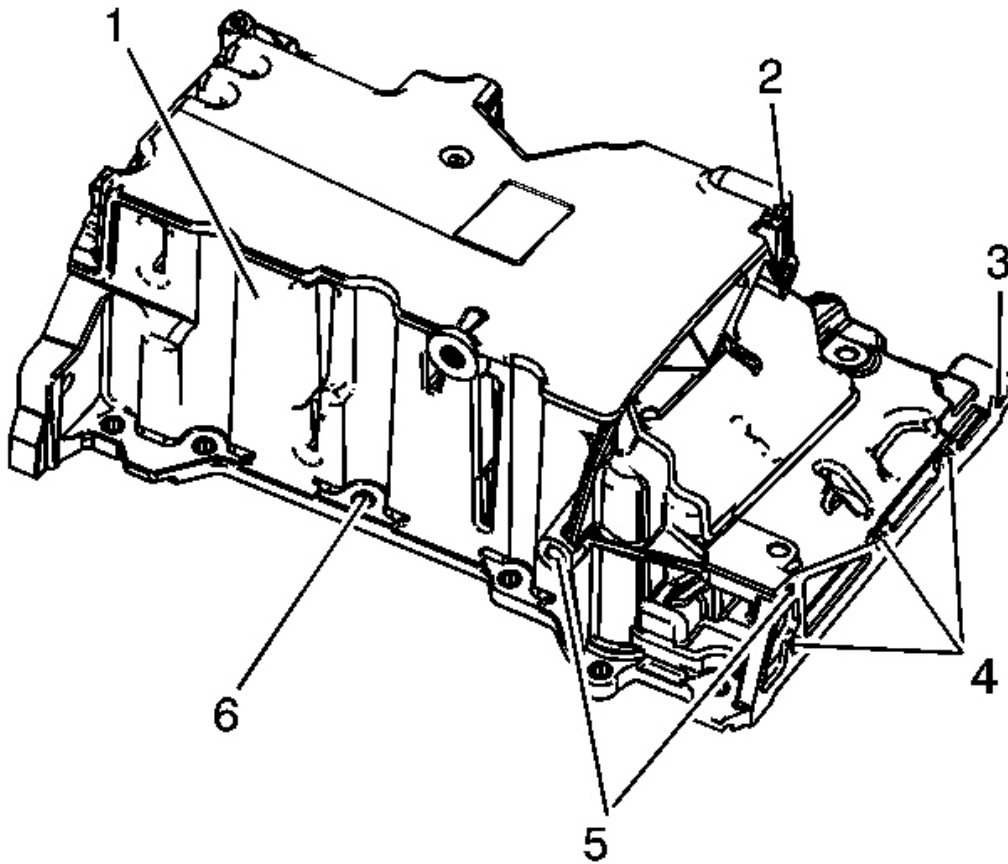


Fig. 192: Identifying Oil Pan Exterior Inspection Areas
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the exterior of the oil pan for the following conditions:
 - Dents, cracks or damage to the exterior (1)
 - Damage to the drain plug hole threads (2)
 - Damage to the transmission brace bolt hole threads (3)
 - Damage to the engine mount brace bolt hole threads (4)
 - Damage to the engine front cover bolt hole threads (5)
 - Damage to the A/C compressor mounting bolt hole threads (6)
 - Damage to the oil pan mounting holes (7)

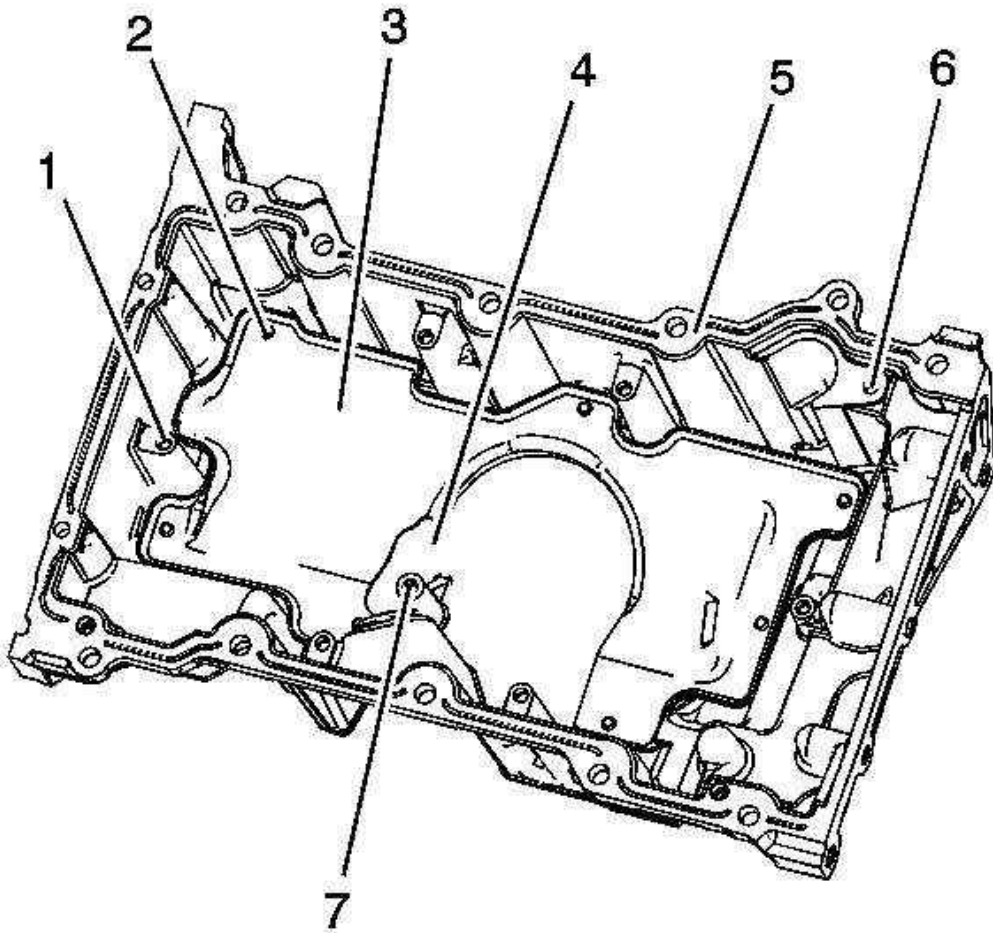


Fig. 193: Inspecting Interior Of Oil Pan For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Inspect the interior of the oil pan for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the oil pan baffle scraper bolt hole threads (1)
 - Loose, missing or damage to the oil pan baffle fastening (2)
 - Damage to the oil pan baffle (3)
 - Debris or blockage under the oil pan baffle (4)
 - Damage or gouges to the oil pan sealing surface (5)

- Damage to the oil suction tube mounting upper bracket bolt hole threads (6)
- Damage to the oil suction tube mounting lower bracket bolt hole threads (7)

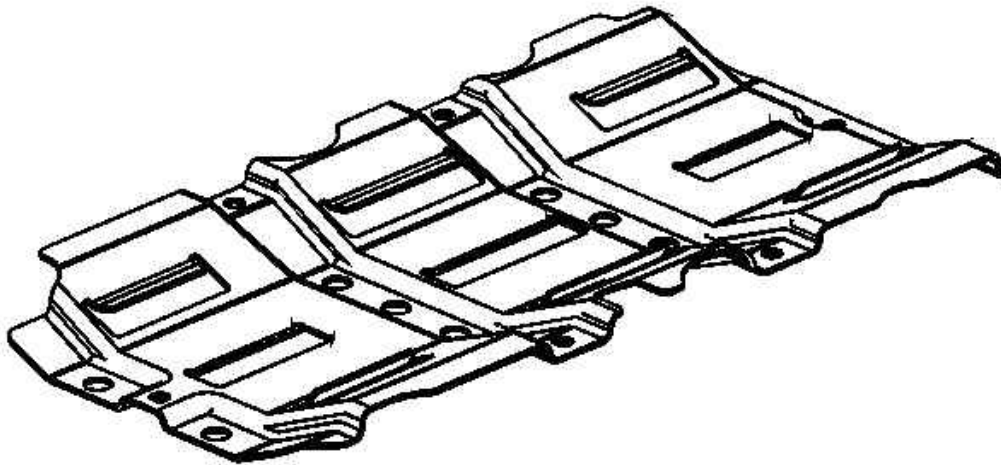


Fig. 194: Inspecting Oil Pan Baffle Scraper For Damage
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4. Inspect the oil pan baffle scraper for damage.
5. Repair or replace the oil pan and/or oil pan components as necessary.

OIL PUMP SUCTION PIPE AND SCREEN CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the oil pump pipe and screen with solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the oil pump pipe and screen with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

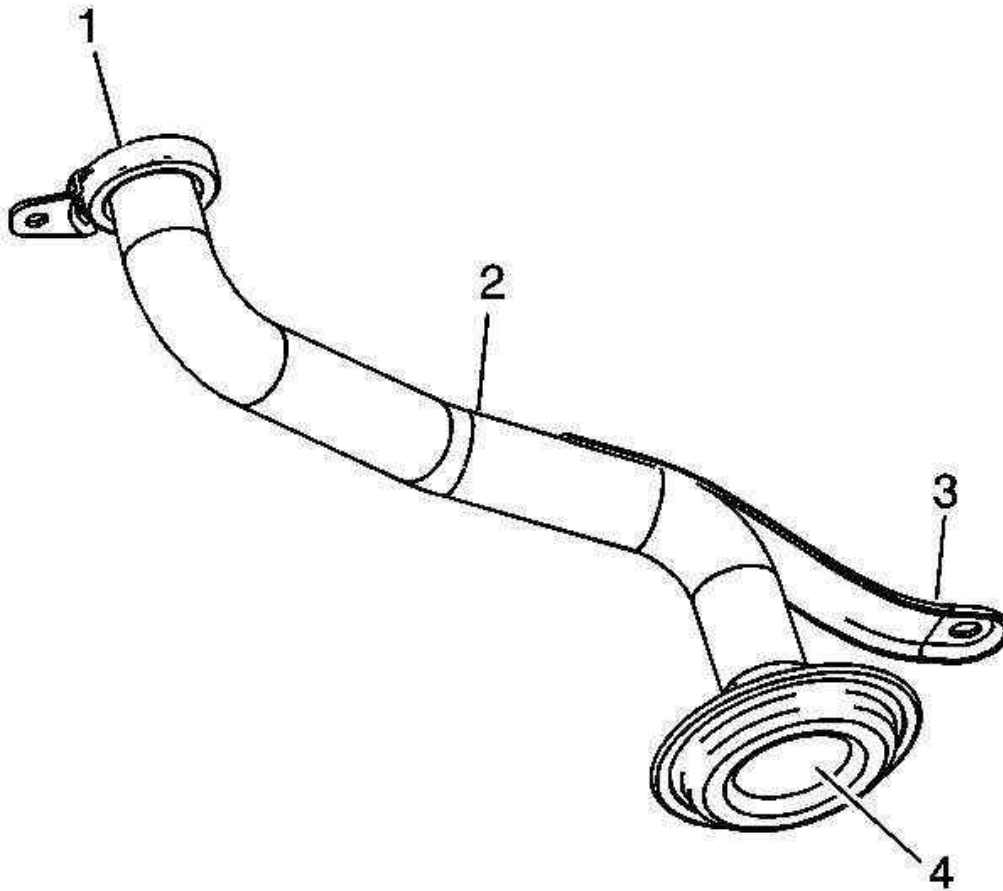


Fig. 195: Inspecting Oil Pump Suction Pipe Mounting Surface For Leaks
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1. Inspect the mounting surface (1) for possible leakage paths.
2. Inspect the oil pump pipe tube (2) for cracks, imperfections and/or damage.
3. Inspect the oil pump pipe support bracket (3) for cracks or damage.
4. Inspect the oil pump screen (4) for blockage, foreign material, tears, cracks and/or damage.

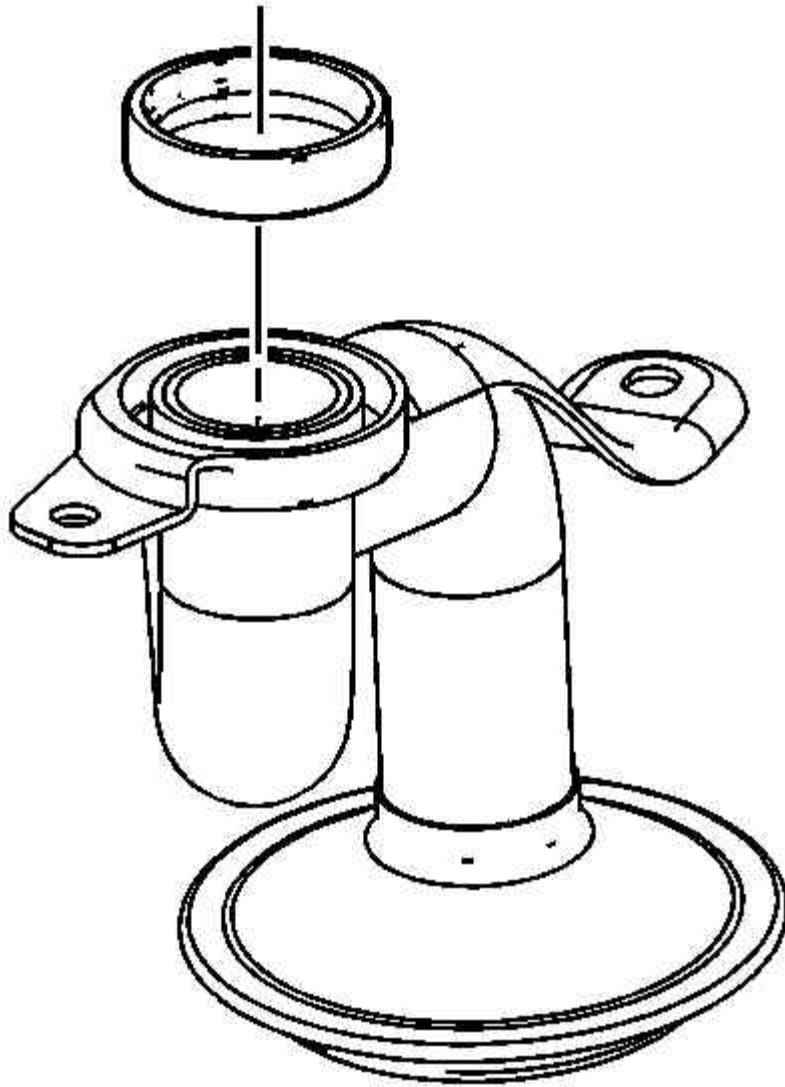


Fig. 196: View Of Oil Suction Tube Seal & Oil Suction Tube
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1. Install a NEW oil suction tube seal onto the oil suction tube. DO NOT reuse the old oil suction tube seal.

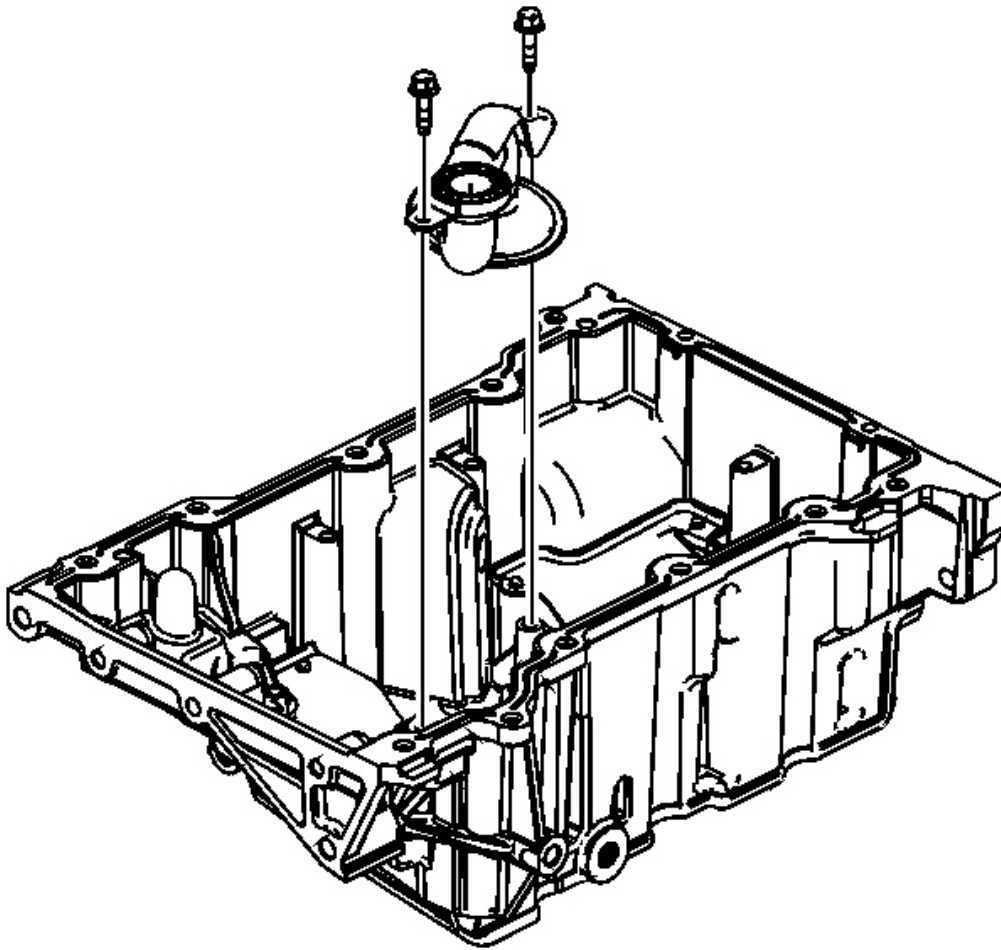


Fig. 197: View Of Oil Suction Tube & Seal
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2. Install the oil suction pipe.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

3. Install the oil suction pipe bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the oil suction pipe bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

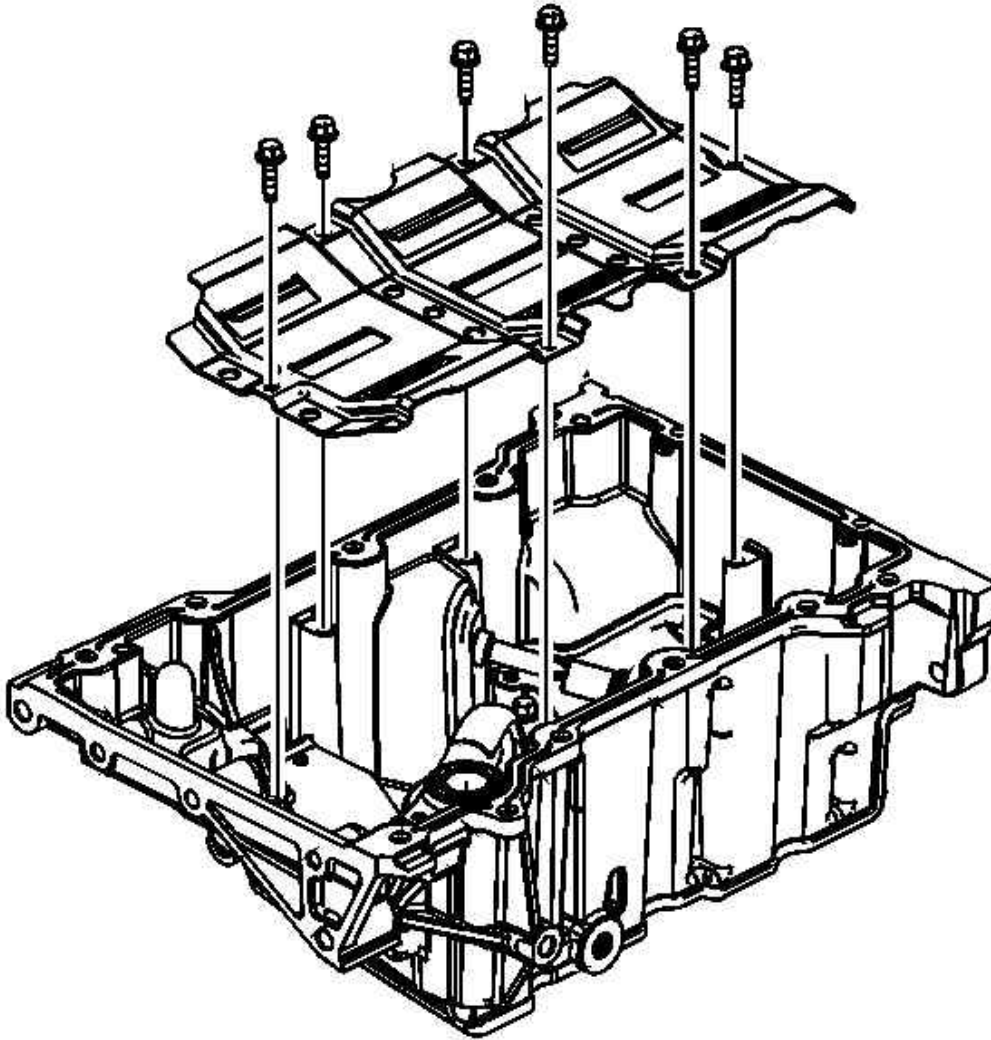


Fig. 198: View Of Oil Pan Scraper & Bolts
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4. Install the oil pan scraper.
5. Install the oil pan scraper bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the oil pan scraper bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

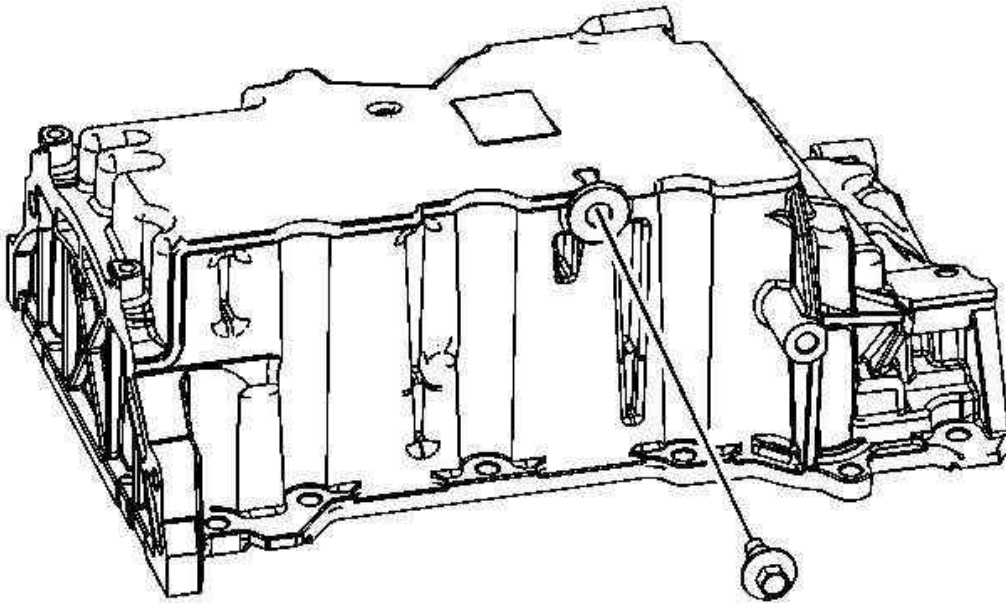


Fig. 199: View Of Pan Drain Plug & O-Ring Seal
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6. Install the oil pan drain plug and NEW O-ring seal.

Tighten: Tighten the oil pan drain plug to 20 N.m (15 lb ft).

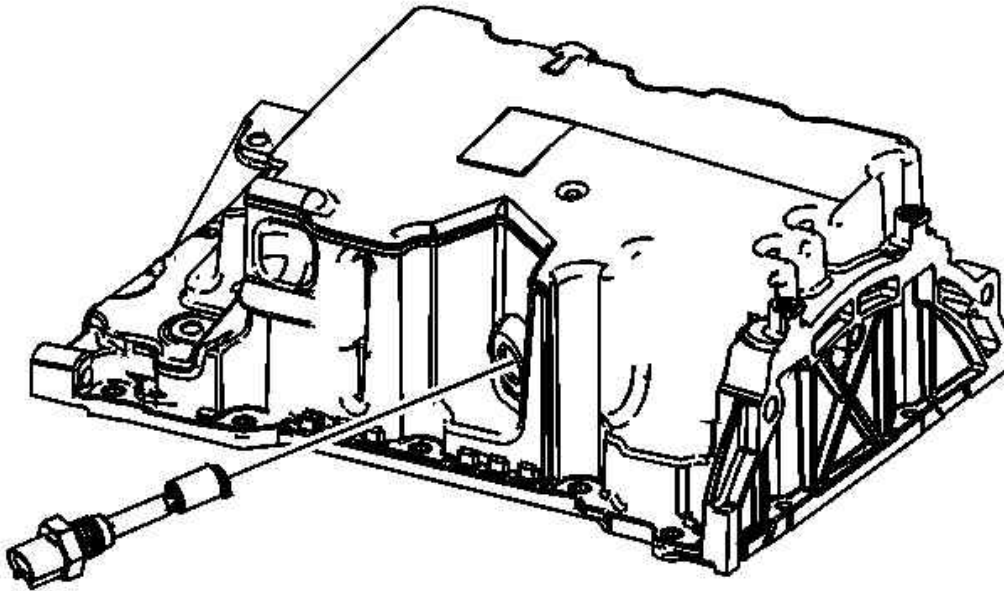


Fig. 200: Identifying Oil Level Sensor
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7. Install the oil level sensor.

ENGINE FRONT COVER DISASSEMBLE

Tools Required

J 45000 Seal Remover. See **Special Tools** .

Disassembly Procedure

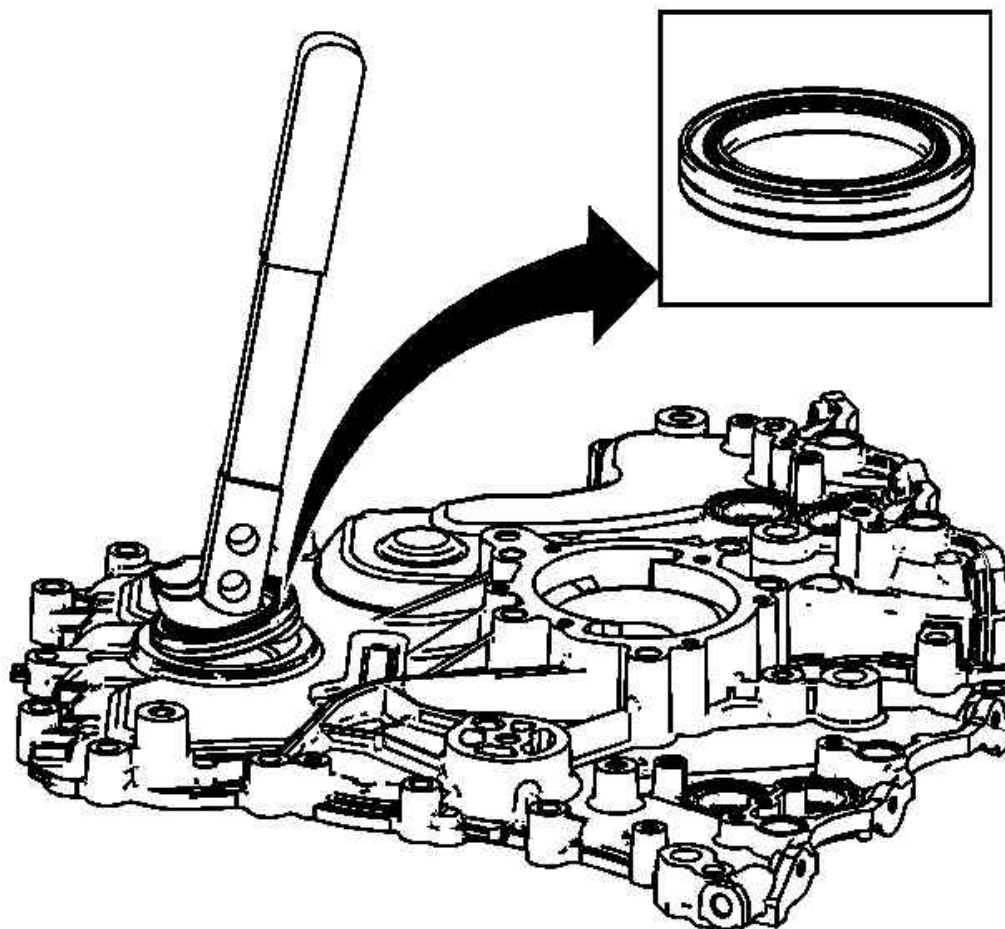


Fig. 201: Identifying Crankshaft Front Oil Seal & Removal Tool
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove the crankshaft front oil seal from the engine front cover using the **J 45000** . See **Special Tools** .

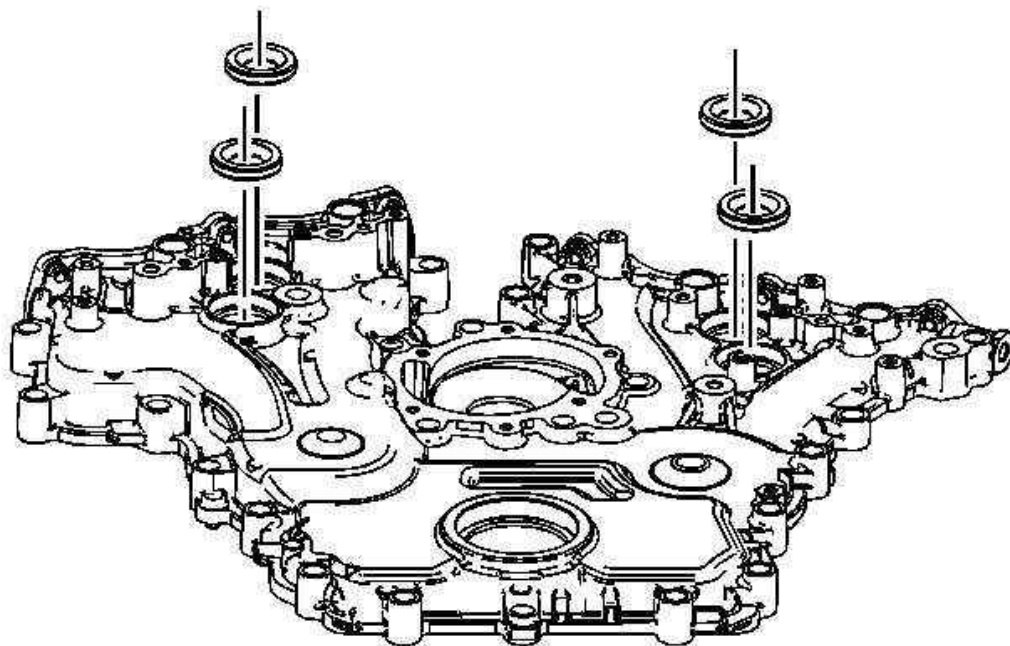


Fig. 202: Locating Camshaft Position Actuator Valve Oil Seals
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2. Remove the camshaft position actuator valve oil seals from the engine front cover.

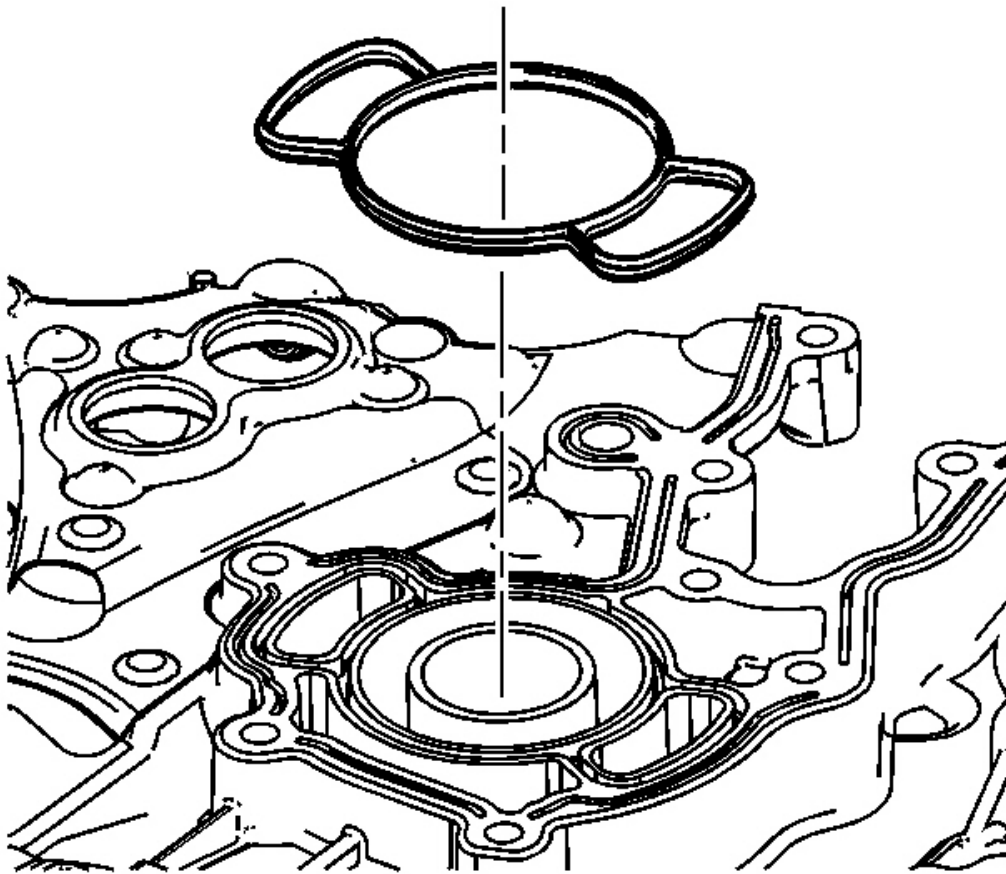


Fig. 203: Identifying Water Pump Seal
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the water pump seal from the engine front cover.
4. Discard the water pump seal.

ENGINE FRONT COVER CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Tools Required

J 28410 Gasket Remover

Cleaning Procedure

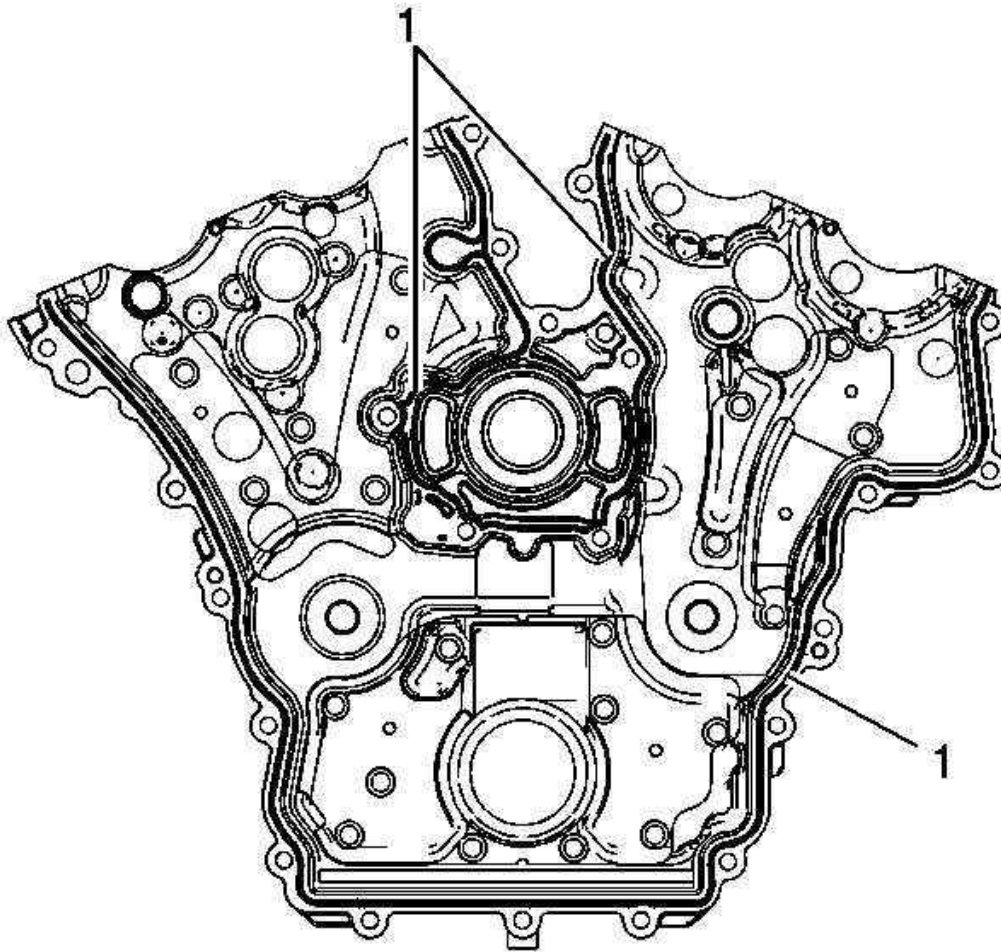


Fig. 204: Identifying Engine Front Cover Areas To Clean
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove any RTV sealant (1) from the engine front cover using **J 28410** .
2. Clean out debris from the bolt holes.
3. Clean the engine front cover in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

4. Dry the engine front cover with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

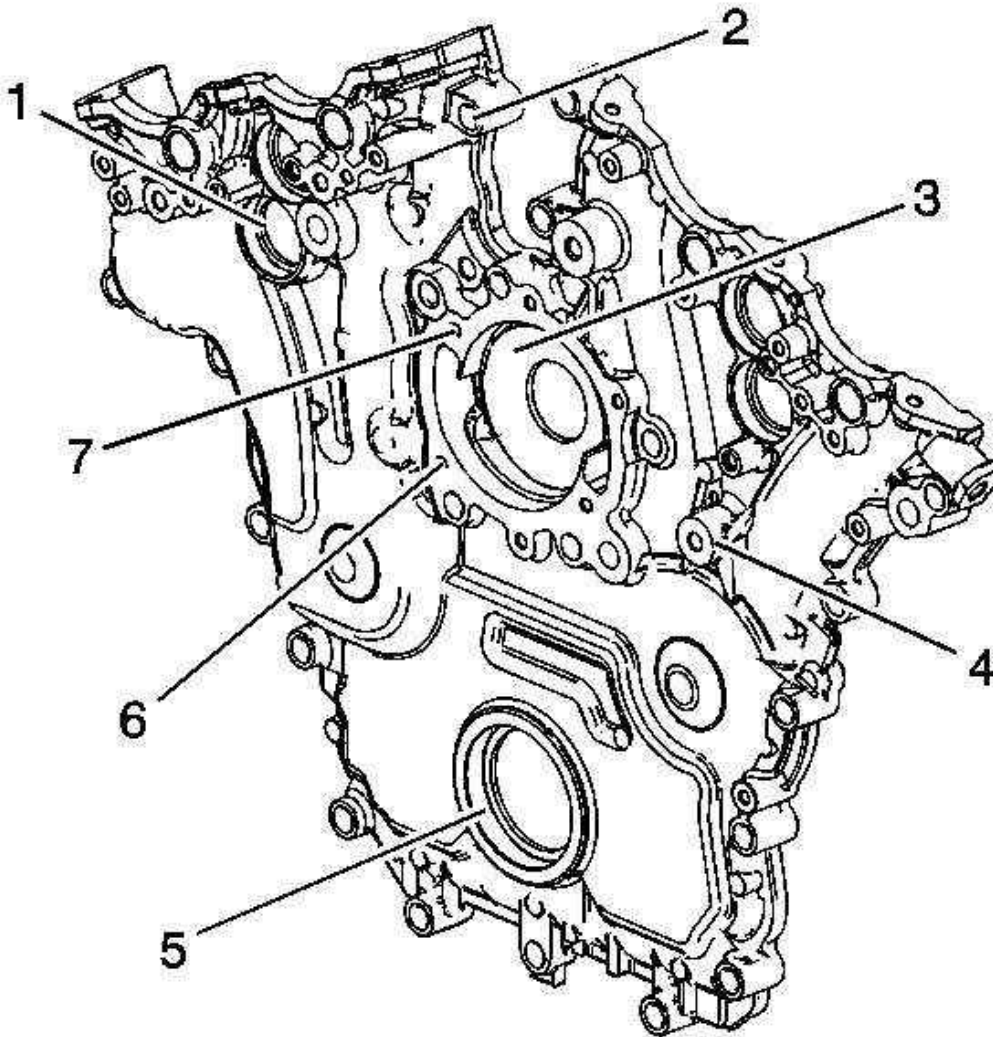


Fig. 205: Inspecting Exterior Of Engine Front Cover
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the exterior of the engine front cover for the following conditions:

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- Damage to the camshaft position actuator valve oil seal bores (1)
- Damage to the engine front cover bolt holes (2)
- Damage and/or corrosion to the engine coolant passage (3)
- Dents or damage to the exterior (4)
- Damage to the crankshaft front oil seal bore (5)
- Gouges or damage to the water pump sealing surfaces (6)
- Damage to the water pump bolt hole threads (7)

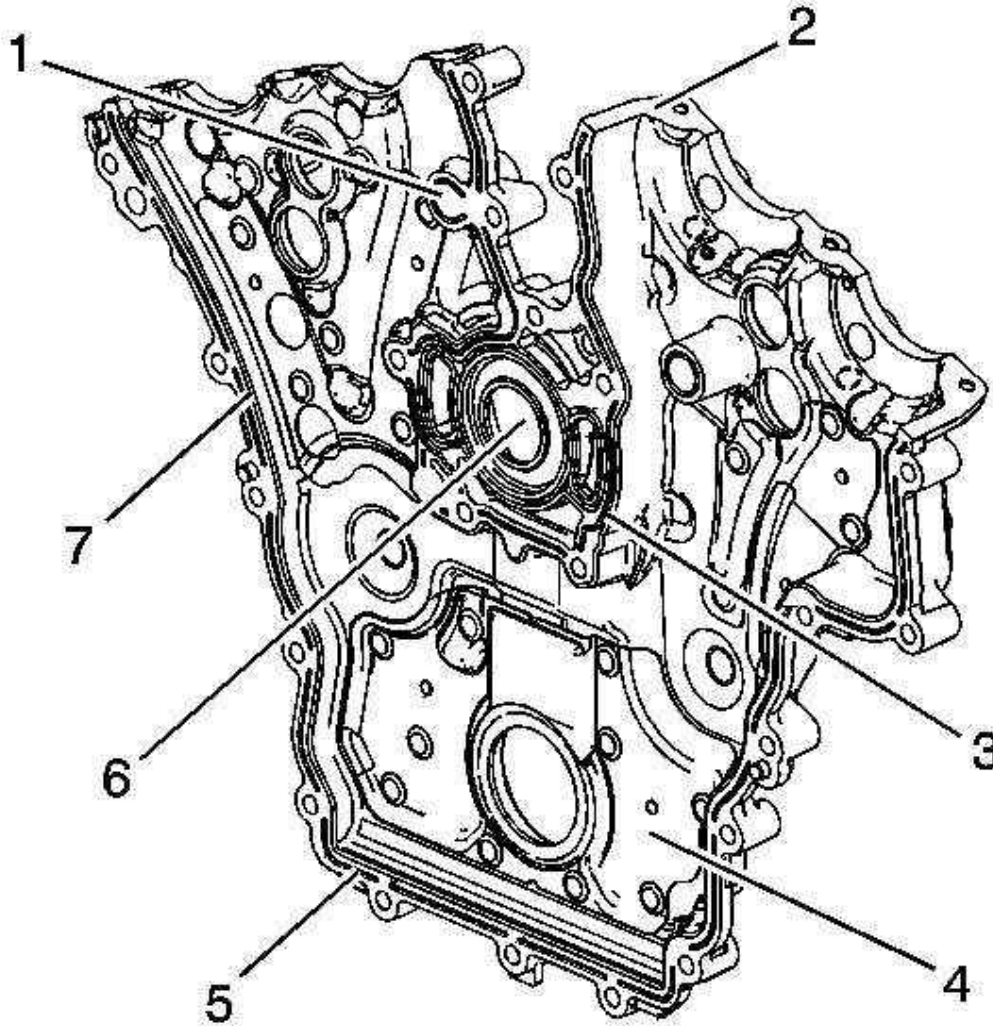


Fig. 206: Checking Interior Of Engine Front Cover
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the interior of the engine front cover for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the engine front cover bolt holes (1)
 - Gouges or damage to the engine front cover sealing surfaces to the engine block (7), oil pan (5), and/or camshaft covers (2)
 - Gouges or damage to the water pump seal area (3)

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- Loose or damaged deadener plates (4)
- Damage and/or corrosion to the engine coolant passage (6)
- Damage to the crankshaft front oil seal bore
- Gouges or damage to the O-ring sealing areas

3. Repair or replace the engine front cover as necessary.

ENGINE FRONT COVER ASSEMBLE

Tools Required

- **EN-46103** Camshaft Actuator Valve Seal Remover/Installer. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 29184** Output Shaft Seal Installer. See **Special Tools** .

Assemble

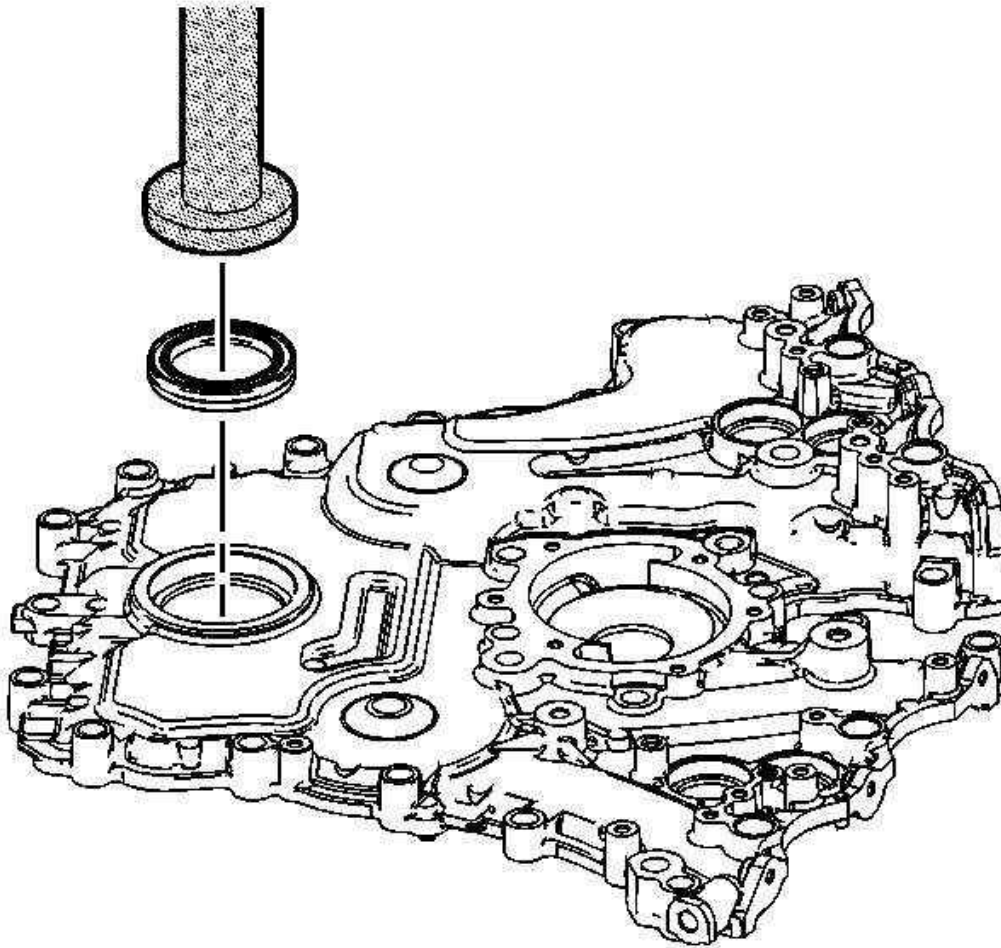


Fig. 207: View Of Crankshaft Front Oil Seal Installation
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not lubricate the crankshaft front oil seal or crankshaft balancer sealing surfaces. The crankshaft balancer is installed into a dry seal.

1. Install the NEW crankshaft front oil seal into the engine front cover using the J 29184 . See Special Tools .

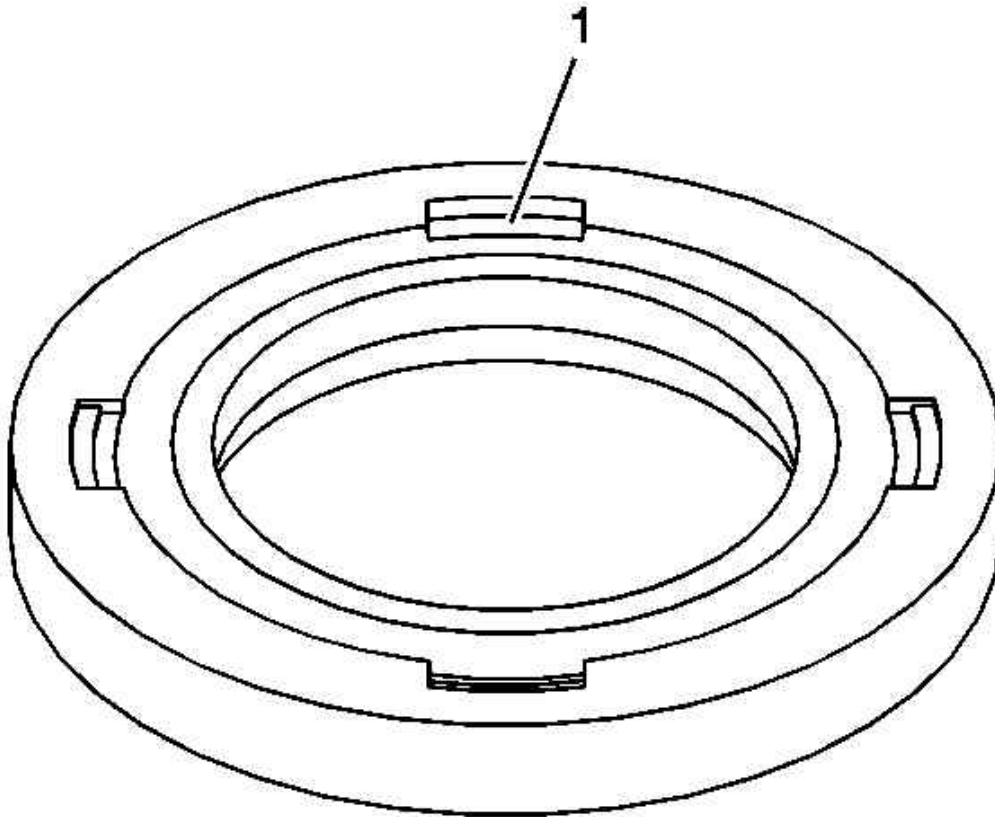


Fig. 208: View Of Piston Notches

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2. Place the seal into position with the notches (1) in the seal down. The notches (1) will face in board when properly installed.

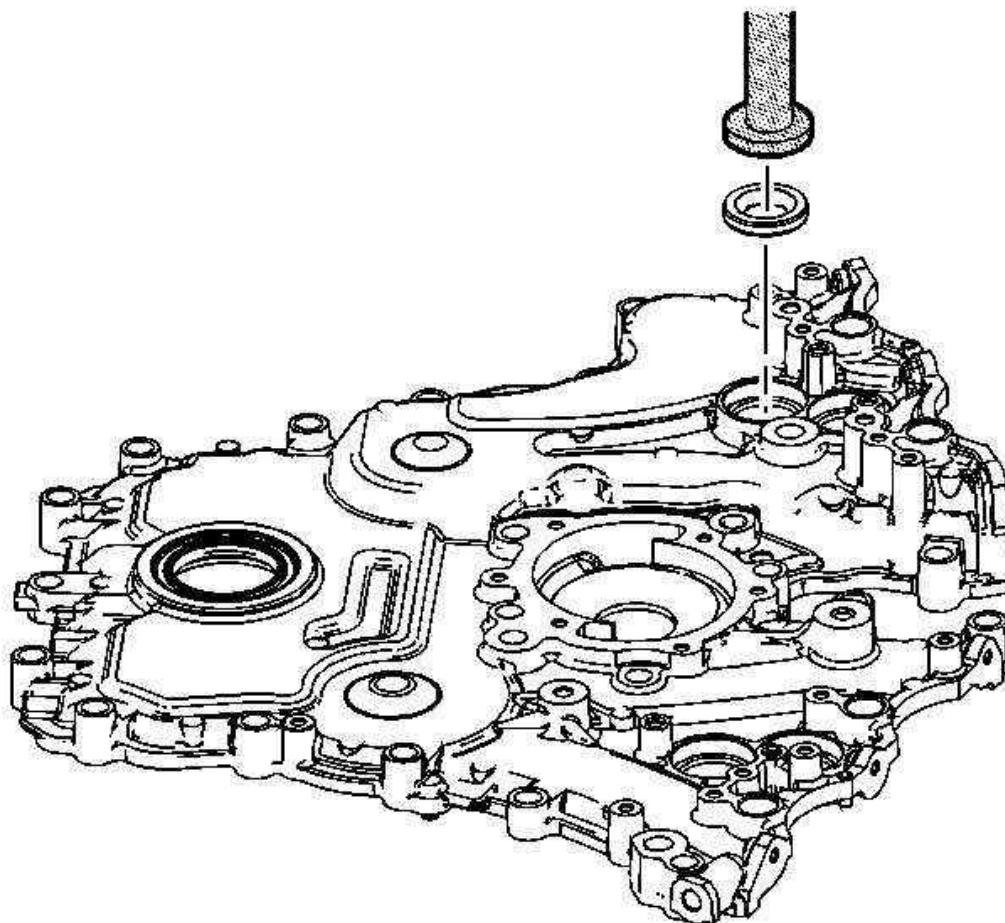


Fig. 209: Identifying Camshaft Position Actuator Valve Oil Seals
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3. Install the NEW camshaft position actuator valve oil seals into the engine front cover using the **EN-46103** . See Special Tools .

CAMSHAFT COVER DISASSEMBLE

Left Camshaft Cover

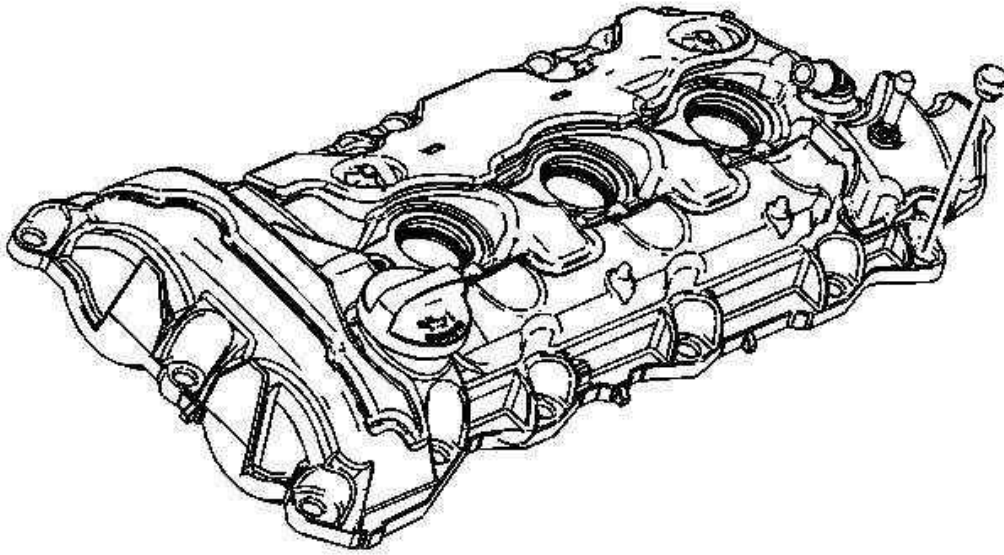


Fig. 210: View Of Camshaft Cover & Bolt Insulator
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove and discard the left camshaft cover bolt insulators.

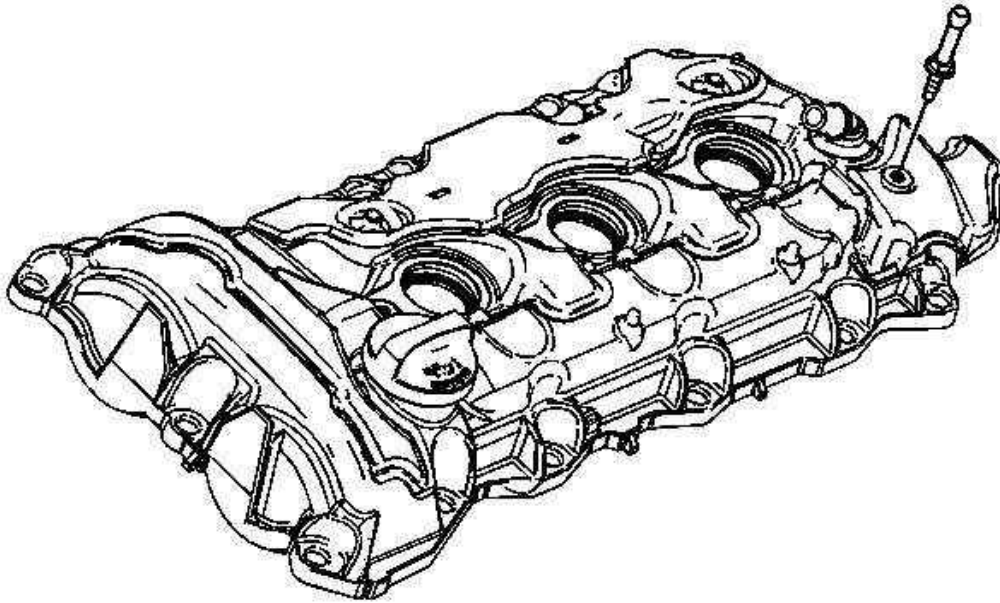


Fig. 211: Identifying Fuel Injector Sight Shield Ballstud
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the fuel injector sight shield ballstud.

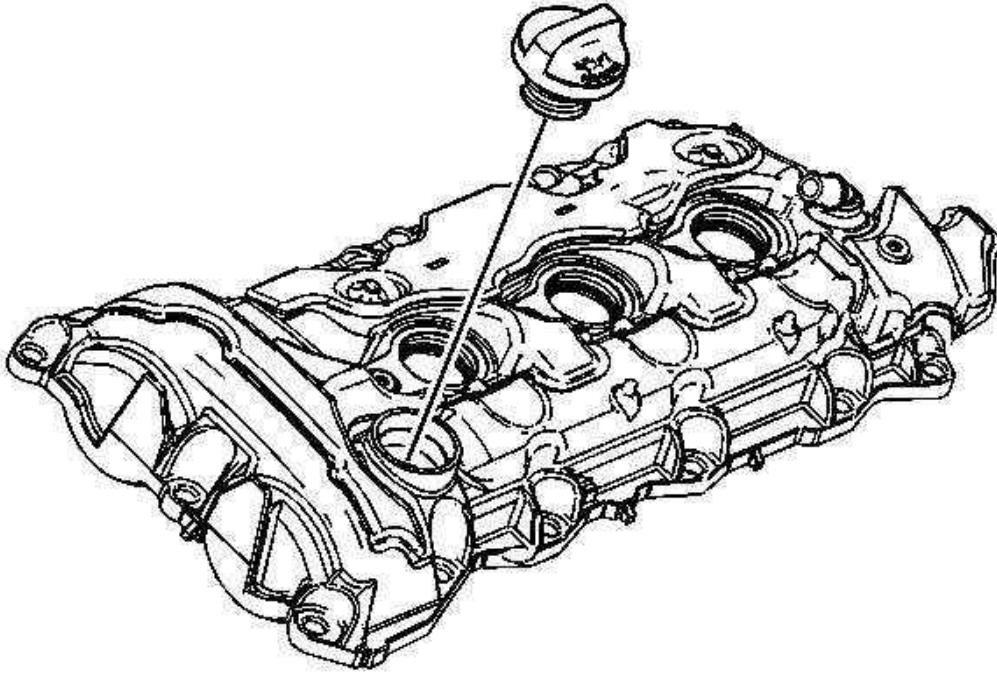


Fig. 212: View Of Oil Fill Cap
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the oil fill cap.

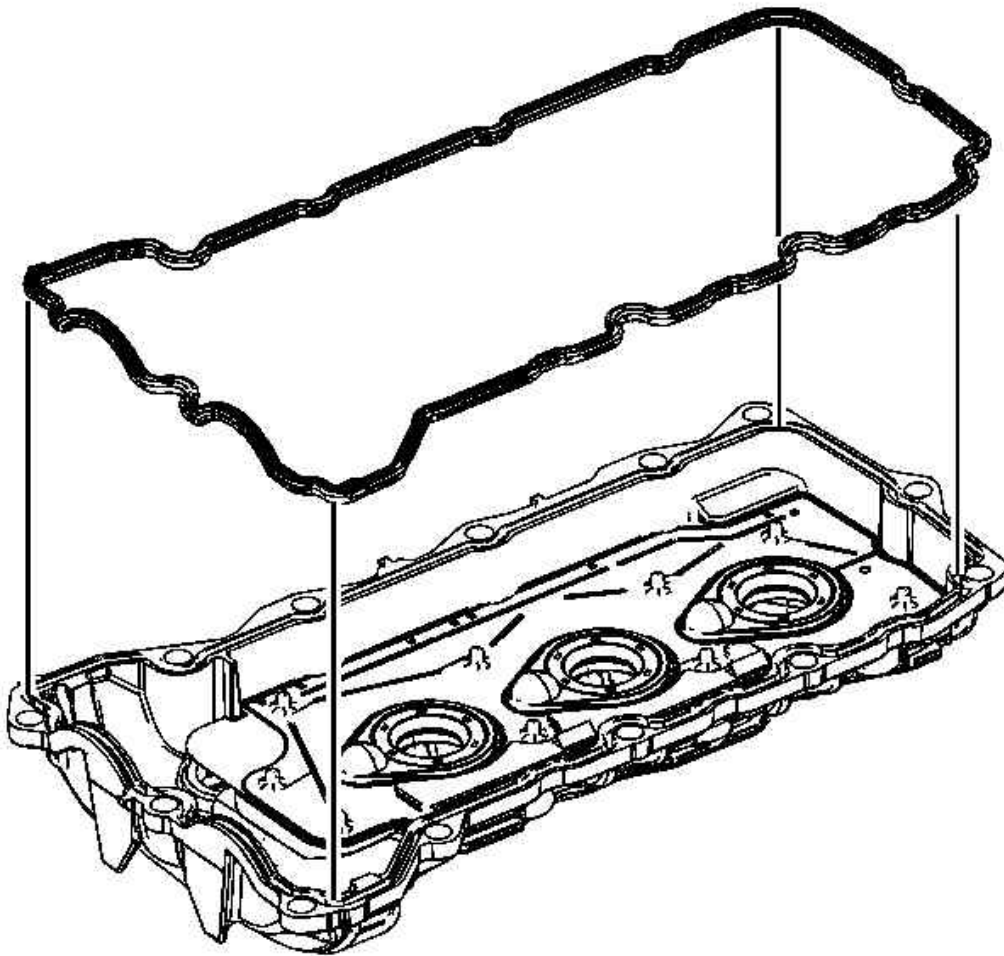


Fig. 213: View Of Left Camshaft Cover Gasket
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not reuse the camshaft cover gasket and spark plug shield tube seals.

4. Remove and discard the left camshaft cover gasket.

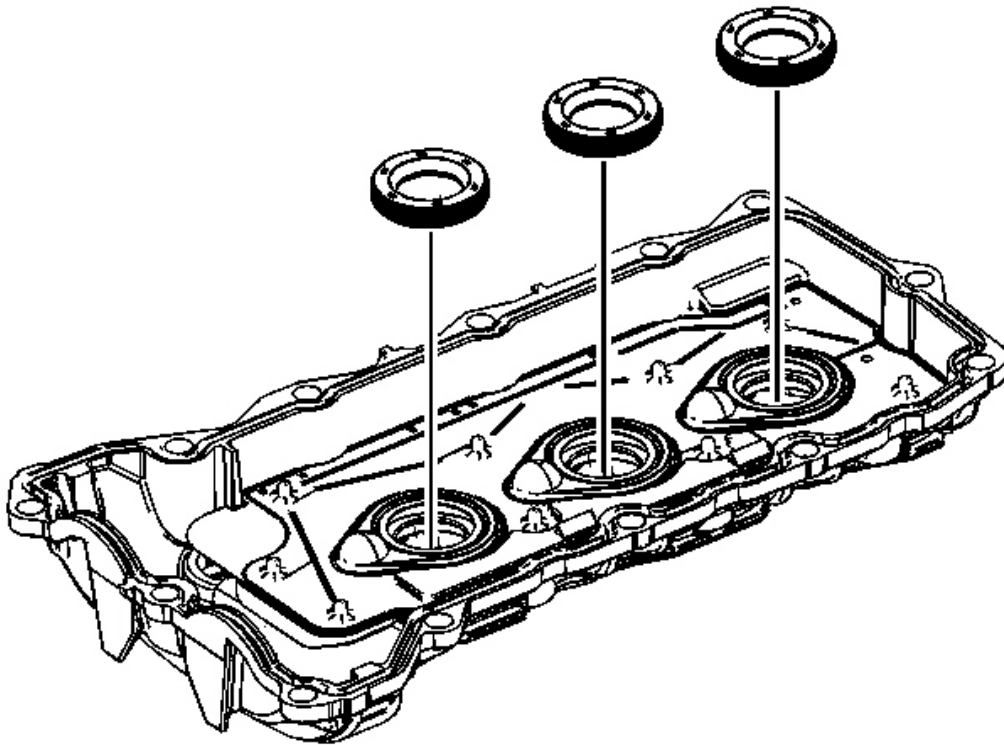


Fig. 214: View Of Left Spark Plug Shield Tube Seals
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5. Remove and discard the left spark plug shield tube seals.

Right Camshaft Cover

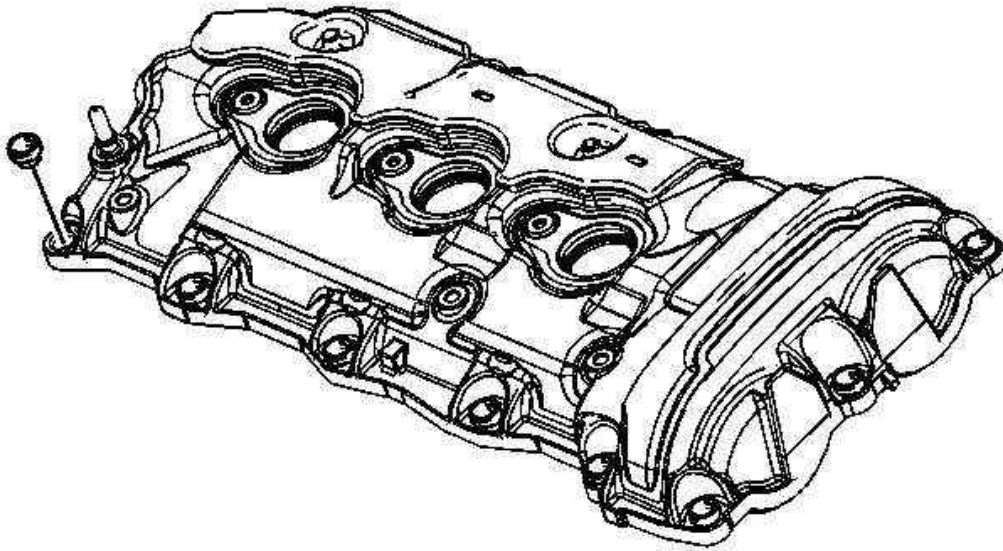


Fig. 215: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Bolt Grommet
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove and discard the right camshaft cover bolt insulators.

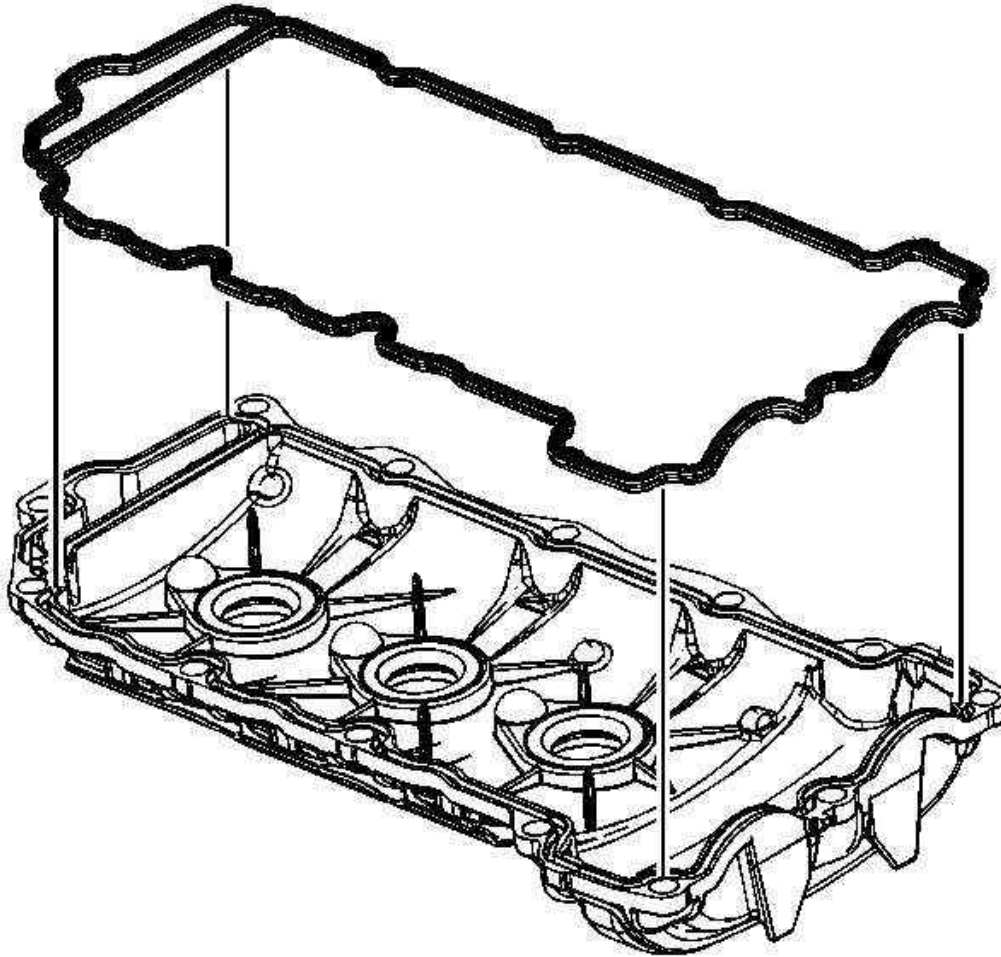


Fig. 216: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Gasket
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not reuse the camshaft cover gasket and spark plug shield tube seals.

2. Remove and discard the right camshaft cover gasket.

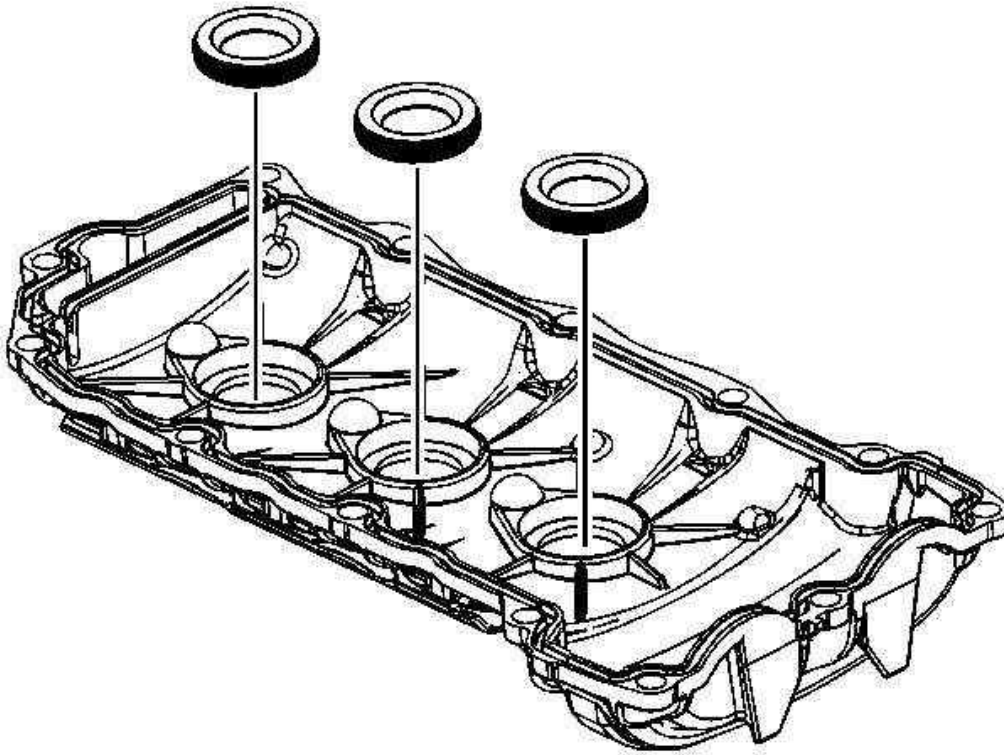


Fig. 217: View Of Right Spark Plug Shield Tube Seals
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove and discard the right spark plug shield tube seals.

CAMSHAFT COVER CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the camshaft covers in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the camshaft covers with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

1. Inspect each camshaft cover for the dents or damage to the exterior. A dented or damaged camshaft cover may:
 - Leak engine oil
 - Effect crankcase ventilation
 - Interfere with the camshafts
 - Interfere with the ignition coil sealing
 - Allow water or condensation to enter the engine

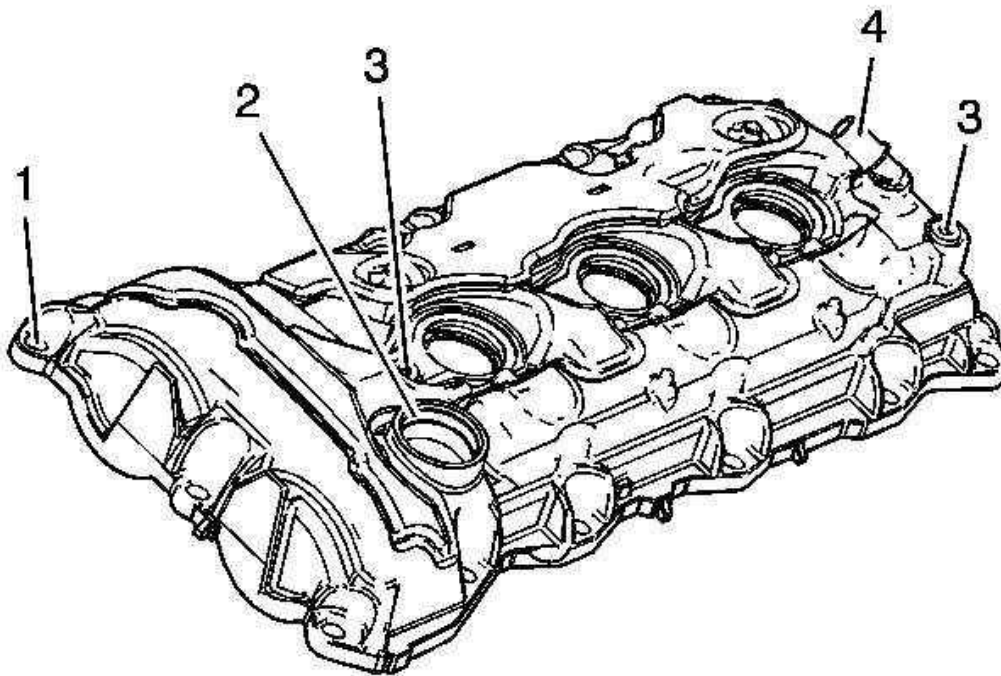


Fig. 218: Inspecting Exterior Of Left Camshaft Cover
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the exterior of the left camshaft cover for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the camshaft cover bolt holes (1)
 - Damage to the oil fill hole (2)
 - Damage to the mounting holes (3) for the ignition coil assembly and fuel

injector sight shield ballstud.

- Damage to the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) hose connector (4)-A damaged PCV hose connector is replaceable.

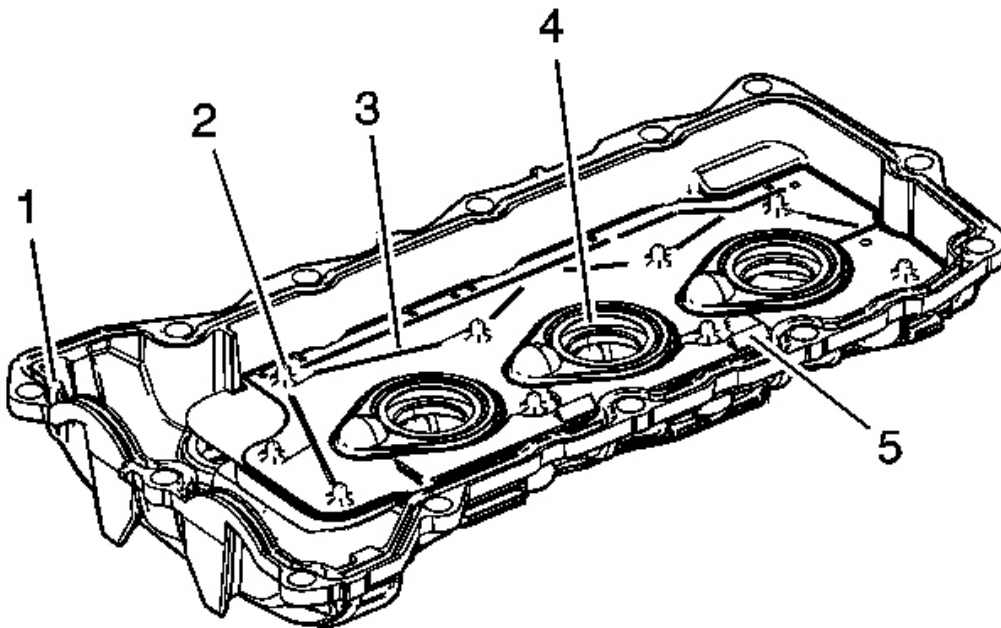


Fig. 219: View Of Left Camshaft Cover Internal Inspection Points
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Inspect the interior of the left camshaft cover for the following conditions:
 - Gouges or damage to the camshaft cover sealing groove (1)
 - Damaged, loose or missing baffle fasteners (2)
 - Damaged, loose or missing baffle (3)
 - Gouges or damage to the spark plug shield seal bore (4)
 - Restrictions to the ventilation system (5)

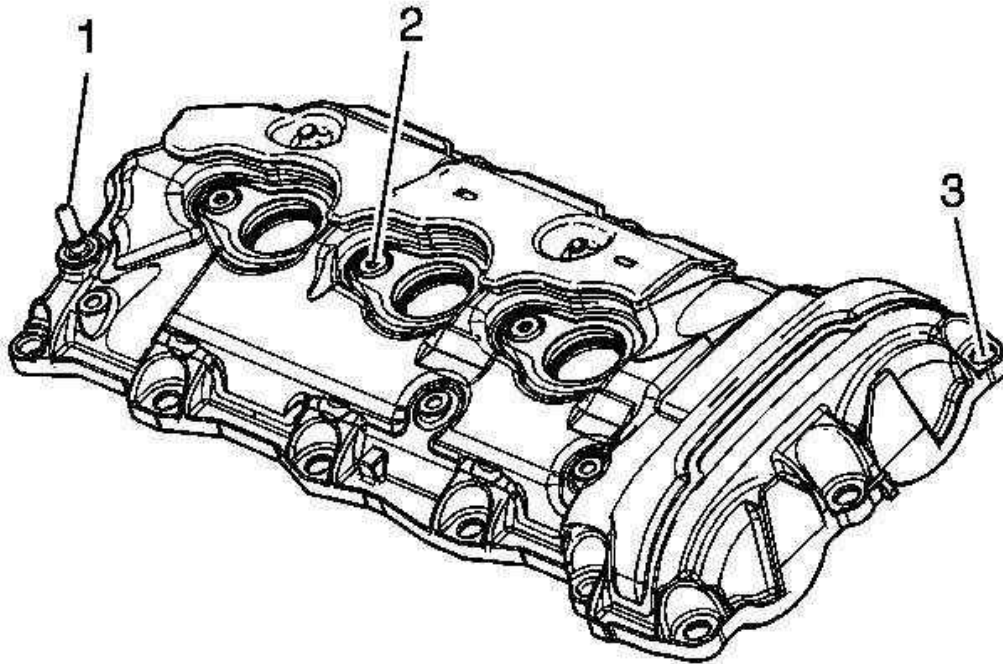


Fig. 220: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Exterior Inspection Locations
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4. Inspect the exterior of the right camshaft cover for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the PCV orifice (1)-A damaged PCV orifice can be replaced. Refer to **PCV Orifice Replacement**.
 - Damage to the mounting holes (2) for the ignition coil assembly
 - Damage to the camshaft cover bolt holes (3)

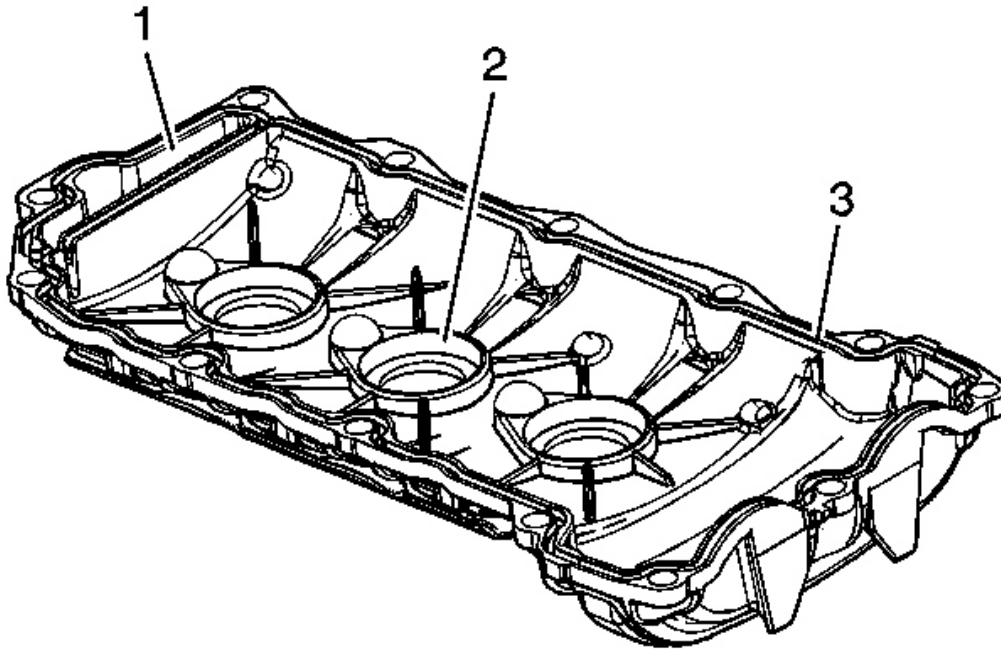


Fig. 221: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Interior Inspection Locations
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Inspect the interior of the right camshaft cover for the following conditions:
 - Restrictions to the ventilation system (1)
 - Gouges or damage to the spark plug shield seal bore (2)
 - Gouges or damage to the camshaft cover sealing groove (3)
6. Repair or replace the camshaft cover or covers as necessary.

PCV Orifice Replacement

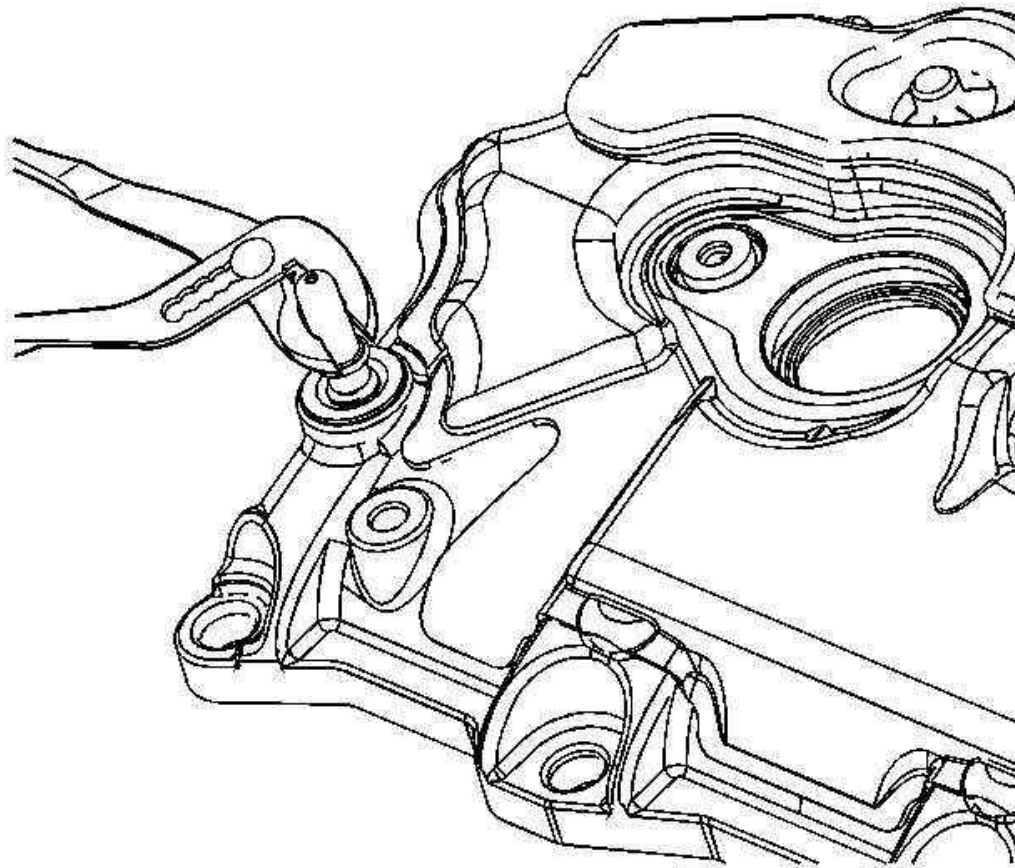


Fig. 222: View Of PCV Orifice
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the PCV orifice is damaged or plugged and cannot be cleaned out, the PCV orifice can be replaced.

1. Remove the old PCV orifice by gripping the neck of the orifice with pliers and twisting and pulling out of the right camshaft cover.

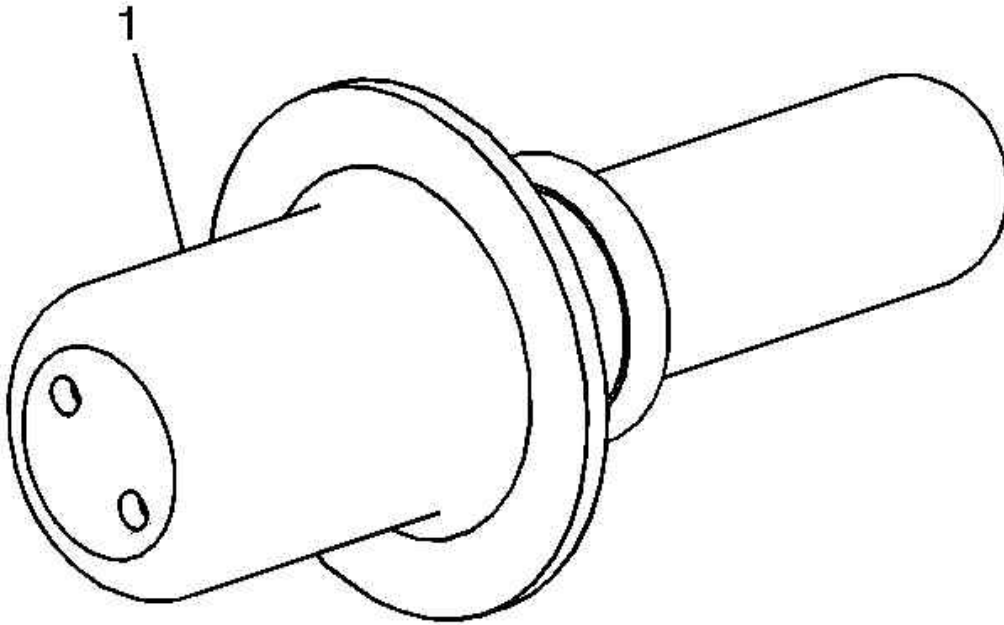


Fig. 223: Identifying Sealant Area On PCV Orifice
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Apply sealant GM P/N 12378521 (Canadian P/N 88901148) or equivalent to the NEW PCV orifice (1).

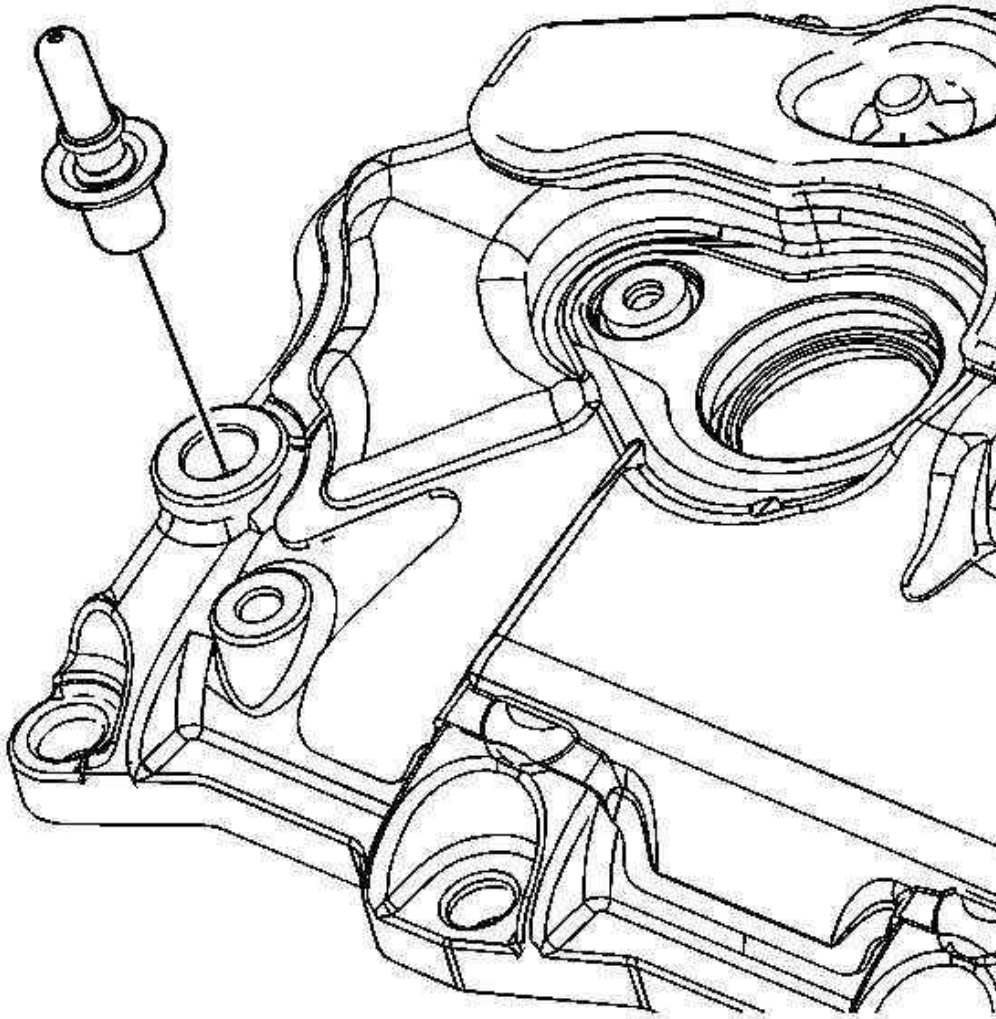


Fig. 224: View Of PCV Orifice & Right Camshaft Cover
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the NEW PCV orifice into the right camshaft cover. After insertion, twist the PCV orifice in order to eliminate any vertical leak paths in the sealant.

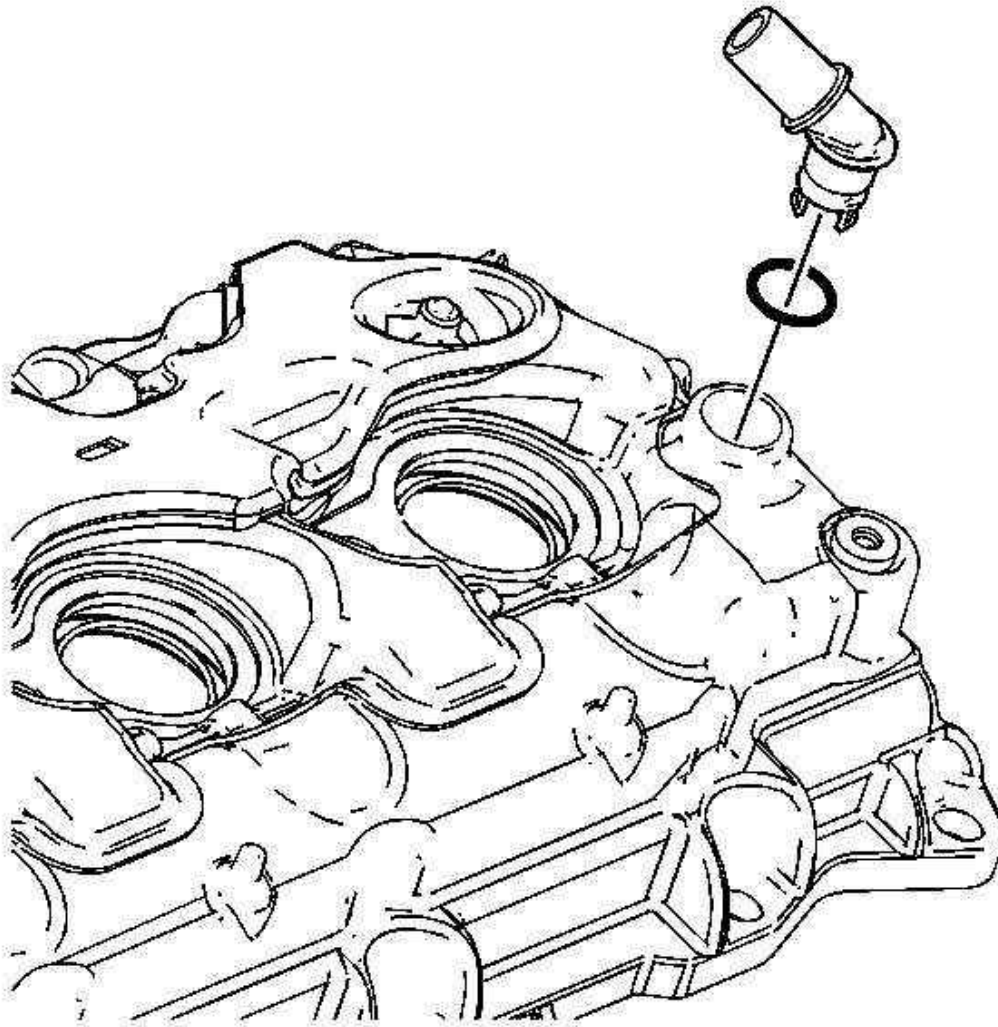


Fig. 225: View Of PCV Fitting & O-Ring
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the PCV fitting is damaged or plugged and cannot be cleaned out, the PCV fitting can be replaced.

1. Remove the old PCV fitting.
2. Install the new PCV fitting with a NEW O-ring.

CAMSHAFT COVER ASSEMBLE

Tools Required

- **J 5590** Bearing and Seal Driver. See Special Tools .
- **J-25254-A** Oil Seal Installer. See Special Tools .

Left Camshaft Cover

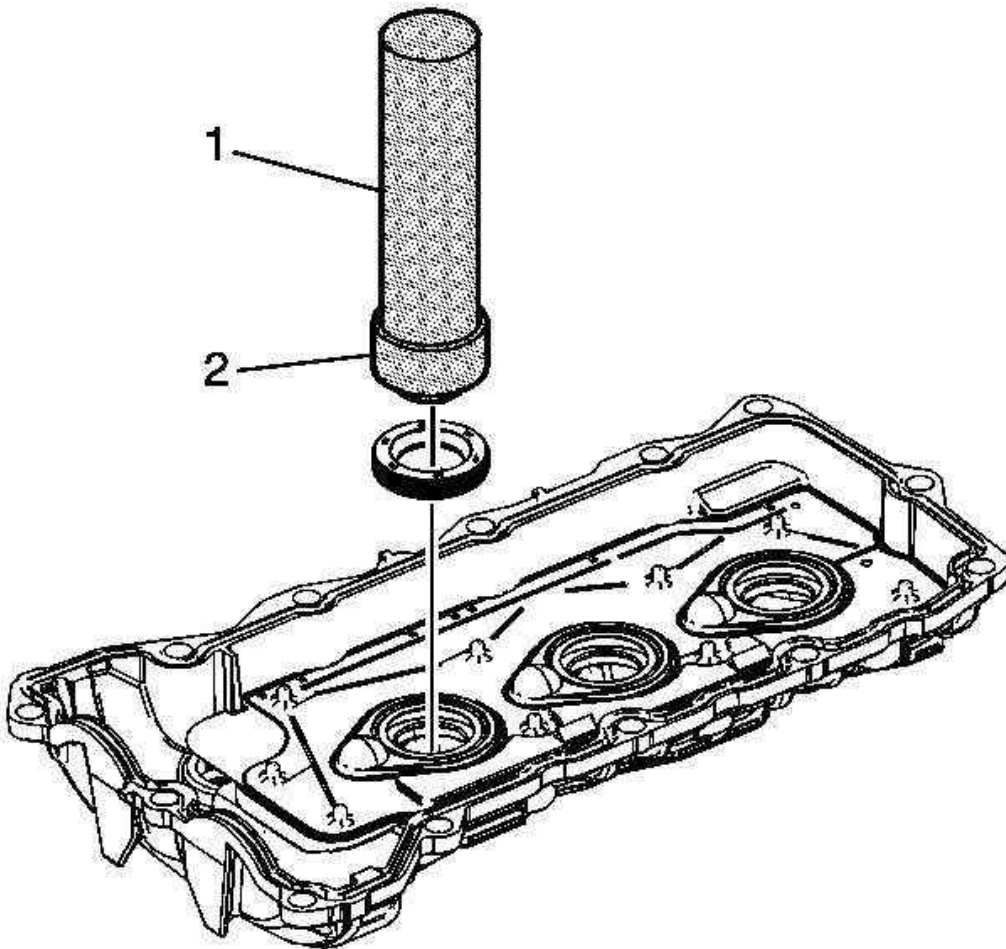


Fig. 226: Identifying Special Tools - J 5590 & J-25254-A
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the NEW left spark plug shield tube seals using the **J 5590** (1) and **J-25254-A** (2). See **Special Tools** .

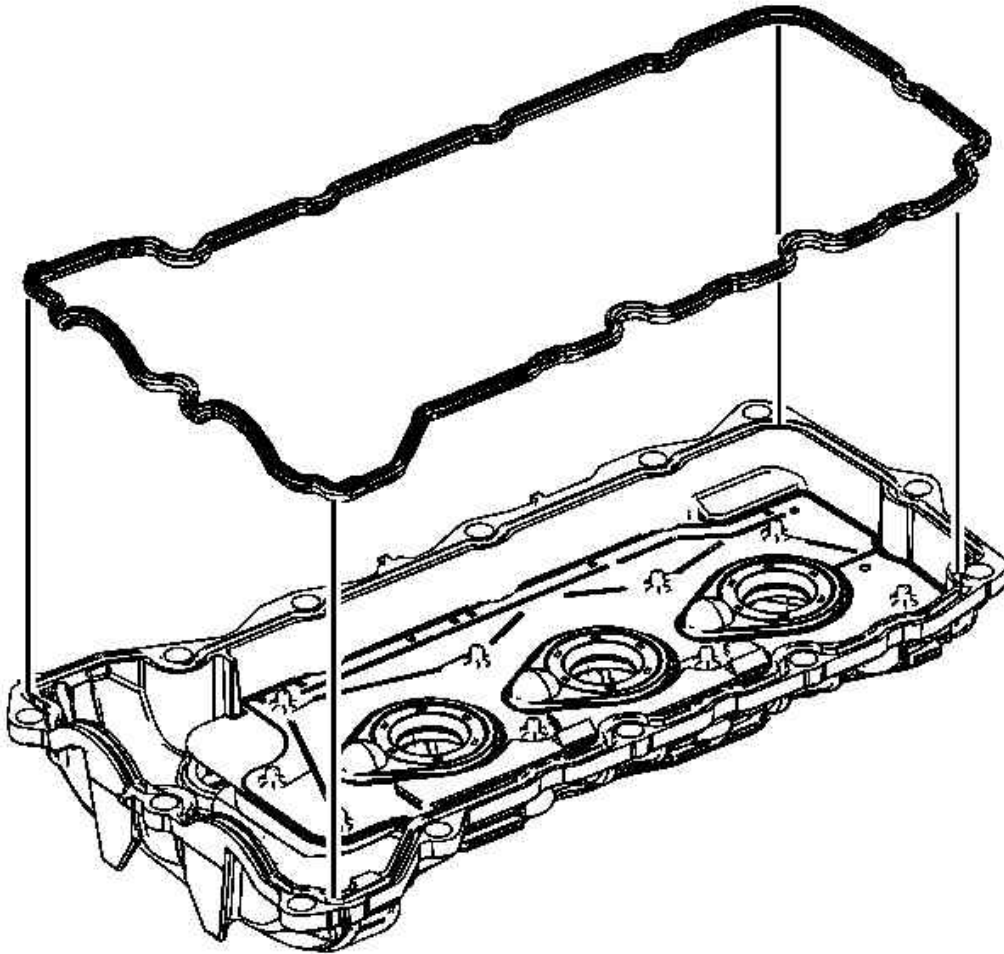


Fig. 227: View Of Left Camshaft Cover Gasket
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the NEW left camshaft cover gasket.

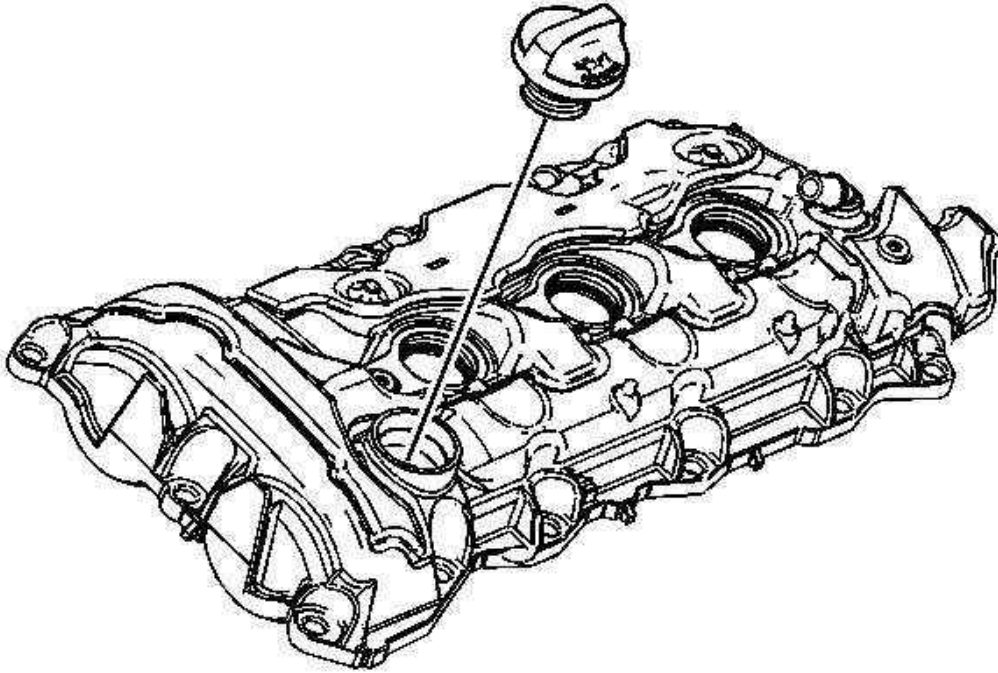


Fig. 228: View Of Oil Fill Cap
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the oil fill cap.

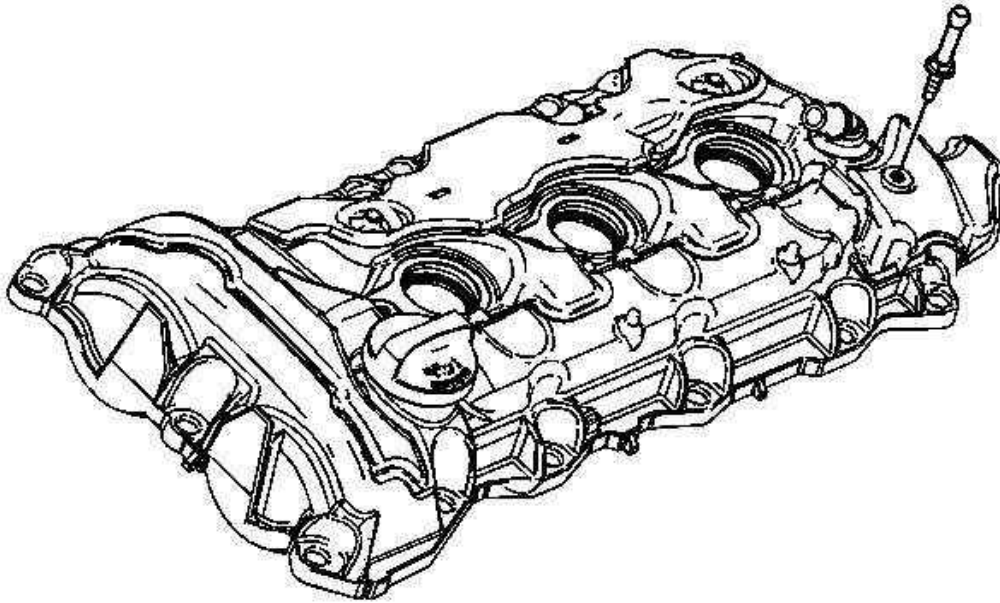


Fig. 229: Identifying Fuel Injector Sight Shield Ballstud
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

4. Install the fuel injector sight shield cover ballstud.

Tighten: Tighten the fuel injector sight shield cover ball stud to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

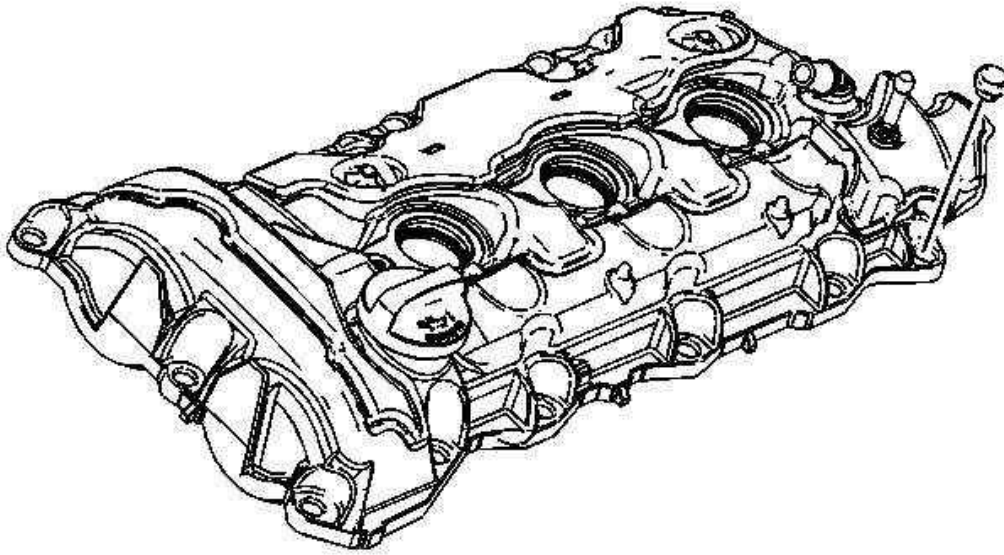


Fig. 230: View Of Camshaft Cover & Bolt Insulator
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The camshaft cover bolt insulator must be installed into the camshaft cover bolt hole before installing the camshaft cover bolt.

5. Install the NEW left camshaft cover bolt insulators.

Right Camshaft Cover

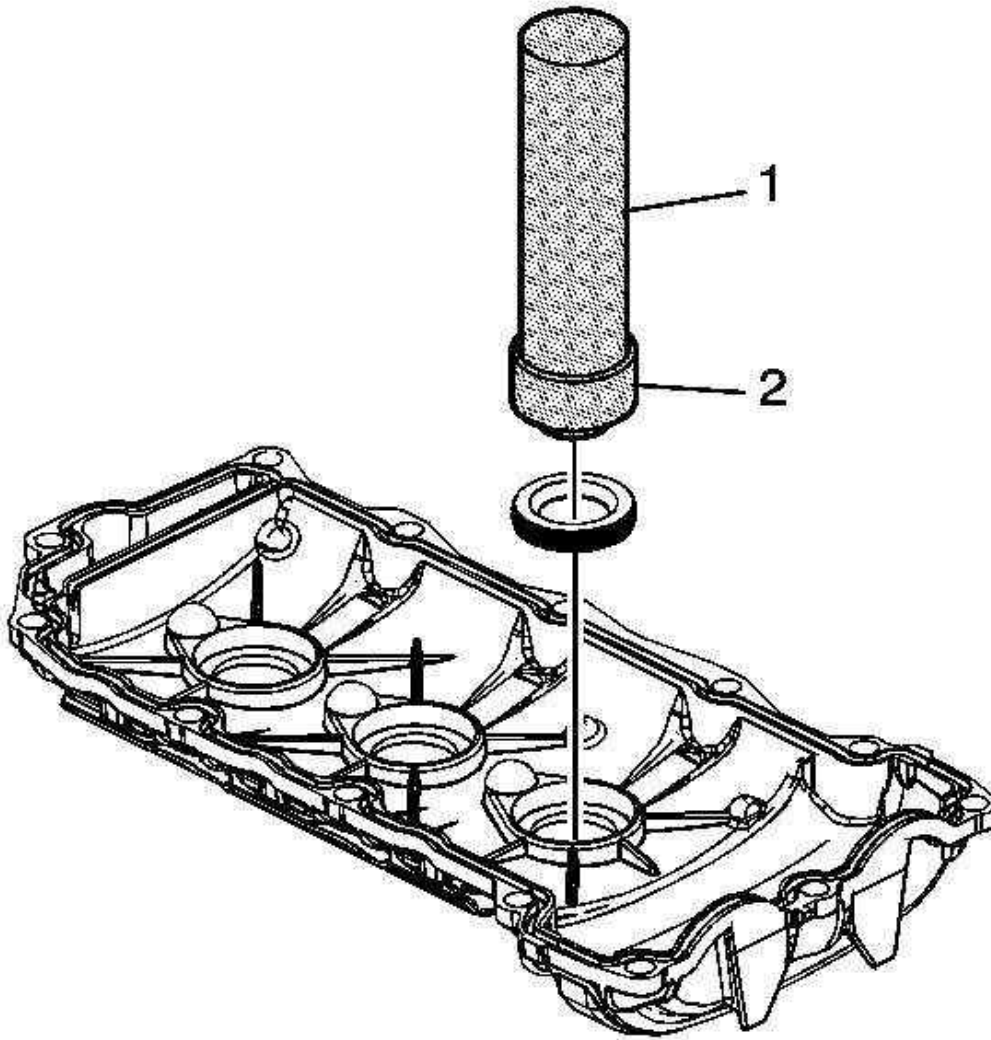


Fig. 231: Identifying Special Tools - J 5590 & J-25254-A
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the NEW right spark plug shield tube coil seals using the **J 5590** (1) and **J-25254-A** (2). See **Special Tools** .

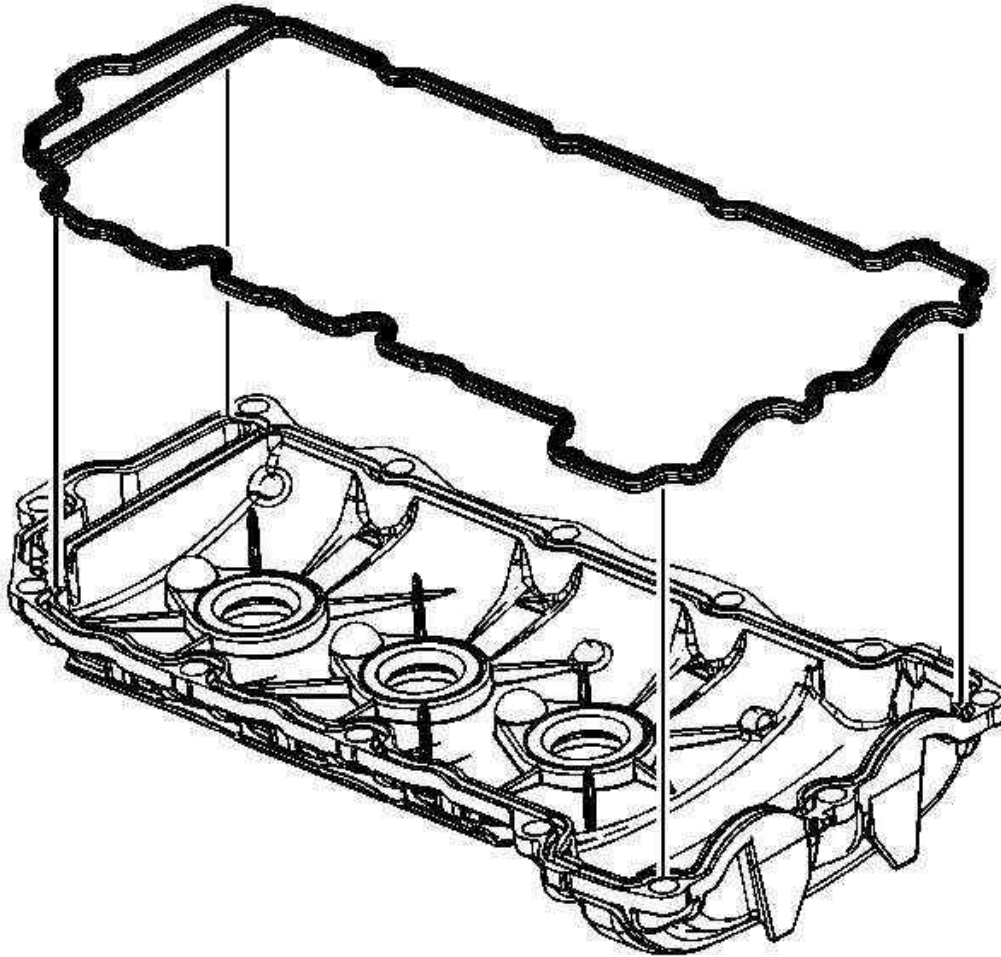


Fig. 232: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Gasket
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the NEW right camshaft cover gasket.

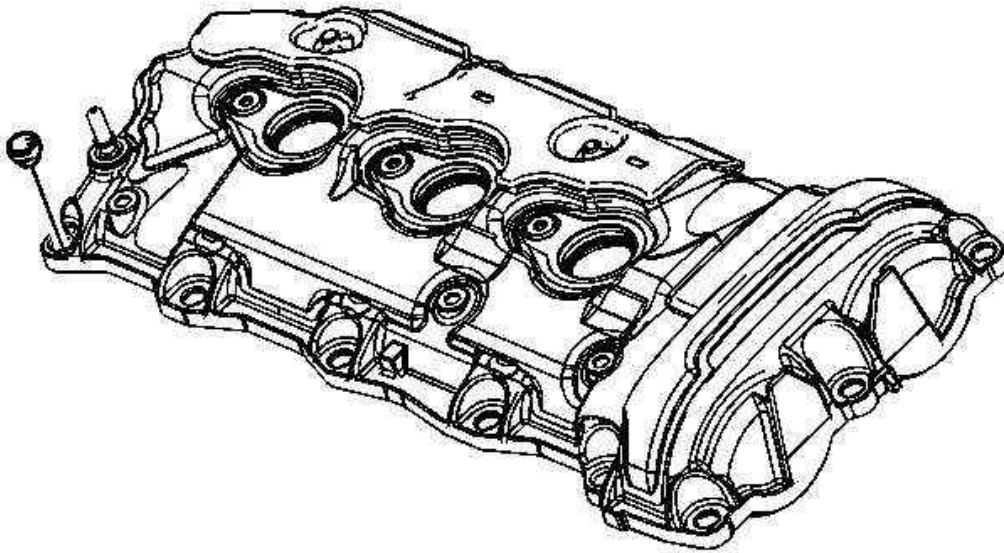


Fig. 233: View Of Right Camshaft Cover Bolt Grommets
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The camshaft cover bolt insulator must be installed into the camshaft cover bolt hole before installing the camshaft cover bolt.

3. Install the NEW right camshaft cover bolt insulators.

INTAKE MANIFOLD DISASSEMBLE

Upper to Lower Intake Manifold Disassemble Procedure

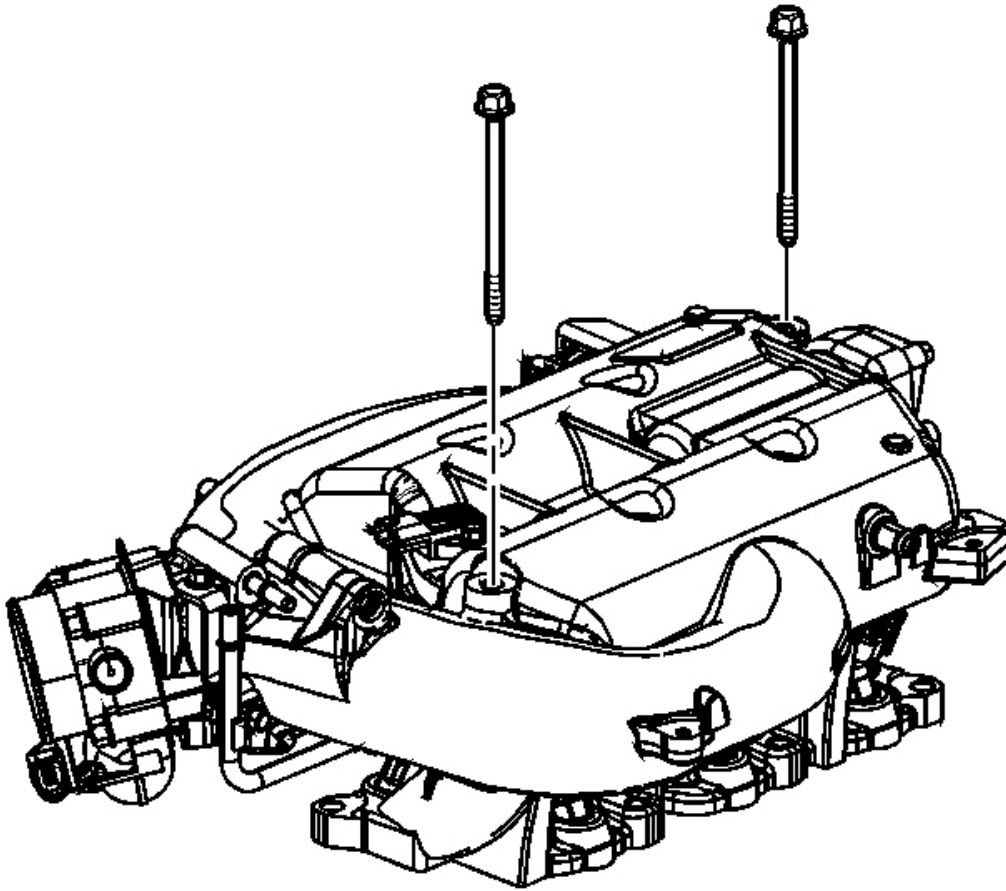


Fig. 234: Identifying Upper-To-Lower Intake Manifold Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not reuse the upper-to-lower intake manifold gasket and the intake manifold-to-cylinder head sealing gaskets.

1. Remove the upper-to-lower intake manifold bolts.

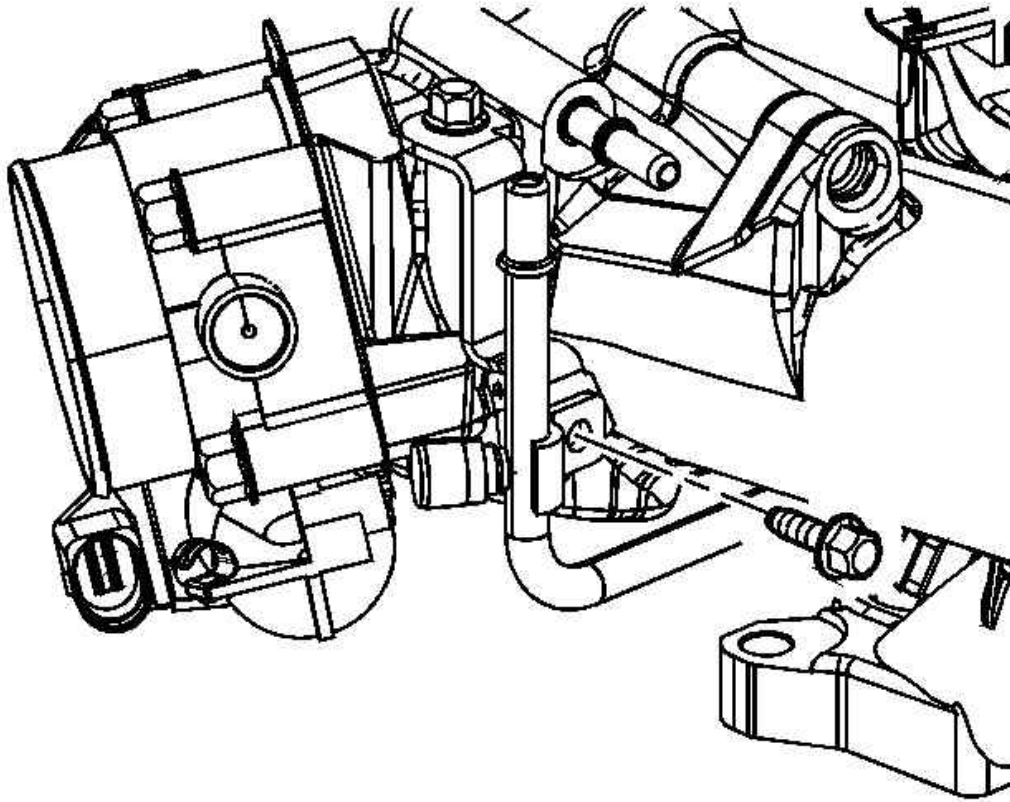


Fig. 235: Identifying Fuel Rail Feed Hose Bracket Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the fuel rail feed hose bracket bolts from the upper intake manifold.

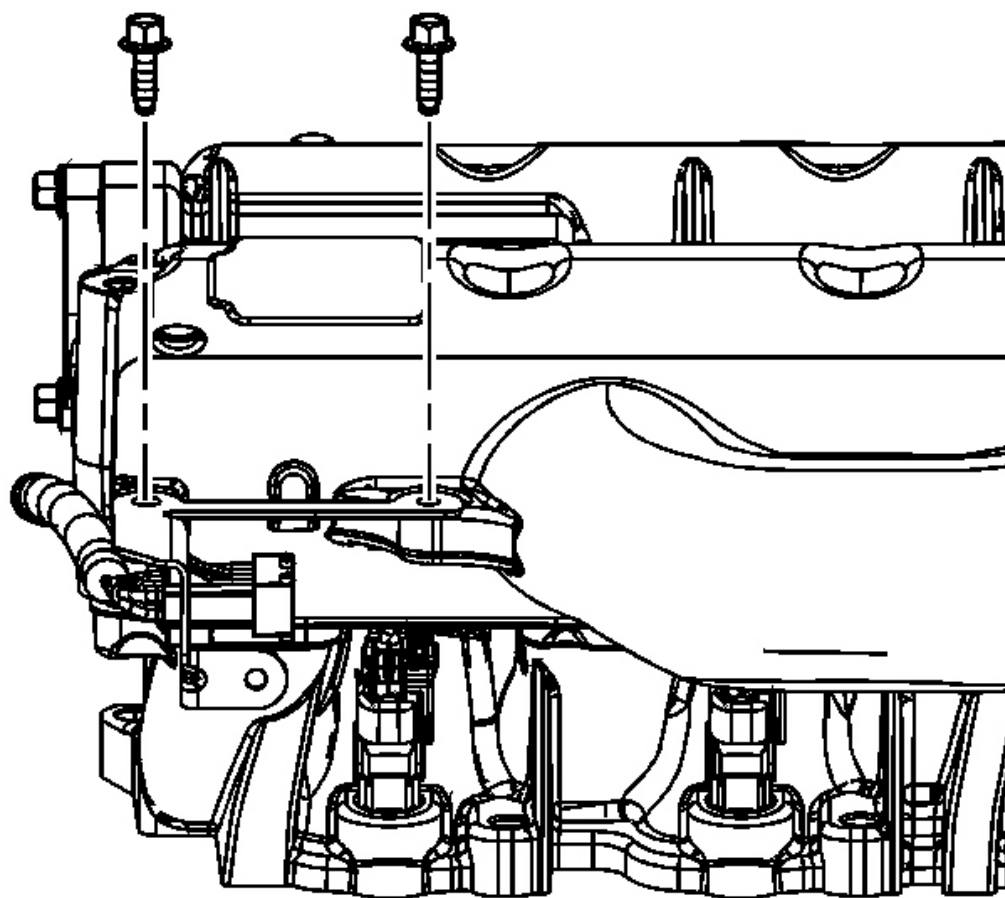


Fig. 236: View Of Fuel Injector Wiring Harness & Bracket Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the fuel injector wiring harness bracket bolt from the upper intake manifold.

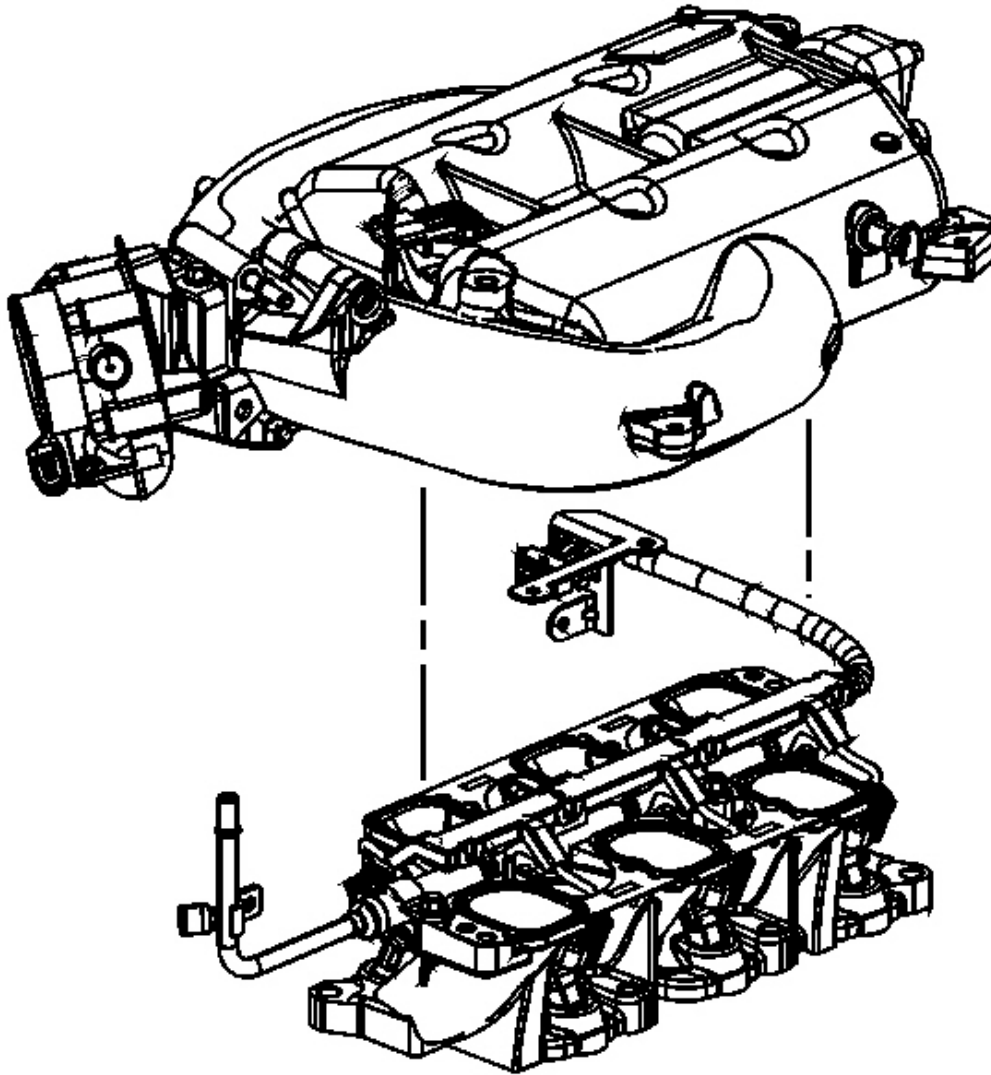


Fig. 237: View Of Upper Intake Manifold & Lower Intake Manifold
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4. Remove the upper intake manifold from the lower intake manifold.

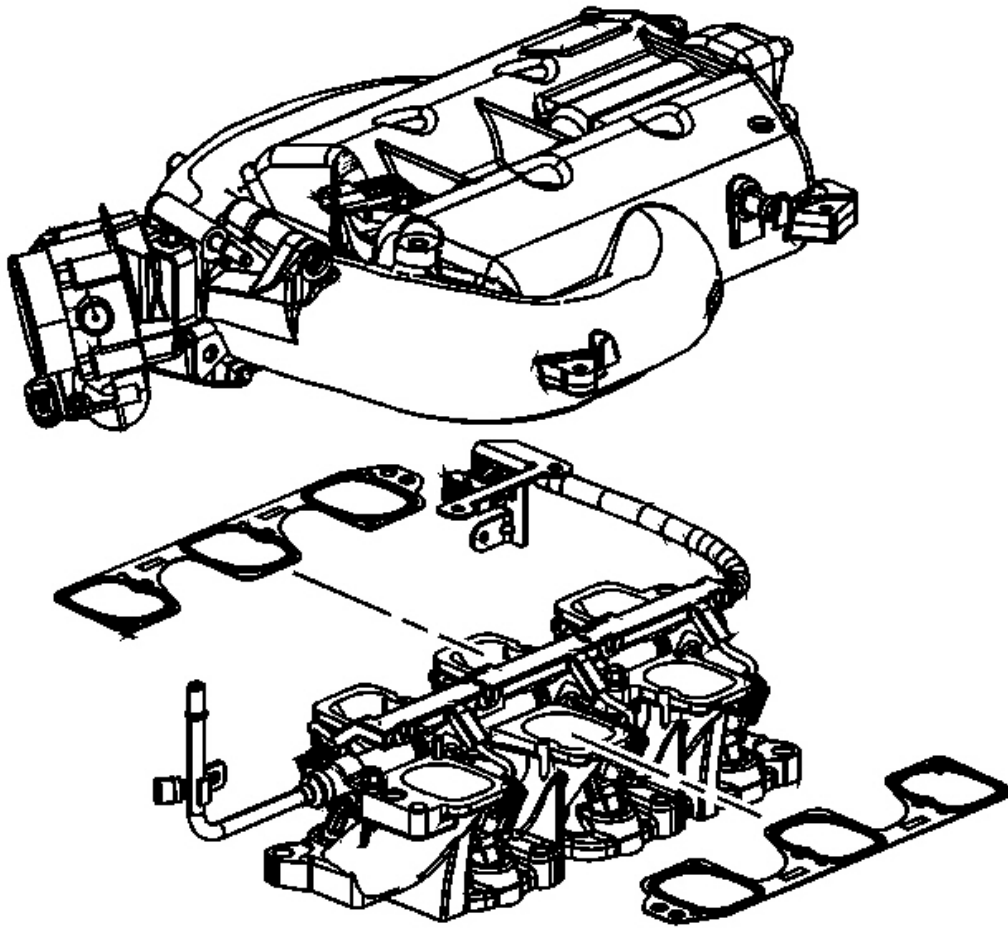


Fig. 238: View Of Upper-To-Lower Intake Manifold Gaskets
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Remove and discard the upper-to-lower intake manifold gaskets.

Upper Intake Manifold Disassemble Procedure

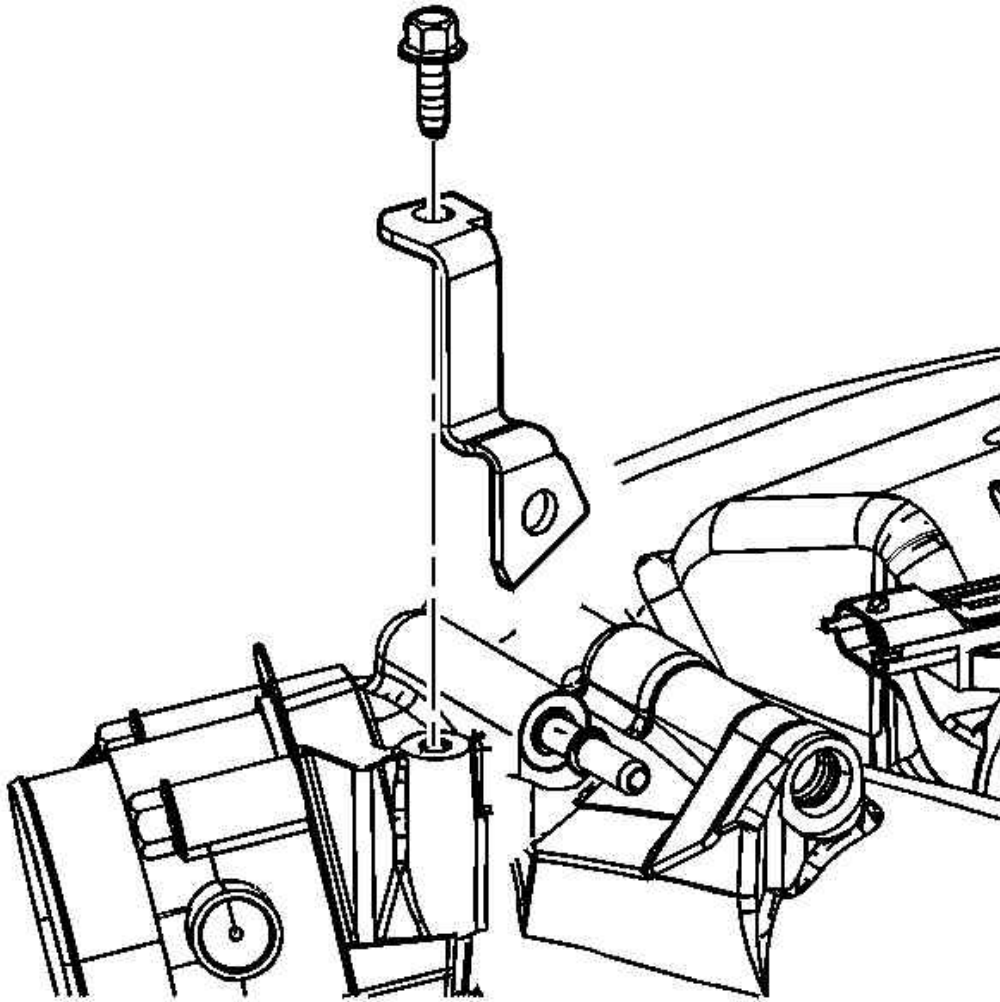


Fig. 239: Fuel Rail Support Bracket Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove the fuel rail support bracket bolt.
2. Remove the fuel rail support bracket.

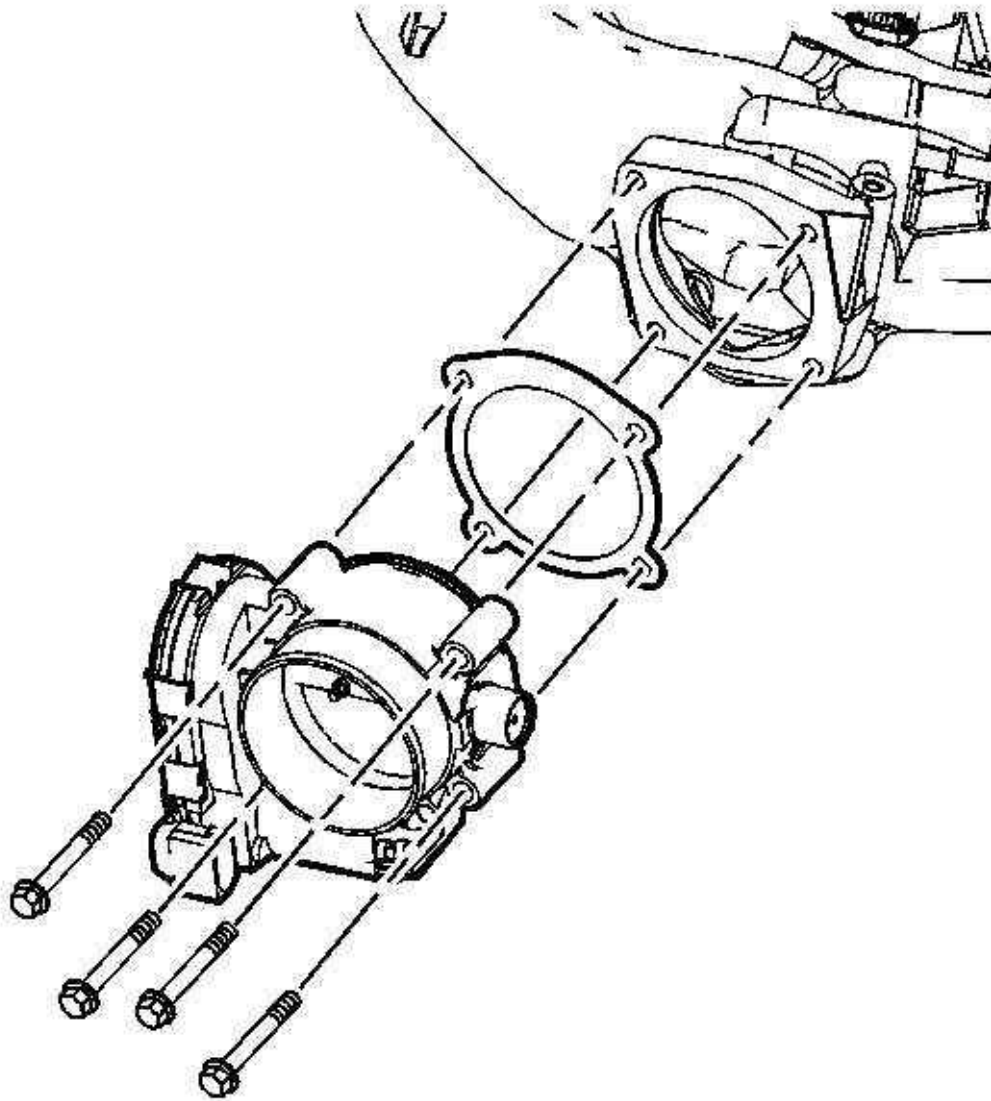


Fig. 240: Locating Throttle Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the throttle body bolts.
4. Remove the throttle body.
5. Remove and discard the throttle body gasket.

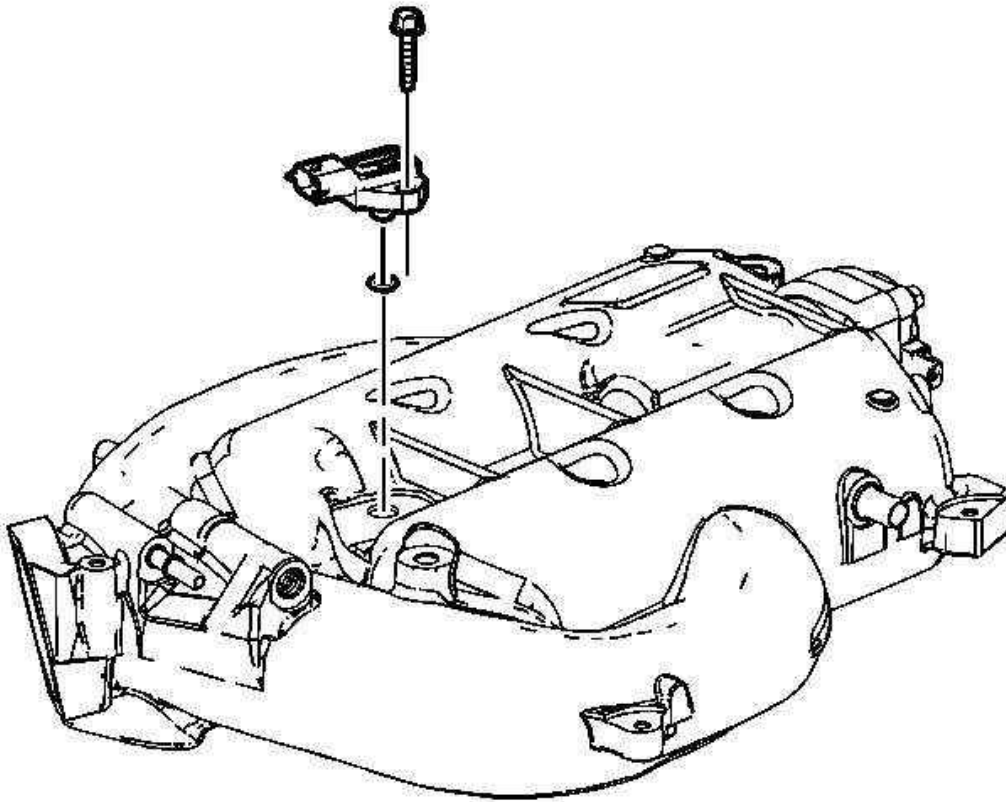


Fig. 241: Identifying Barometric Pressure (BARO) Sensor Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

6. Remove the barometric pressure (BARO) sensor bolt.
7. Remove the BARO sensor.

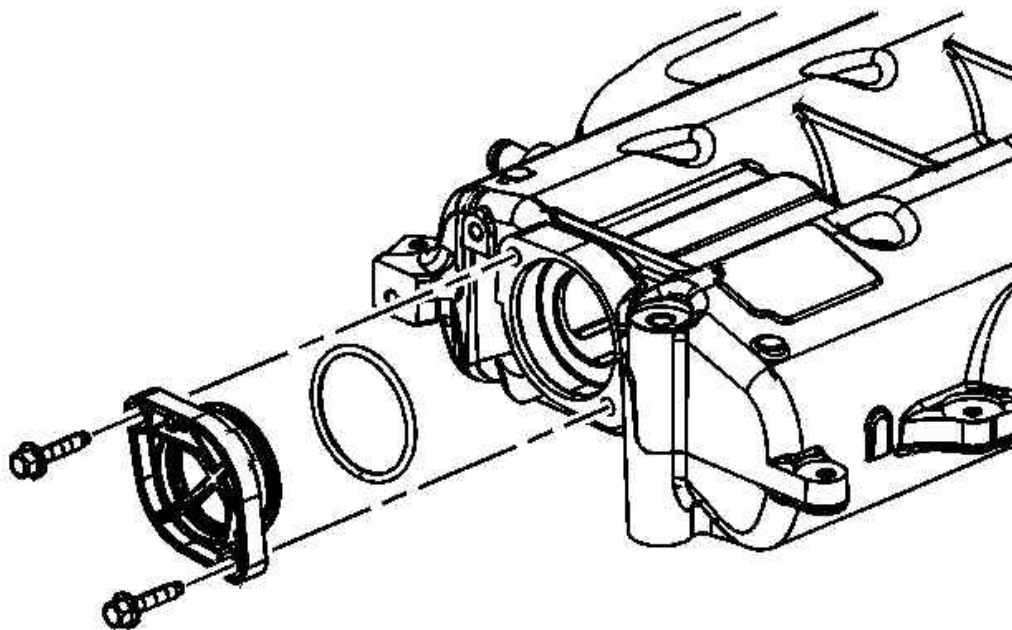


Fig. 242: View Of Intake Manifold Opening Cover Bolts
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8. Remove the intake manifold opening cover bolts.
9. Remove the intake manifold opening cover.

Lower Intake Manifold Disassemble Procedure

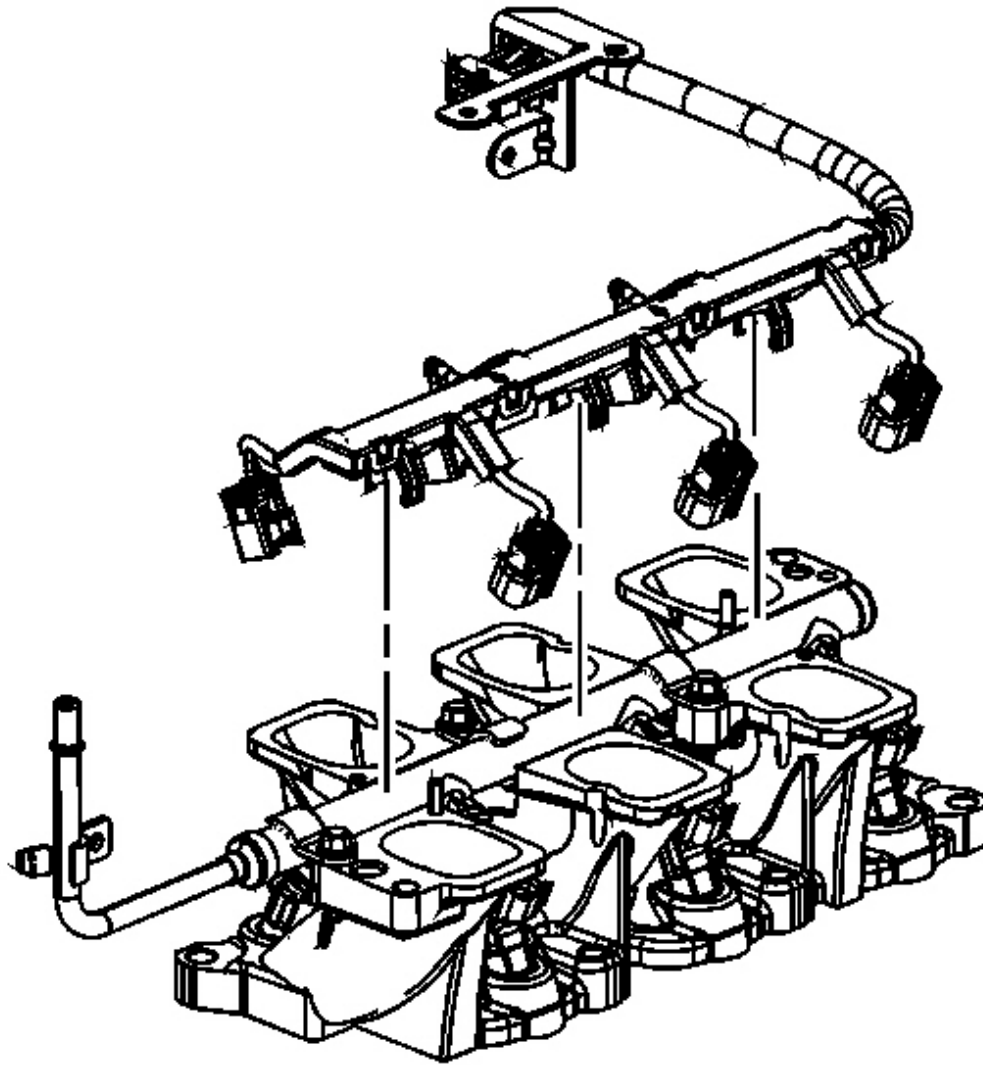


Fig. 243: View Of Fuel Injector Harness
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove the fuel injector wiring harness.

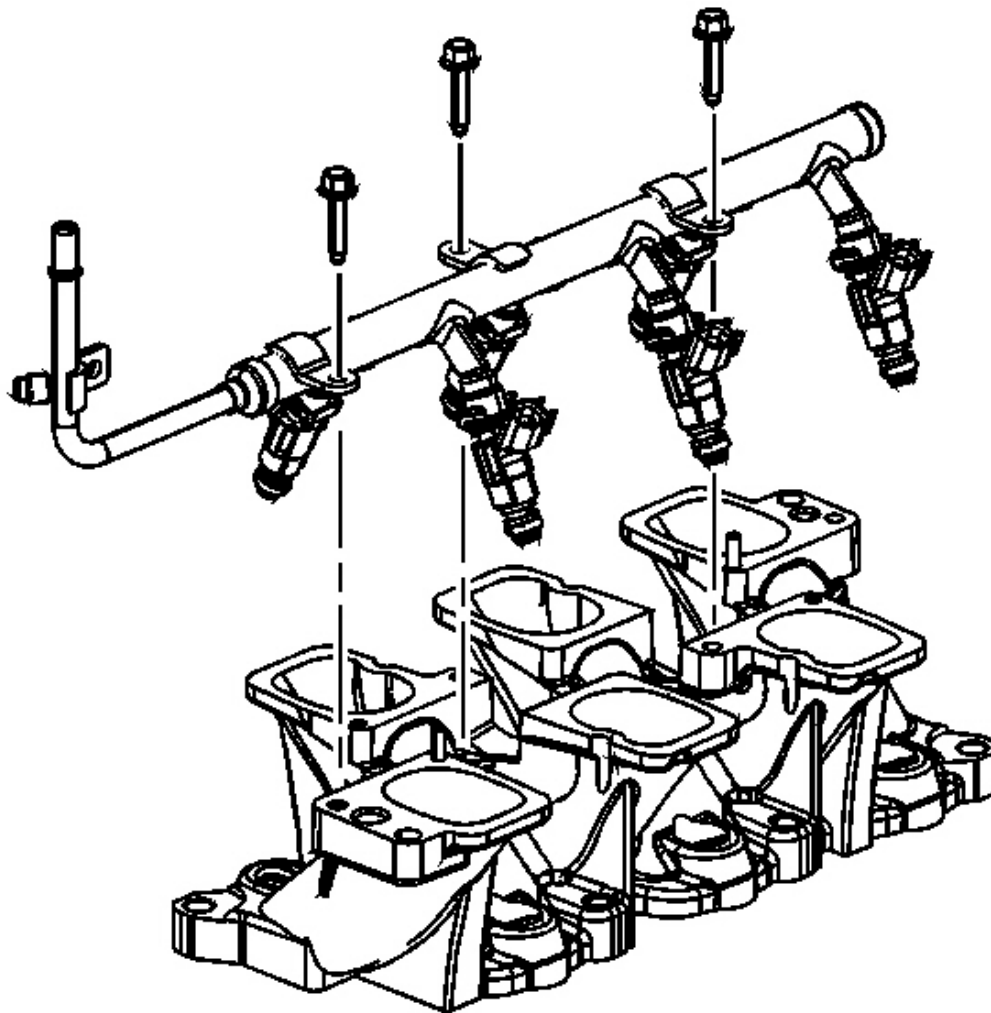


Fig. 244: View Of Fuel Injector Rail Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the fuel injector rail bolts.
3. Remove the fuel injector rail.

INTAKE MANIFOLD CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Upper Intake Manifold Cleaning Procedure

1. Remove any remaining gasket and/or gasket material from the following:
 - Throttle body
 - Intake manifold
2. Clean the following intake manifold areas in solvent.
 - Intake manifold gasket sealing areas
 - Intake manifold passages
 - Brake booster hose passage
 - Evaporative emission (EVAP) solenoid passage
 - Positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) vacuum hose passages
 - Barometric pressure (BARO) sensor passage

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

3. Dry the upper intake manifold and throttle body with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

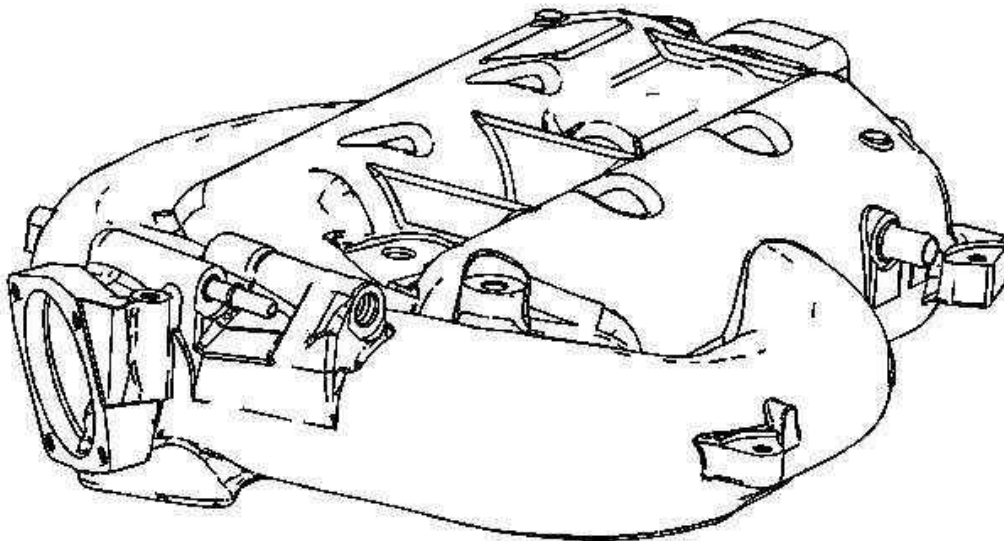


Fig. 245: View Of Upper Intake Manifold
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the upper intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the BARO sensor mounting port
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the brake vacuum booster hose port
 - Damage to the throttle body bolt holes
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the PCV system hose ports

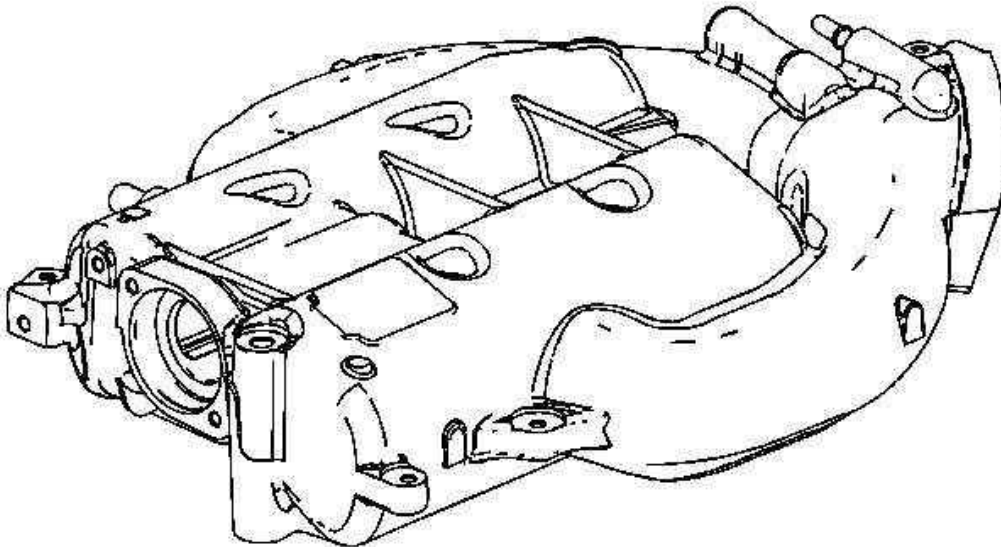


Fig. 246: Checking Upper Intake Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the upper intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the intake manifold bolt bosses
 - Damage to the EVAP purge solenoid mounting boss
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the EVAP purge solenoid port
 - Damage, debris or restrictions in the vacuum passage

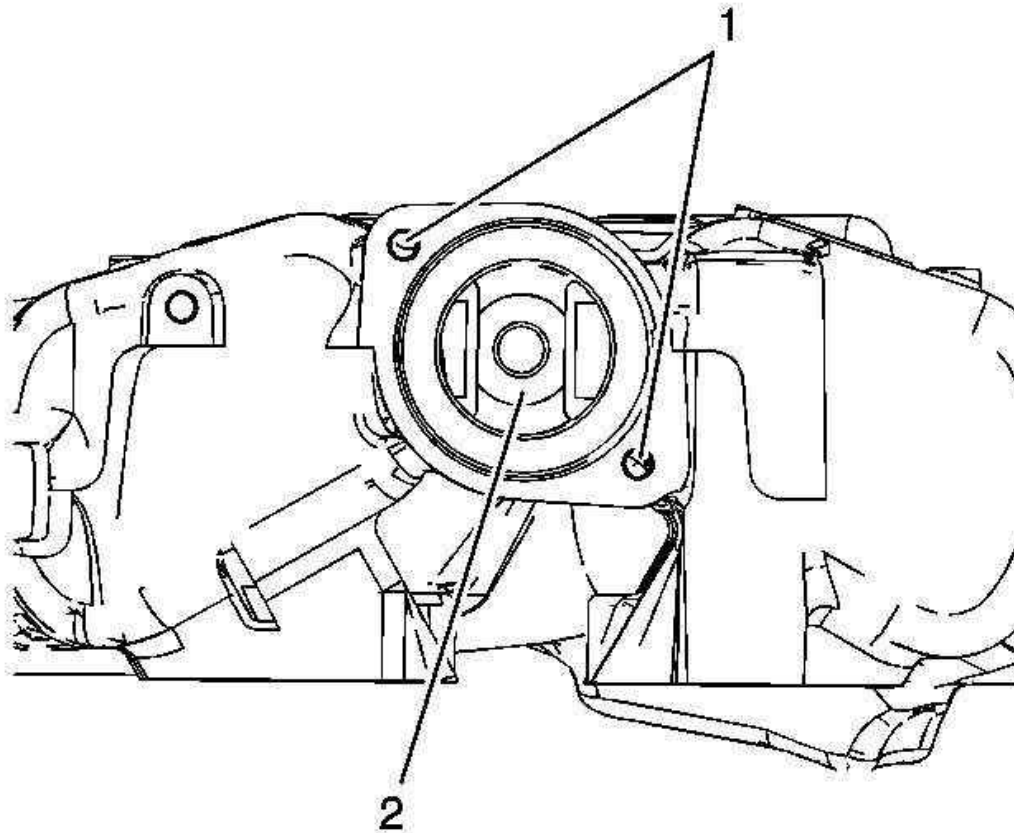


Fig. 247: Inspecting Upper Intake Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Inspect the upper intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Damage to the intake manifold opening cover mounting bosses (1)
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the intake manifold opening cover port (2)
 - Damage to the intake manifold opening cover components

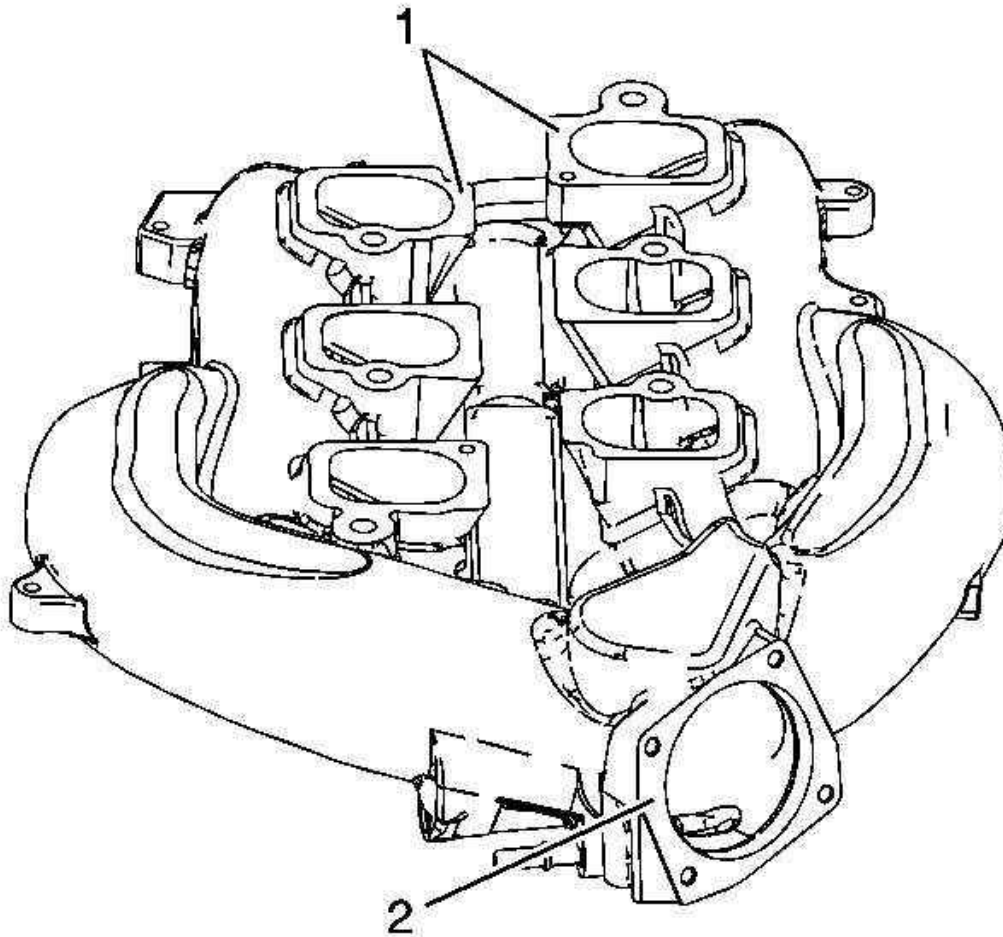


Fig. 248: Inspecting Upper Intake Manifold For Gouges
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Inspect the upper intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Gouges or damage to the upper intake manifold sealing surfaces (1)
 - Damage to the gasket sealing surface (2) for the throttle body

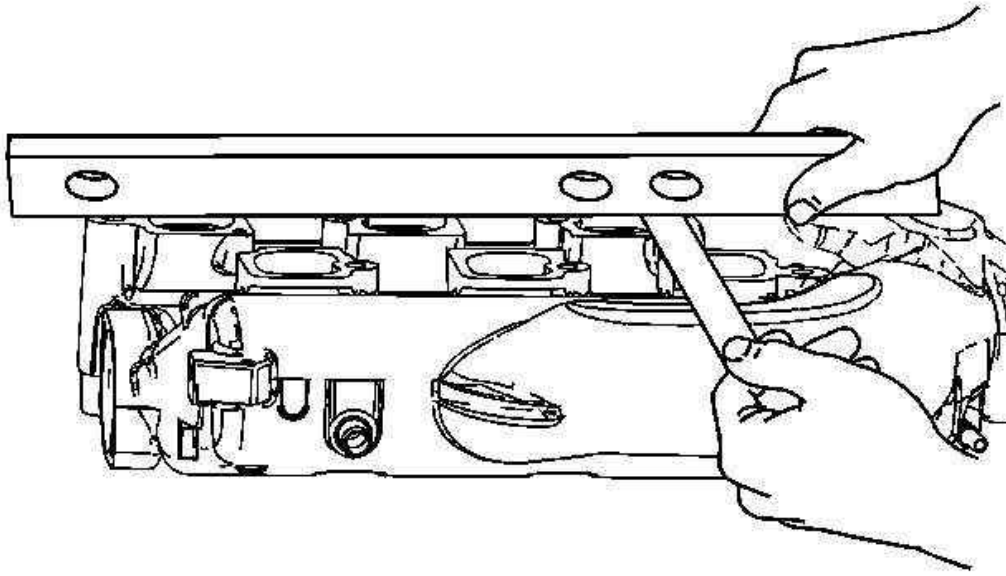


Fig. 249: Measuring Upper Intake Manifold Sealing Surface For Warpage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Inspect the upper intake manifold sealing surface for warpage.
 1. Locate a straight edge across the upper-to-lower intake manifold sealing surface.
 2. Insert a feeler gage between the upper intake manifold and the straight edge. An upper intake manifold with warpage in excess of 0.50 mm (0.020 in) must be replaced.
6. Repair or replace the upper intake manifold as necessary.

Lower Intake Manifold Cleaning Procedure

1. Remove any remaining gasket and/or gasket material from the following:
 - Upper-to-lower intake manifold sealing surface
 - Cylinder head-to-lower intake manifold sealing surface
2. Clean the following intake manifold areas in solvent.
 - Intake manifold gasket sealing surfaces

- Intake manifold passages

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

3. Dry the intake manifold with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

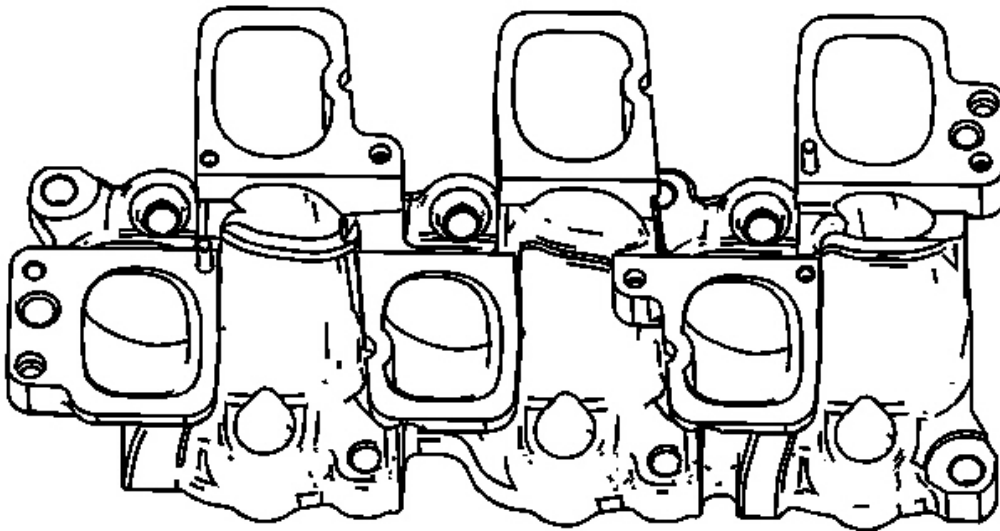


Fig. 250: Inspecting Lower Intake Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the lower intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Damage, debris or restrictions to the lower intake manifold ports
 - Damage to the fuel rail mounting bolt holes
 - Damage to the fuel rail

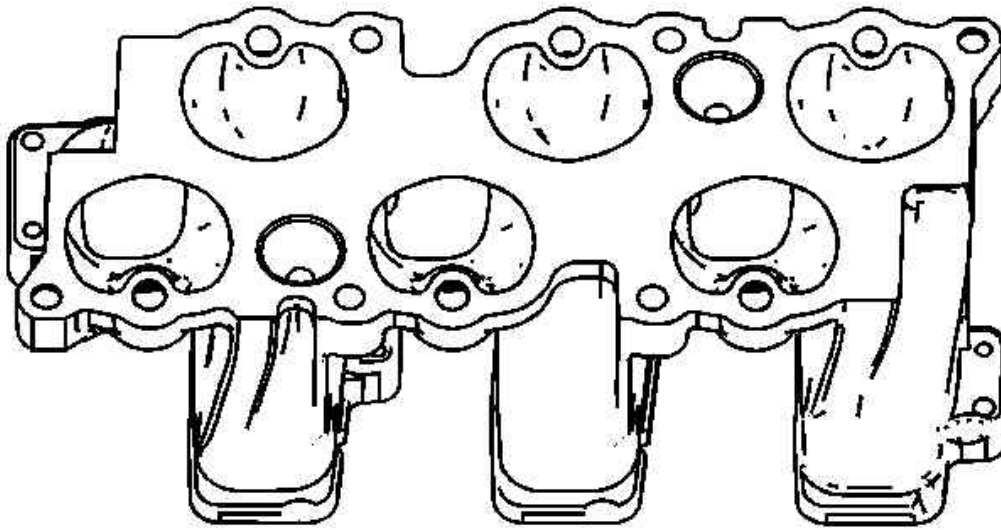


Fig. 251: Checking Lower Intake Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the lower intake manifold for the following conditions:
 - Gouges or damage to the intake manifold sealing surfaces
 - Damage to the lower intake manifold bolt bosses
 - Damage to the fuel injector ports

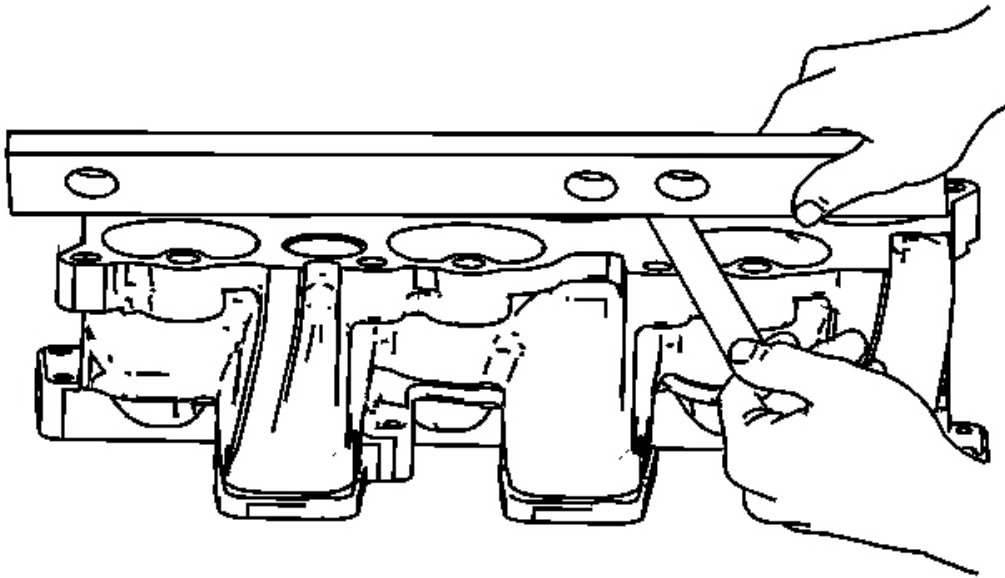


Fig. 252: Measuring Lower Intake Manifold For Warpage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Inspect the lower intake manifold sealing surfaces for warpage.
 1. Locate a straight edge across the lower intake manifold sealing surfaces.
 2. Insert a feeler gage between the lower intake manifold and the straight edge. A lower intake manifold with warpage in excess of 0.5 mm (0.020 in) must be replaced.
4. Repair or replace the lower intake manifold as necessary.

INTAKE MANIFOLD ASSEMBLE

Lower Intake Manifold Assemble Procedure

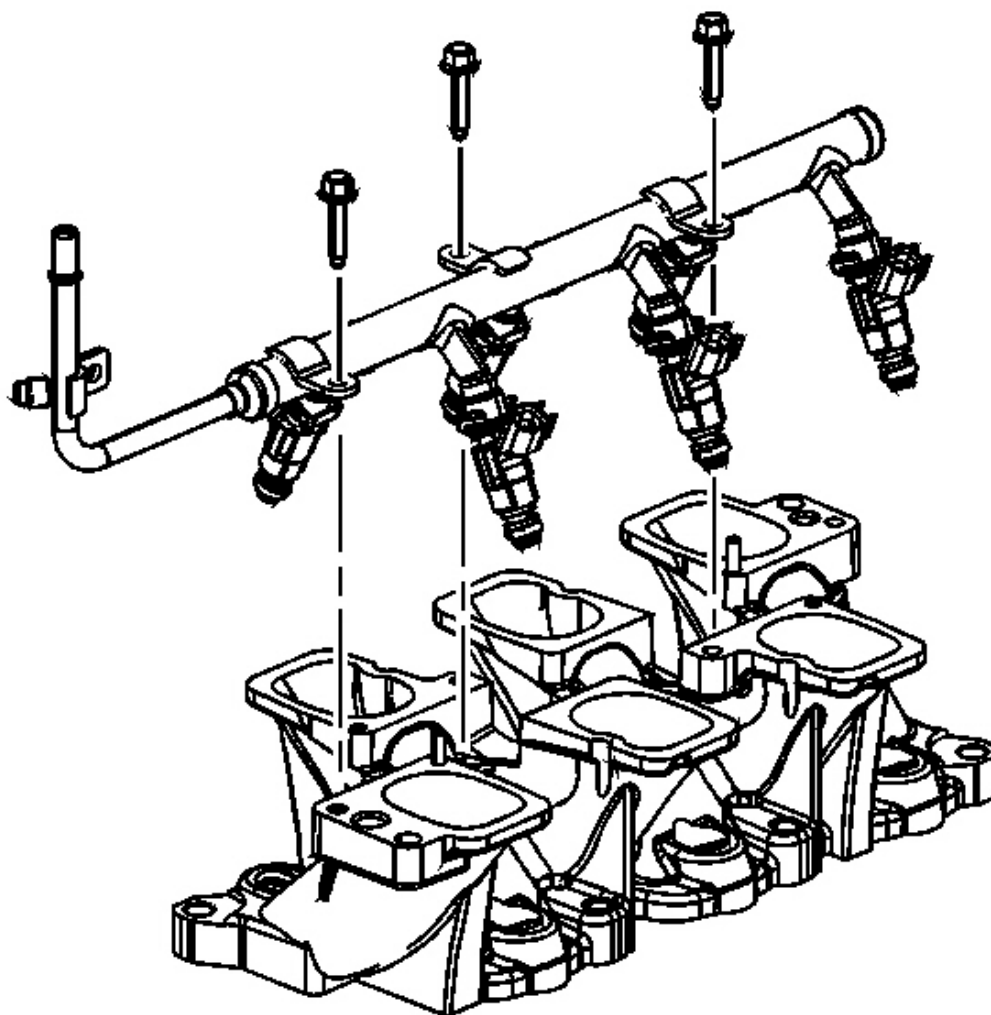


Fig. 253: View Of Fuel Injector Rail Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the fuel injector rail.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

2. Install the fuel injector rail bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the fuel injector rail bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

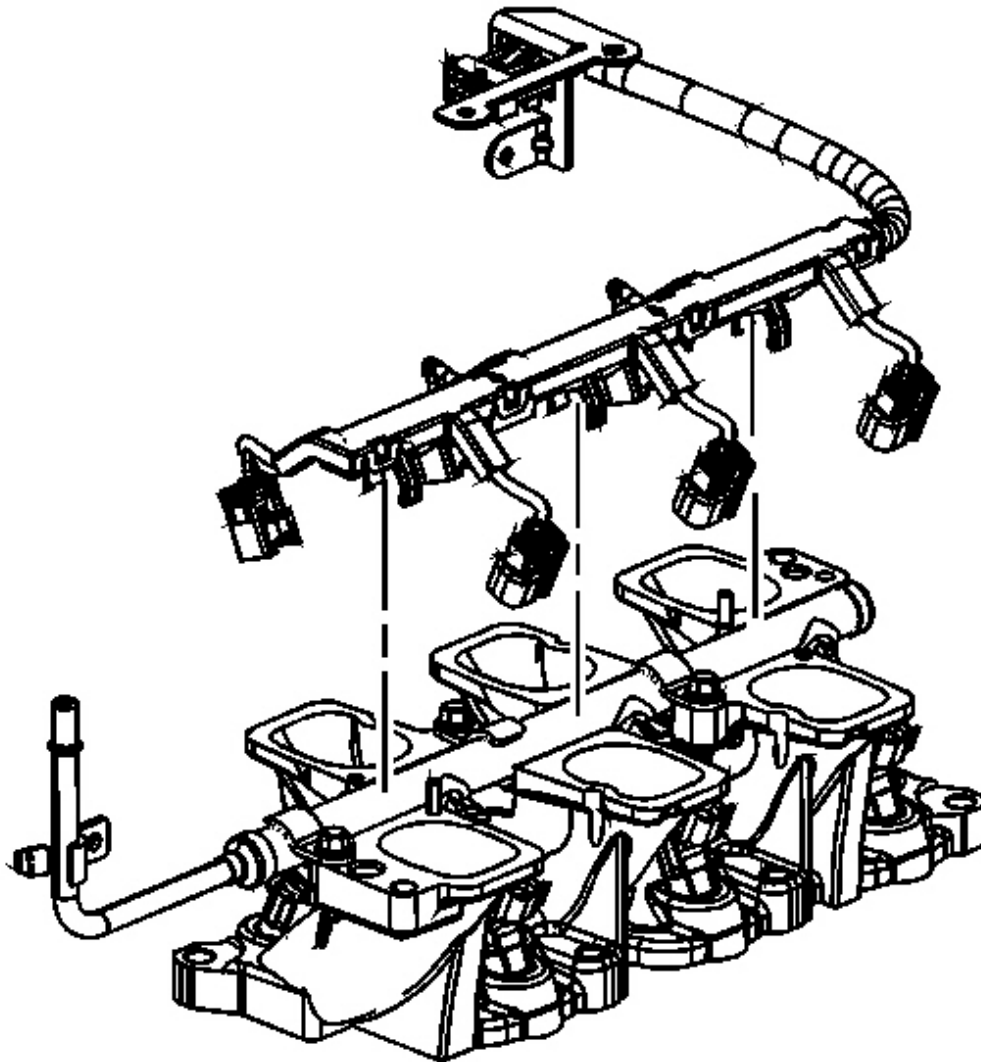


Fig. 254: View Of Fuel Injector Harness
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the fuel injector wiring harness connector.

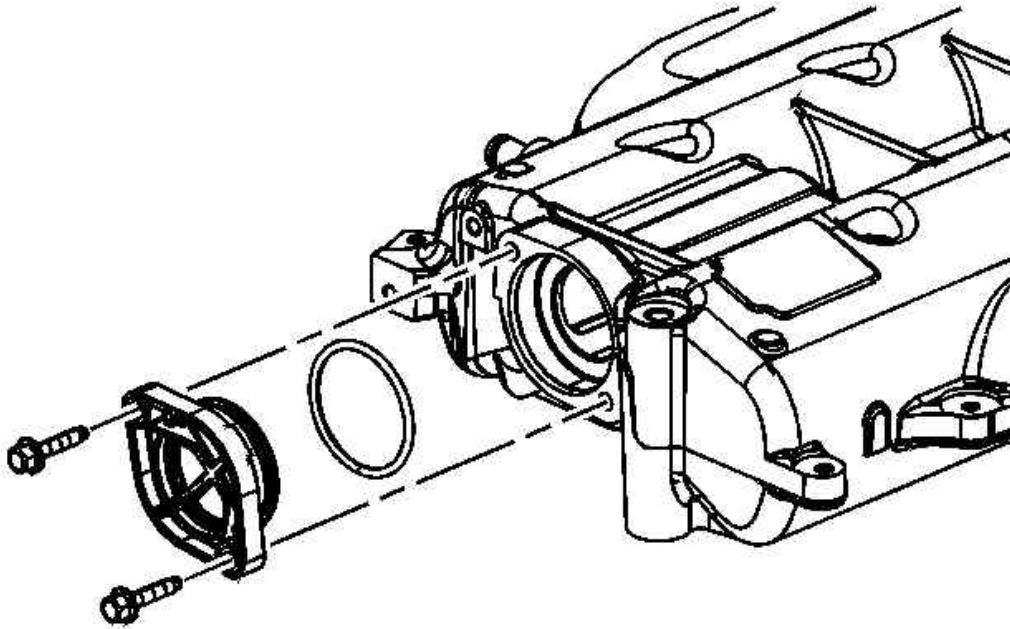


Fig. 255: View Of Intake Manifold Opening Cover Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the intake manifold opening cover.
2. Install the intake manifold opening cover bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the intake manifold opening cover bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

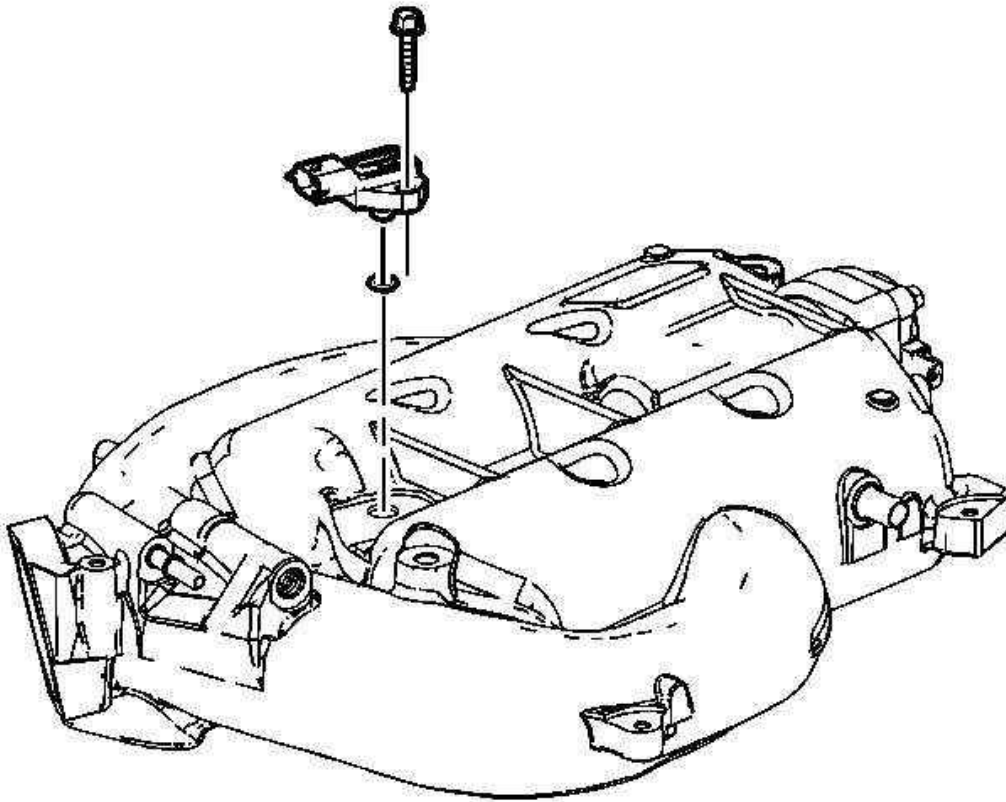


Fig. 256: Identifying Barometric Pressure (BARO) Sensor Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the barometric pressure (BARO) sensor.
4. Install the BARO sensor bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the BARO sensor bolt to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

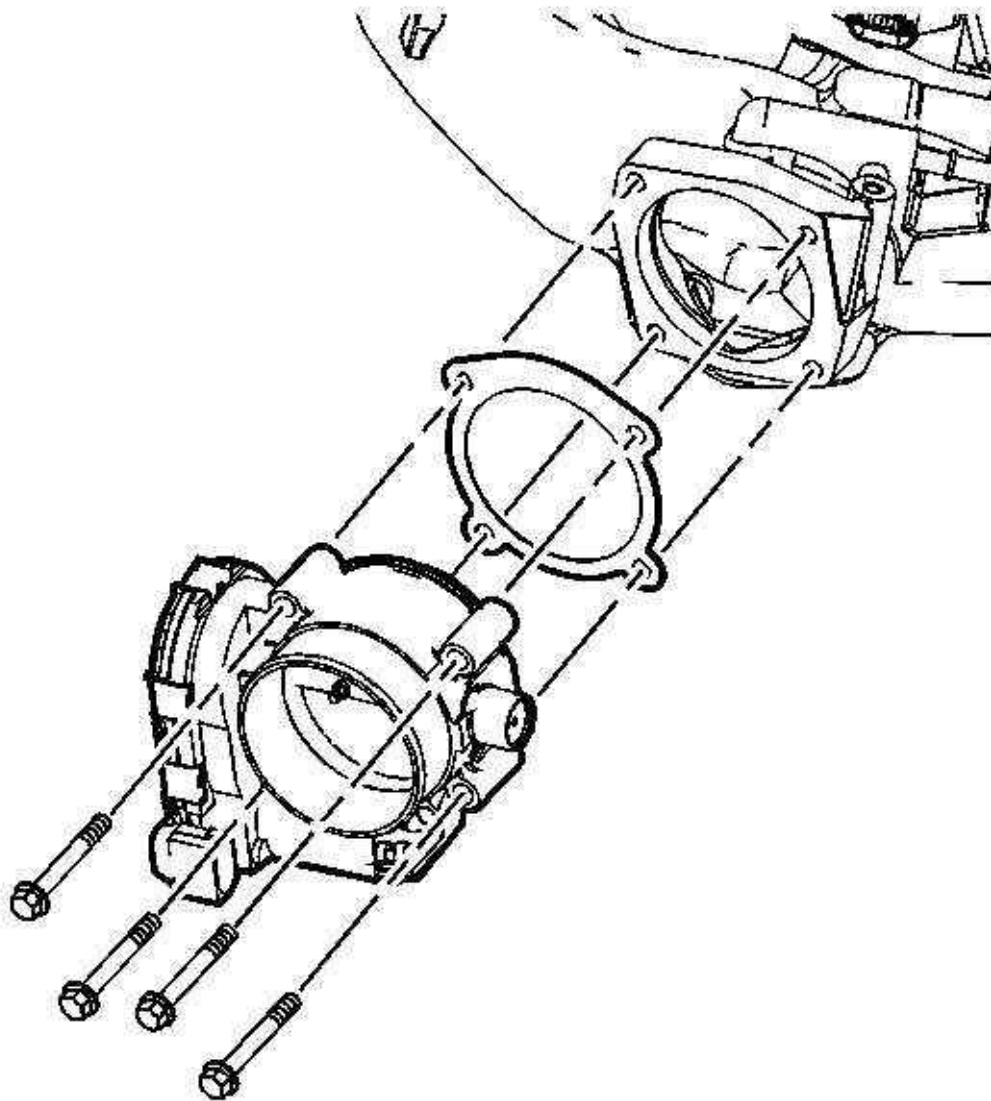


Fig. 257: Locating Throttle Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Install the NEW throttle body gasket.
6. Install the throttle body.
7. Install the throttle body bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the throttle body bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

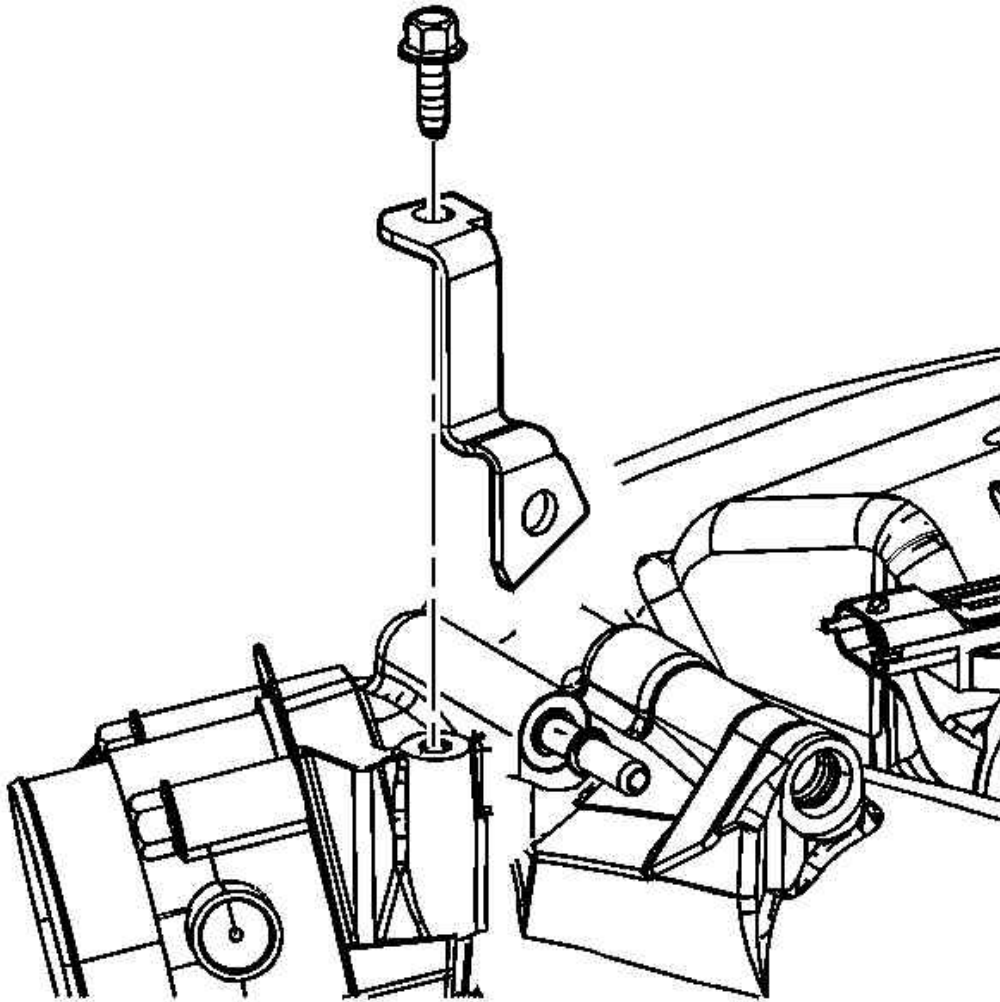


Fig. 258: View Of Fuel Rail Support Bracket & Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

8. Install the fuel rail support bracket.
9. Install the fuel rail support bracket bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the fuel rail support bracket bolt to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

Upper to Lower Intake Manifold Assemble Procedure

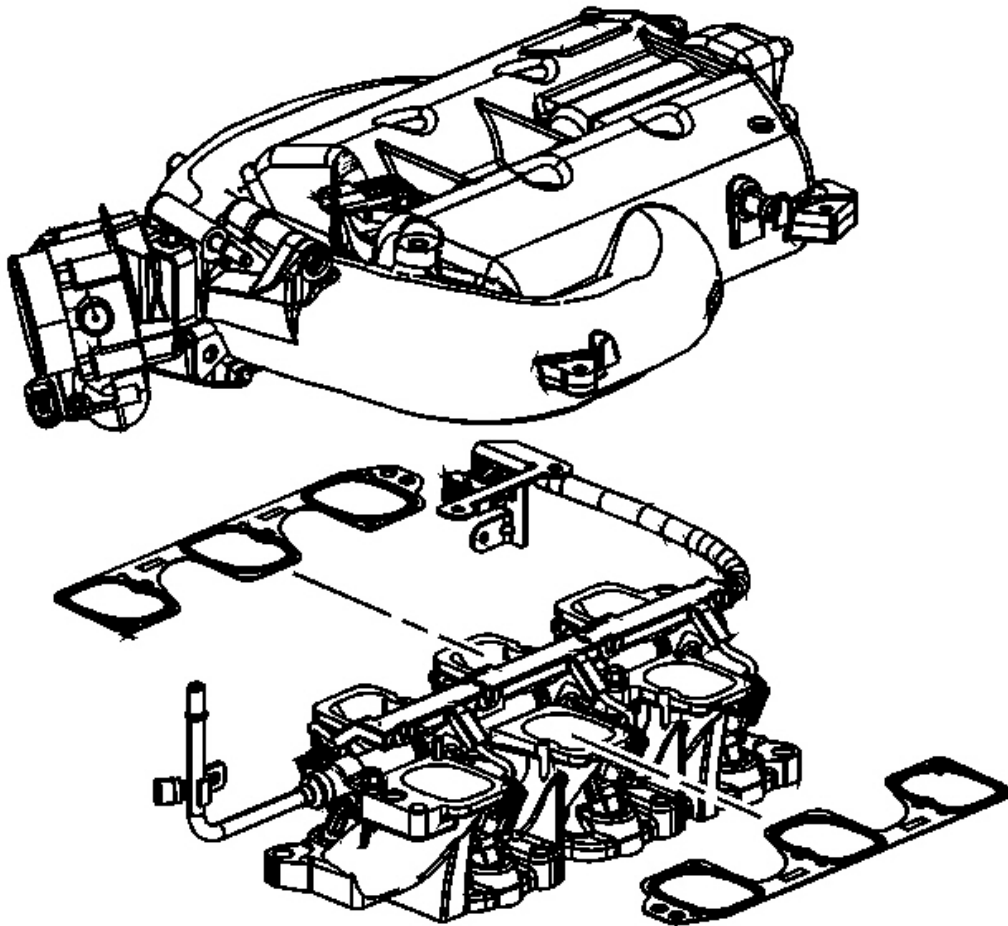


Fig. 259: View Of Upper-To-Lower Intake Manifold Gaskets
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not reuse the upper-to-lower intake manifold gasket and the intake manifold-to-cylinder head sealing gaskets.

1. Install the NEW upper-to-lower intake manifold gaskets.

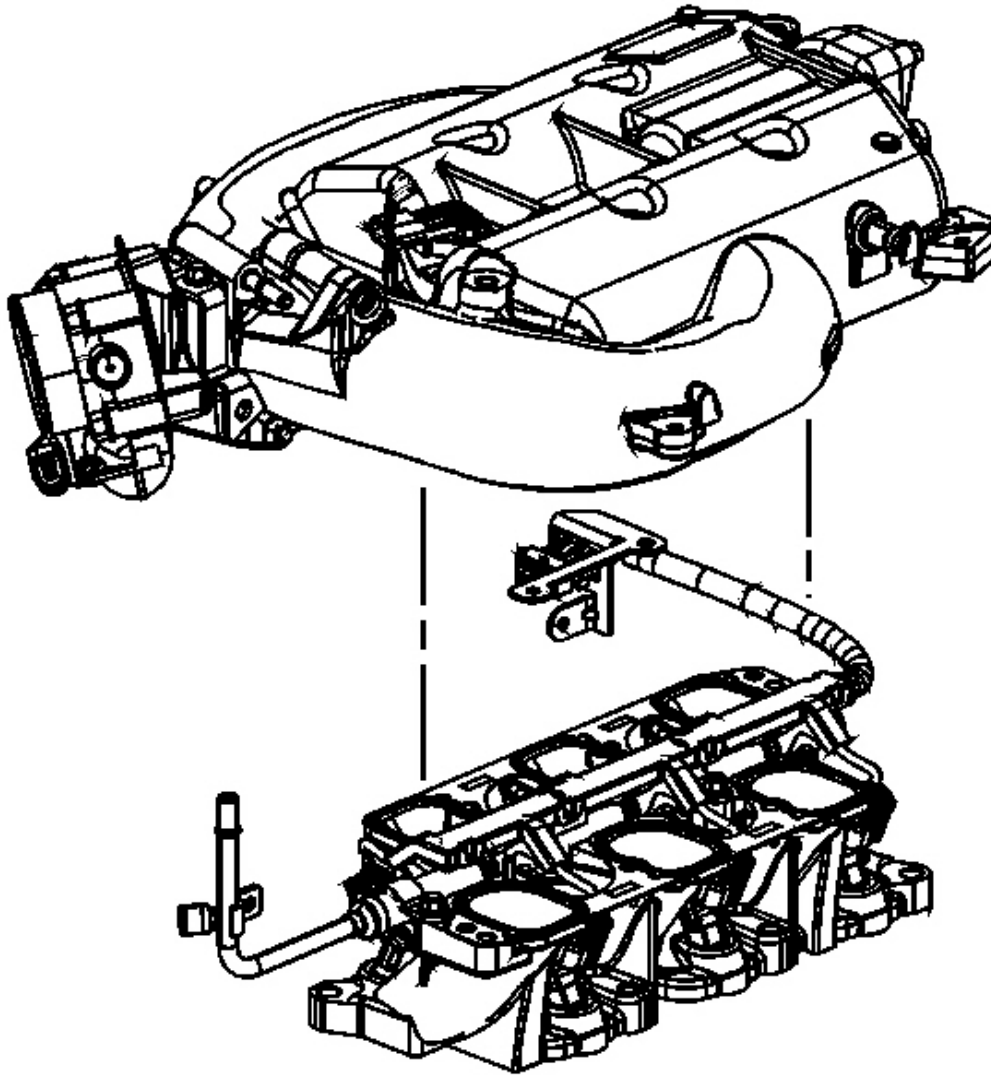


Fig. 260: View Of Upper Intake Manifold & Lower Intake Manifold
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2. Install the upper intake manifold to the lower intake manifold.

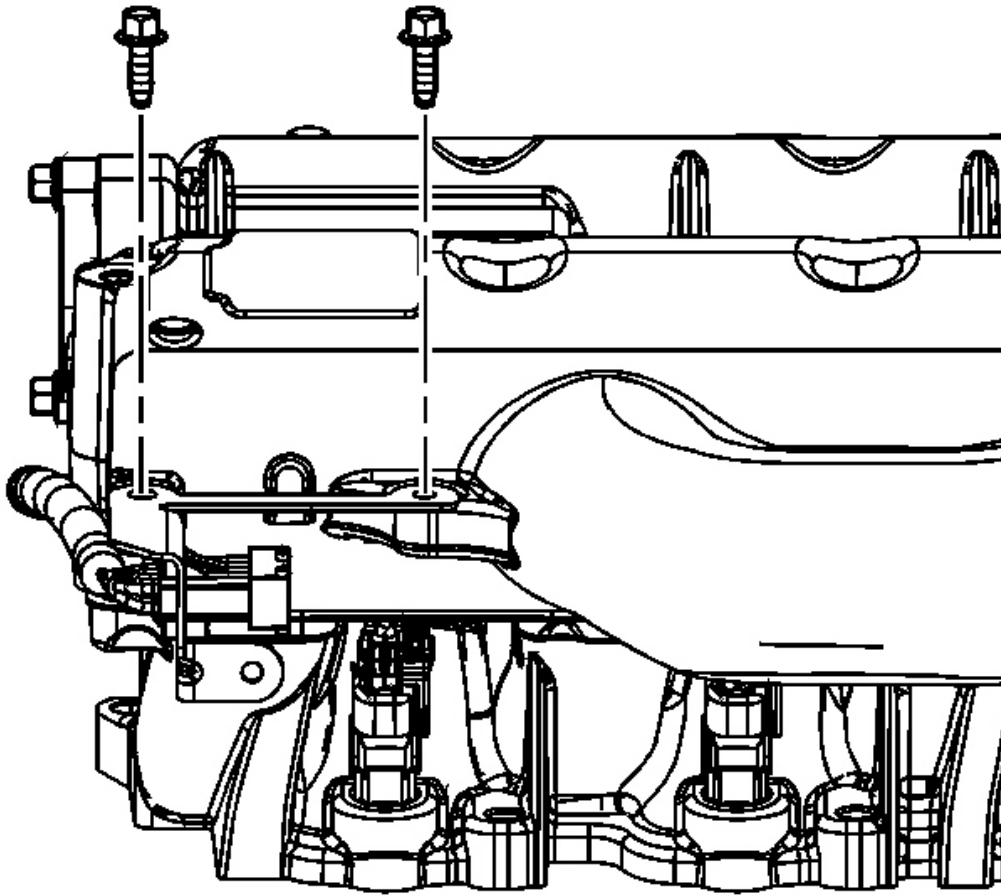


Fig. 261: View Of Fuel Injector Wiring Harness & Bracket Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the fuel injector wiring harness bracket bolts to the upper intake manifold.

Tighten: Tighten the fuel injector wiring harness bracket bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

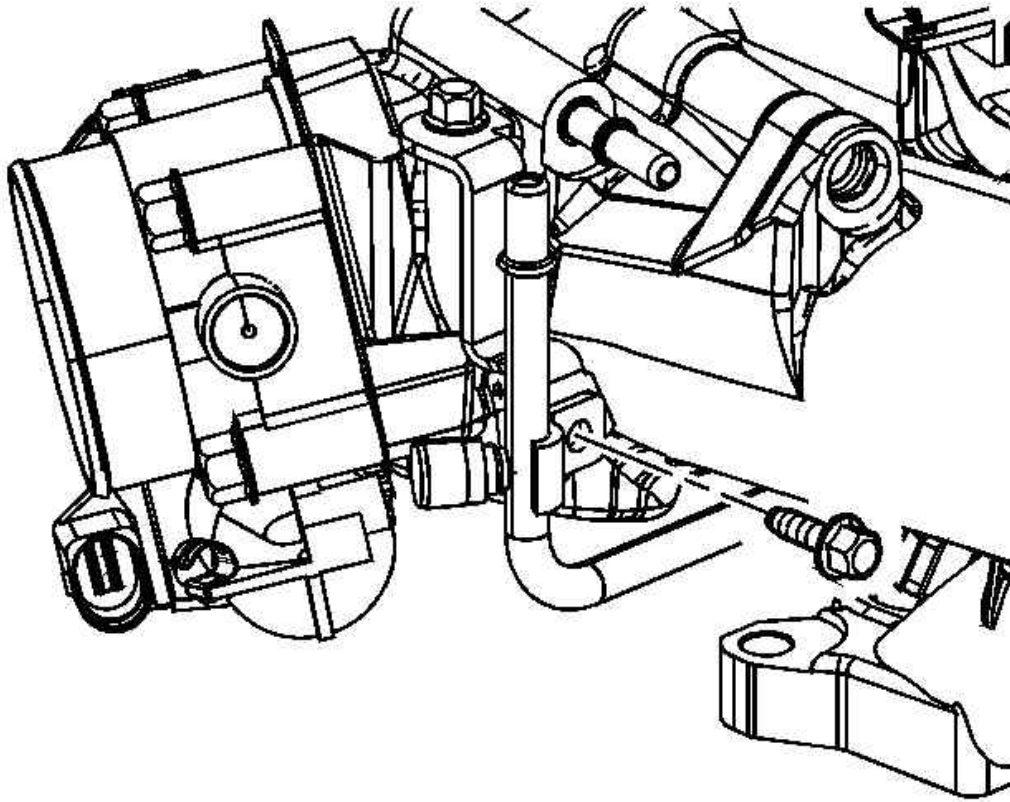


Fig. 262: Identifying Fuel Rail Feed Hose Bracket Bolts
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4. Install the fuel rail feed hose bracket bolt to the upper intake manifold.

Tighten: Tighten the fuel rail feed hose bracket bolt to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

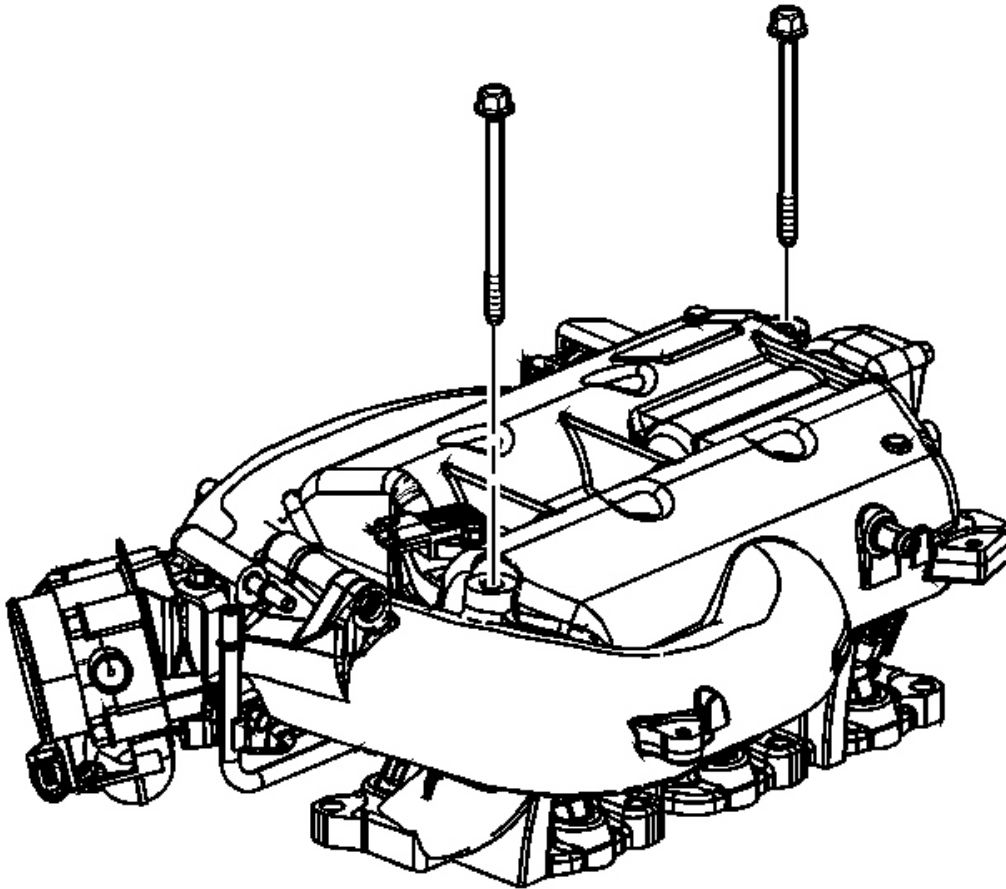


Fig. 263: Identifying Upper-To-Lower Intake Manifold Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Install the upper-to-lower intake manifold bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the upper-to-lower intake manifold bolts to 23 N.m (17 lb ft).

EXHAUST MANIFOLD CLEANING AND INSPECTION - LEFT SIDE

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the exhaust manifold in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the exhaust manifold with compressed air.

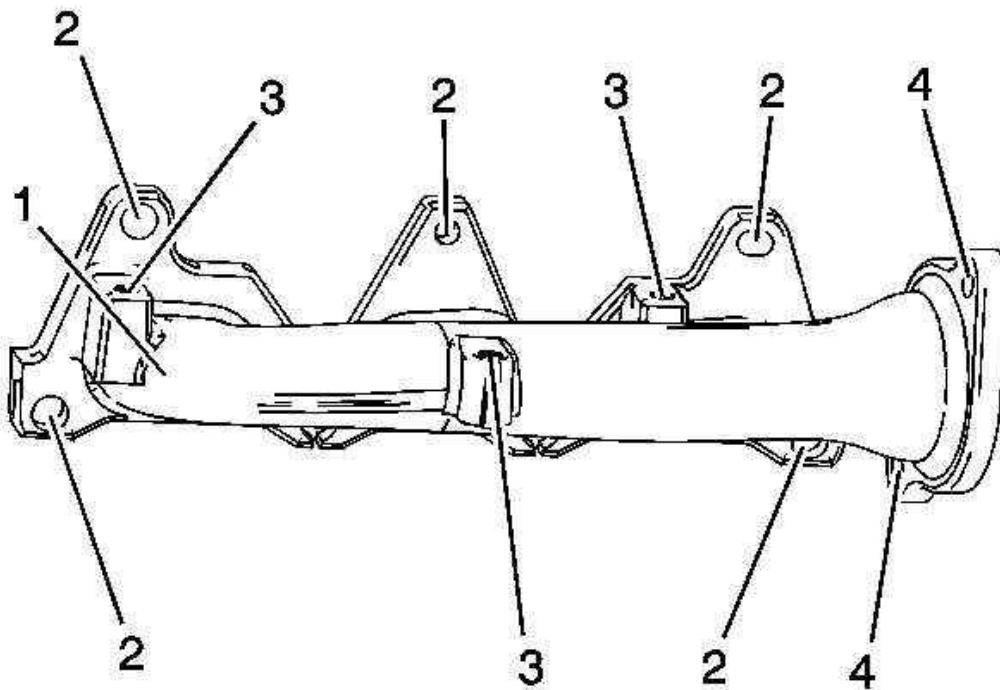
Inspection Procedure

Fig. 264: Inspecting Left Exhaust Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the left exhaust manifold for the following:
 - Damage or excessive corrosion to the exhaust manifold exterior (1)
 - Damage to the exhaust manifold mounting holes (2)
 - Damage to the threaded holes (3) for the heat shield
 - Damage to the exhaust manifold flange bolt holes (4)

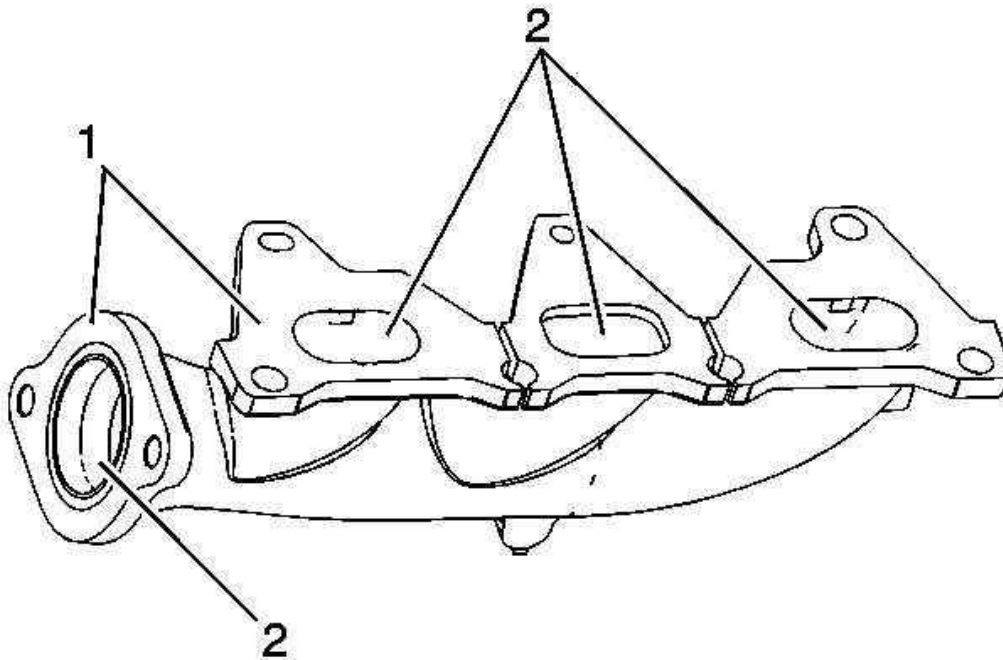


Fig. 265: Checking Left Exhaust Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the left exhaust manifold for the following:
 - Damage to the gasket sealing surfaces (1)
 - Damage or restrictions within the exhaust passages (2)
3. Repair or replace the left exhaust manifold and/or components as necessary.

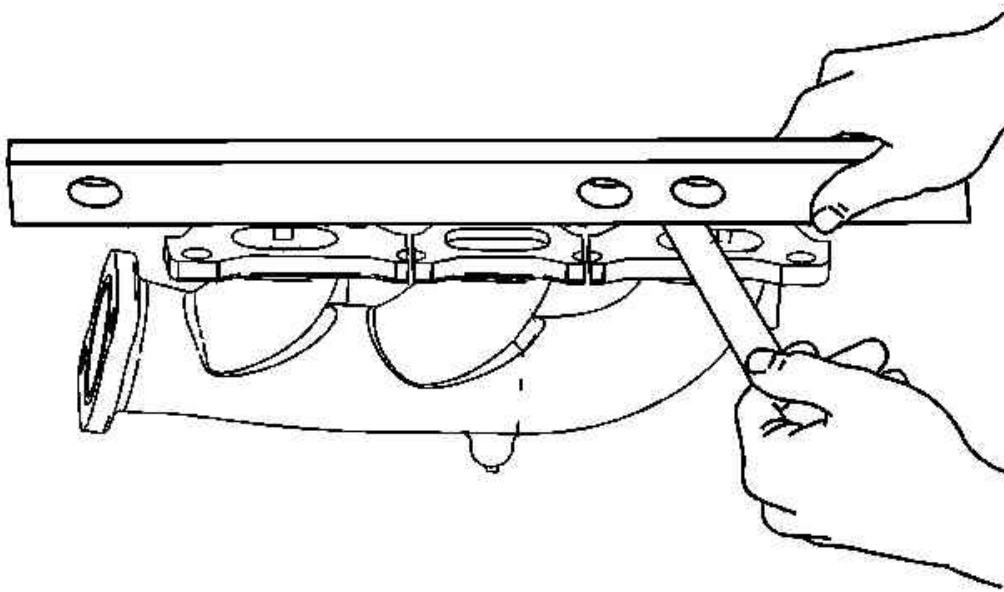


Fig. 266: Measuring Exhaust Manifold Flange Surface Flatness
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Measure the alignment or surface flatness of the exhaust manifold flanges, using a straight edge and a feeler gage. Exhaust manifold surface flatness must not exceed 0.254 mm (0.010 in).
5. If the surface flatness is not within specifications, the exhaust manifold is warped and must be replaced.

EXHAUST MANIFOLD CLEANING AND INSPECTION - RIGHT SIDE

Cleaning Procedure

1. Clean the exhaust manifold in solvent.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

2. Dry the exhaust manifold with compressed air.

Inspection Procedure

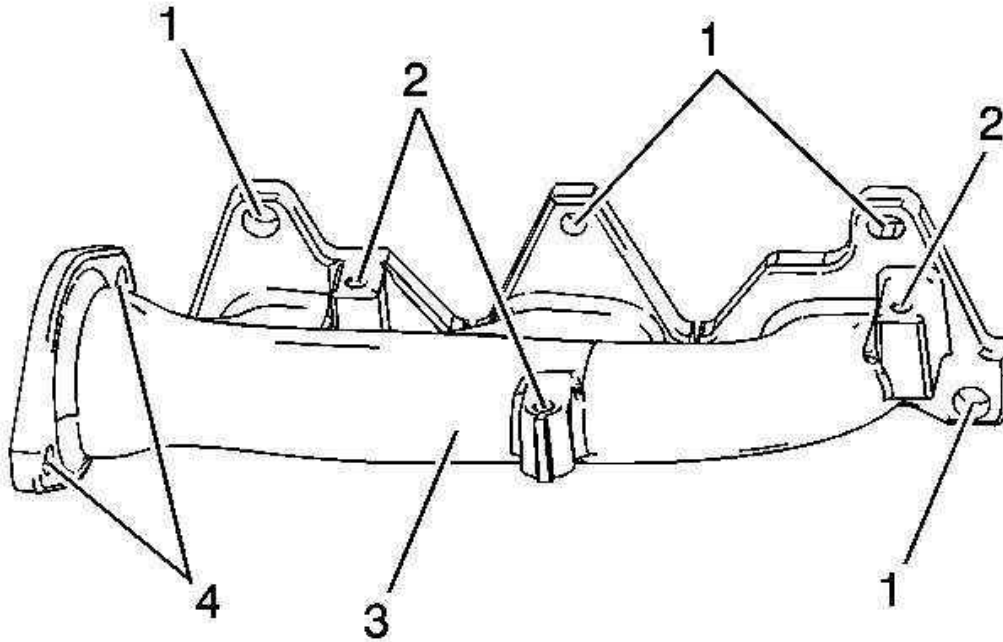


Fig. 267: Inspecting Right Exhaust Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Inspect the right exhaust manifold for the following:
 - Damage to the exhaust manifold mounting holes (1)
 - Damage to the threaded holes (2) for the heat shield
 - Damage or excessive corrosion to the exhaust manifold exterior (3)
 - Damage to the exhaust manifold flange bolt holes (4)

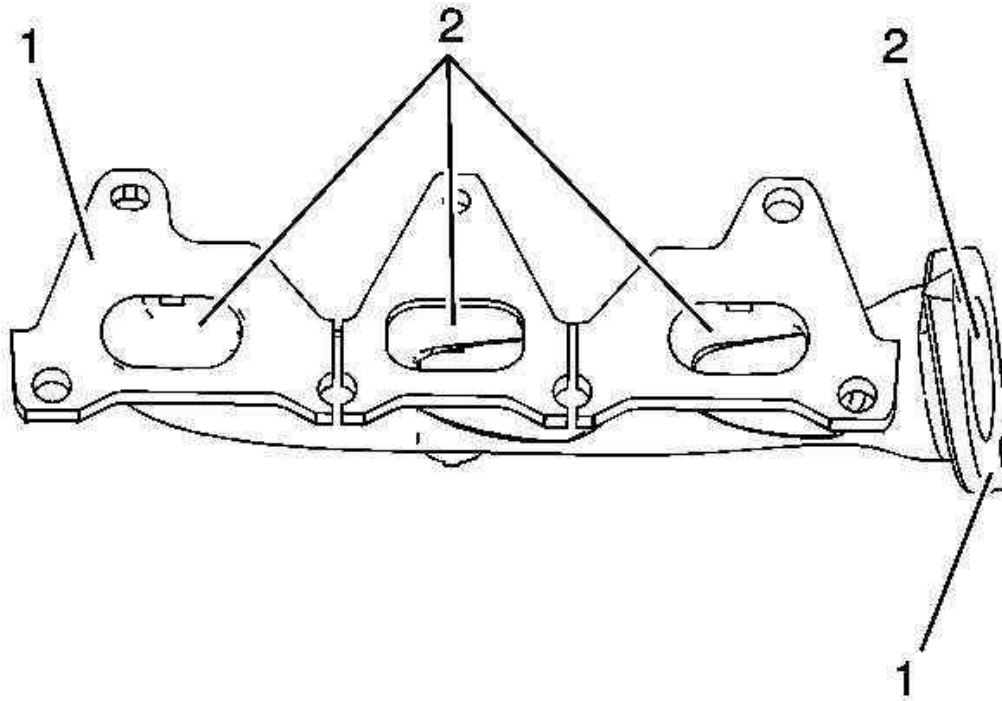


Fig. 268: Inspecting Right Exhaust Manifold For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Inspect the right exhaust manifold for the following:
 - Damage to the gasket sealing surfaces (1)
 - Damage or restrictions within the exhaust passages (2)
3. Repair or replace the right exhaust manifold and/or components as necessary.

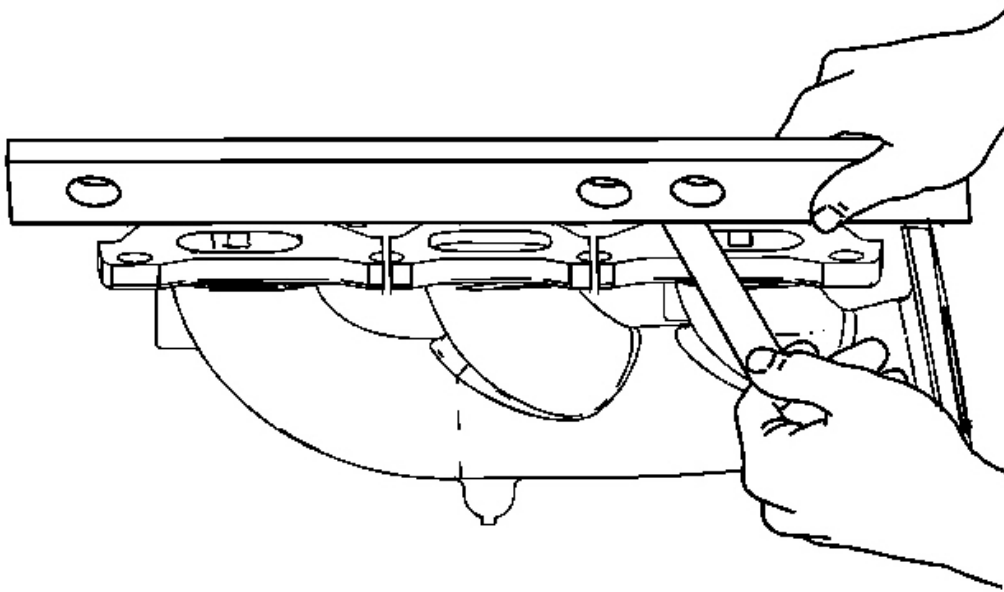


Fig. 269: Measuring Surface Flatness On Exhaust Manifold Flanges
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Measure the alignment or surface flatness of the exhaust manifold flanges, using a straight edge and a feeler gage. Exhaust manifold surface flatness must not exceed 0.254 mm (0.010 in).
5. If the surface flatness is not within specifications, the exhaust manifold is warped and must be replaced.

WATER PUMP CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Cleaning Procedure

NOTE: Do not immerse the water pump in solvent. The solvent may enter the water pump's permanently lubricated bearings and cause premature bearing failure.

1. Remove the old gasket material from the water pump sealing surfaces.
2. Clean all excess dirt and debris from the water pump housing.

Inspection Procedure

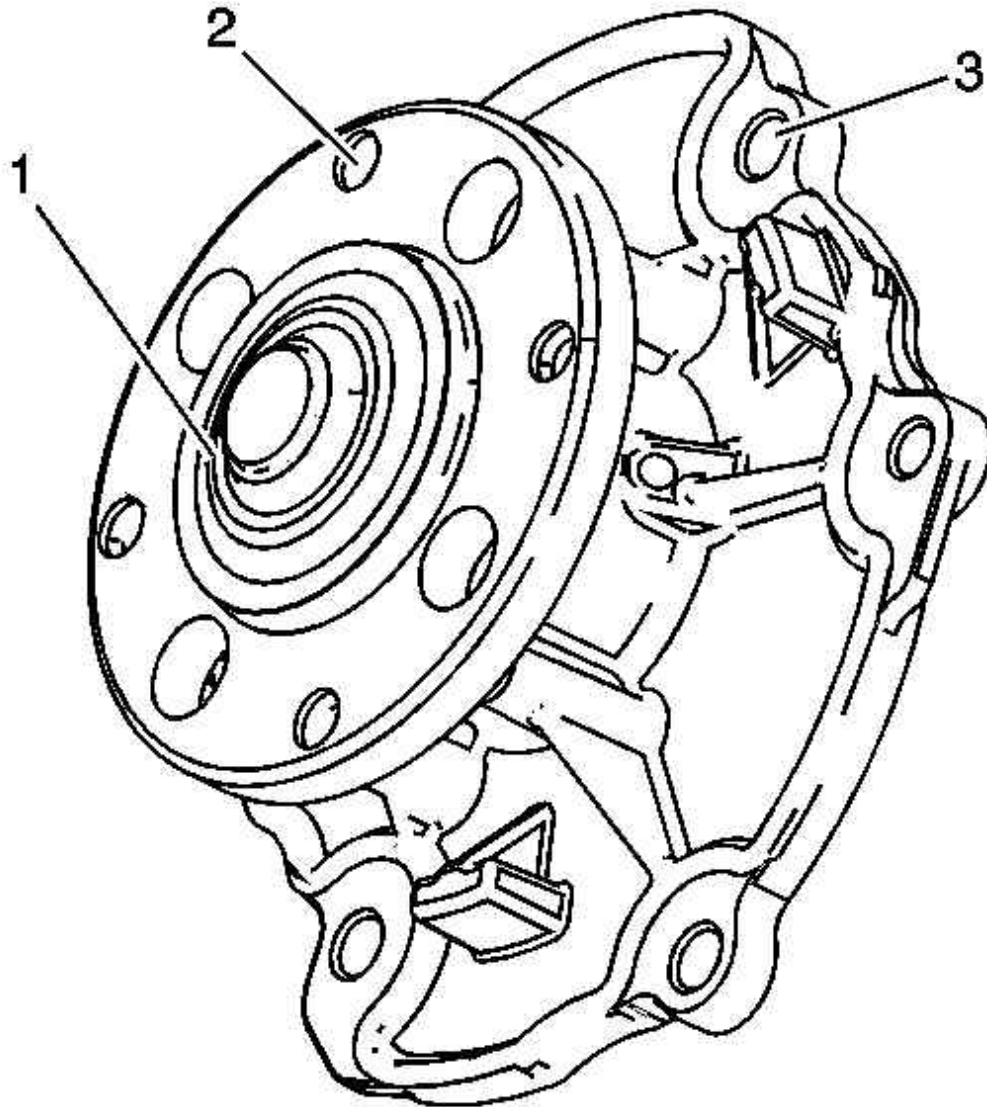


Fig. 270: Inspecting Water Pump & Hub
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Rotate the water pump hub (1). The water pump hub and impeller should turn straight and smoothly. If the hub wobbles, is noisy, or feels rough when

rotated, replace the water pump.

2. Inspect the exterior of the water pump for the following:
 - Damage to the water pump hub bolt threads (2) for the water pump pulley
 - Damage to the water pump bolt holes (3)

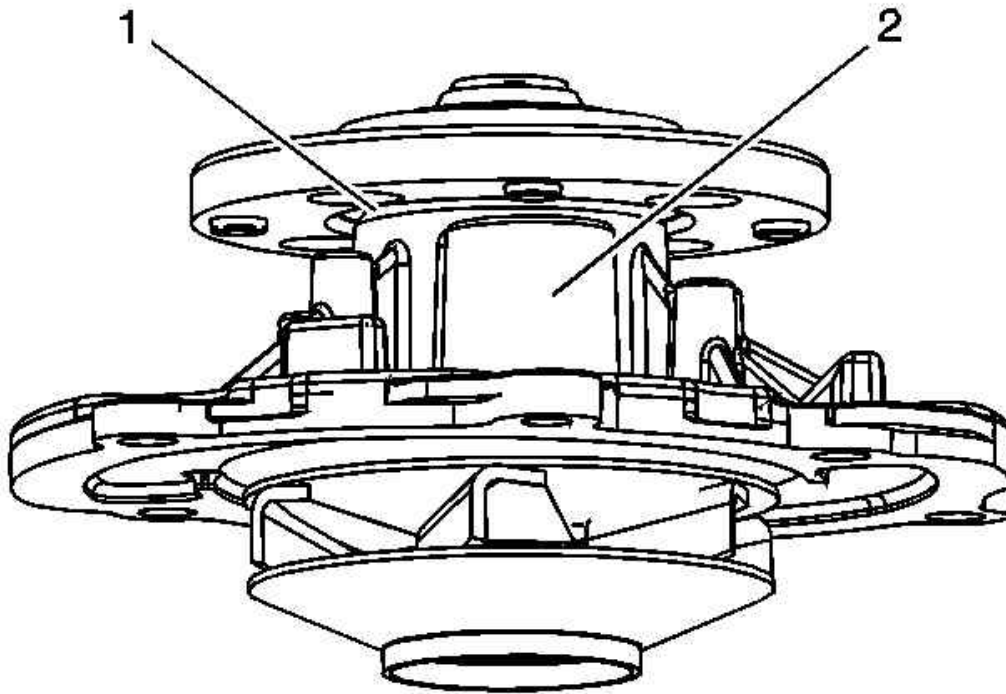


Fig. 271: Checking Water Pump Shaft & Weep Hole For Leakage
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3. Examine the water pump shaft (1) and the weep hole reservoir (2) in the water pump body for signs of leakage. If coolant leakage is evident, replace the water pump.

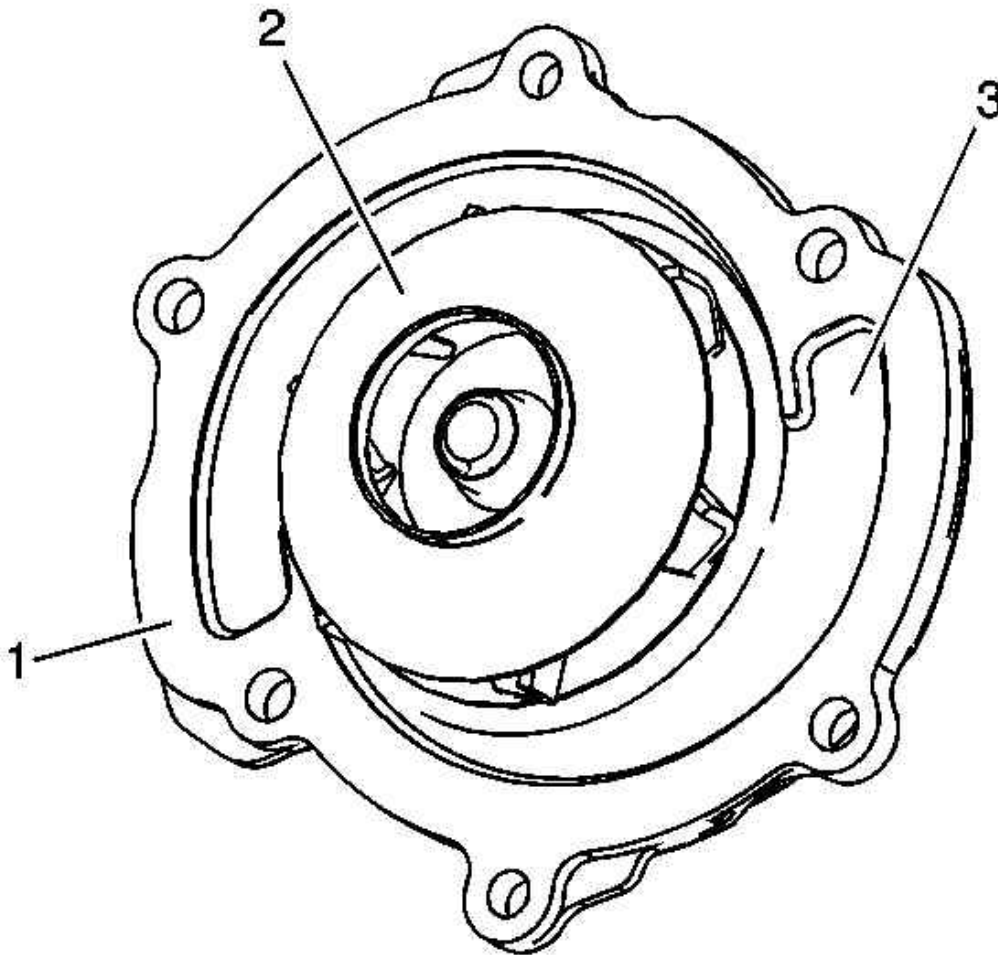


Fig. 272: Inspecting Interior Of Water Pump For Damage
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Inspect the interior of the water pump for the following:
 - Damage to the water pump gasket sealing surface (1)
 - Damage, corrosion or restrictions to the water pump impeller (2)
 - Damage, corrosion or restrictions to the coolant passages (3)
5. Repair or replace the water pump as necessary.

THREAD REPAIR

Tools Required

- **J 42385-700** High Feature Thread Repair Kit. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 42385-2000** Thread Insert Kit. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 43965** Thread Repair Extension Kit. See **Special Tools** .

The thread repair process involves a solid, thin walled, self-locking, carbon steel, bushing type insert. During the insert installation process, the installation driver tool cold-rolls the bottom internal threads and expands the bottom external threads of the insert into the base material. This action mechanically locks the insert into place.

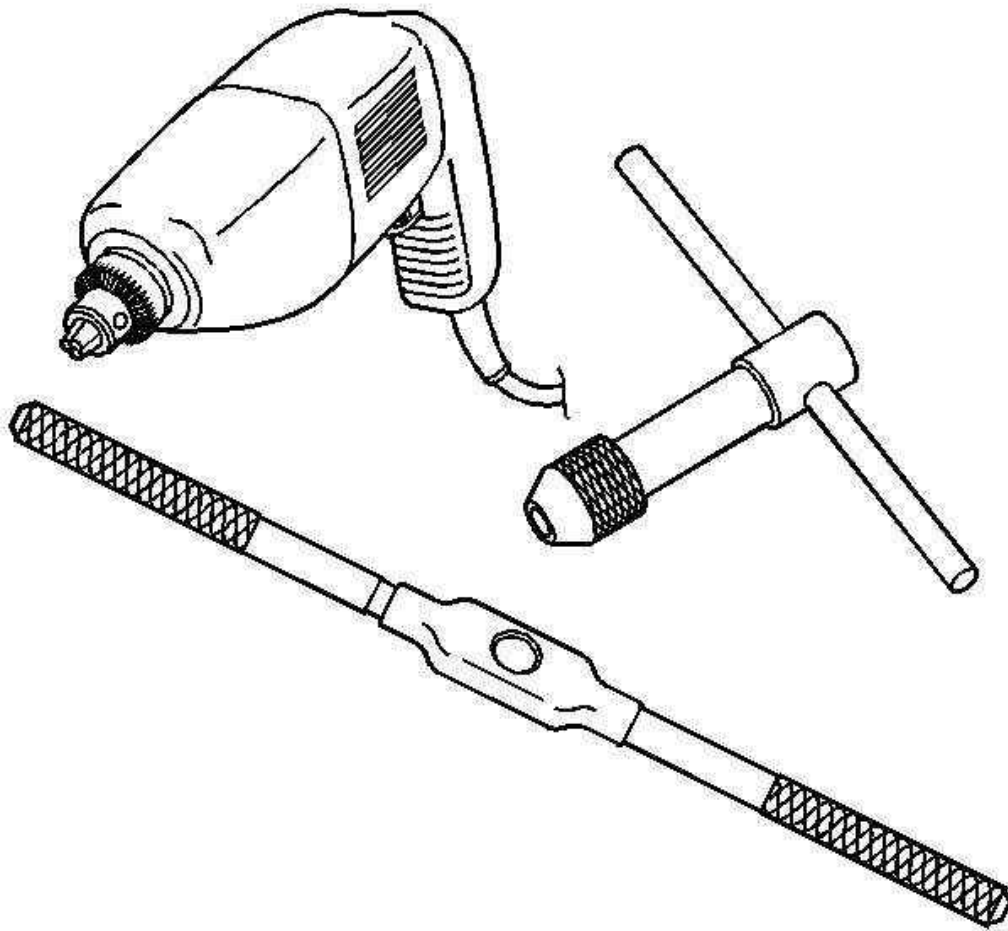


Fig. 273: View Of J 42385-400 Tool Kit
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

The drill bit and counter bore tool from the tool kit **J 42385-700** and **J 42385-2000** is designed for use with either a suitable tap wrench or drill motor. See **Special Tools** . Limited access and larger hole repair may process better using a tap wrench. An extension from kit **J 43965** may also be necessary to drive the thread repair tooling dependent on access to the hole being repaired. See **Special Tools** . Use only a tap wrench when tapping the hole and during installation of the insert.

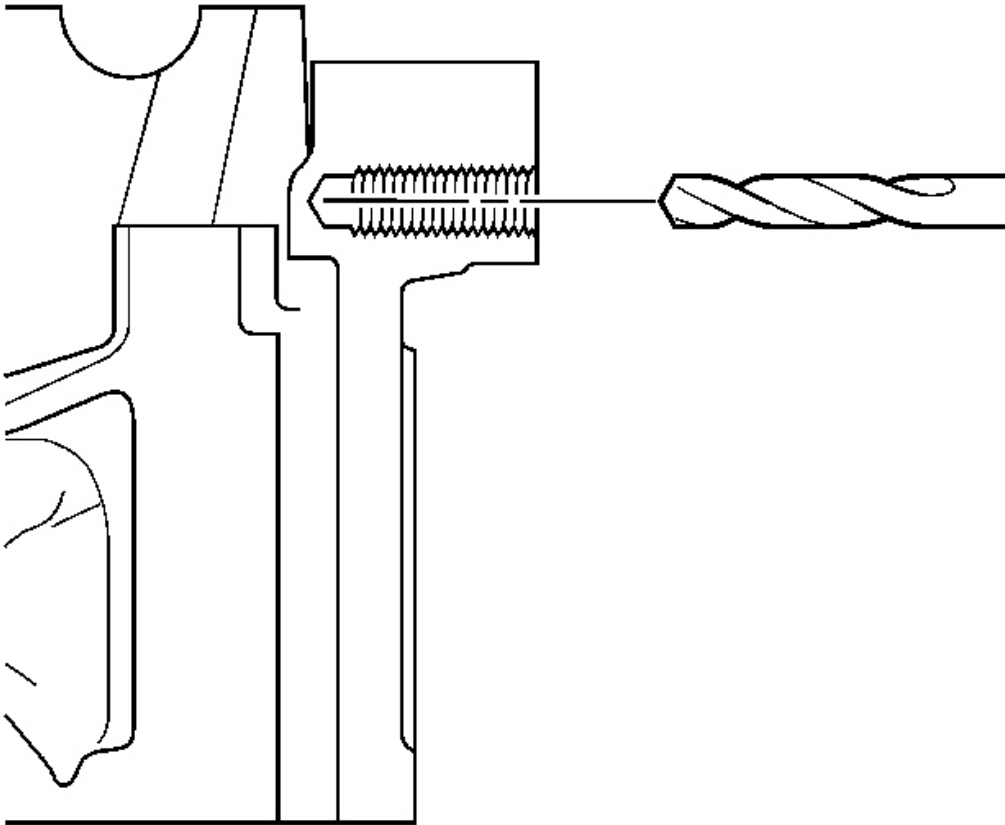


Fig. 274: View Of Drilled Hole On Centerline
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

It is critical that the drilling, counterboring and tapping of the hole to be repaired follows the same centerline as the original hole.

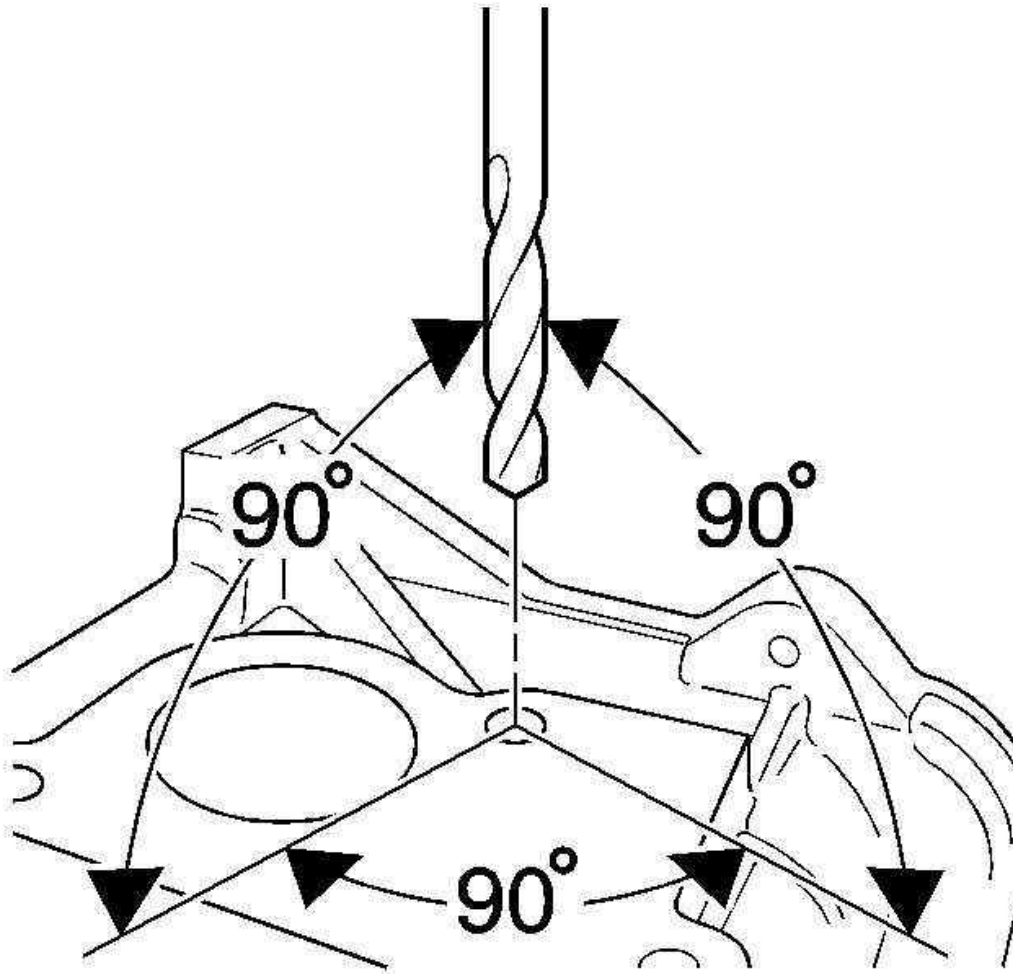


Fig. 275: Identifying Proper Drilling Angle
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

During the drilling and tapping of the hole being repaired ensure the tooling is consistently machining perpendicular to the surface of the base material.

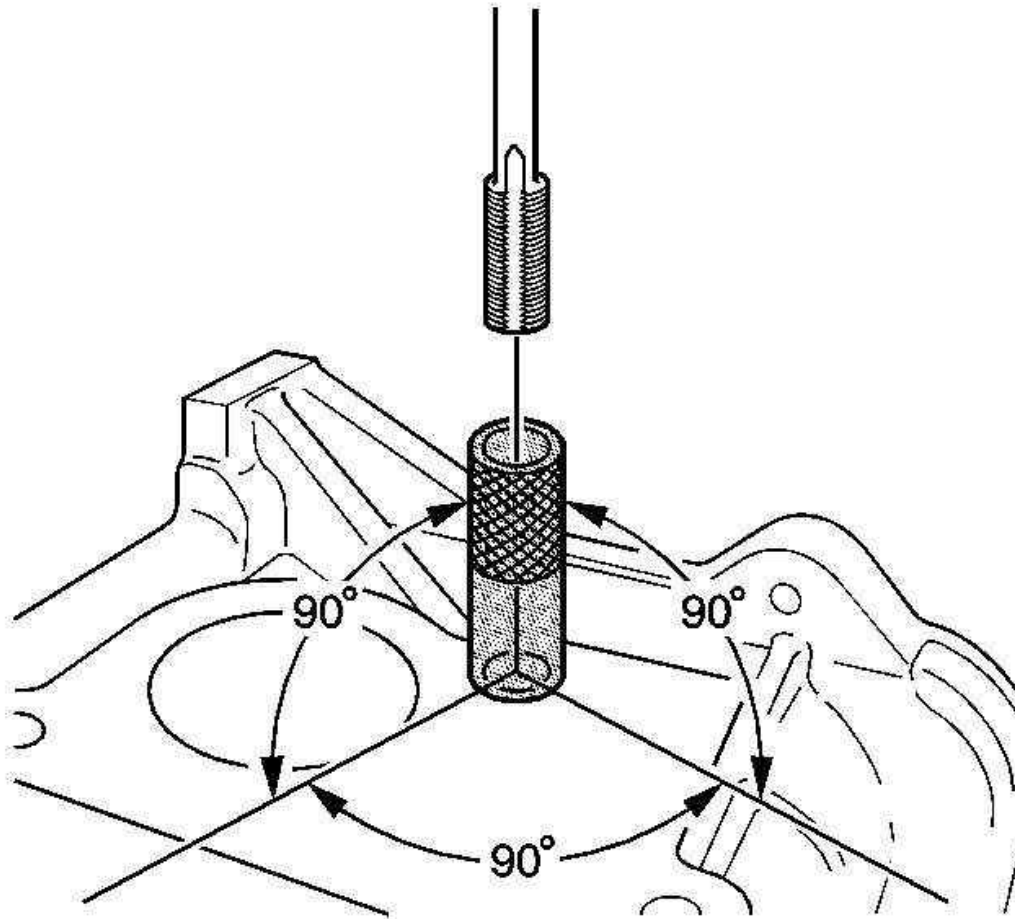


Fig. 276: View Of Tapping Guide
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

If the threaded hole being repaired has a base surface perpendicular to the hole centerline, tapping guides are available to aid in tapping the hole.

Tap Size	Tap Guide	Tape Size	Tape Guide	Tap Size	Tape Guide
-	J 42385-	-	J 42385-	-	J 42385-
6 x 1.0	729	10 x 1.5	731	14 x 1.5	736
8 x 1.25	730	12 x 1.5	732	20 x 1.5	737

Standard Thread Repair - Flush Hole

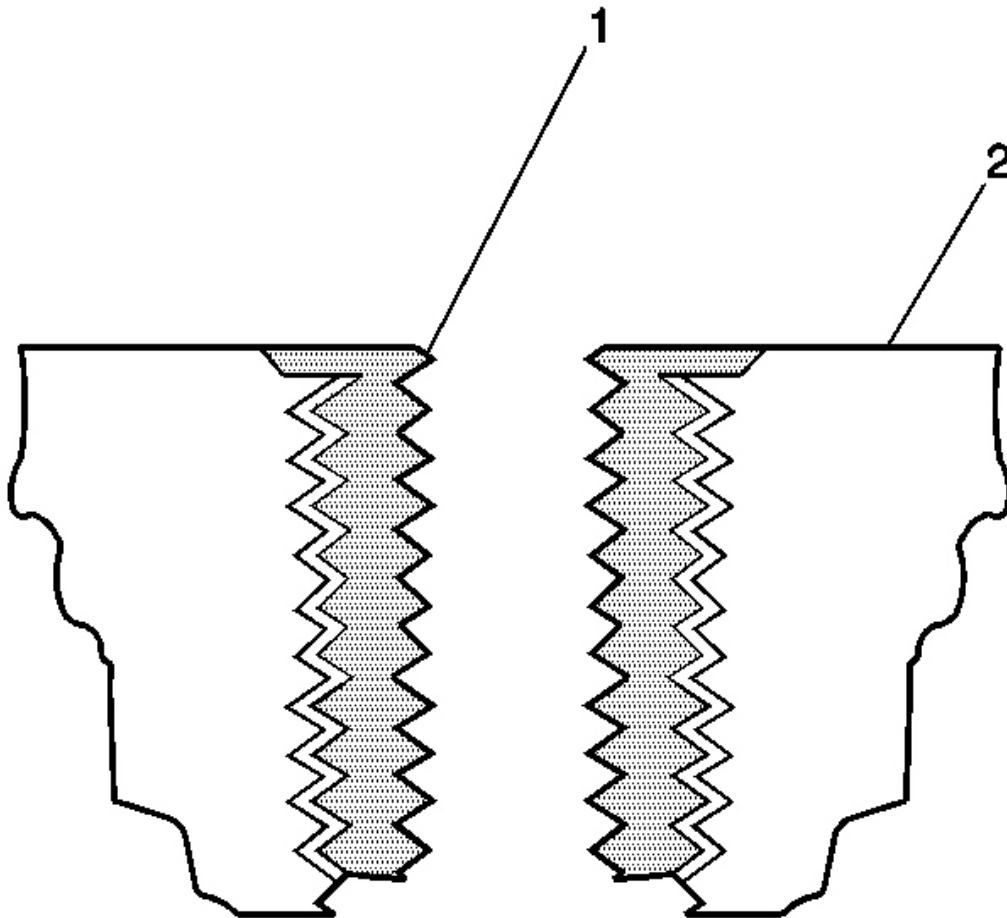


Fig. 277: View Of Bushing Type Insert & Base Material
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

IMPORTANT: The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864, (Canadian P/N 992881), WD 40® or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling,

counterboring and tapping procedures.

When installed to the proper depth, the flange (1) of the insert will be seated against the counterbore of the drilled/tapped hole and just below the surface (2) of the base material.

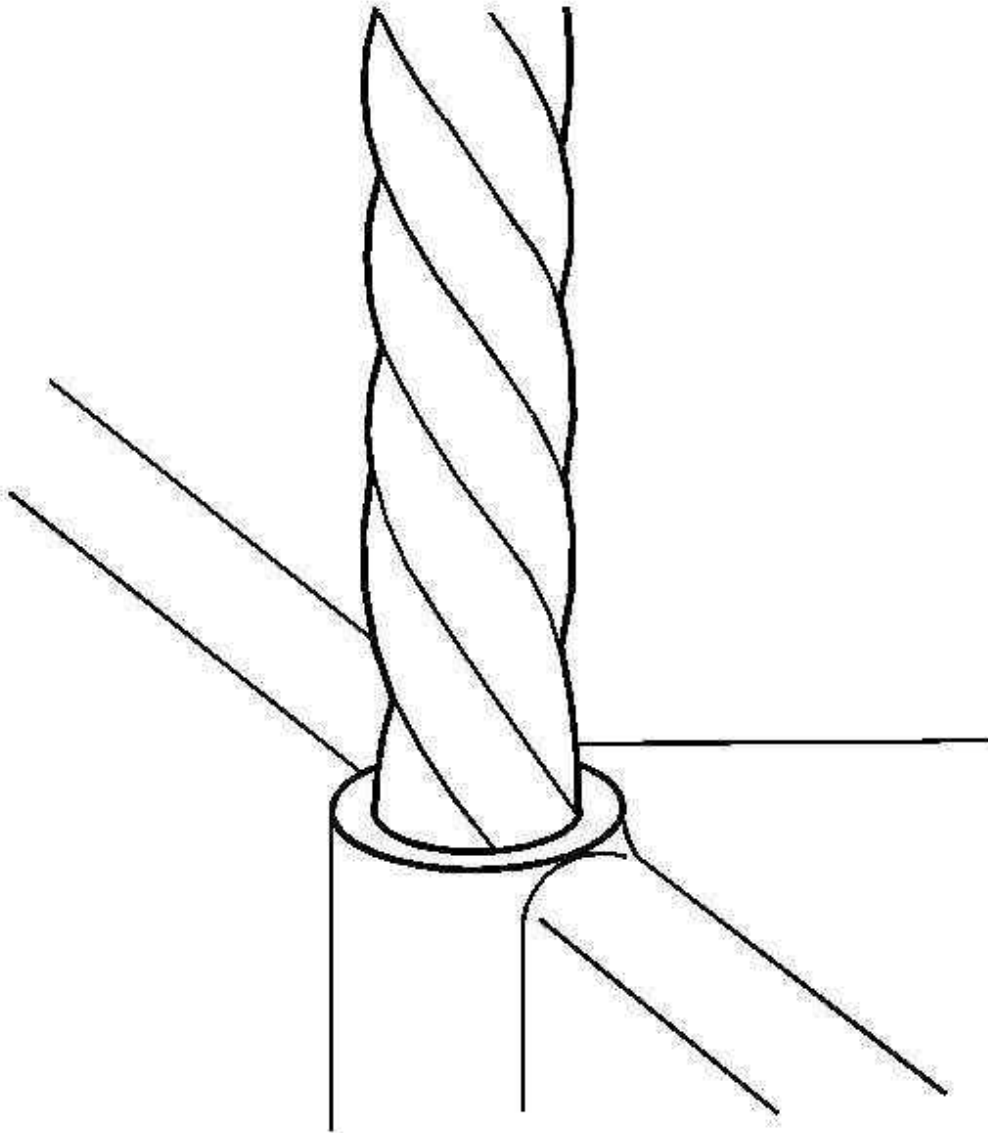


Fig. 278: View Of Drilling Out Threads Of Damaged Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

- IMPORTANT:**
- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the drill.
 - Do NOT drill any further than the original hole depth.

1. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

Specifications:

- M6 inserts require a minimum drill depth of 15 mm (0.59 in).
- M8 inserts require a minimum drill depth of 20 mm (0.79 in).
- M10 inserts require a minimum drill depth of 23.5 mm (0.93 in).

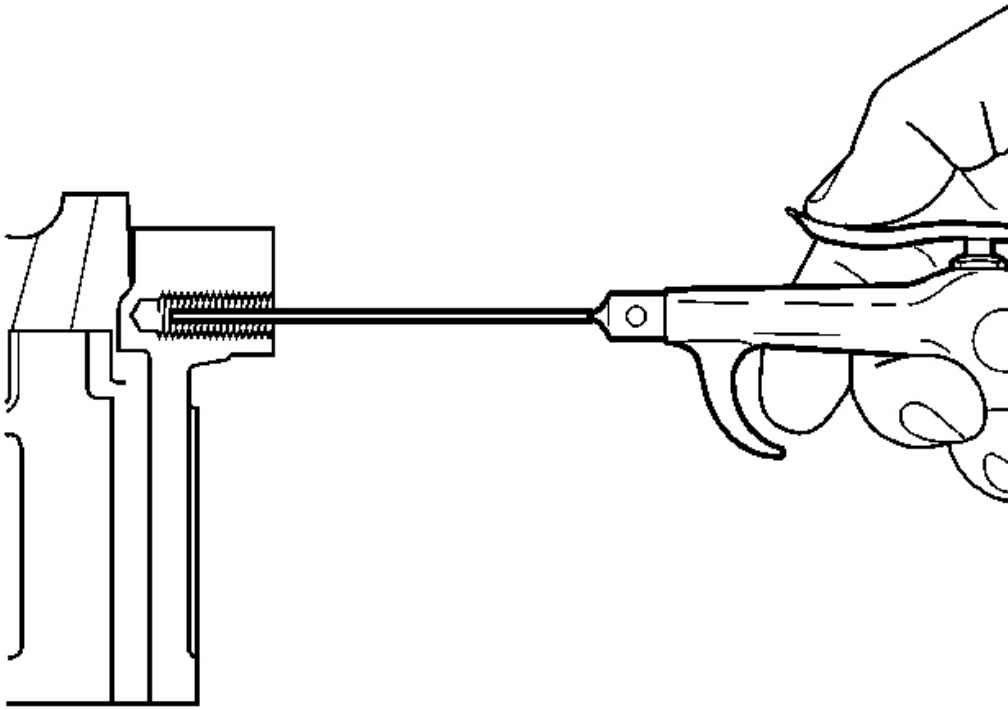


Fig. 279: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

2. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

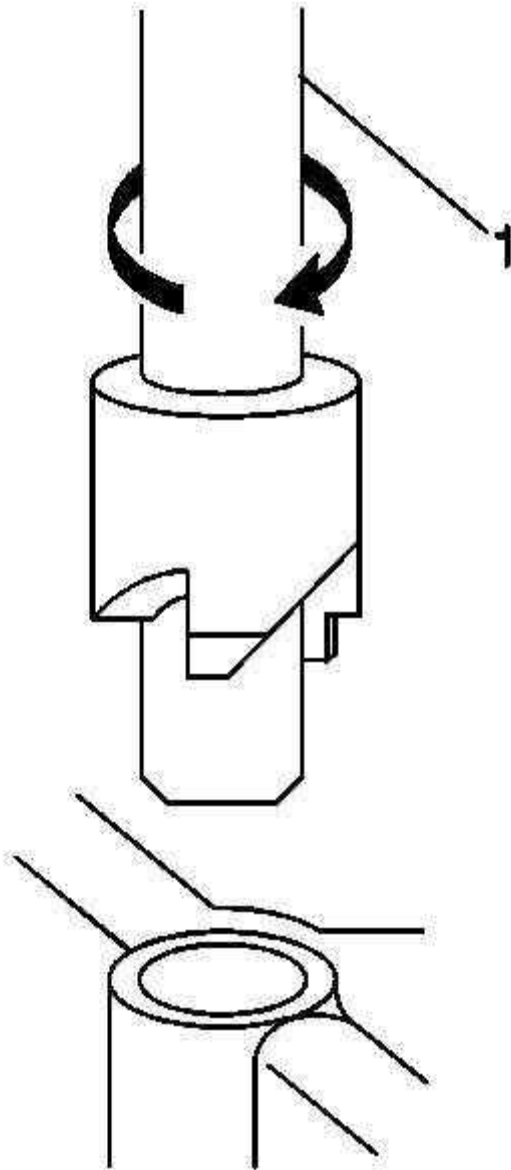


Fig. 280: View Of Counterbore Drill
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: A properly counterbored hole will show a slight

burnishing on the surface of the base material for 360 degrees around the drilled hole.

3. Counterbore the drilled hole to the full depth permitted by the tool (1).

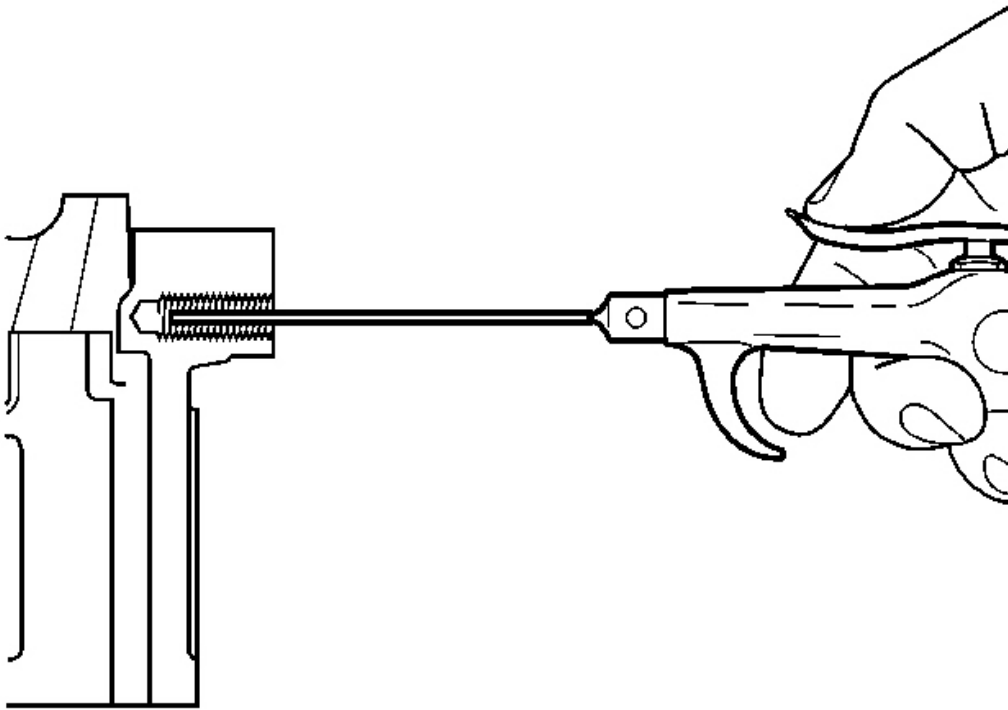


Fig. 281: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

4. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

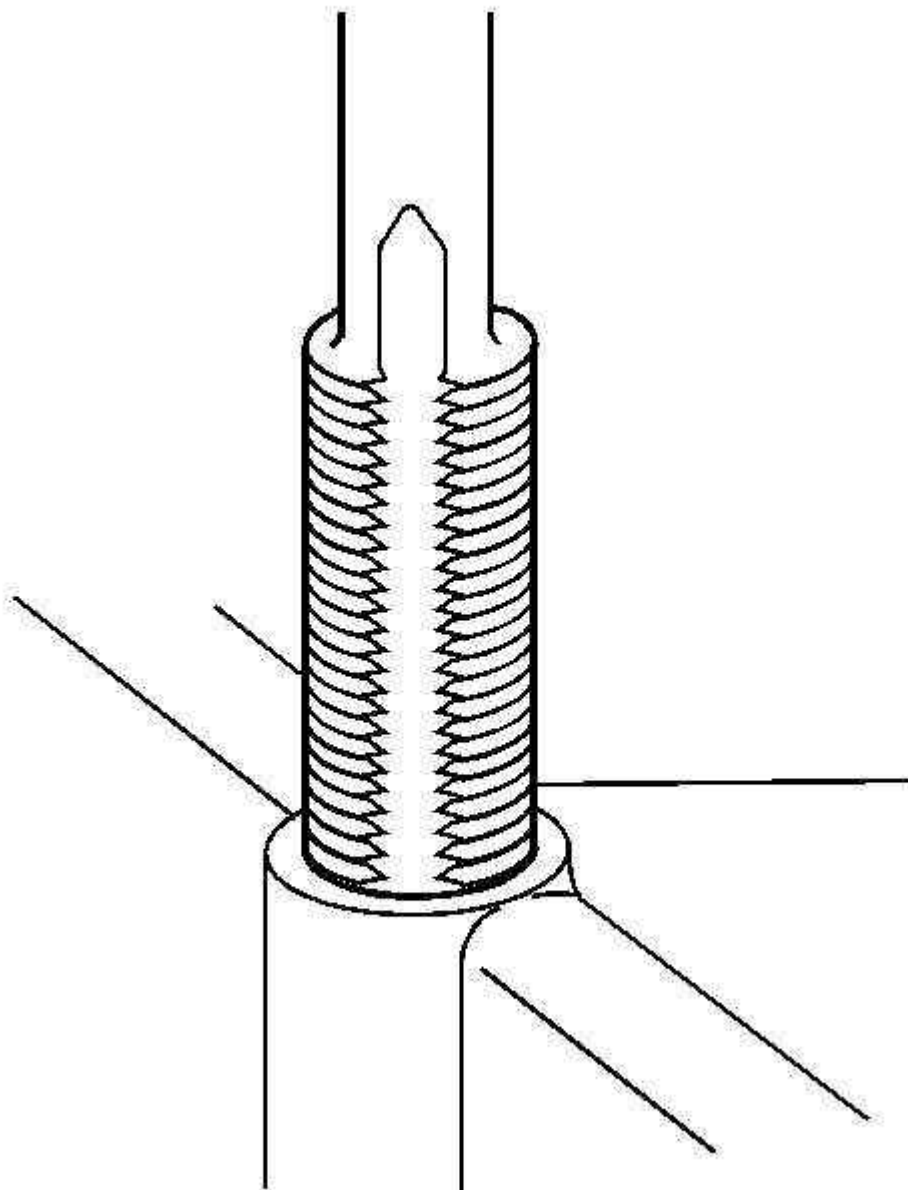


Fig. 282: Tapping Threads Of Drilled Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: • During the tapping process, it is necessary to

repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.

- **Ensure the tap has created full threads at least to the depth equal to the insert length.**

5. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand only.

Specifications:

- M6 inserts require a minimum tap depth of 15 mm (0.59 in).
- M8 inserts require a minimum tap depth of 20 mm (0.79 in).
- M10 inserts require a minimum tap depth of 23.5 mm (0.93 in).

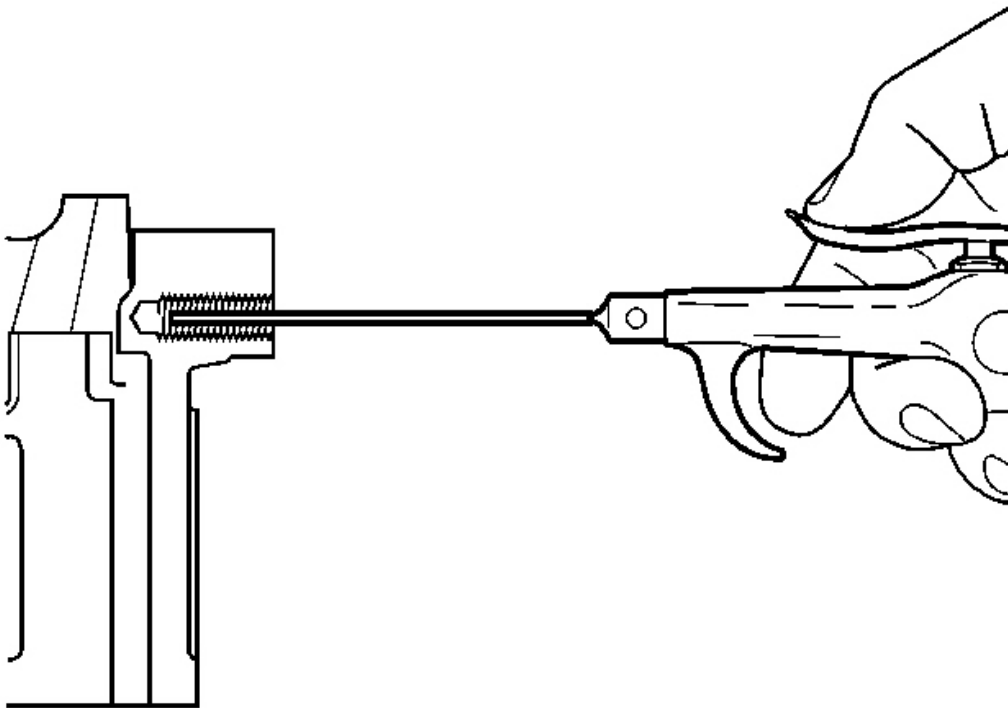


Fig. 283: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

6. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

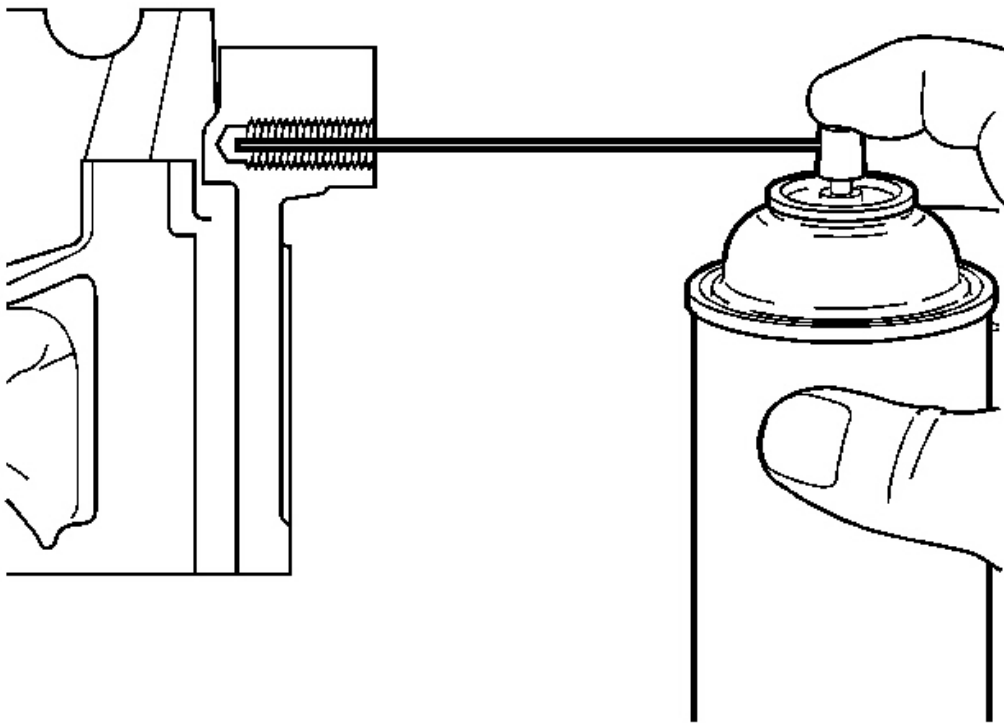


Fig. 284: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

7. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

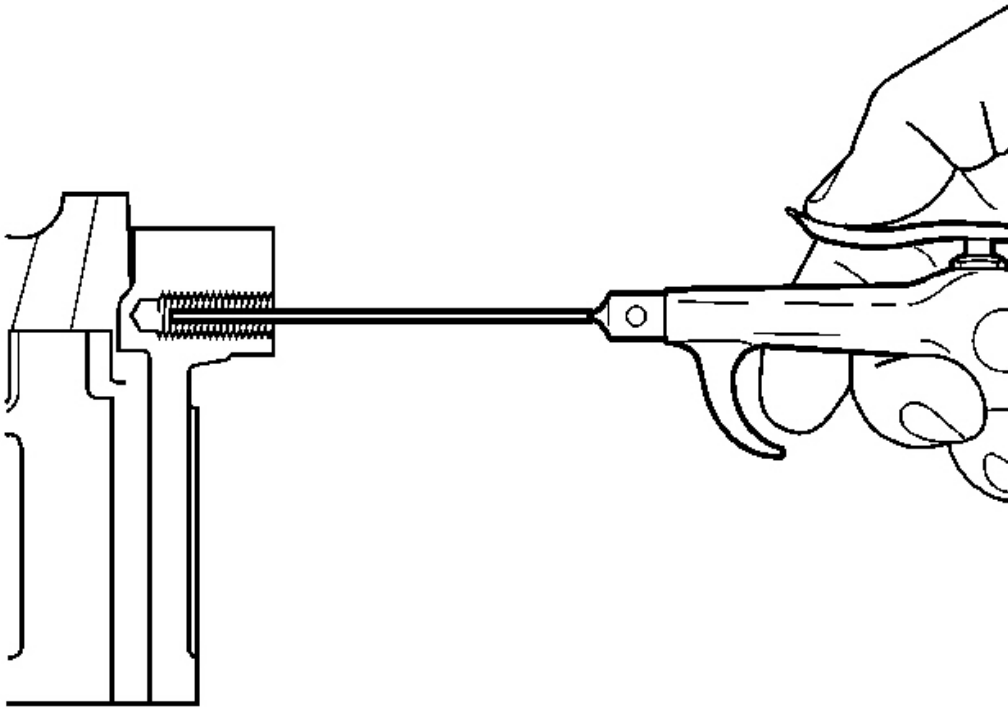


Fig. 285: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

8. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

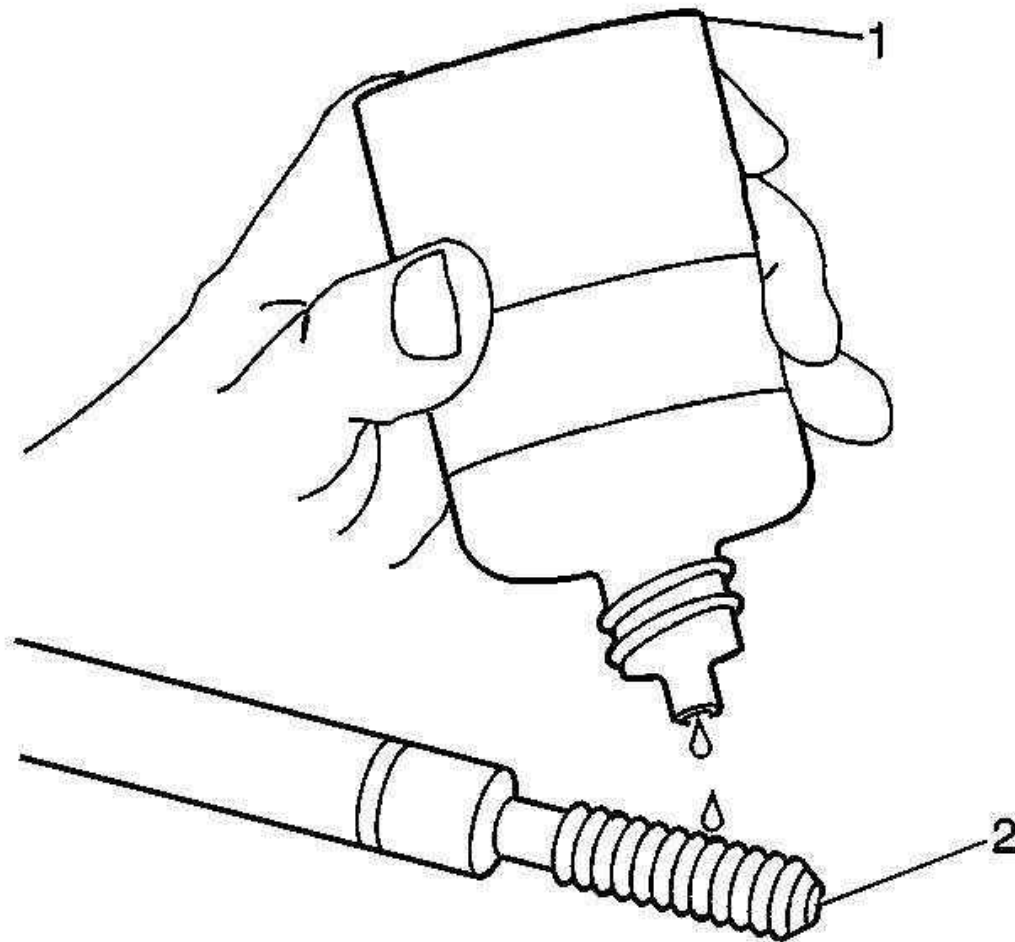


Fig. 286: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

9. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110 (1).

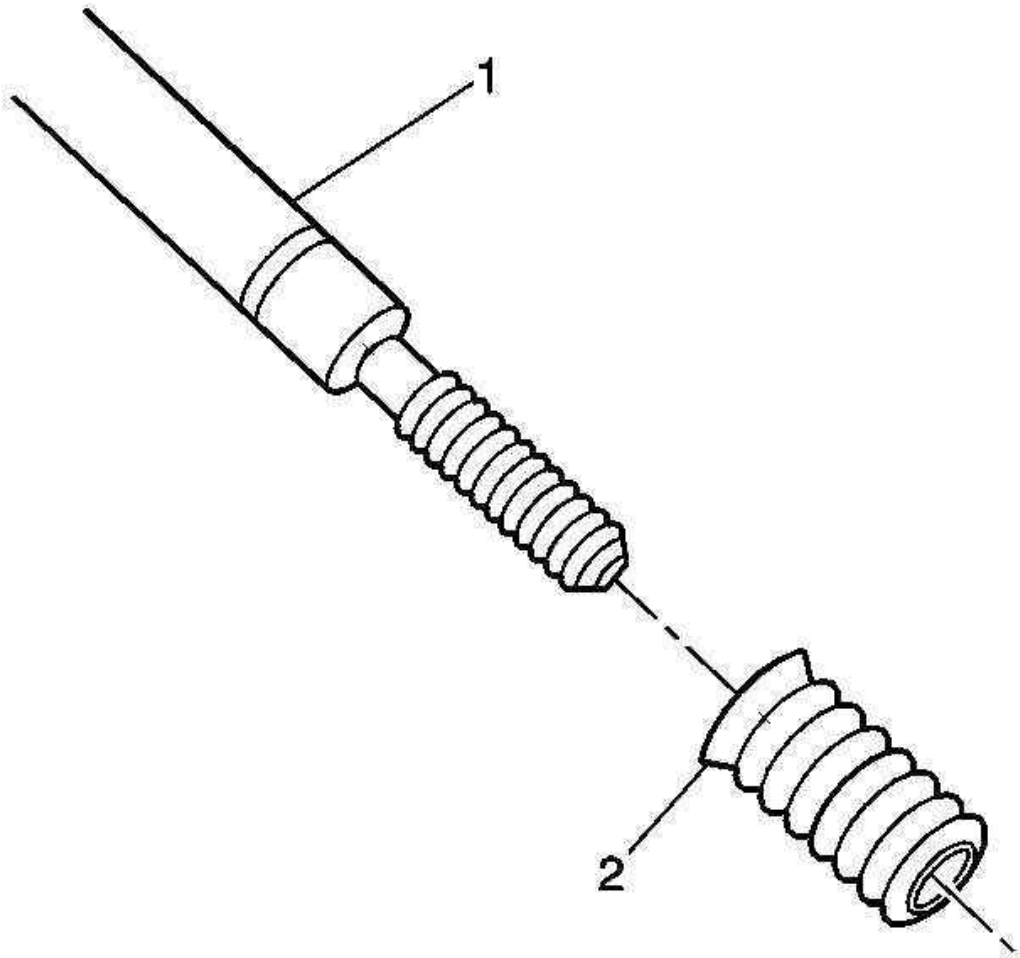


Fig. 287: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

10. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

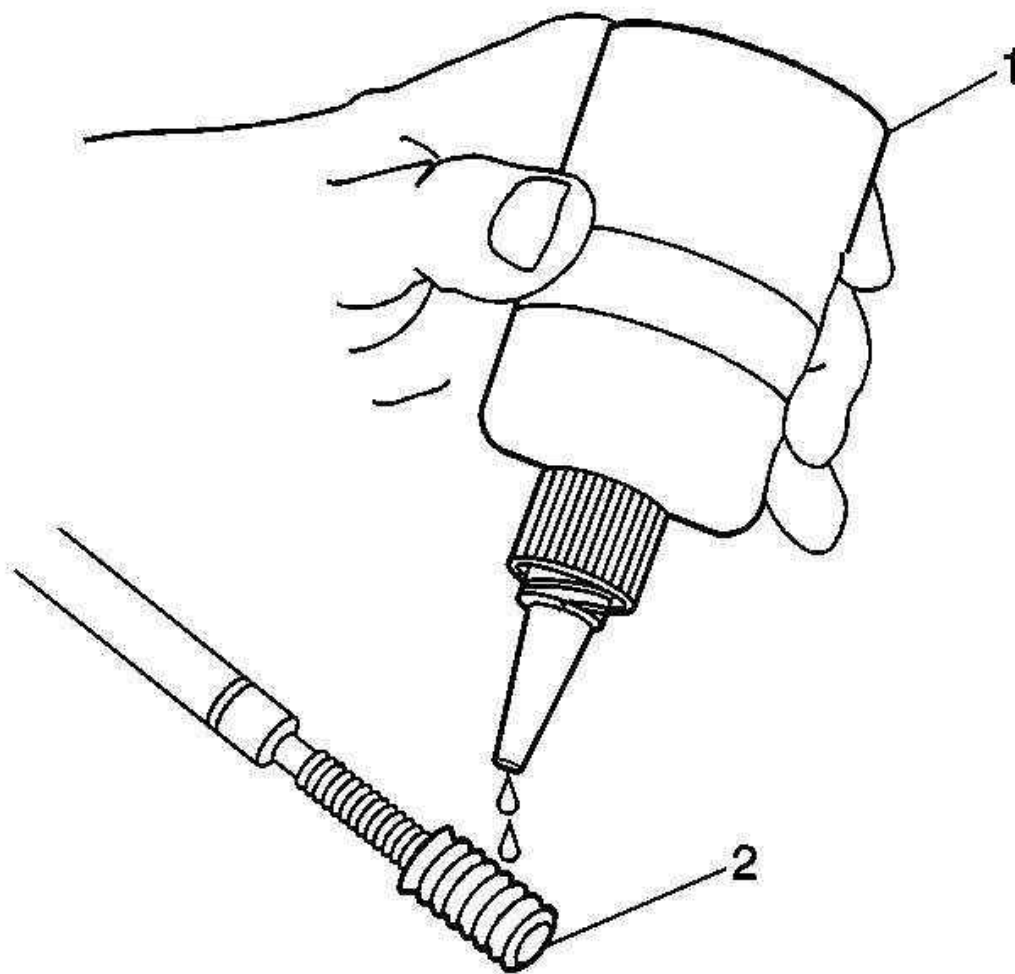


Fig. 288: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277® or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

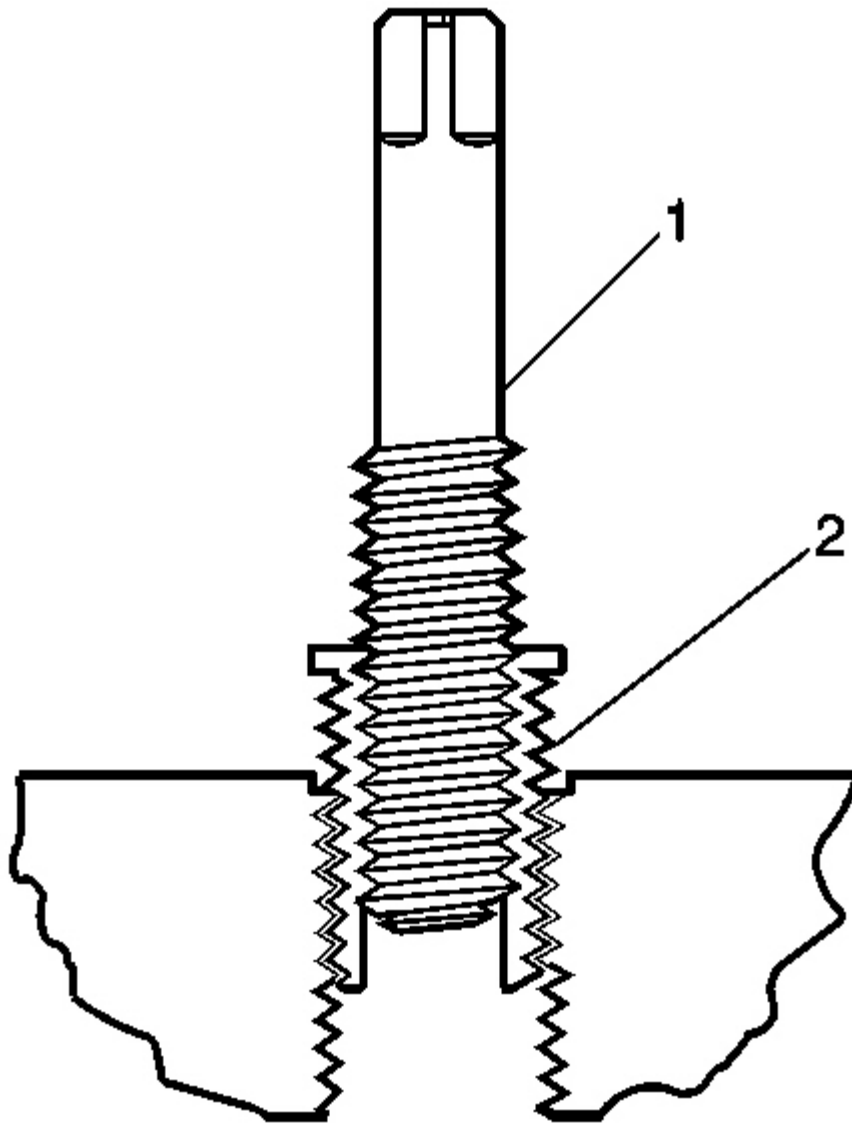


Fig. 289: View Of Insert In Tapped Bolt Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

12. Install the insert (2) into the tapped hole by hand only.

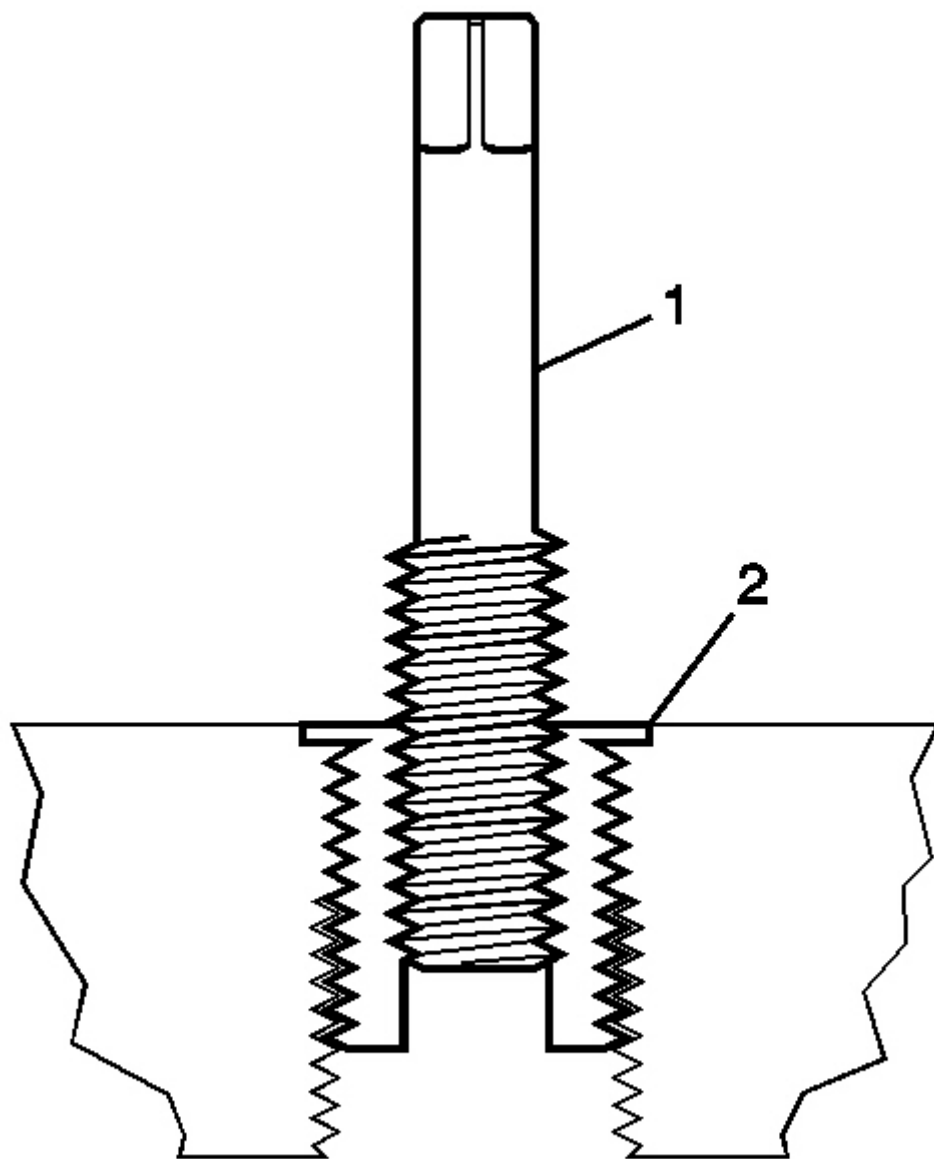


Fig. 290: Identifying Insert - Standard Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the counterbored surface, remove the

insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips and/or improper tapping.

13. Install the insert until the flange (2) of the insert contacts the counterbored surface.

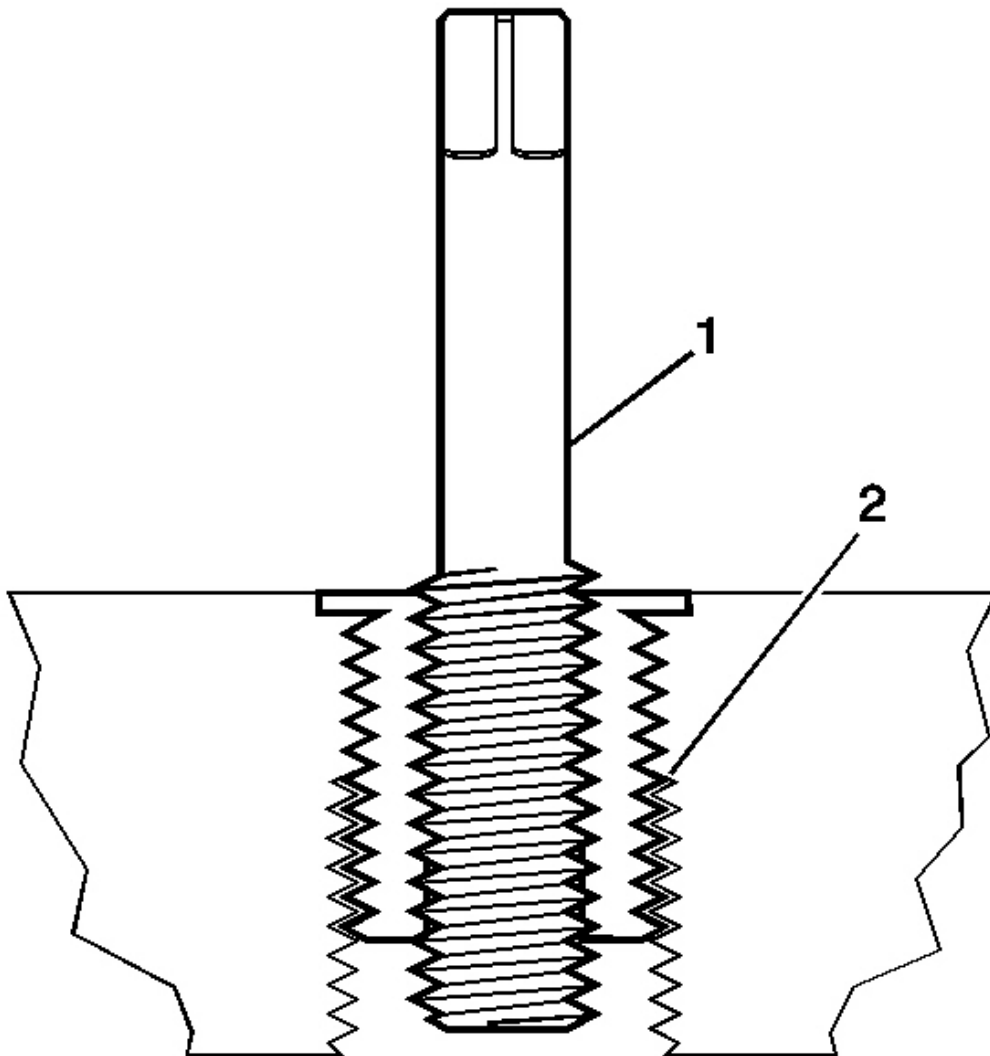


Fig. 291: View Of Insert & Tool - Standard Thread

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

14. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool (1) through the insert (2).

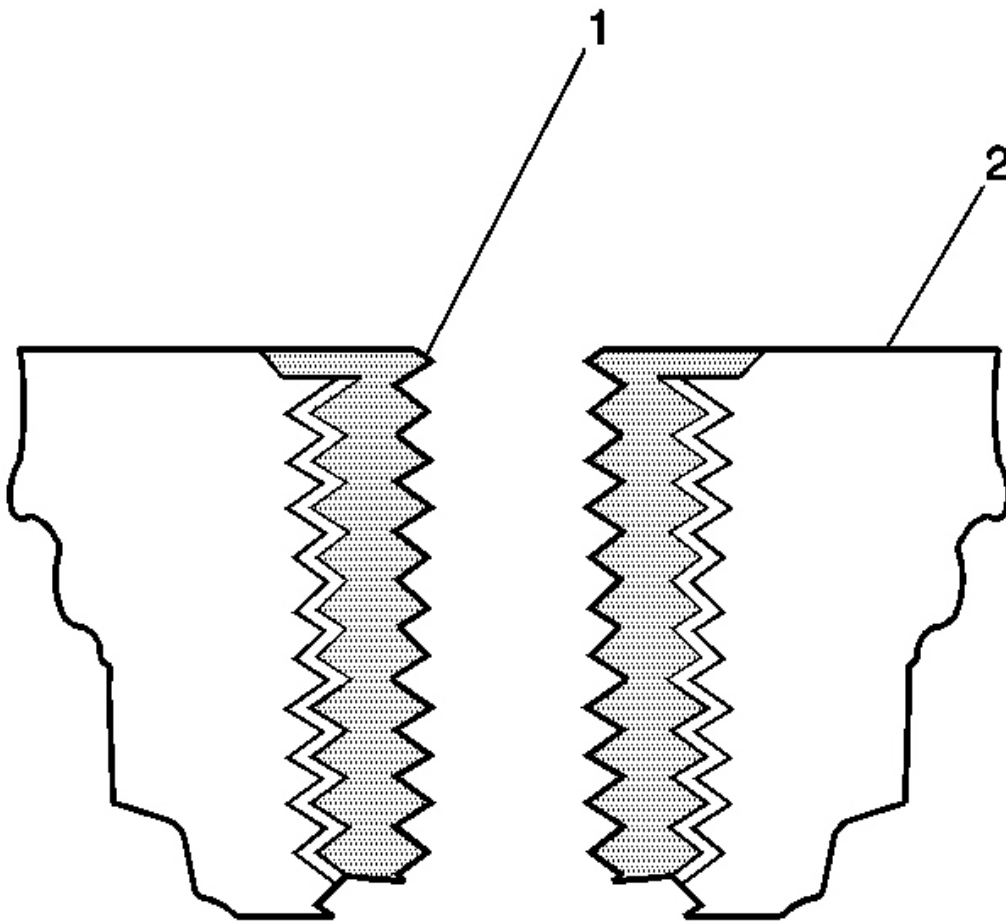


Fig. 292: View Of Bushing Type Insert & Base Material

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

15. Inspect the insert for proper installation into the tapped hole. A properly installed insert (1) will be either flush or slightly below flush with the surface of the base material (2).

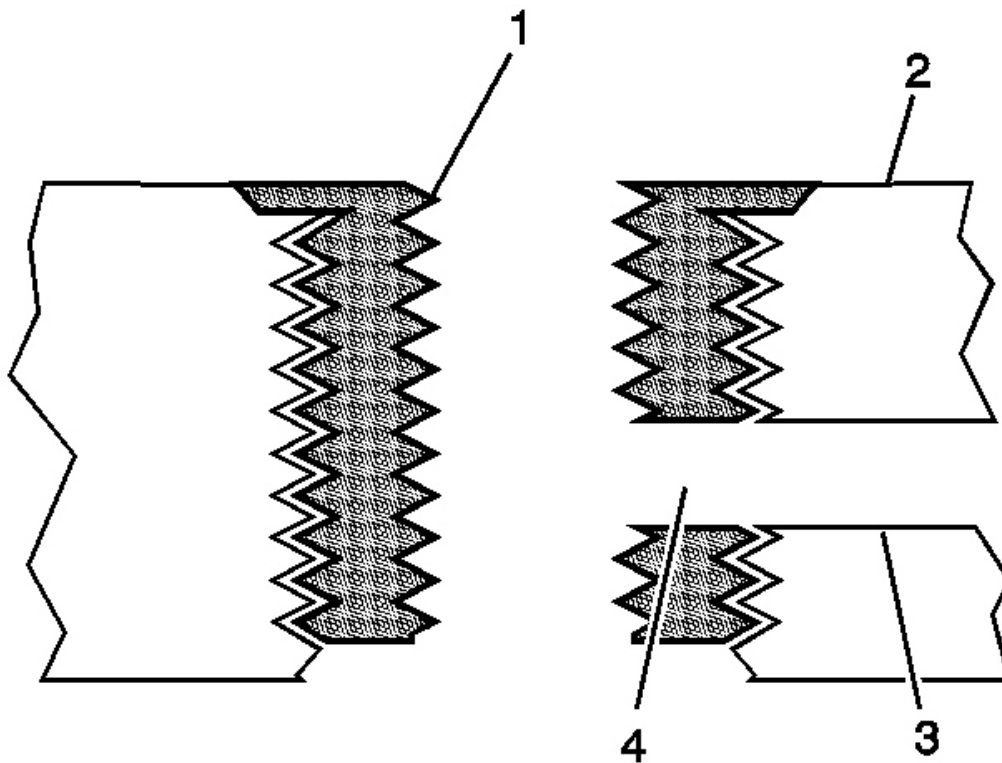


Fig. 293: View Of Restricted Engine Coolant Passages - Standard Thread Repair

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

16. Any installed insert that restricts or blocks an oil or engine coolant passage (3) will need to have the oil or engine coolant passage drilled out (4) to the original size of the oil or engine coolant passage. After drilling the restriction or blockage, clean out any chips and thread the installation driver tool through the insert again to remove any burrs caused by the drilling of the oil or engine

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Recessed Thread Repair

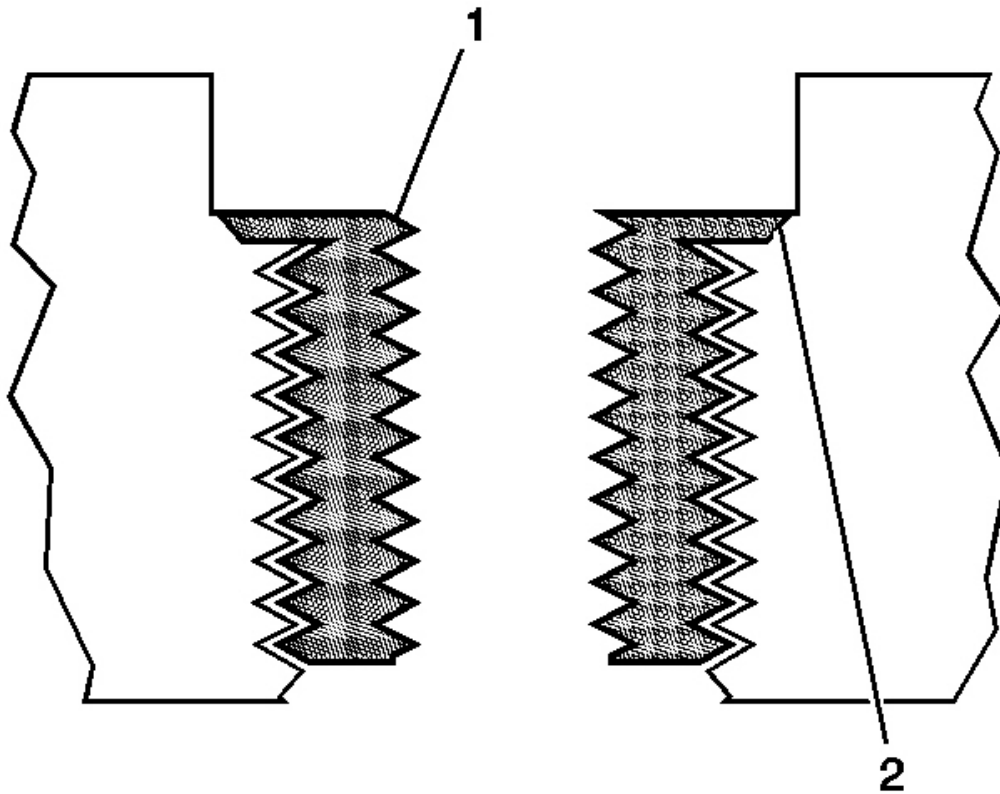


Fig. 294: Inspecting Insert For Proper Installation - Recessed Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

IMPORTANT:

- The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864, (Canadian P/N 992881), WD 40® or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling, counterboring and tapping procedures.

- **Do NOT remove the original stop collar from a counterbore drill.**

When installed to the proper depth, the flange of the insert (1) will be seated against the counterbore (2) of the drilled/tapped hole.

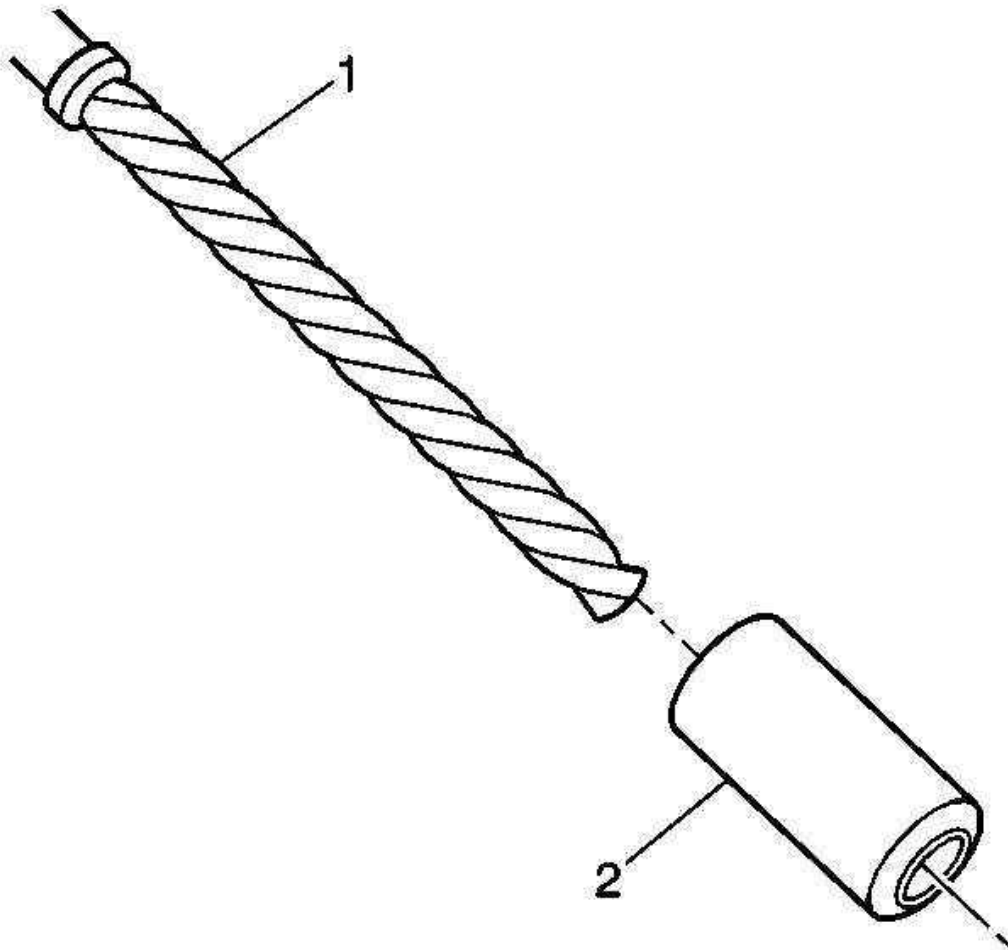


Fig. 295: View Of Stop Collar & Counterbore Drill
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install a stop collar (2) on the counterbore drill (1), if required.

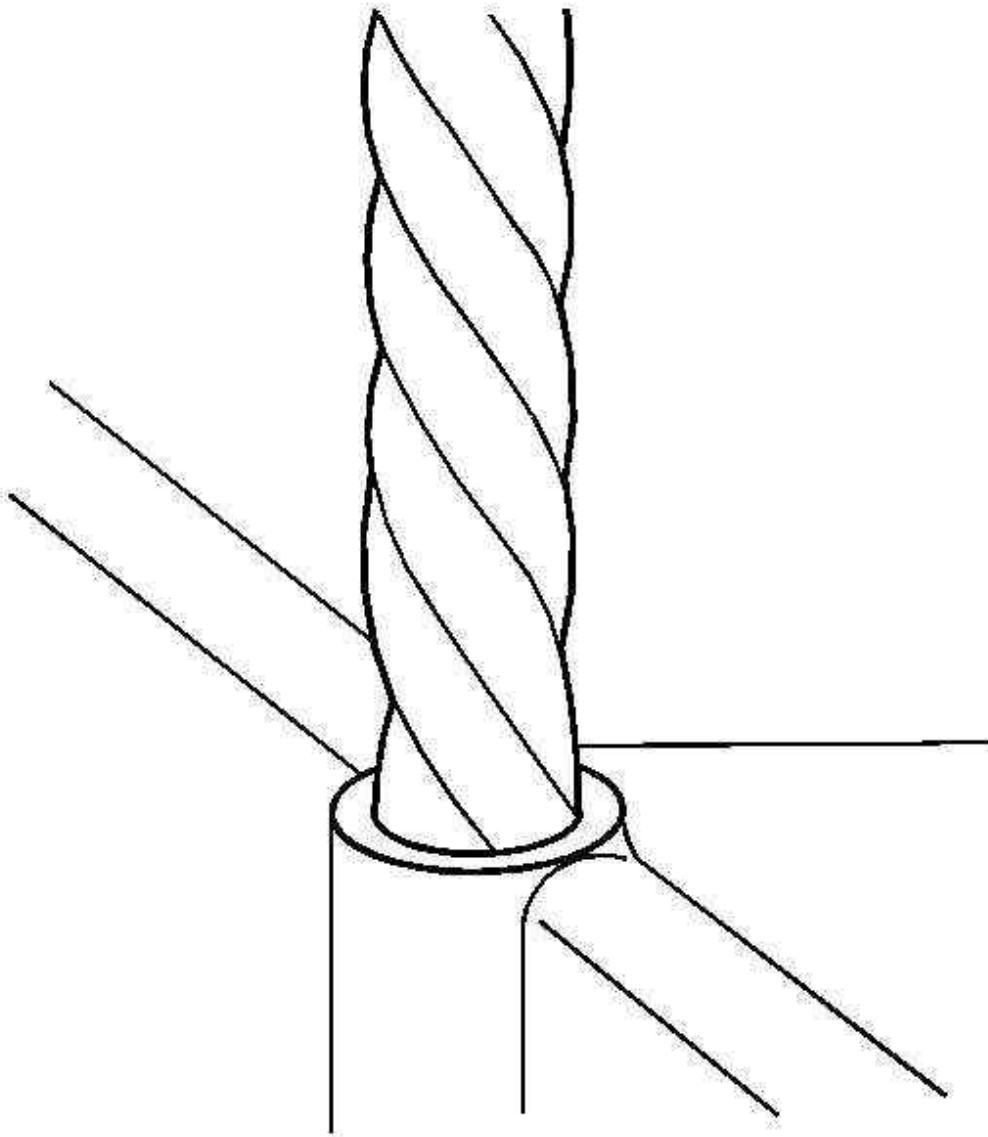


Fig. 296: View Of Drilling Out Threads Of Damaged Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

- IMPORTANT:**
- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from

the hole and the flutes of the drill.

- Drill the hole until the stop collar contacts the surface of the base material.

2. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

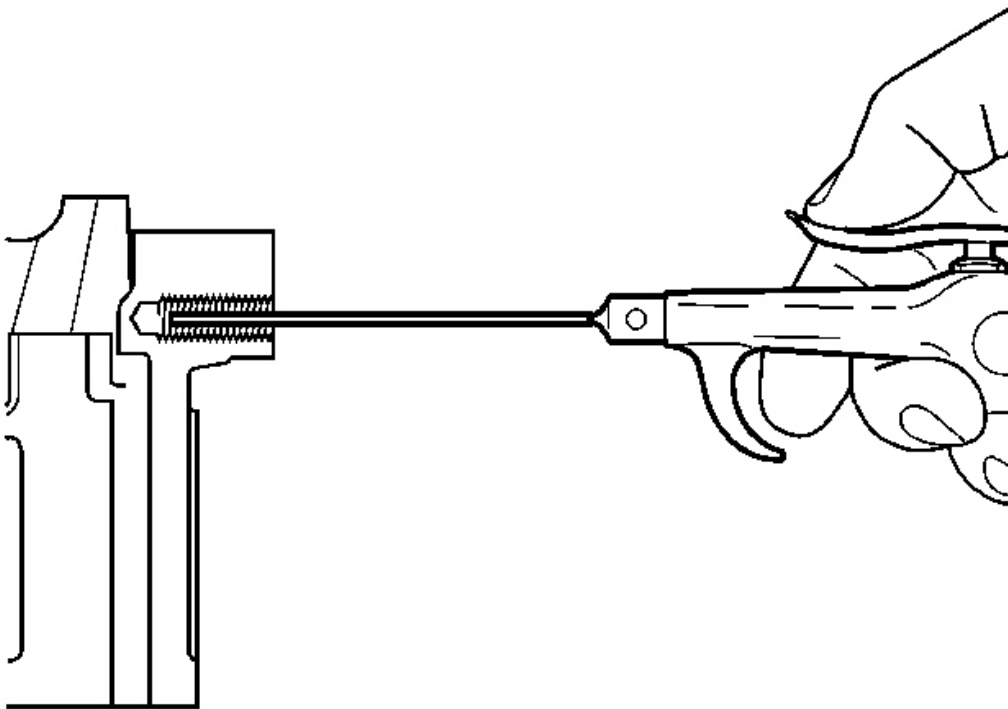


Fig. 297: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

3. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

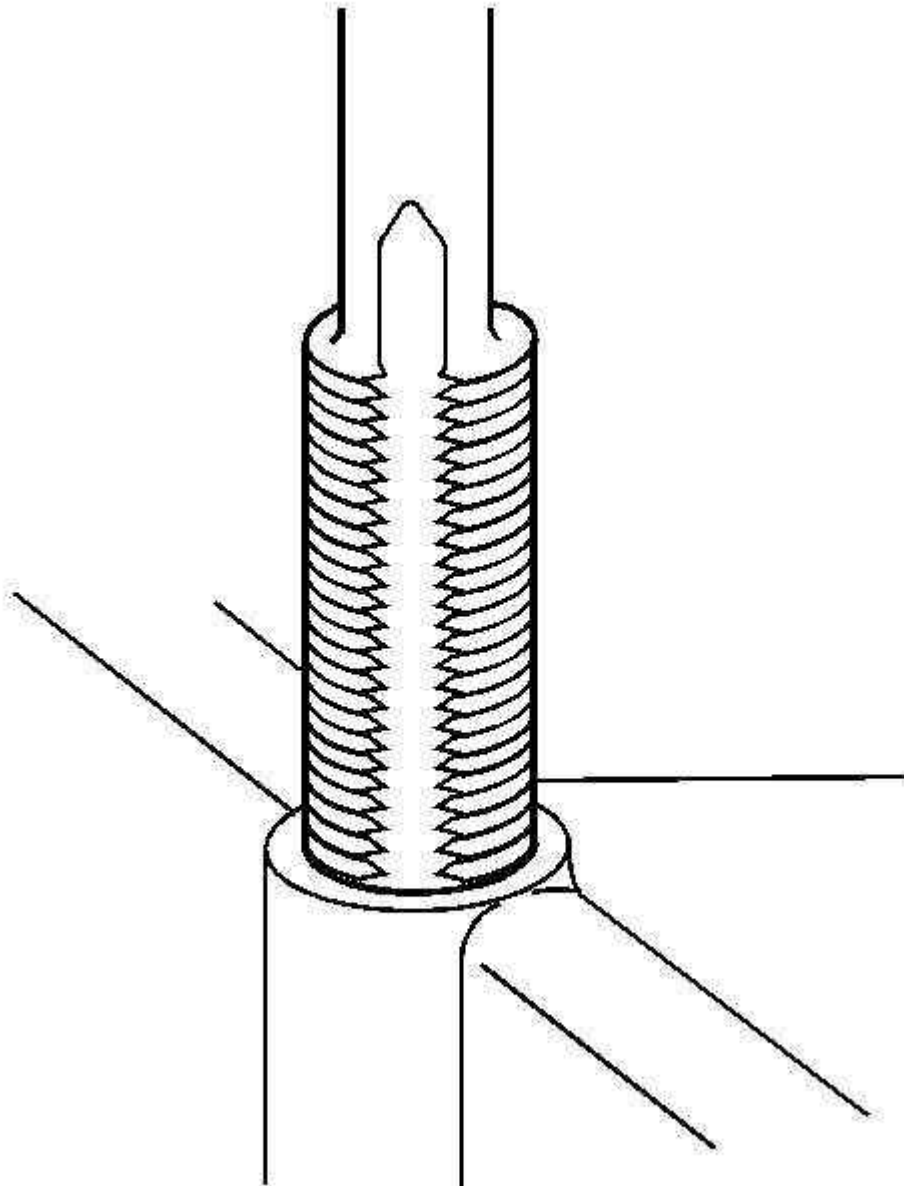


Fig. 298: Tapping Threads Of Drilled Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: • During the tapping process, it is necessary to

repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.

- Ensure the tap has created full threads at least to the depth equal to the insert length.

4. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand only.

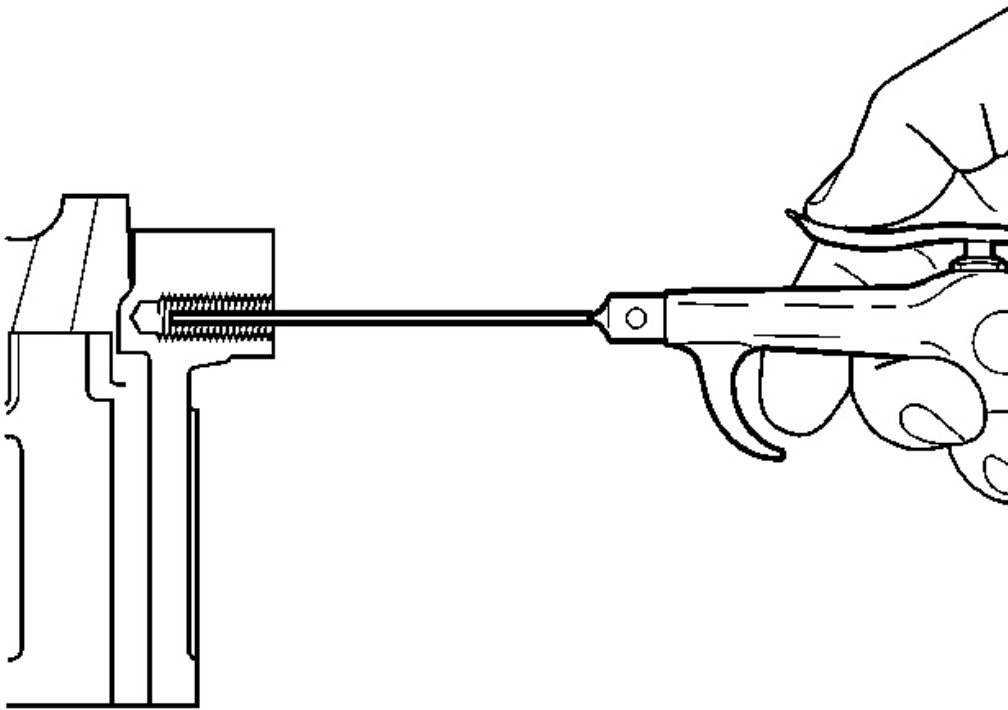


Fig. 299: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

5. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

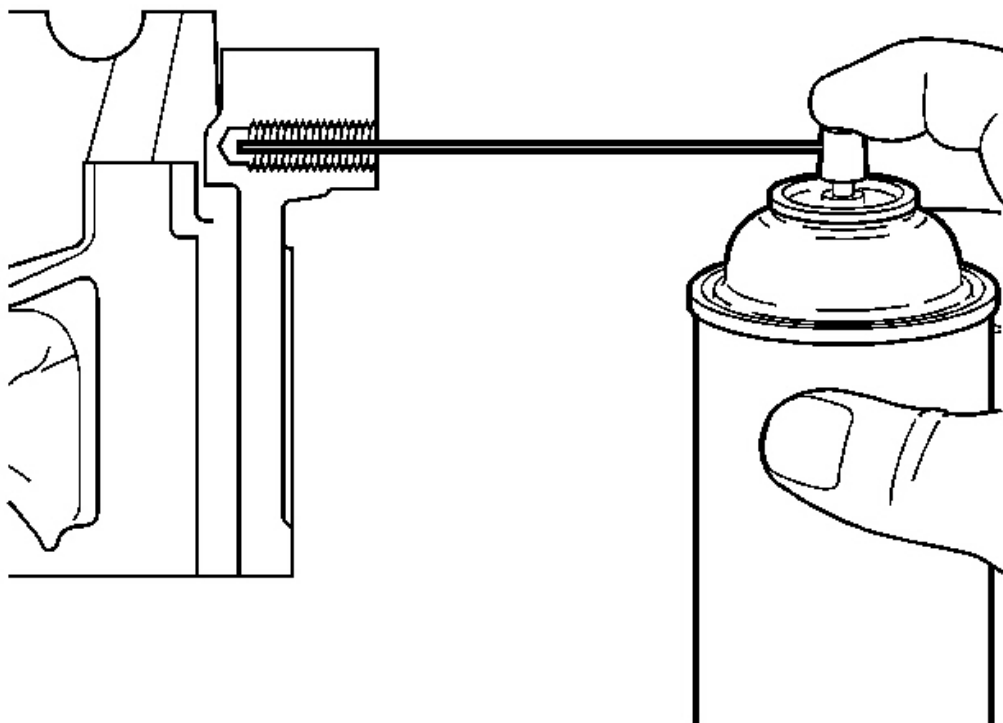


Fig. 300: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

6. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

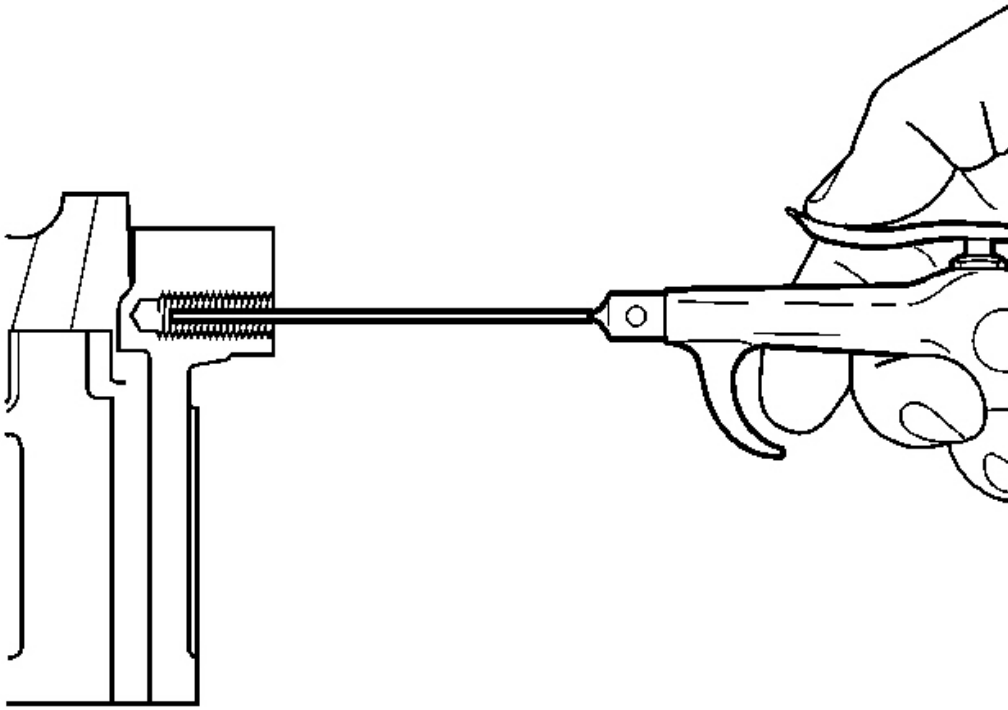


Fig. 301: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

7. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

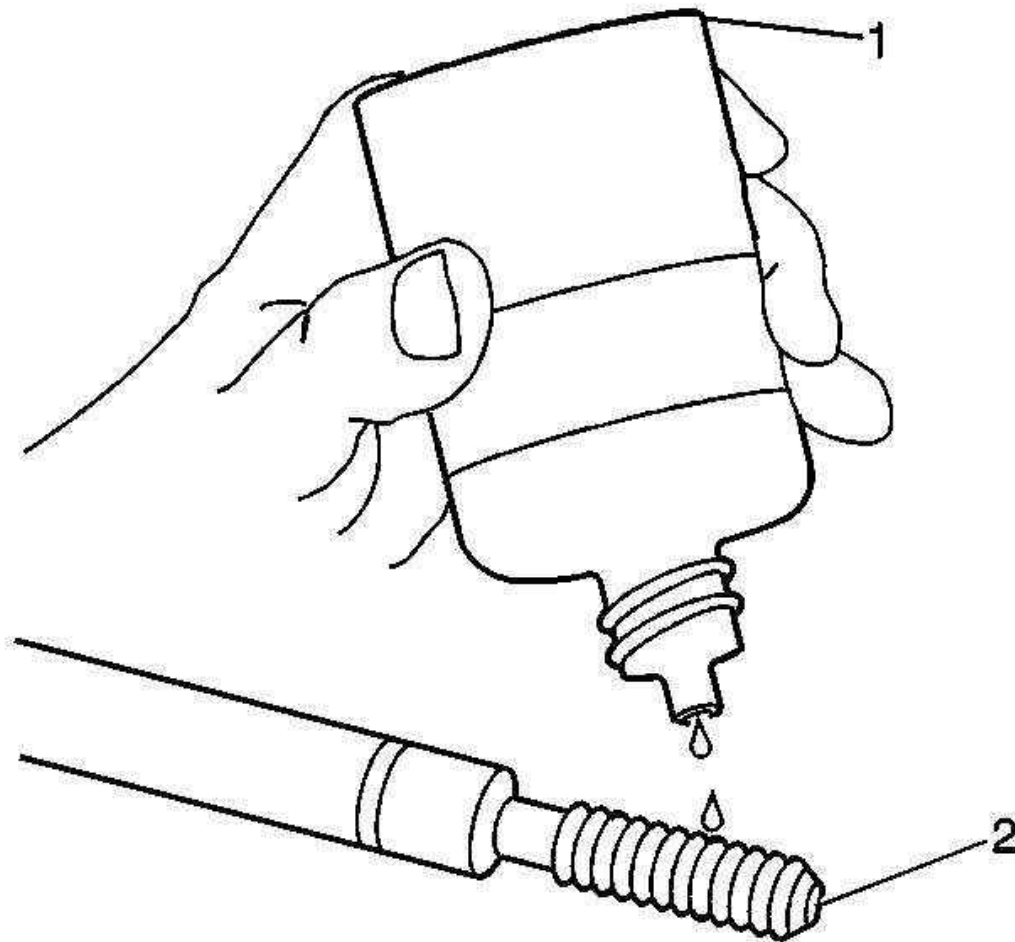


Fig. 302: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

8. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110 (1).

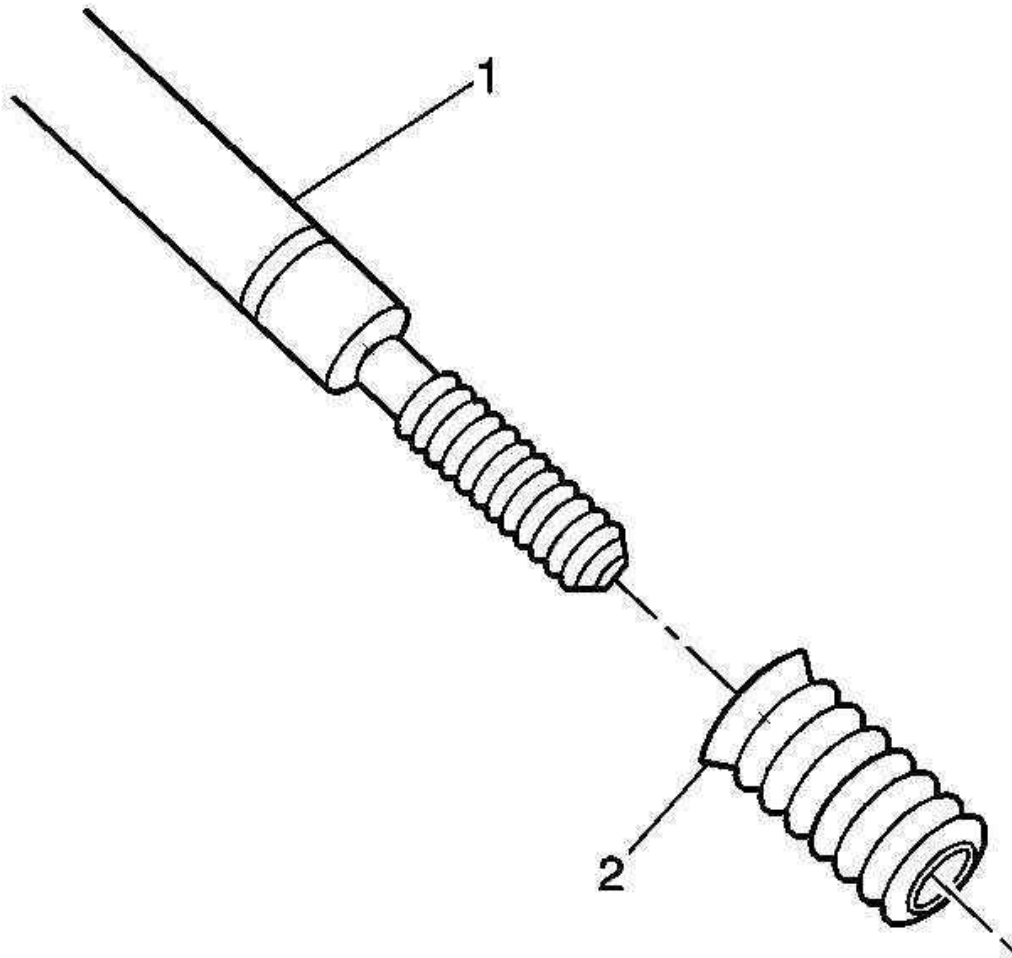


Fig. 303: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

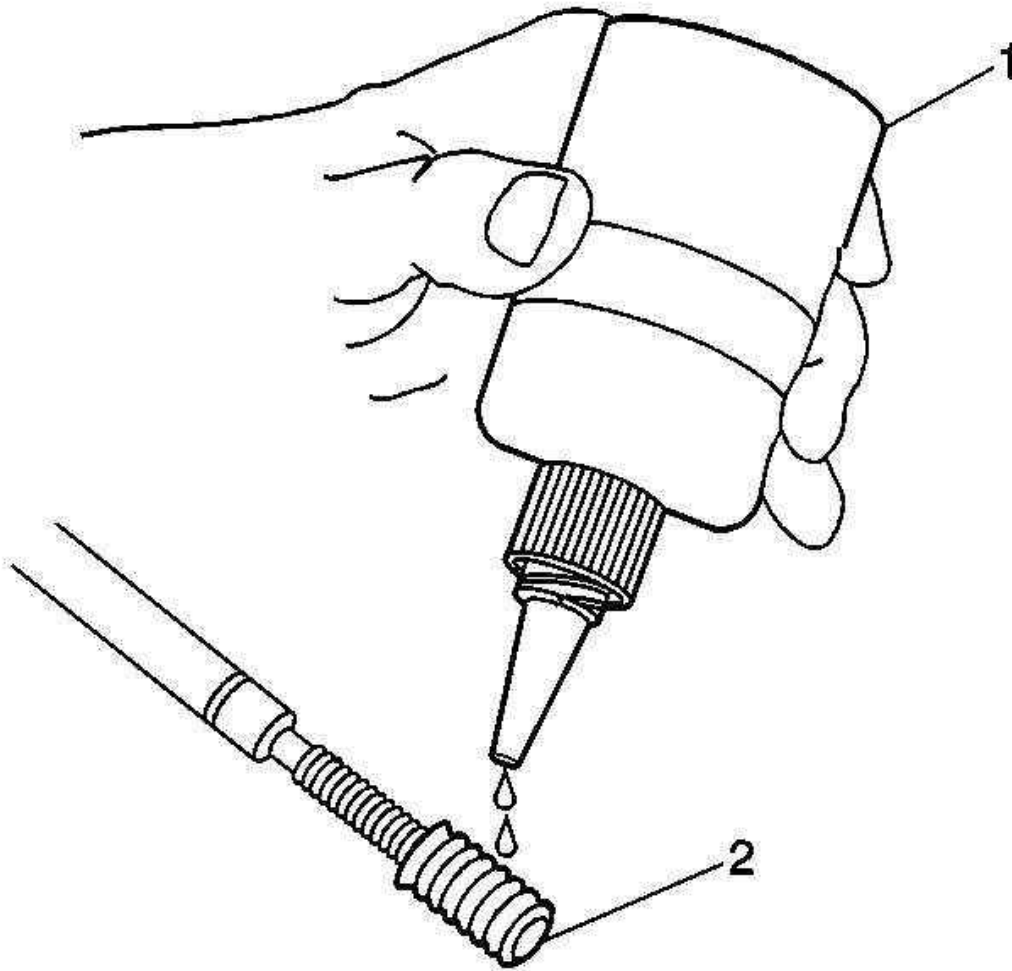


Fig. 304: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

10. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277® or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

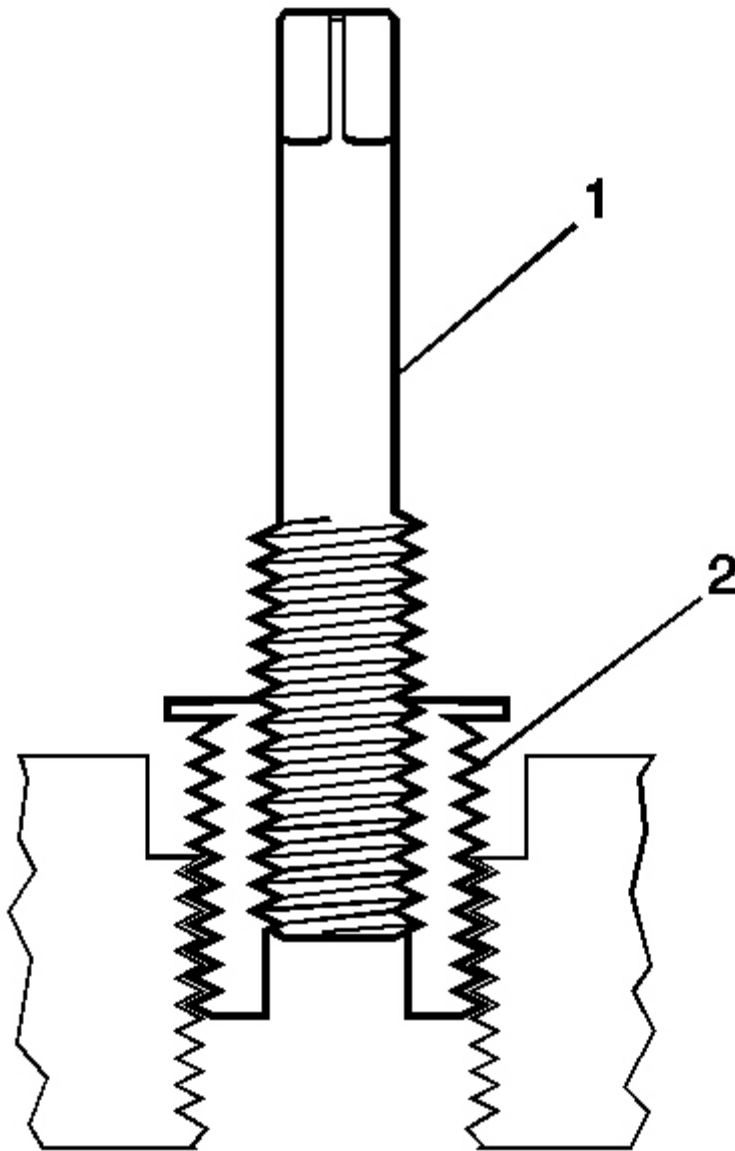


Fig. 305: Identifying Insert - Recessed Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Install the insert (2) into the tapped hole by hand only.

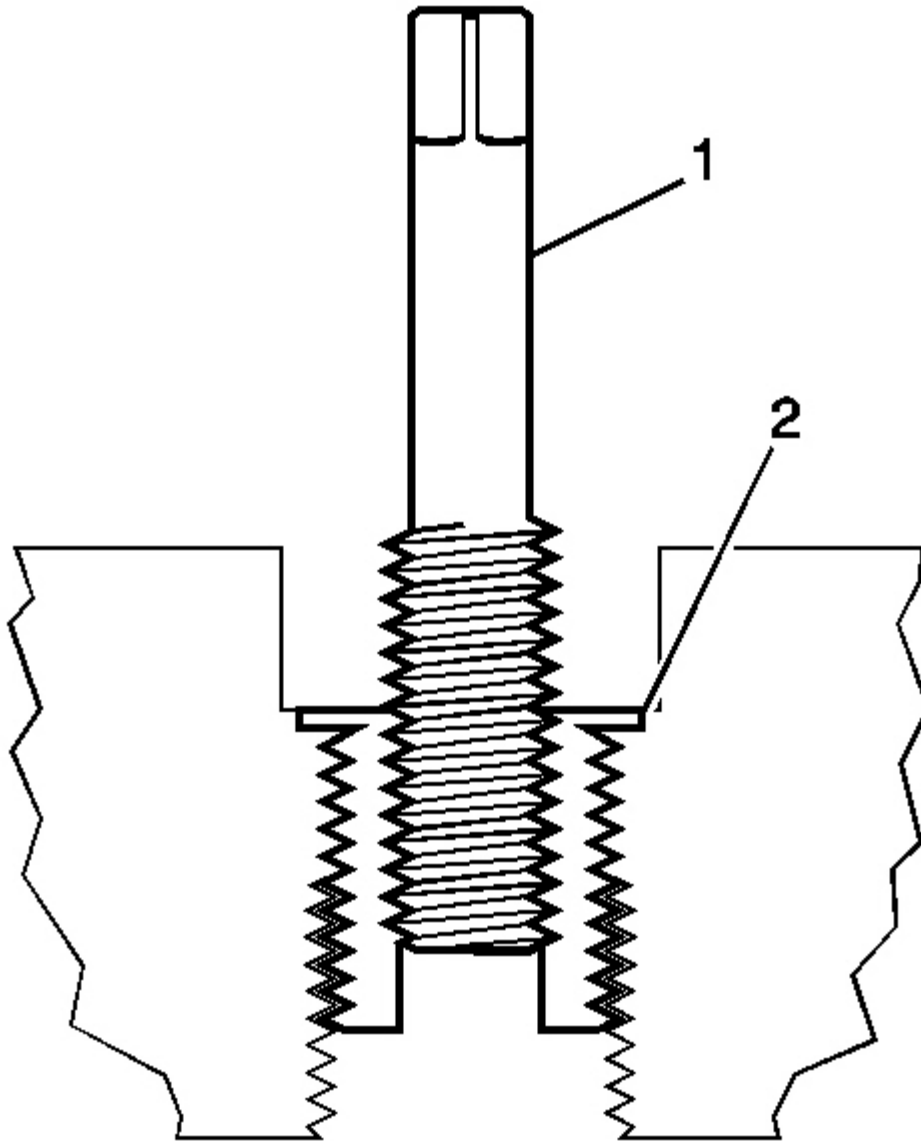


Fig. 306: View Of Installed Insert - Recessed Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the counterbored surface remove the

insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips and/or improper tapping.

12. Install the insert until the flange (2) of the insert contacts the counterbored surface.

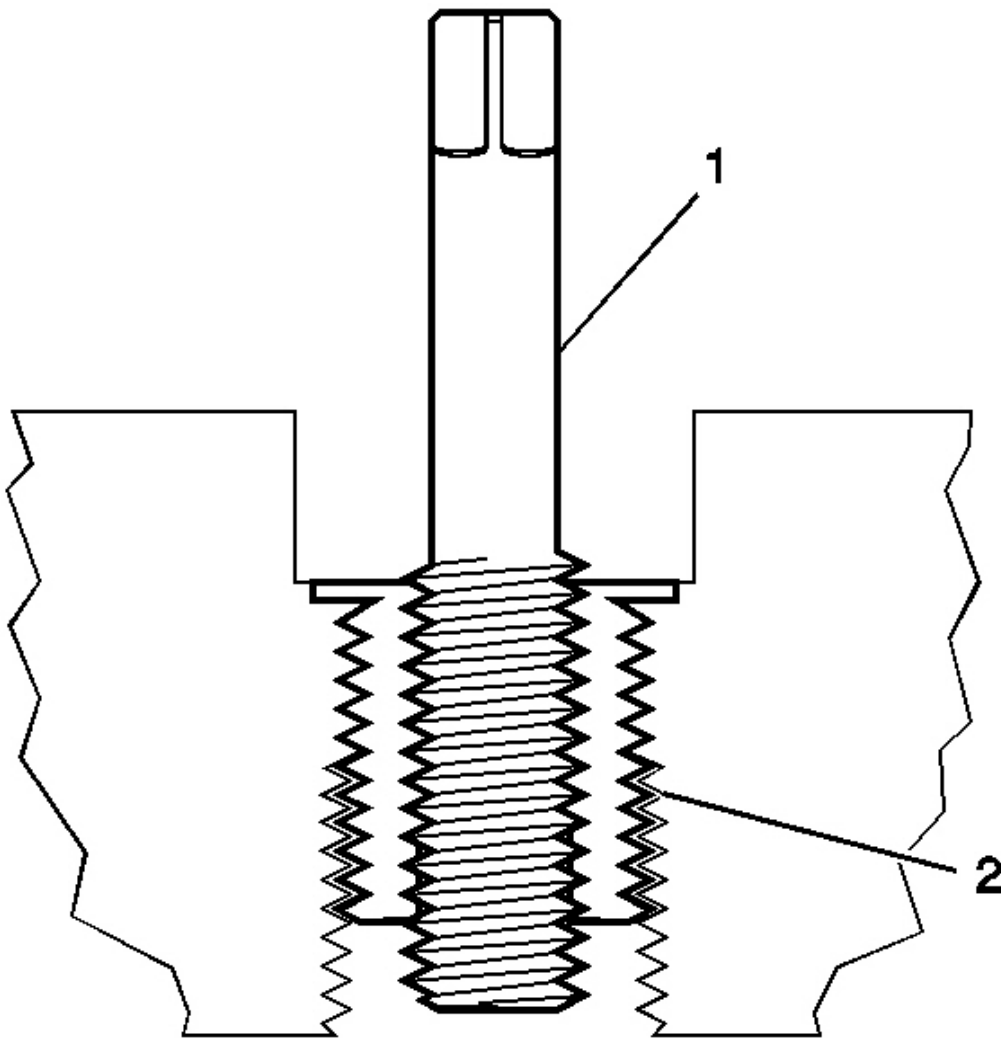


Fig. 307: Identifying Insert - Recessed Thread Repair

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

13. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool (1) through the insert (2).

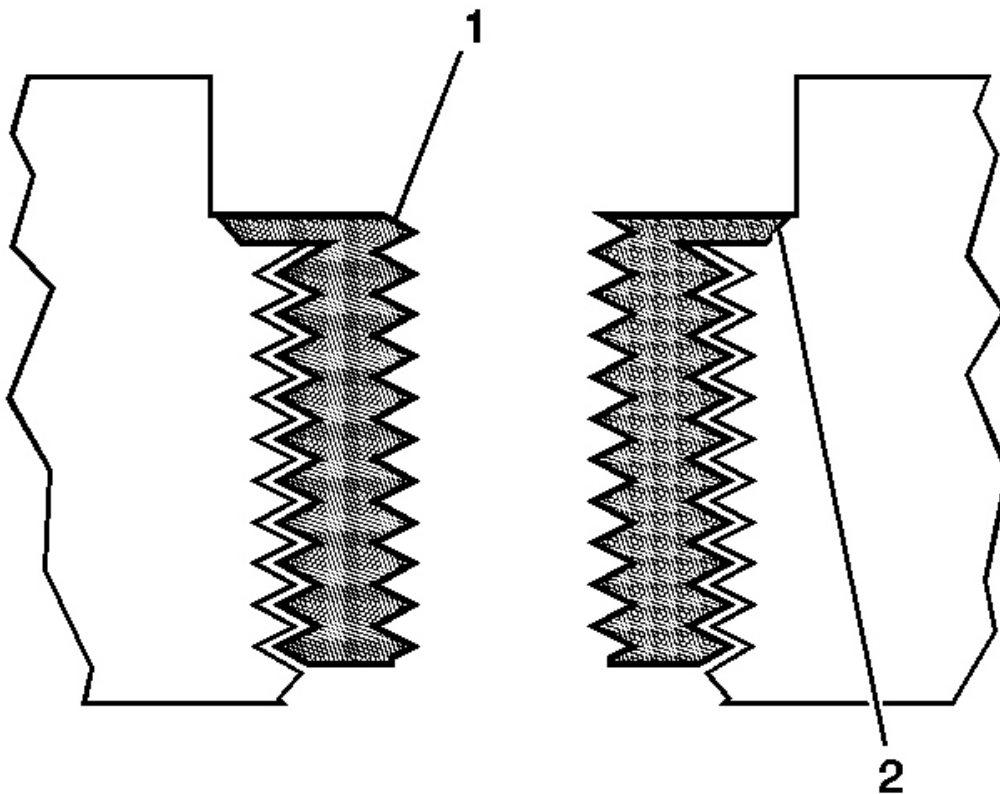


Fig. 308: Inspecting Insert For Proper Installation - Recessed Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

14. Inspect the insert (1) for proper installation (2) into the tapped hole.

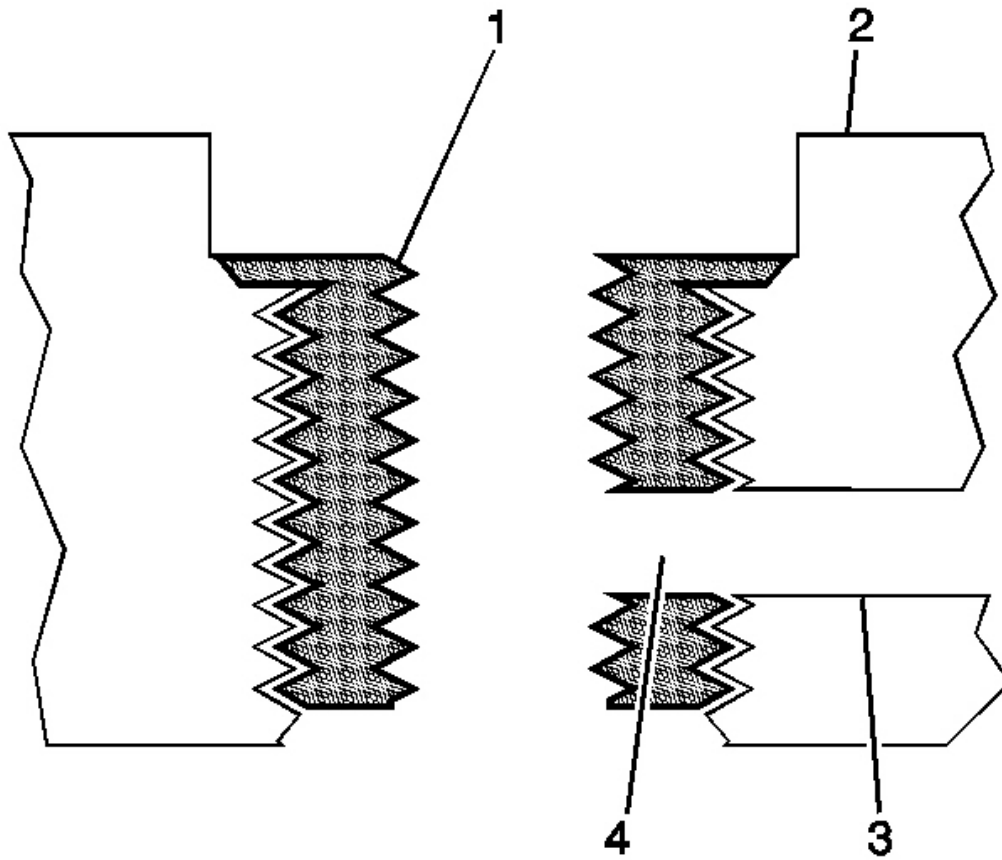


Fig. 309: View Of Restricted Engine Coolant Passage - Recessed Thread Repair

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

15. Any installed insert that restricts or blocks an oil or engine coolant passage (3) will need to have the oil or engine coolant passage drilled out (4) to the original size of the oil or engine coolant passage. After drilling the restriction or blockage, clean out any chips and thread the installation driver tool through the insert again to remove any burrs caused by the drilling of the oil or engine coolant passage.

The thread repair insert for tapered pipe threads is coated with a clear silver zinc coating.

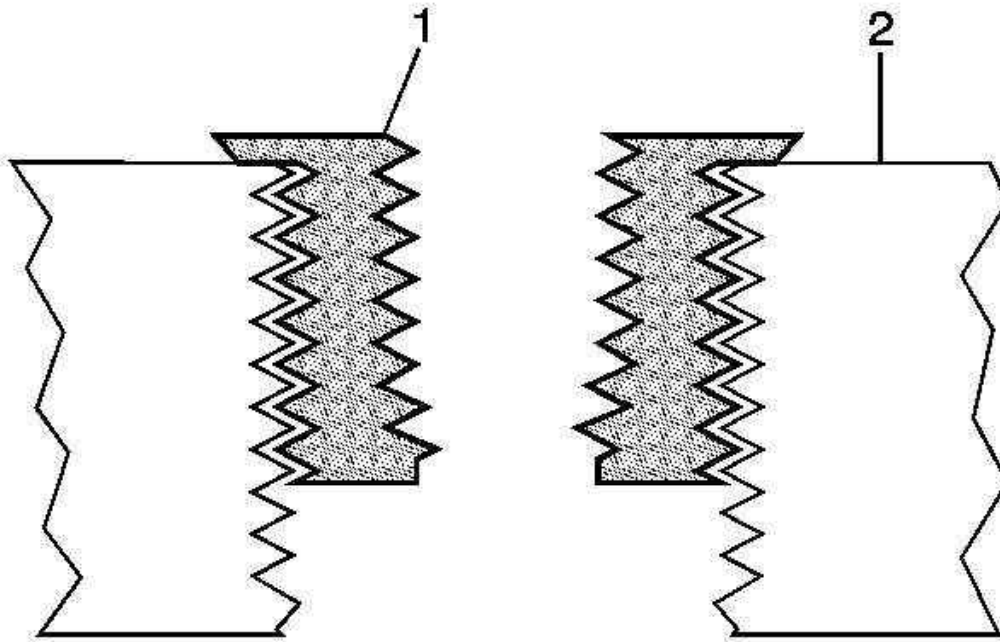


Fig. 310: View Of Insert Proper Installation
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

IMPORTANT: The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864, (Canadian P/N 992881), WD 40® or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling, counterboring and tapping procedures.

When installed to the proper depth, the flange (1) of the insert will be seated against surface (2) of the base material of the drilled/tapped hole.

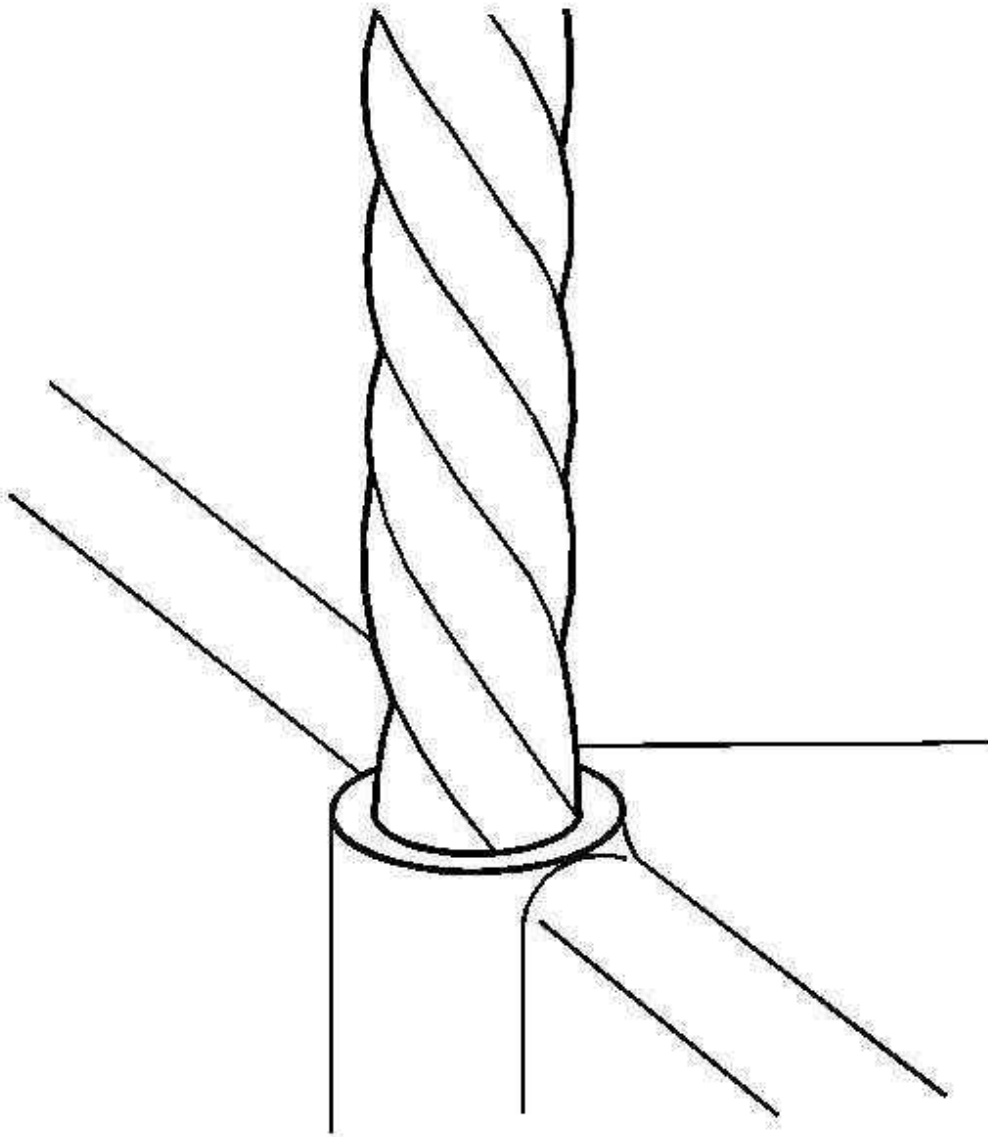


Fig. 311: View Of Drilling Out Threads Of Damaged Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

- IMPORTANT:**
- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from

the hole and the flutes of the drill.

- Drill the hole until the stop collar contacts the surface of the base material.

1. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

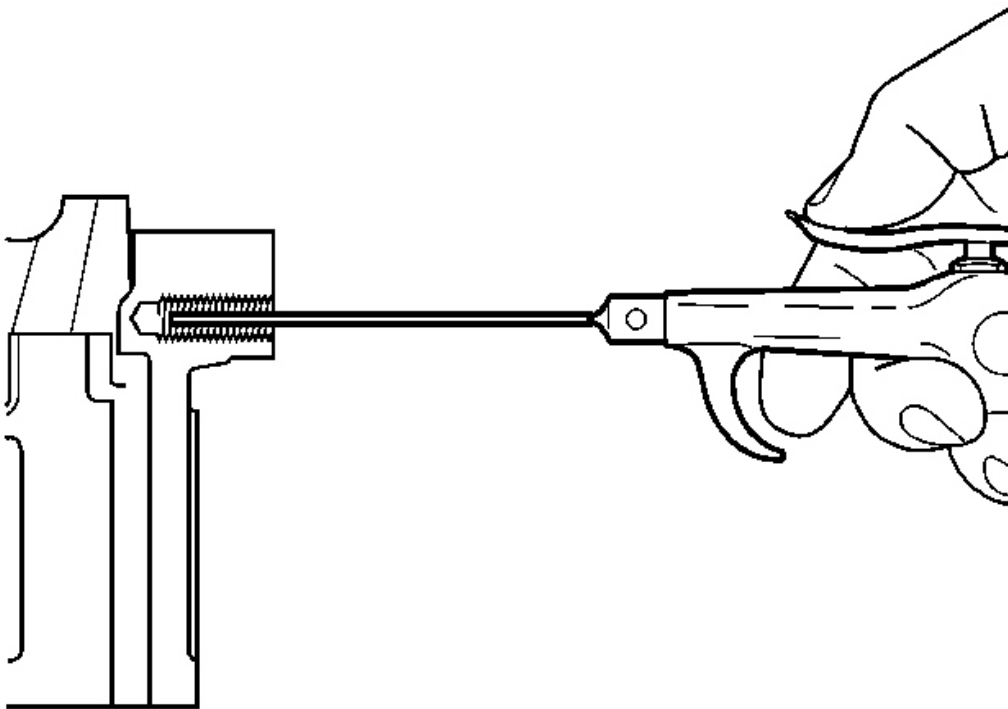


Fig. 312: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

2. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

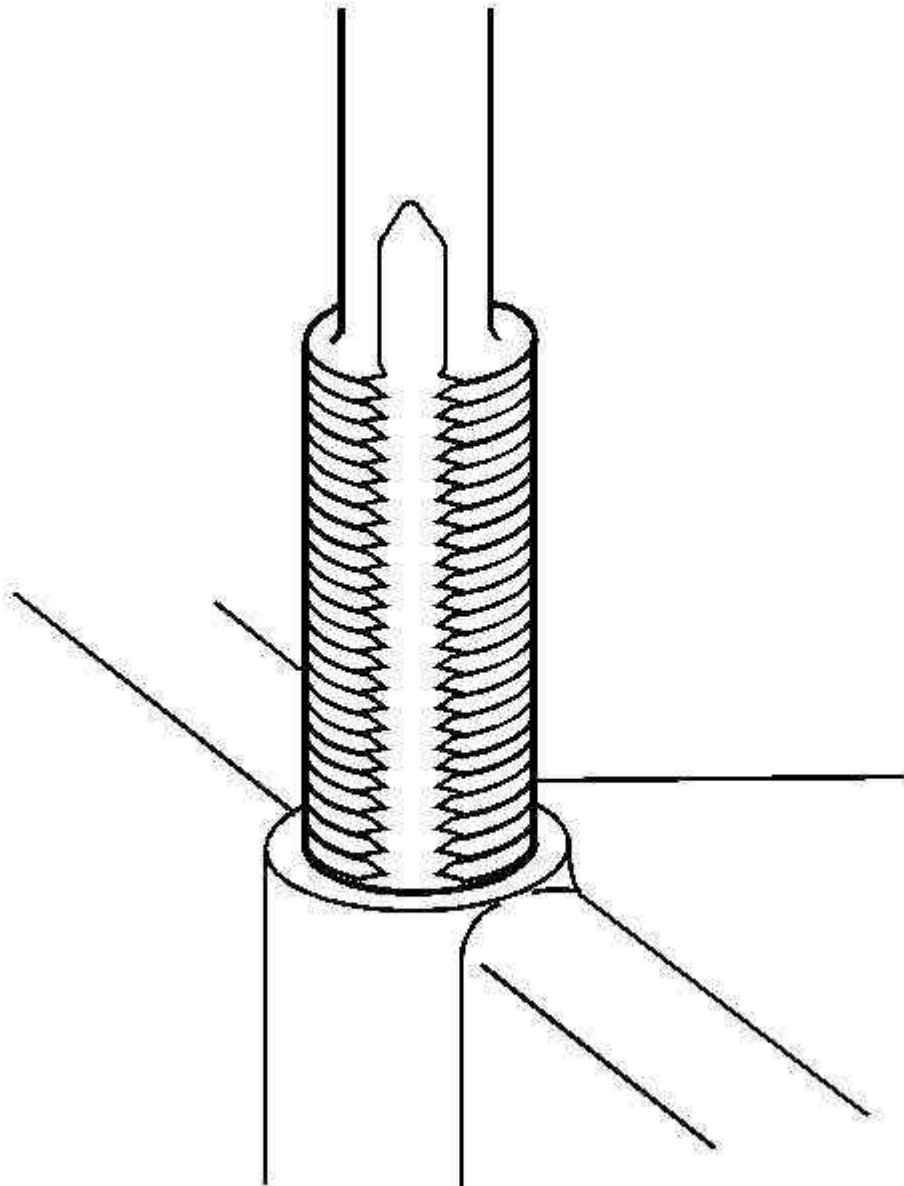


Fig. 313: Tapping Threads Of Drilled Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: • During the tapping process, it is necessary to

repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.

- **Ensure the tap has created full threads at least to the depth equal to the insert length.**

3. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand only.

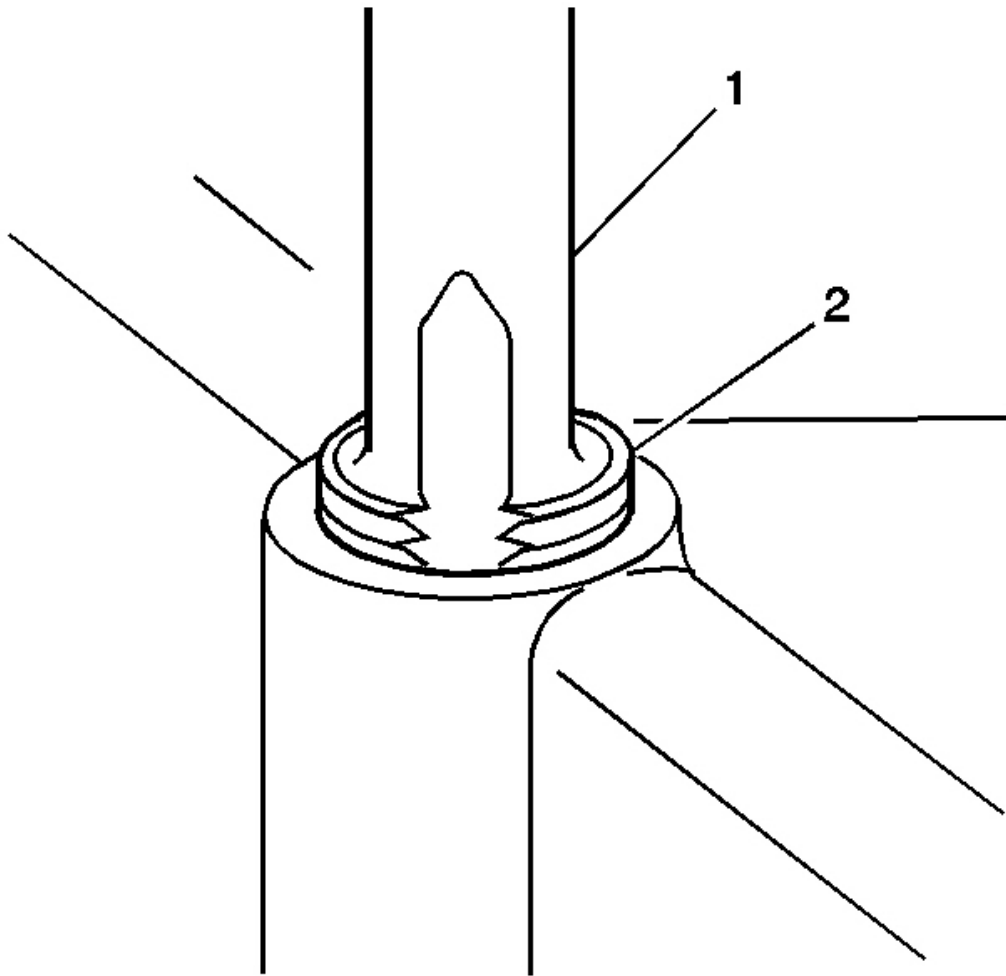


Fig. 314: View Of Proper Tapping Distance - Tapered Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Tap the drilled hole until the threads at the top of the tap (2) are down to the surface of the base material.

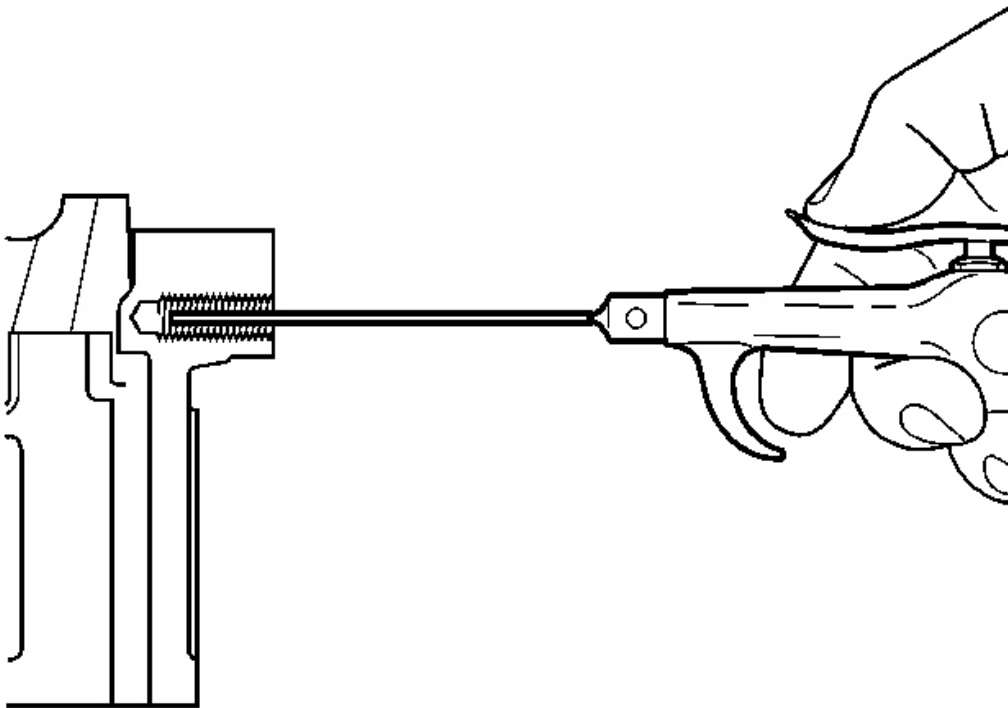


Fig. 315: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

5. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

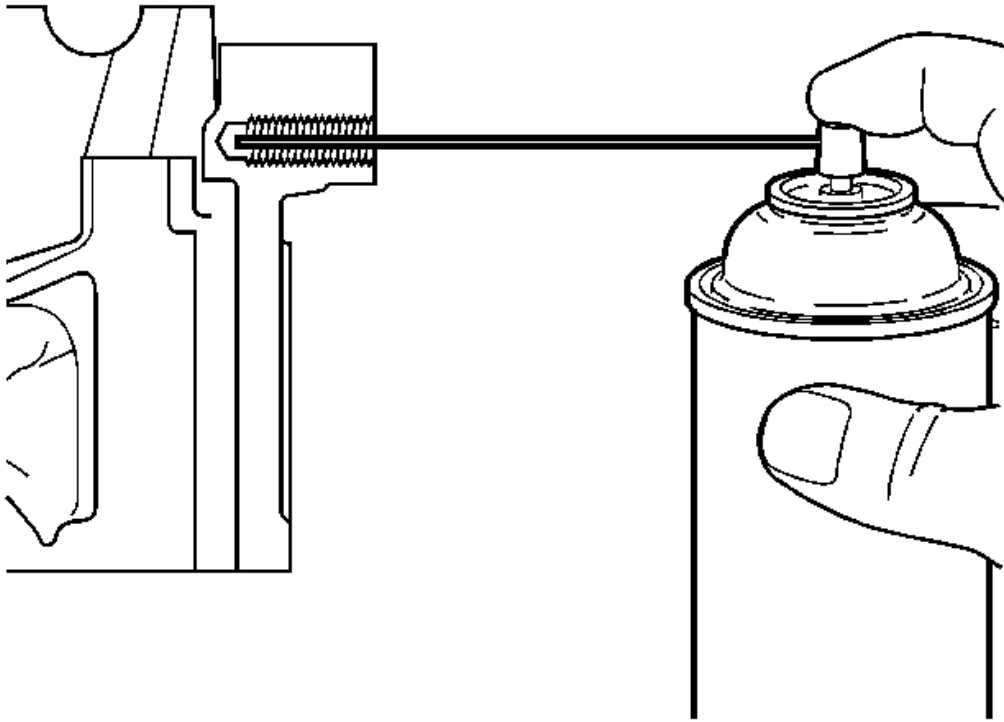


Fig. 316: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

6. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

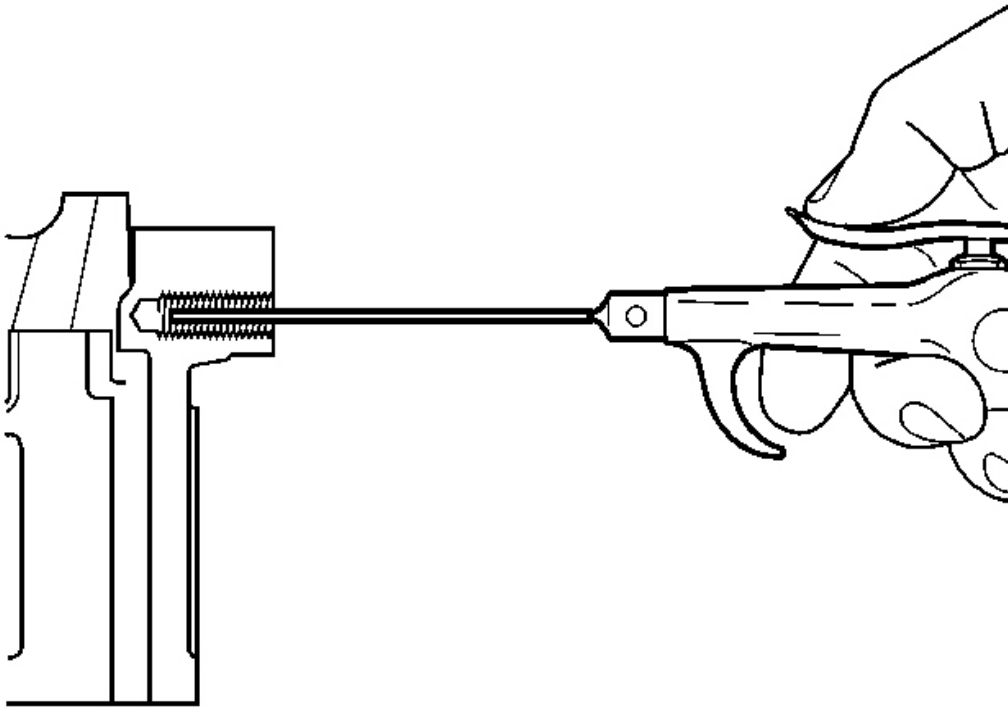


Fig. 317: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

7. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

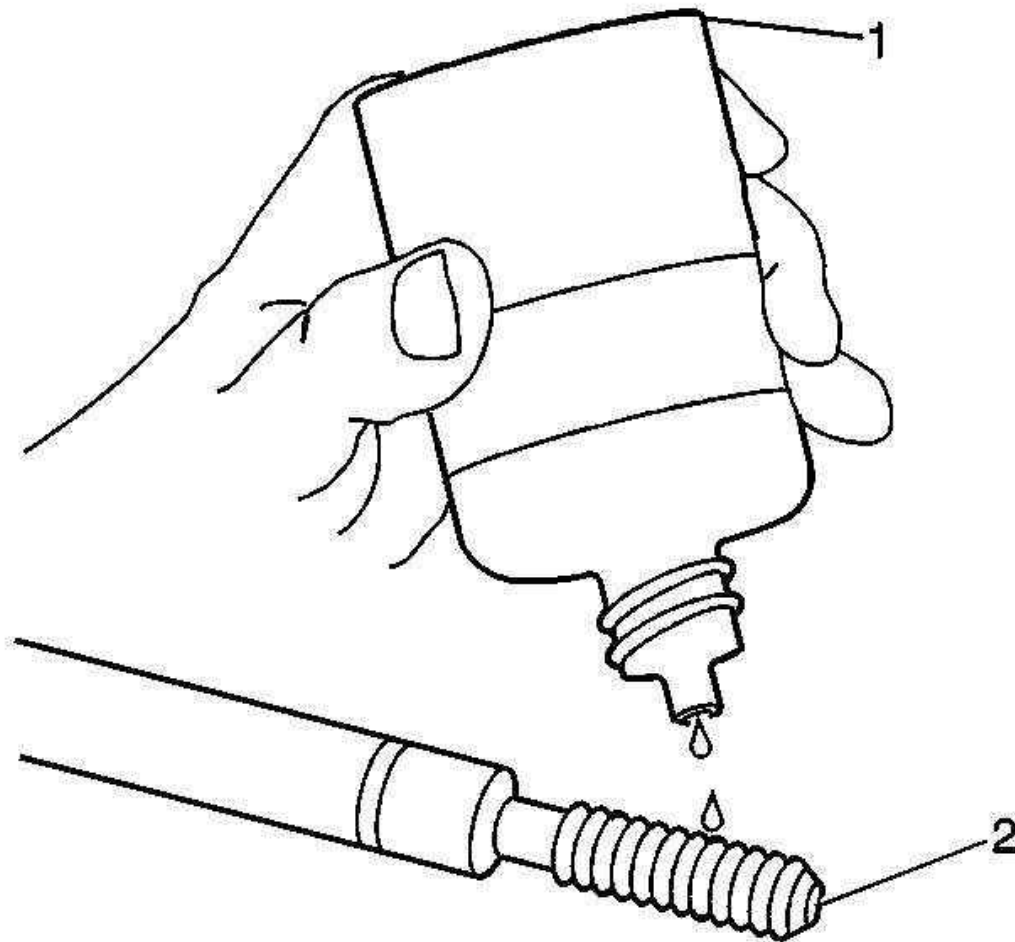


Fig. 318: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

8. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110 (1).

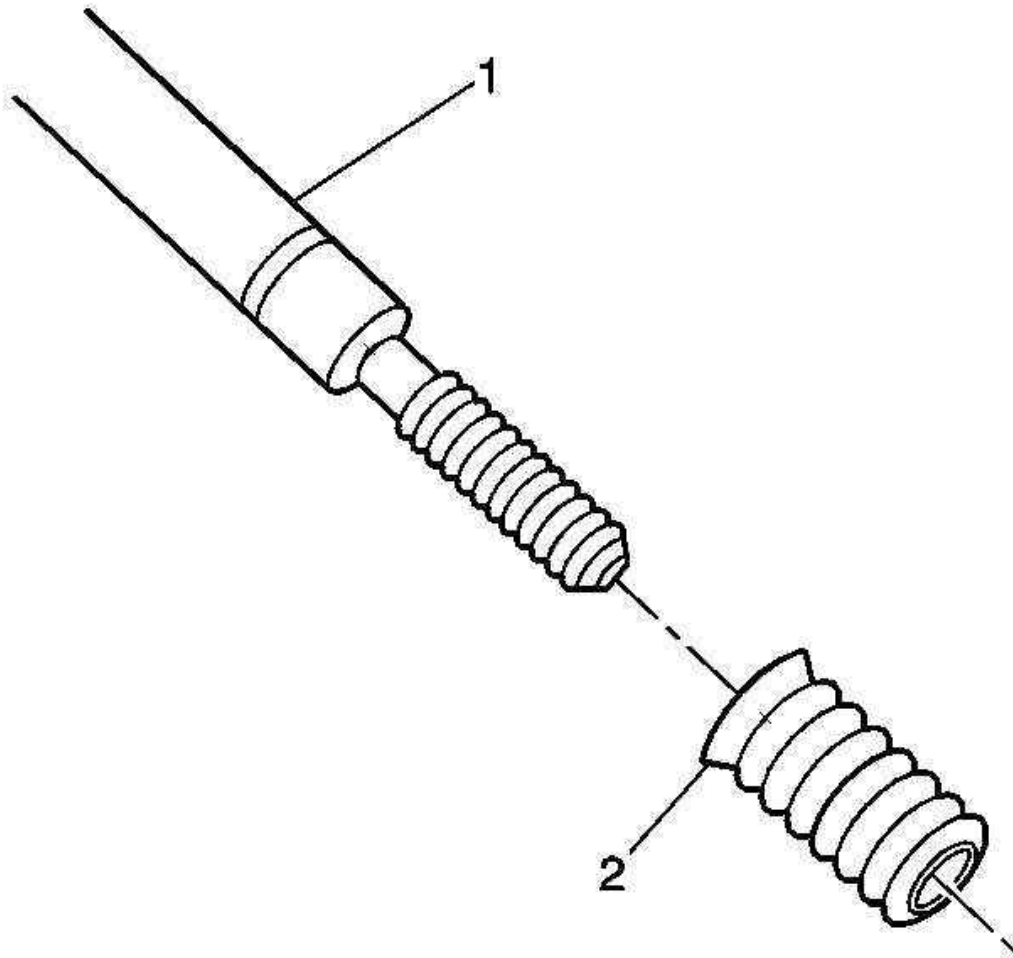


Fig. 319: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

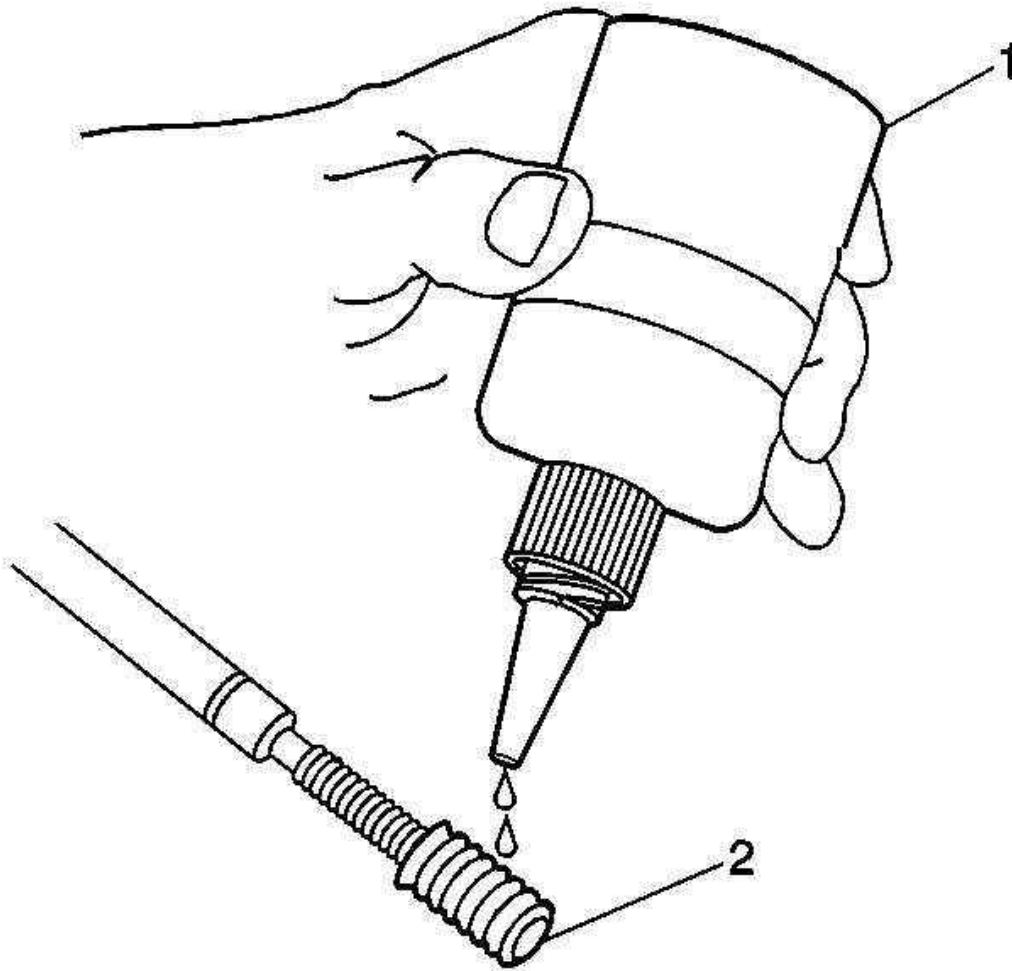


Fig. 320: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

10. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277® or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

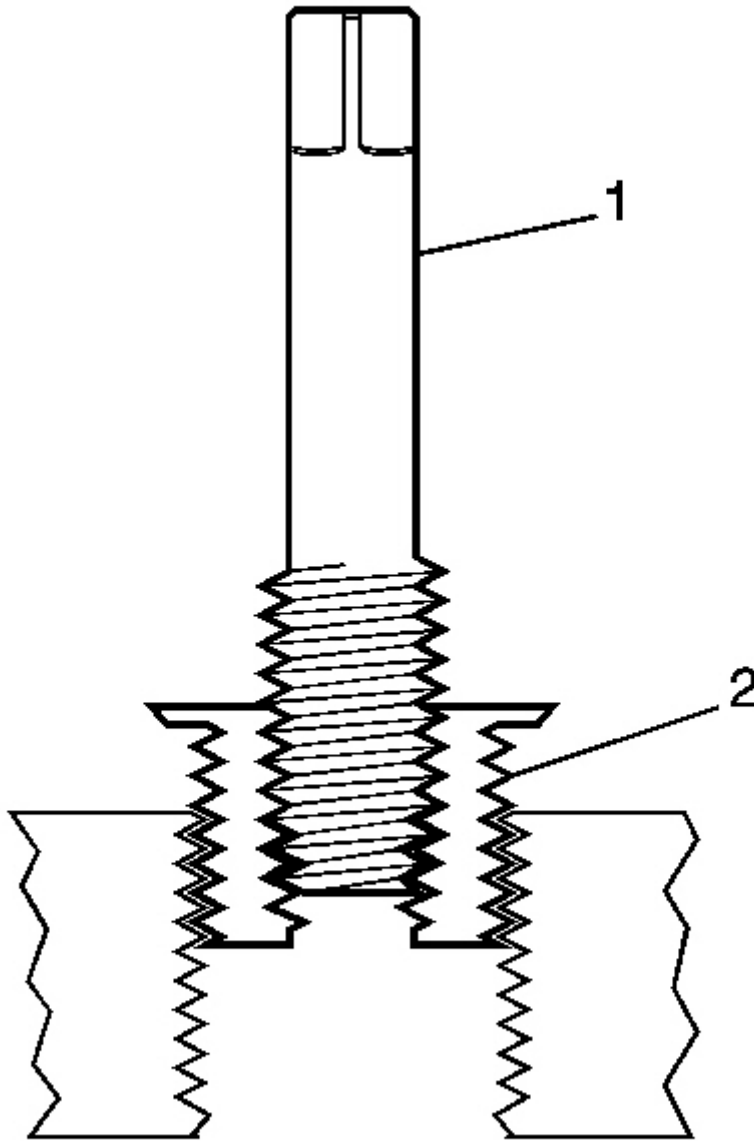


Fig. 321: View Of Insert - Tapered Thread
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Install the insert (2) into the tapped hole by hand only.

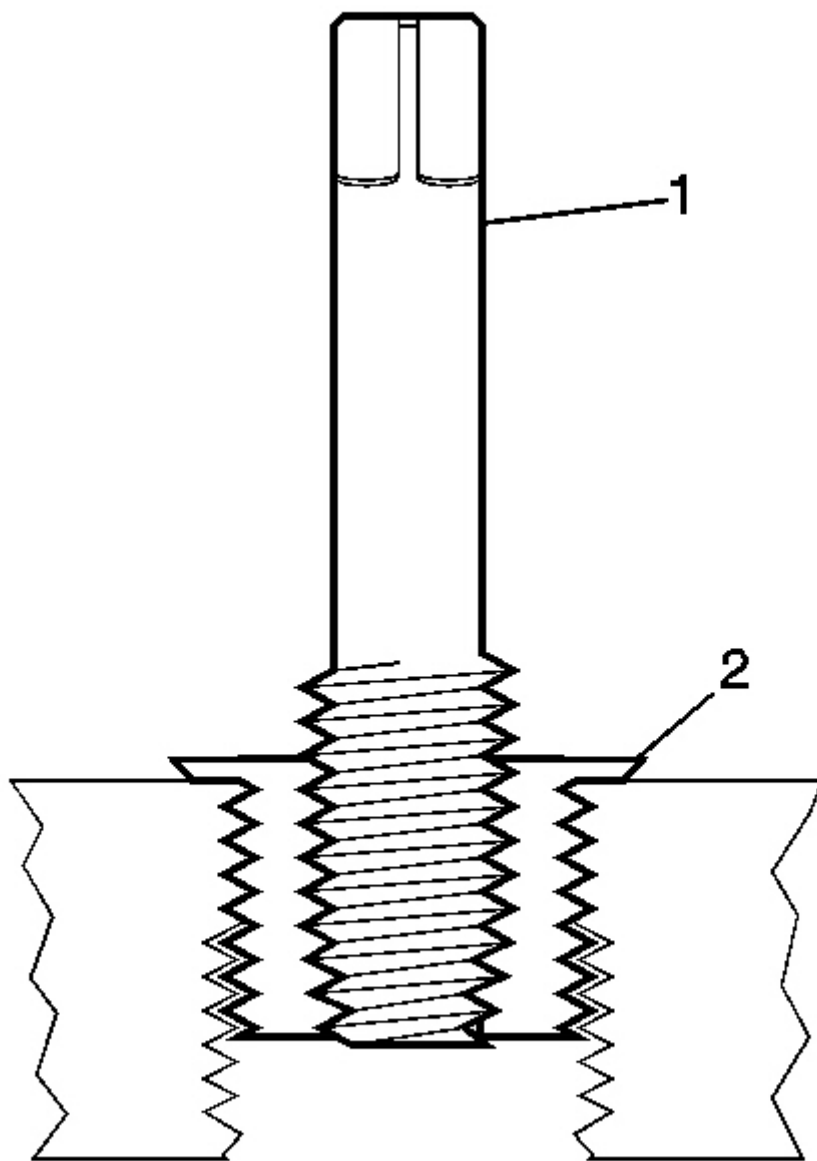


Fig. 322: View Of Insert - Tapered Pipe Thread Repair
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the surface of the base material remove

the insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips and/or improper tapping.

12. Install the insert until the flange (2) of the insert contacts the surface of the base material.

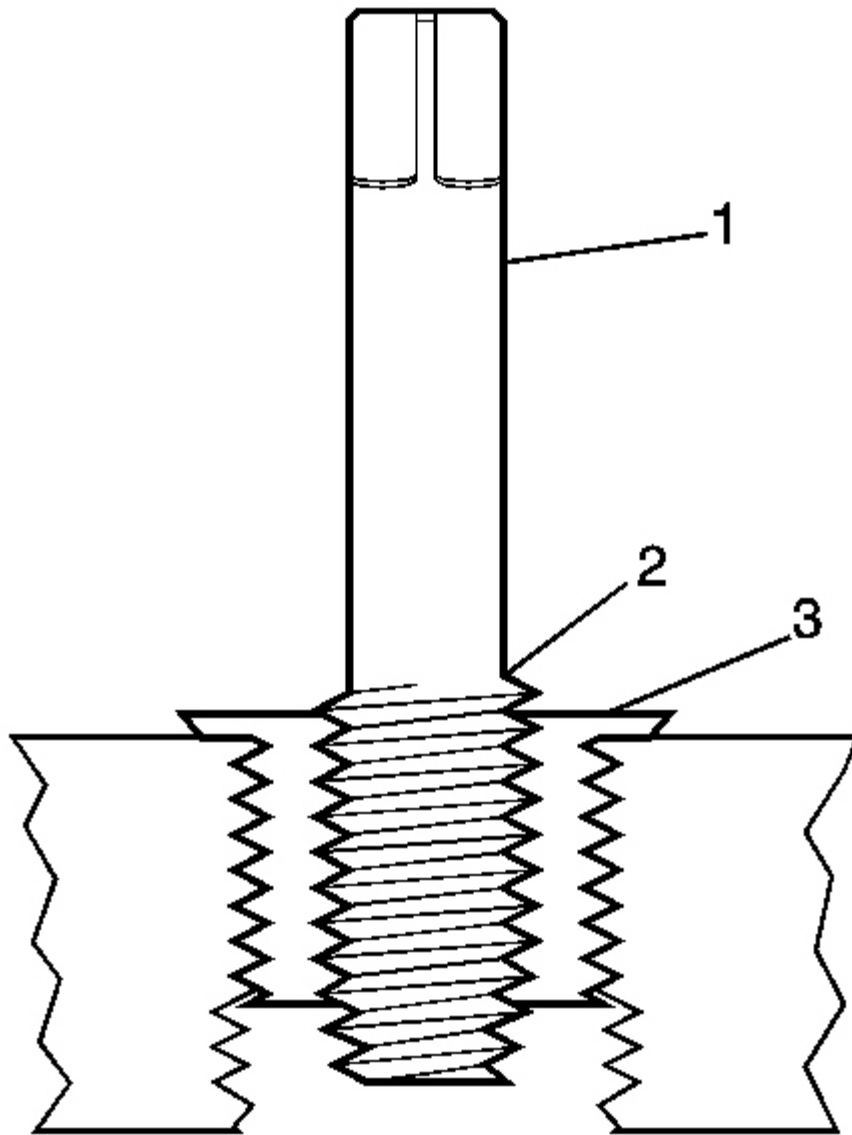


Fig. 323: View Of Insert - Tapered Pipe Thread Repair
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is

acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

13. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool (1) until the top of the threaded section (2) is level with the top of the insert (3).

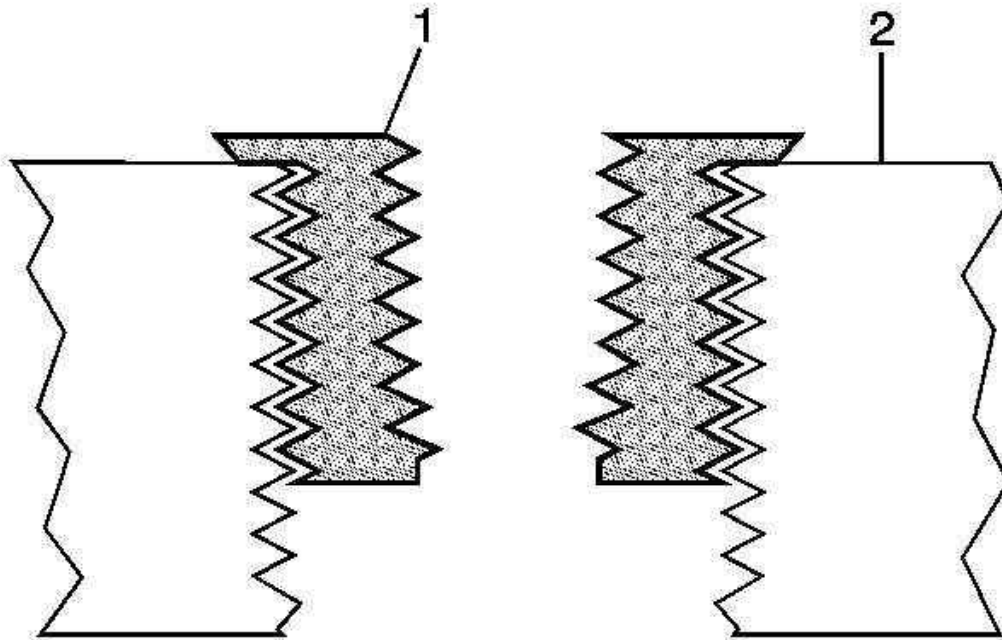


Fig. 324: View Of Insert Proper Installation
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

14. Inspect the insert (1) for proper installation (2) into the tapped hole.

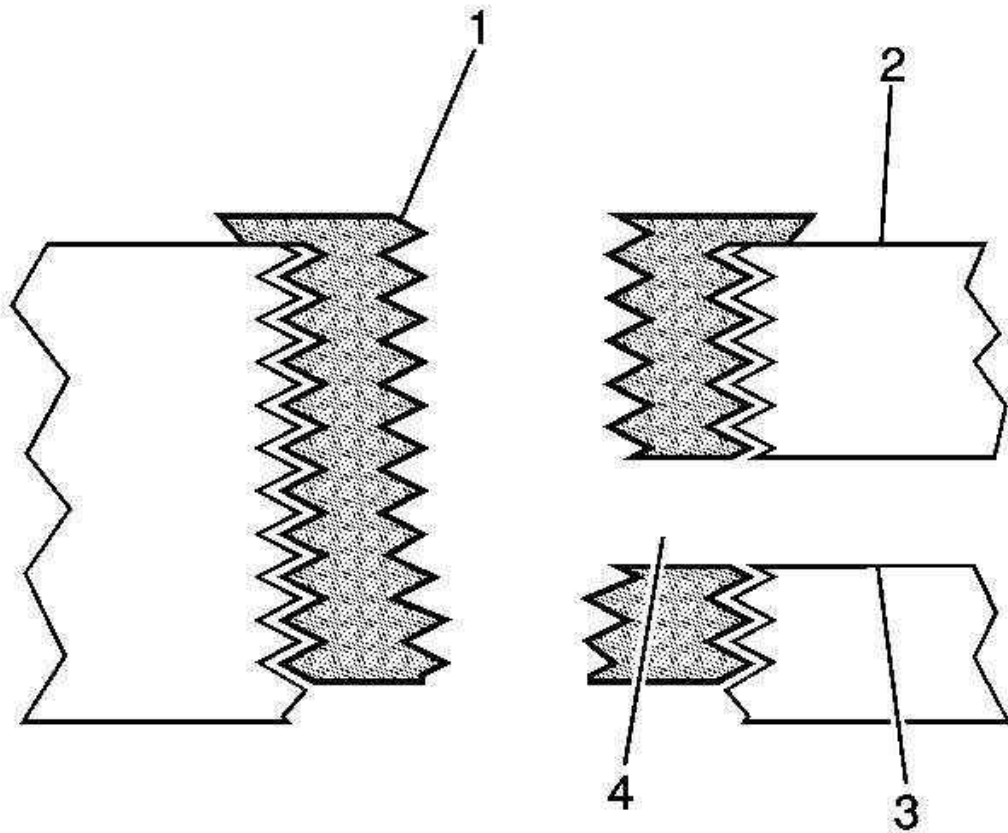


Fig. 325: View Of Restricted Engine Coolant Passages - Tapered Pipe Thread Repair

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

- Any installed insert that restricts or blocks an oil or engine coolant passage (3) will need to have the oil or engine coolant passage drilled out (4) to the original size of the oil or engine coolant passage. After drilling the restriction or blockage, clean out any chips and thread the installation driver tool through the insert again to remove any burrs caused by the drilling of the oil or engine coolant passage.

- **J 42385-700** High Feature Thread Repair Kit. See **Special Tools** .
- **J 42385-2000** Thread Insert Kit. See **Special Tools** .

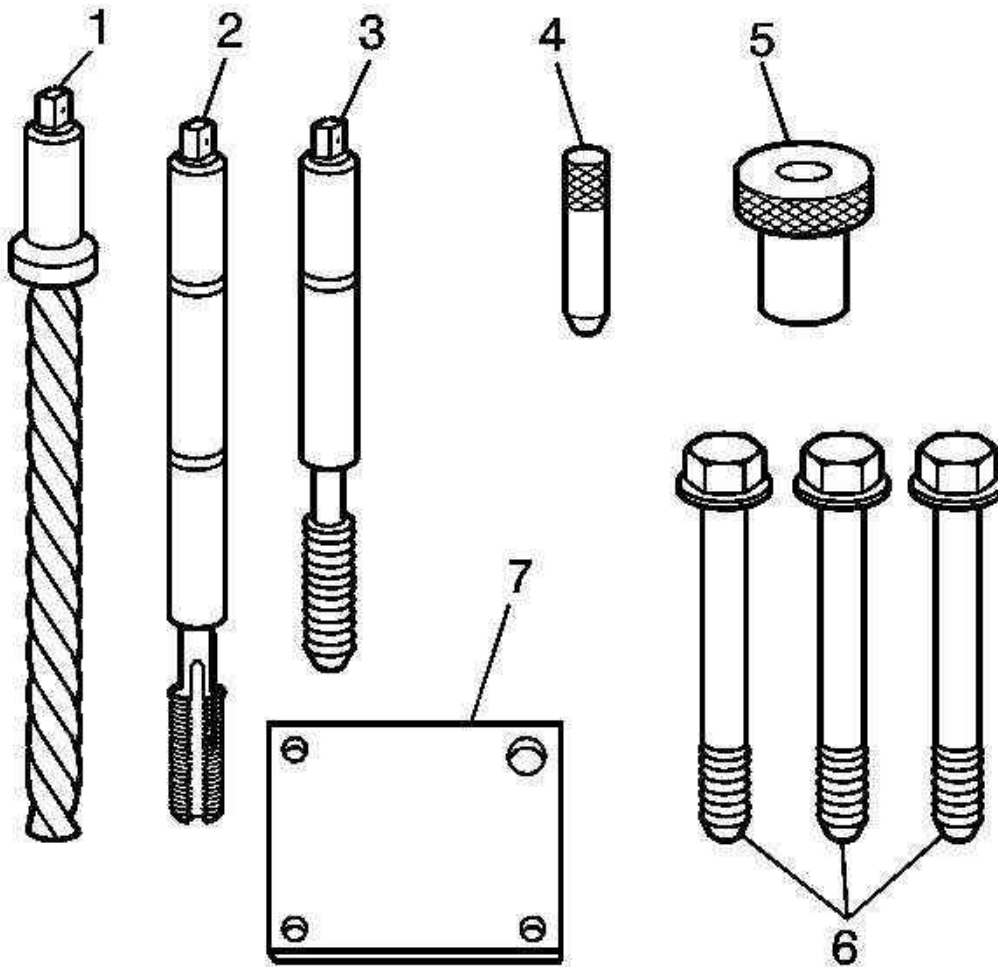


Fig. 326: Identifying Cylinder Head Bolt Hole Thread Repair Components
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

The cylinder head bolt hole thread repair tooling are in the kits **J 42385-2000** and **J 42385-700** . See **Special Tools** . The cylinder head bolt hole thread repair components consist of the following:

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- J 42385-723 Drill (1)
- J 42385-724 Tap (2)
- J 42385-725 Installation driver (3)
- J 42385-303 Alignment pin (4)
- J 42385-302 Bushing (5)
- J 42385-733 Bolts (6)
- J 42385-401 Fixture plate (7)

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

- IMPORTANT:**
- **Remove the fixture plate prior to installing the insert with the installer tool.**
 - **The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864 (Canadian P/N 992881) WD 40®; or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling, counterboring and tapping procedures.**

When installed to the proper depth, the flange of the insert will be seated against the counterbore of the drilled/tapped hole.

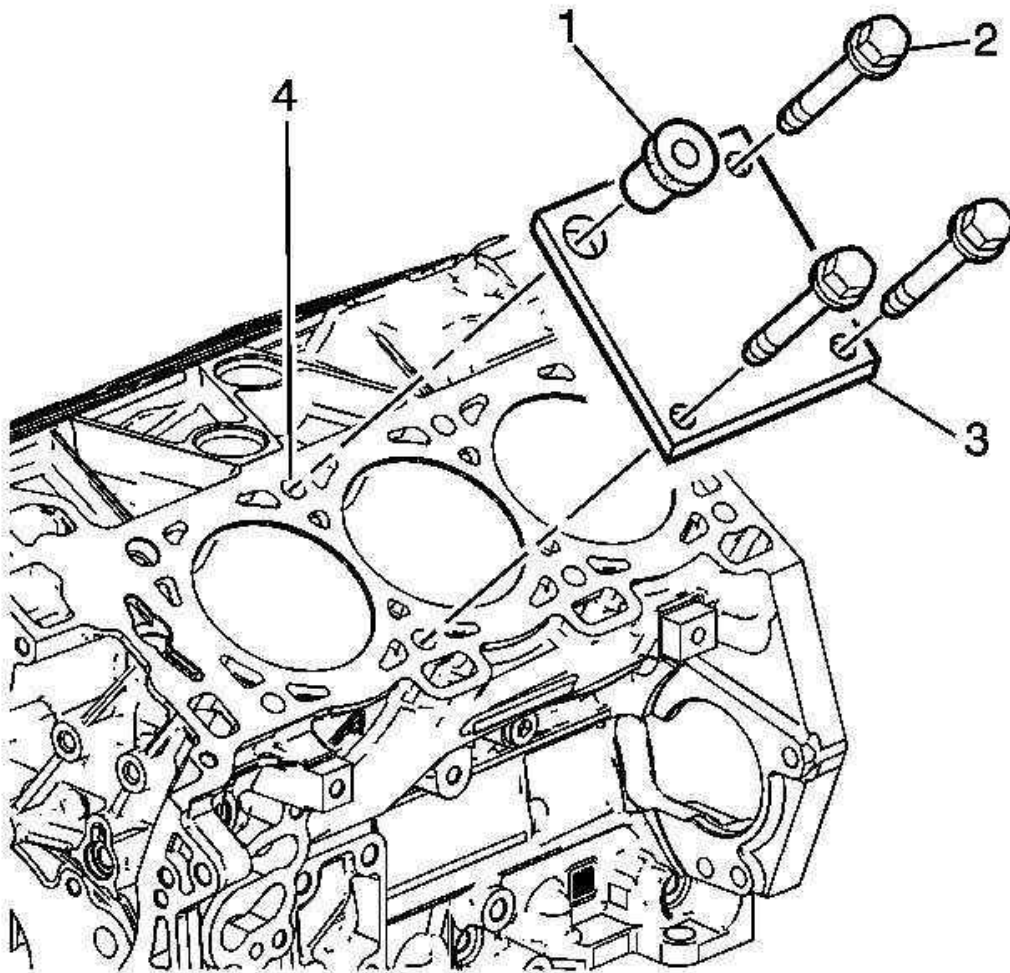


Fig. 327: View Of Fixture Plate With Bushing
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Position the fixture plate (3) with the bushing (1) installed over the cylinder head bolt hole to be repaired (4).
2. Loosely install the fixture plate bolts (2) into the remaining cylinder head bolt holes.

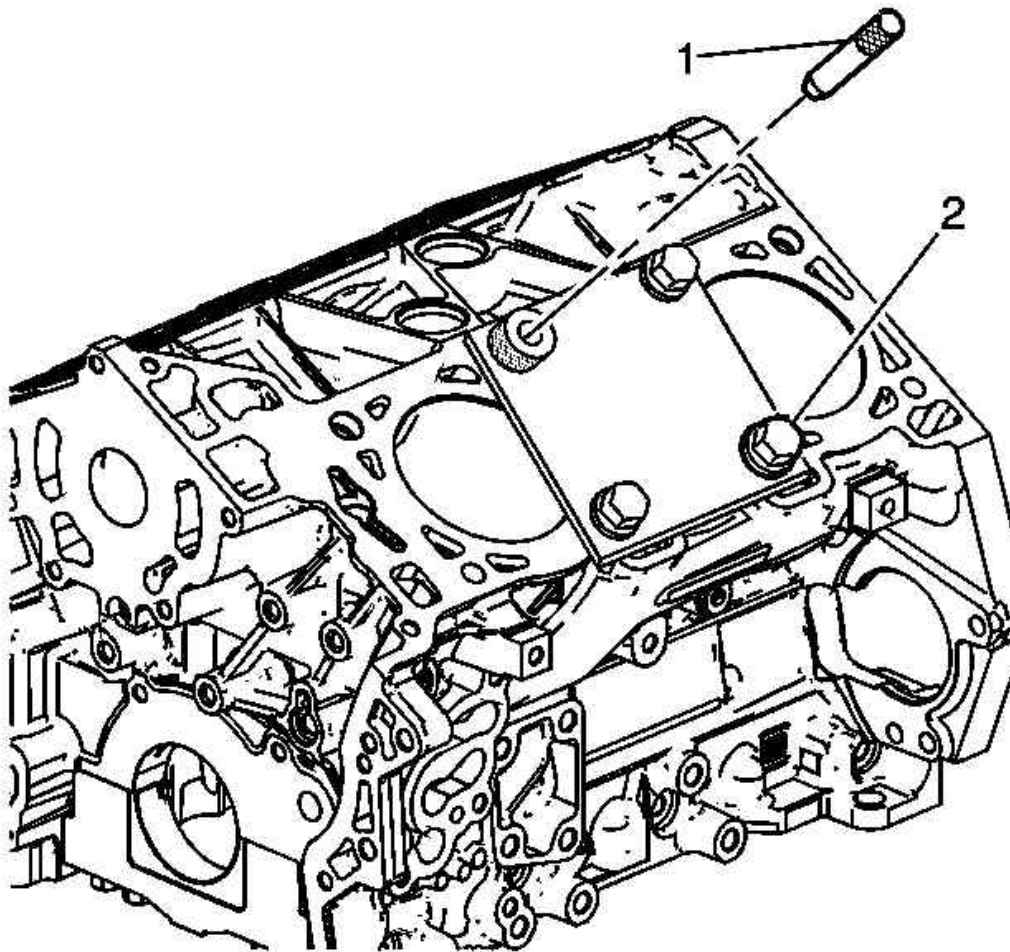


Fig. 328: Locating Alignment Pin
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Position the alignment pin (1) through the bushing and into the cylinder head bolt hole.
4. With the alignment pin in the desired cylinder head bolt hole, tighten the fixture retaining bolts (2).
5. Remove the alignment pin (1) from the cylinder head bolt hole.

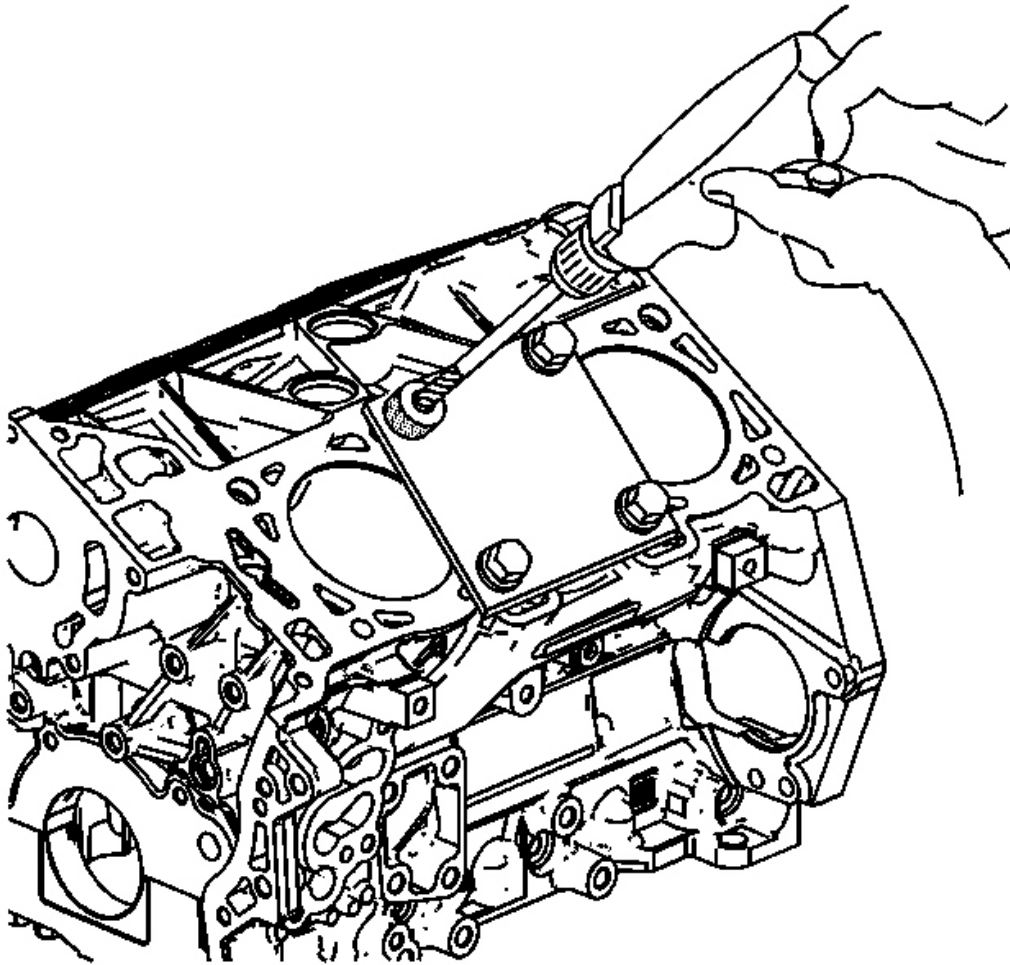


Fig. 329: Drilling Out Threads Of Damaged Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the drill.
- Drill the hole until the stop collar contacts the top of the drill bushing.

6. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

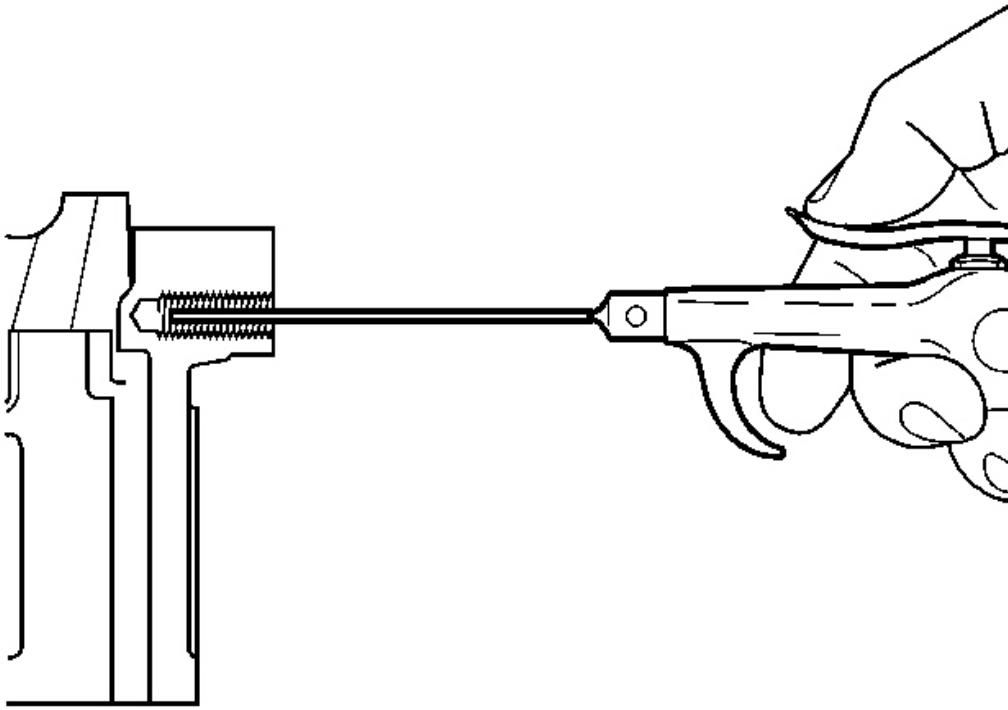


Fig. 330: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

7. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

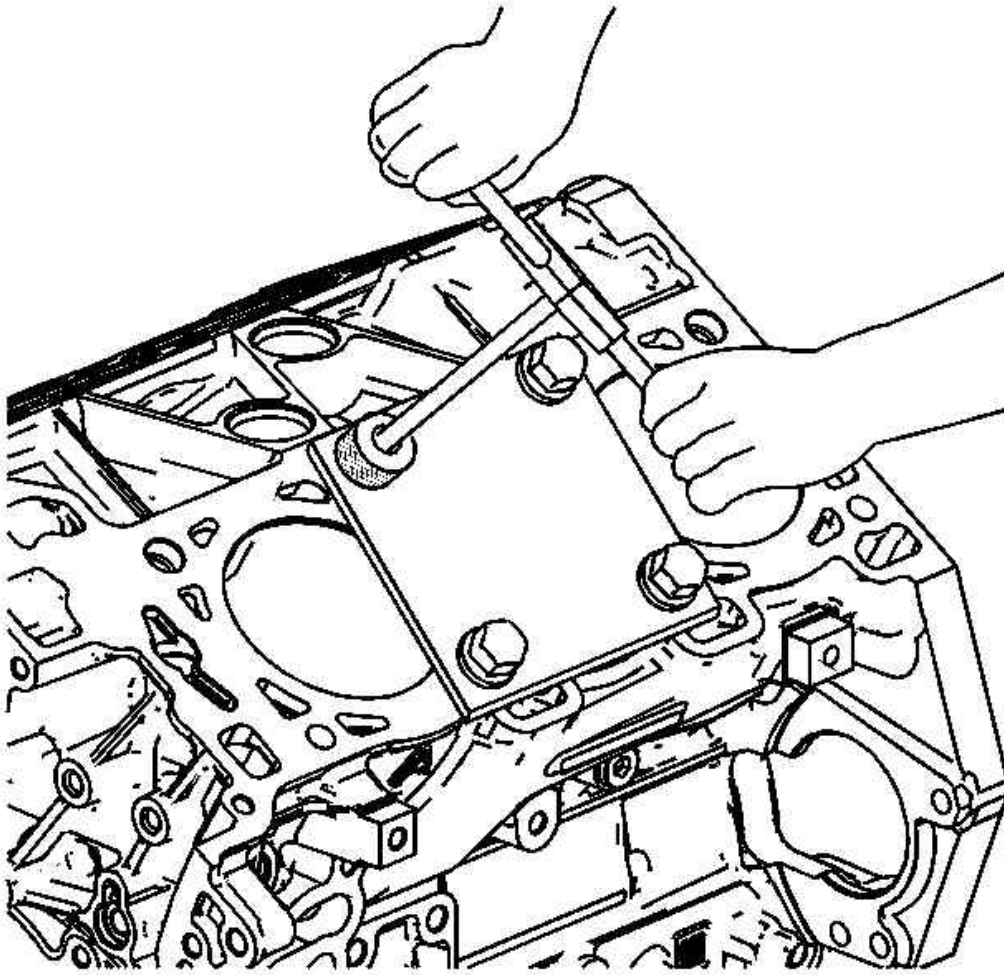


Fig. 331: Tapping Threads In Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- During the tapping process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.
- Ensure the tap has created full threads at least to the depth equal to the insert length.

8. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand

only.

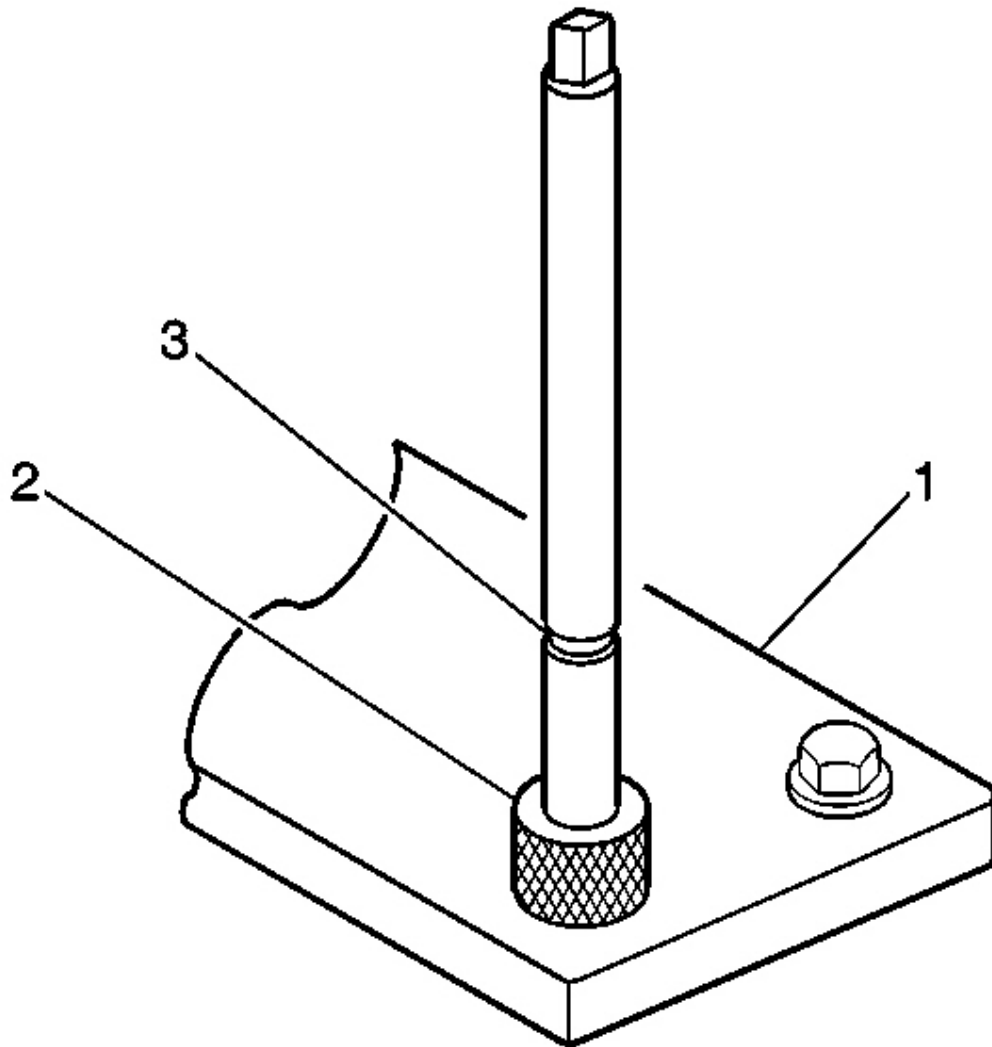


Fig. 332: View Of Fixture Plate, Drill Bushing & Tool Marking
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. In order to tap the new threads for the insert to the proper depth, rotate the tap into the cylinder head bolt hole until the mark (3) on the tap aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).

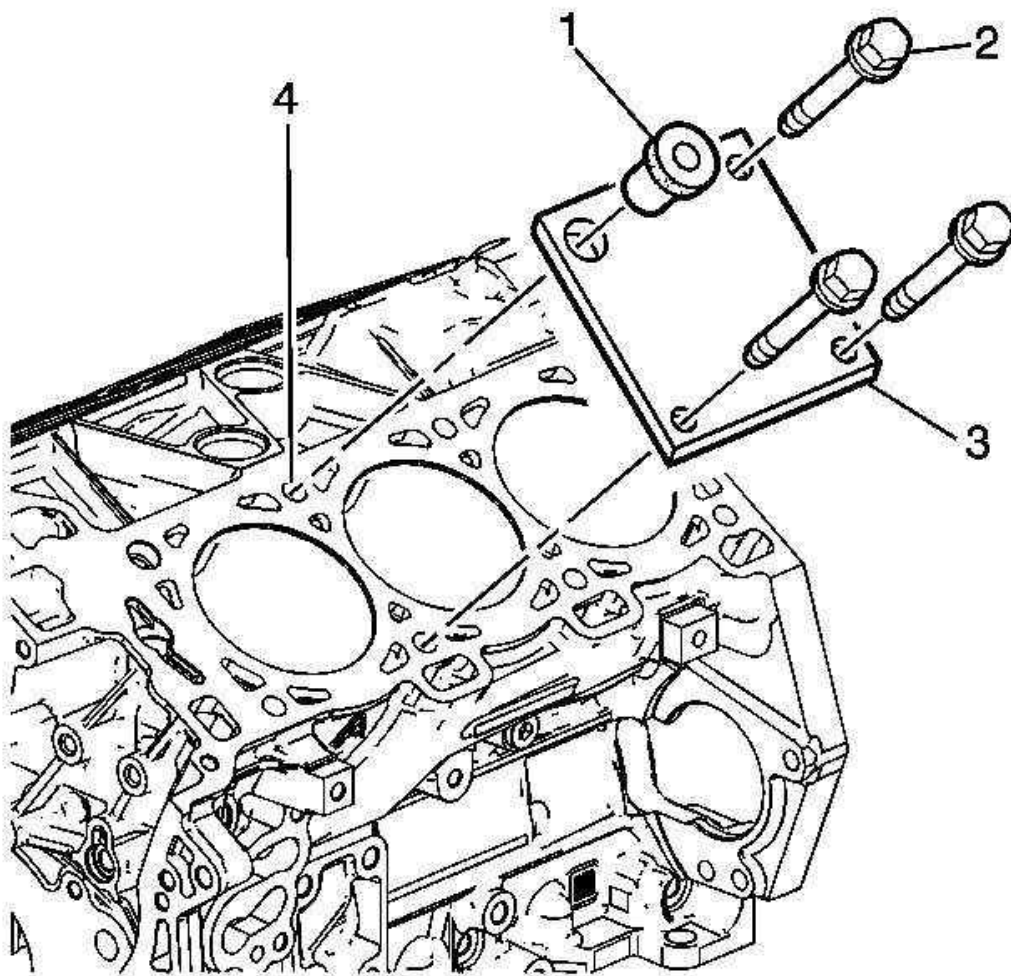


Fig. 333: View Of Fixture Plate With Bushing
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Remove the fixture plate prior to installing the insert with the installer tool.

10. Remove the fixture plate bolts (2).
11. Remove the fixture plate (3) and bushing (1).

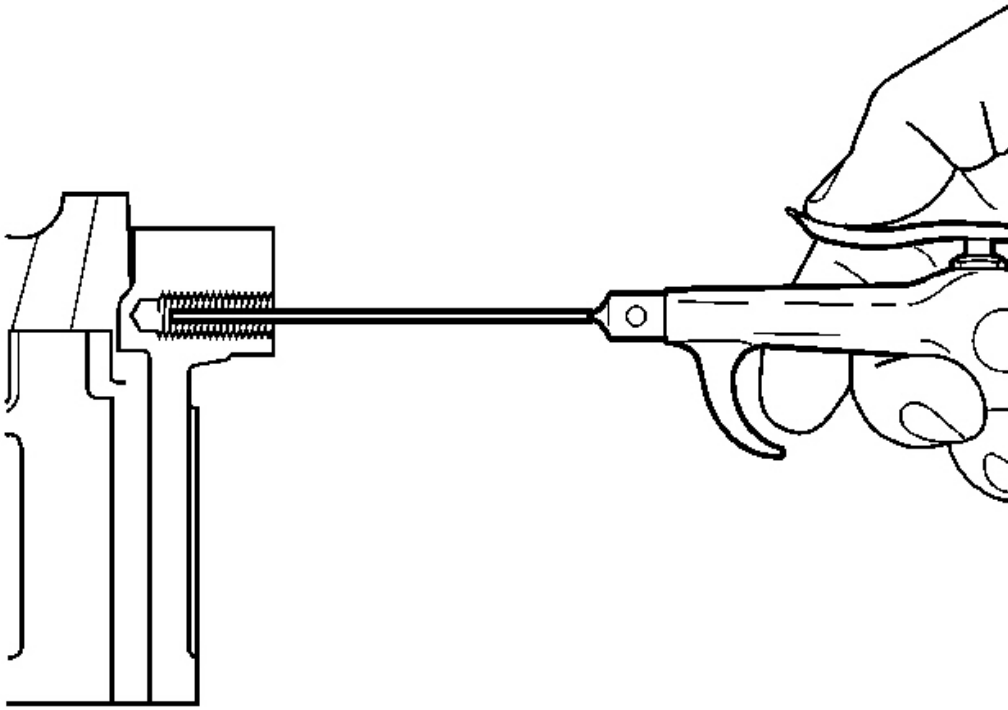


Fig. 334: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

12. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

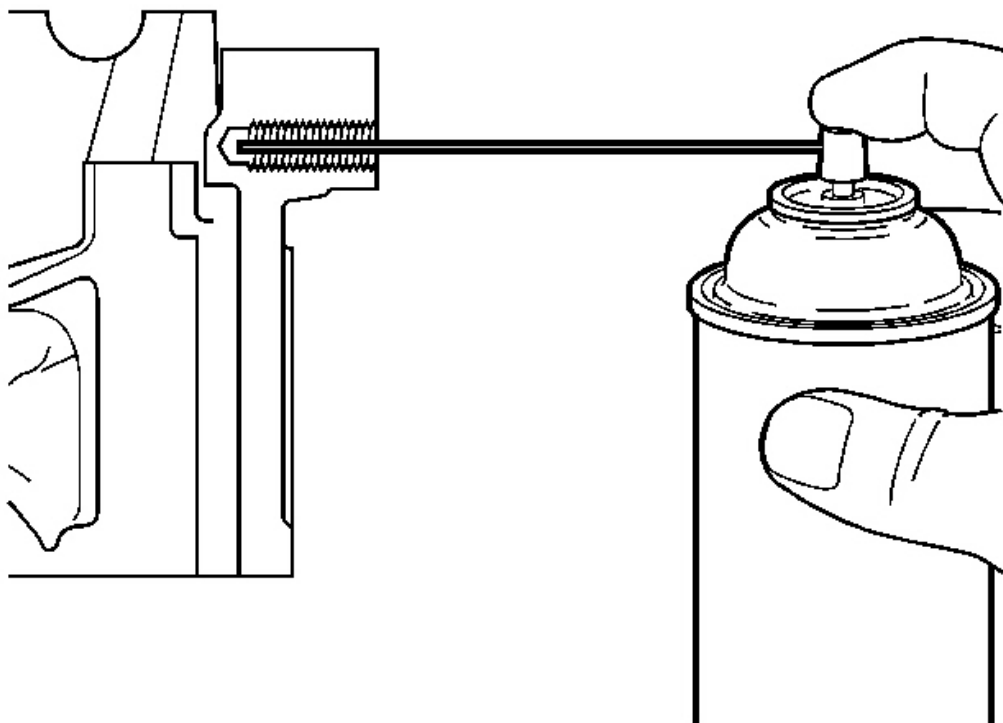


Fig. 335: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

13. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

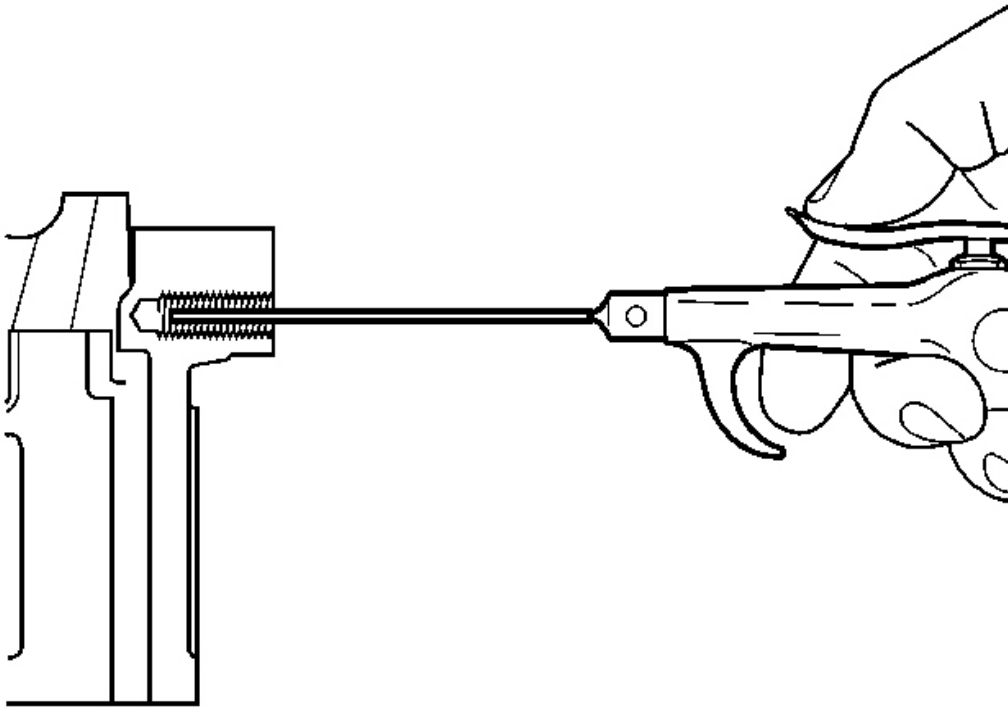


Fig. 336: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

14. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

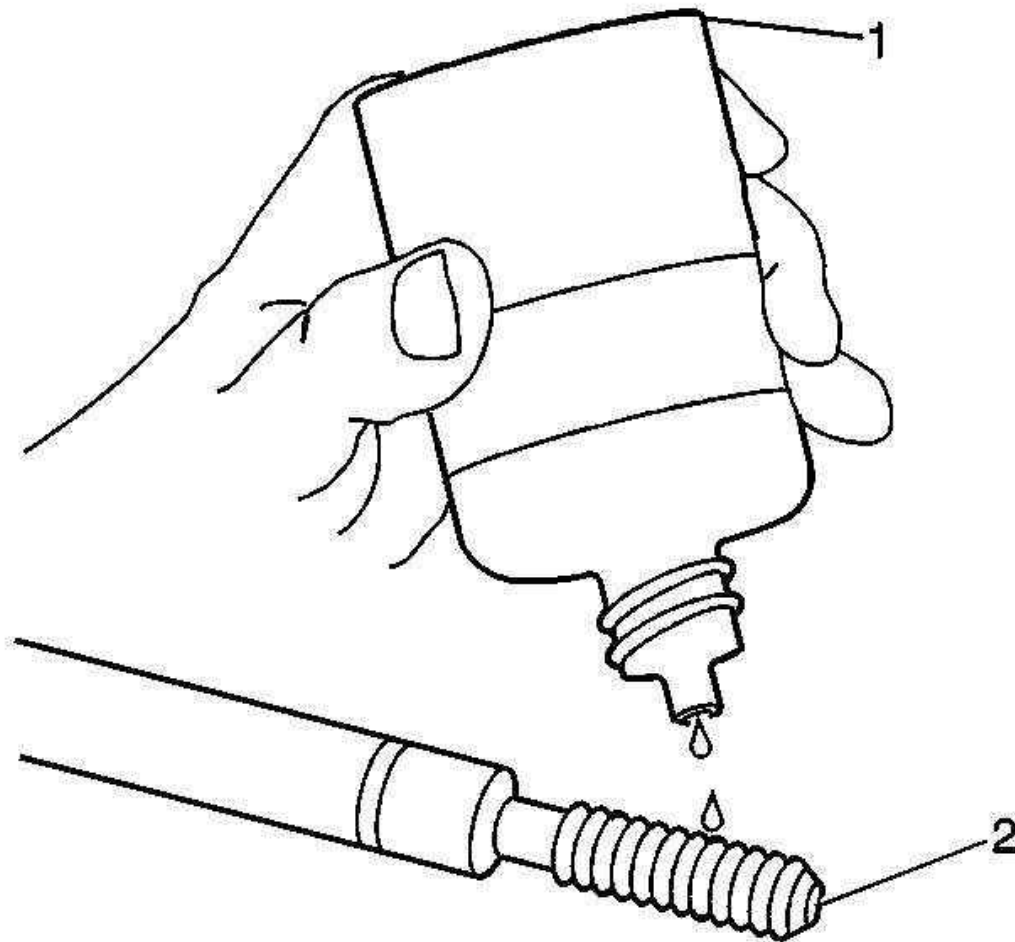


Fig. 337: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

15. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110 (1).

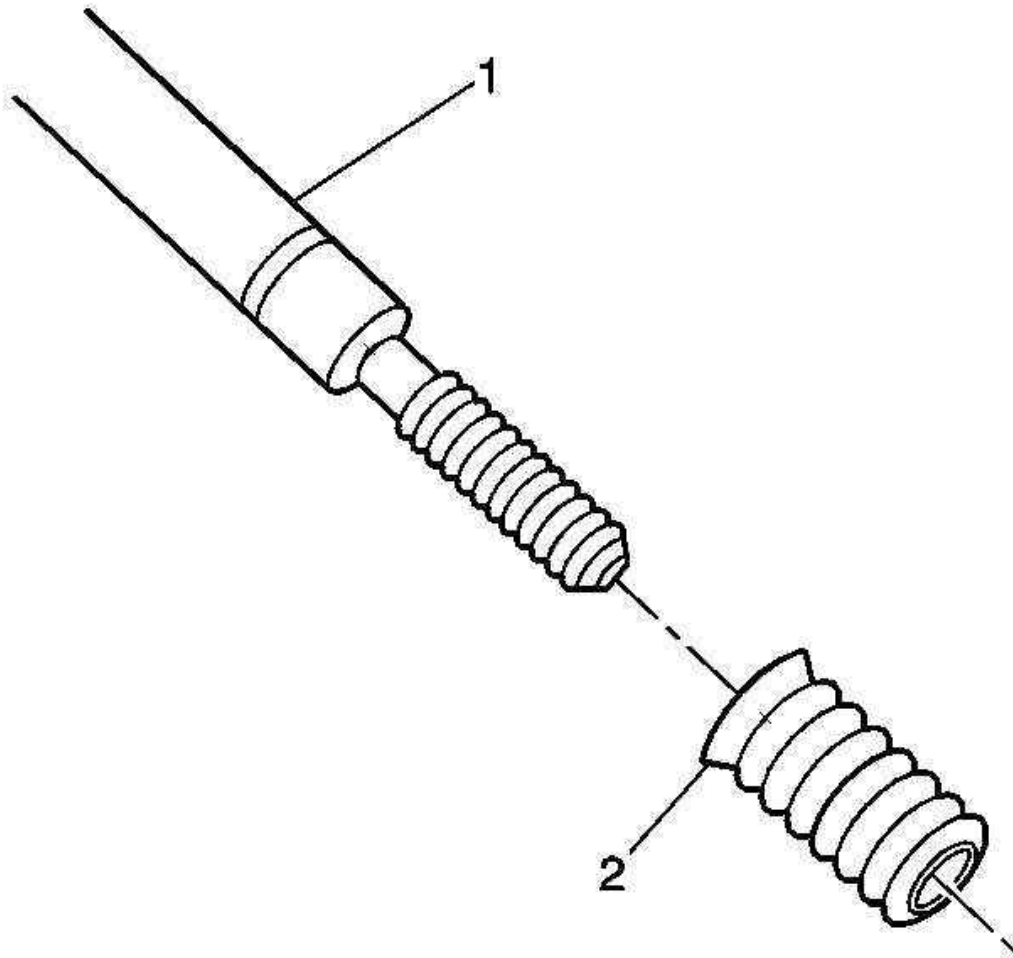


Fig. 338: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

16. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

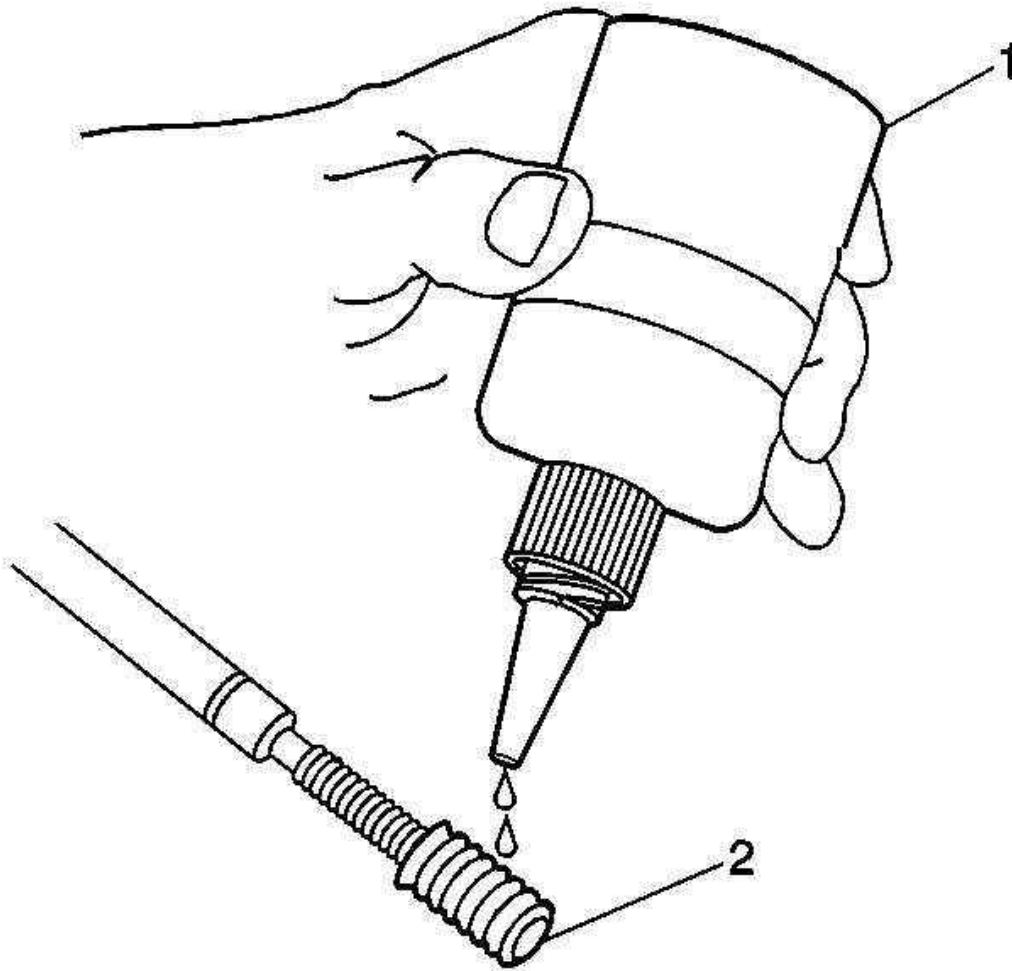


Fig. 339: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

17. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277®; or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

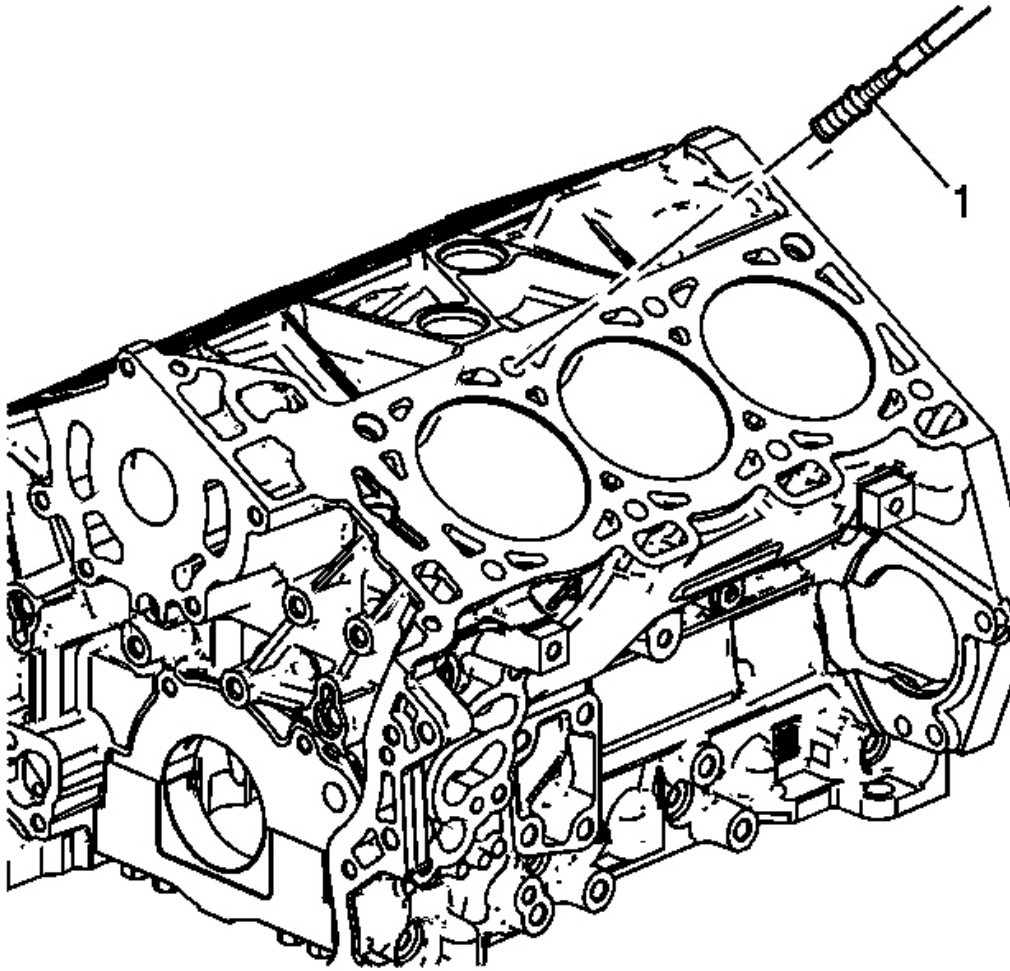


Fig. 340: Identifying Insert & Installation Driver
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

18. Install the insert and installation driver (1) into the tapped hole by hand only.
19. Start the insert into the threaded hole.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the counterbored surface remove the insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips

and/or improper tapping.

20. Install the insert until the flange of the insert contacts the counterbored surface.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

21. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool through the insert.

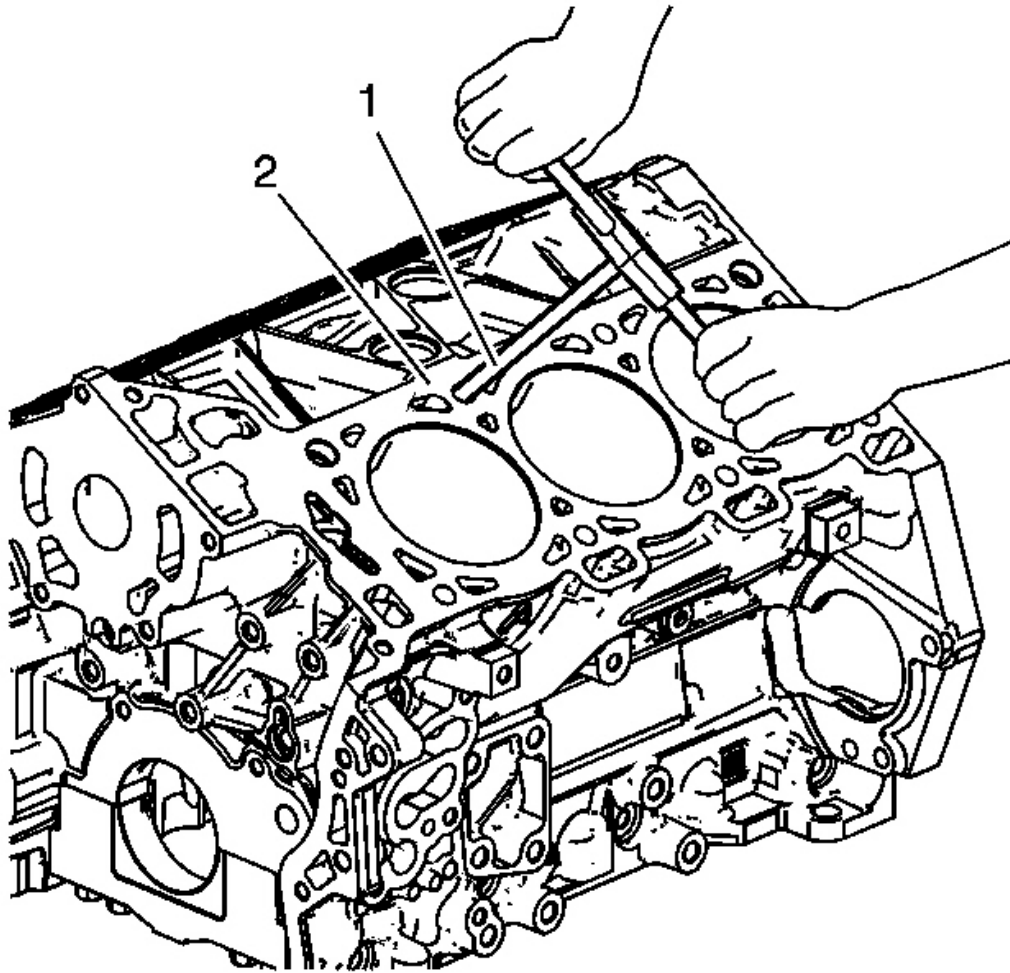


Fig. 341: Aligning Driver Installation Tool With Surface Of Engine Block Deck

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

22. In order to completely form the new threads in the insert, rotate the driver installation tool through the insert until the mark (1) on the driver installation tool aligns with the surface of the engine block deck (2).
23. Inspect the insert for proper installation into the tapped hole.

Tools Required

- J 42385-700 High Feature Thread Repair Kit. See Special Tools .
- J 42385-2000 Thread Insert Kit. See Special Tools .

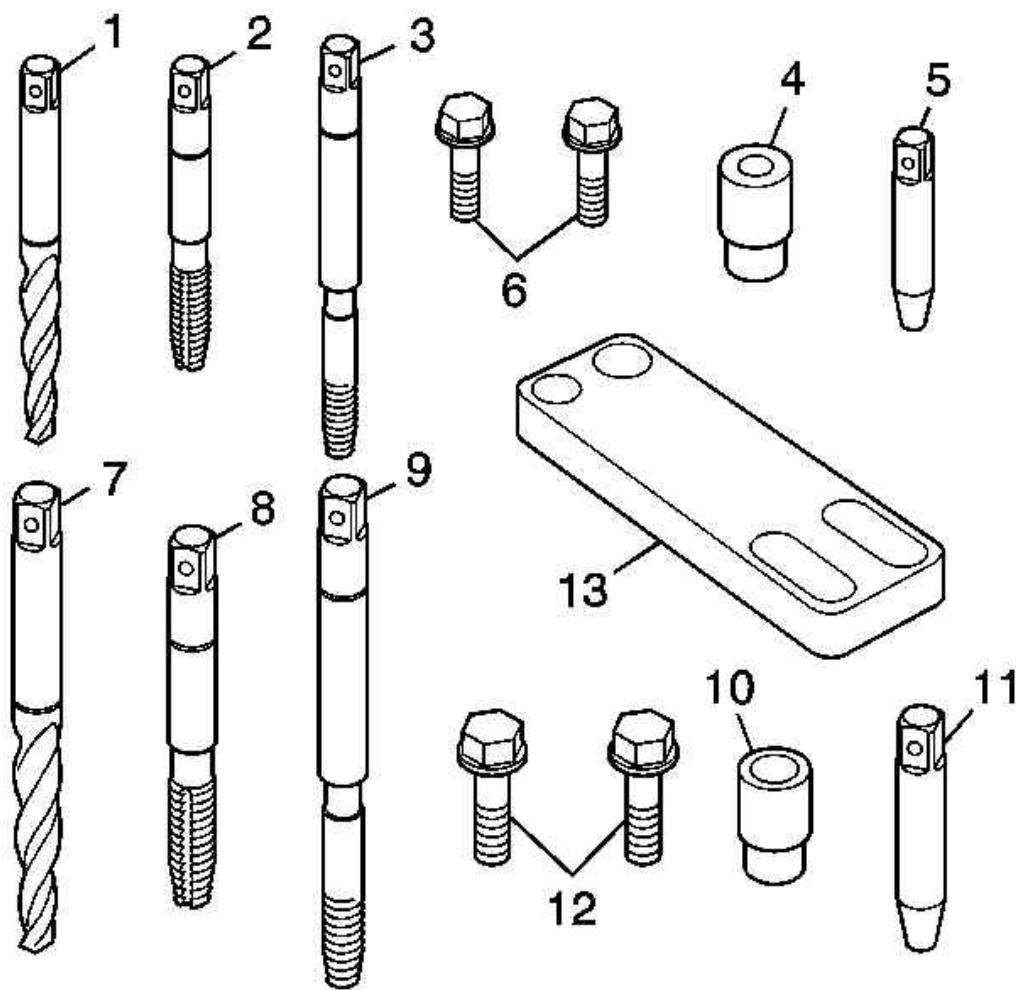


Fig. 342: View Of J 42385-2000 Components
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: • In order to repair some crankshaft main bolt holes it

will be necessary to mount the fixture plate upside down.

- **Do NOT remove the fixture plate prior to installing the insert with the installation driver. The fixture plate remains in position throughout the thread repair process.**

The crankshaft main bearing bolt hole thread repair tooling are in the kits **J 42385-2000** and **J 42385-700** . See **Special Tools** . The crankshaft main bearing bolt hole thread repair components consist of the following:

- J 42385-702 Drill (1) for outboard holes
- J 42385-703 Tap (2) for outboard holes
- J 42385-704 Installation driver (3) for outboard holes
- J 42385-726 Bushing (4) for outboard holes
- J 42385-727 Alignment pin (5) for outboard holes
- J 42385-728 Bolts (6) for outboard holes
- J 42385-720 Drill (7) for inboard holes
- J 42385-721 Tap (8) for inboard holes
- J 42385-722 Installation driver (9) for inboard holes
- J 42385-713 Bushing (10)
- J 42385-308 Alignment pin (11)
- J 42385-734 Bolts (12)
- J 42385-712 Fixture plate (13)

Outboard Bolt Holes

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

- IMPORTANT:**
- **Ensure the fixture plate is installed during the machining and installation processes of the insert.**
 - **The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864,**

(Canadian P/N 992881), WD 40® or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling, counterboring and tapping procedures.

When installed to the proper depth, the flange of the insert will be seated against the counterbore of the drilled/tapped hole.

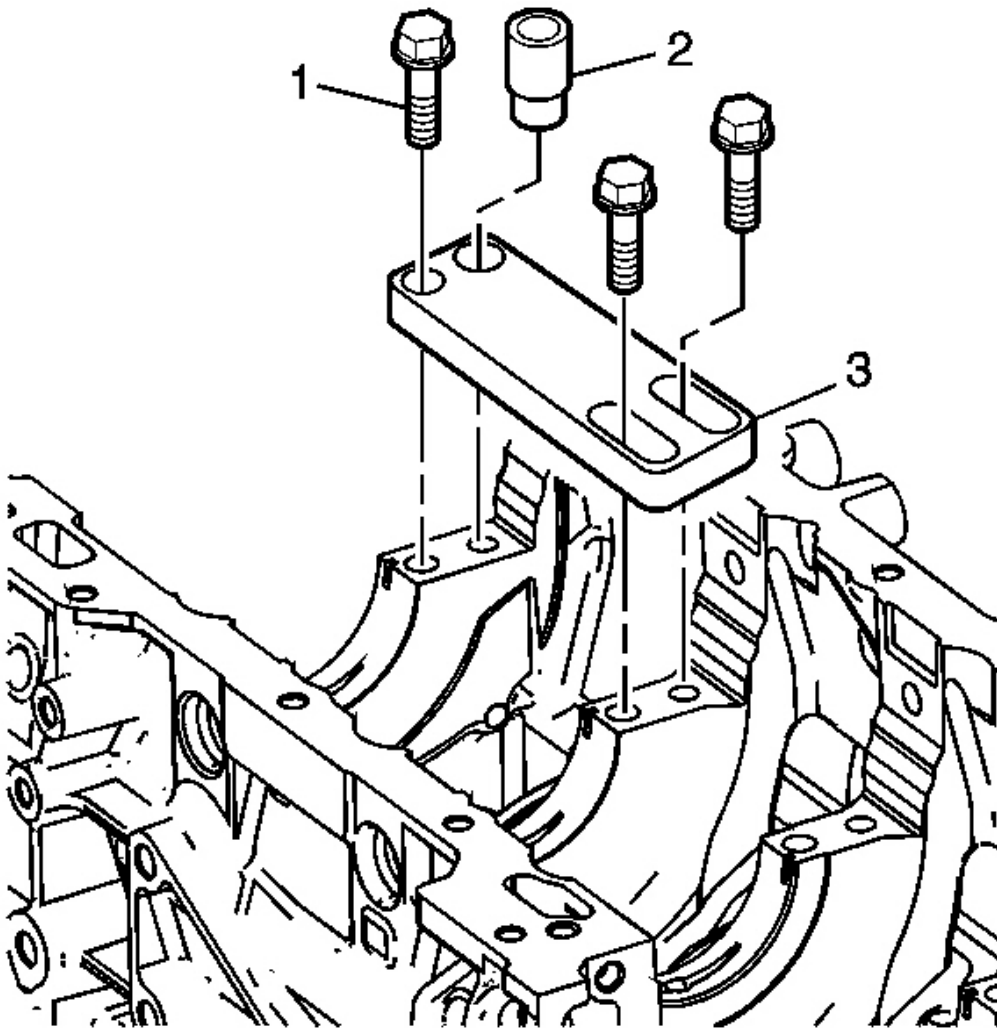


Fig. 343: Identifying Fixture Plate Over Crankshaft Main Cap Bolt Hole

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Position the fixture plate (3) with the bushing (2) installed over the crankshaft main cap bolt hole to be repaired.
2. Loosely install the fixture plate bolts (1) into the remaining crankshaft main cap bolt holes.

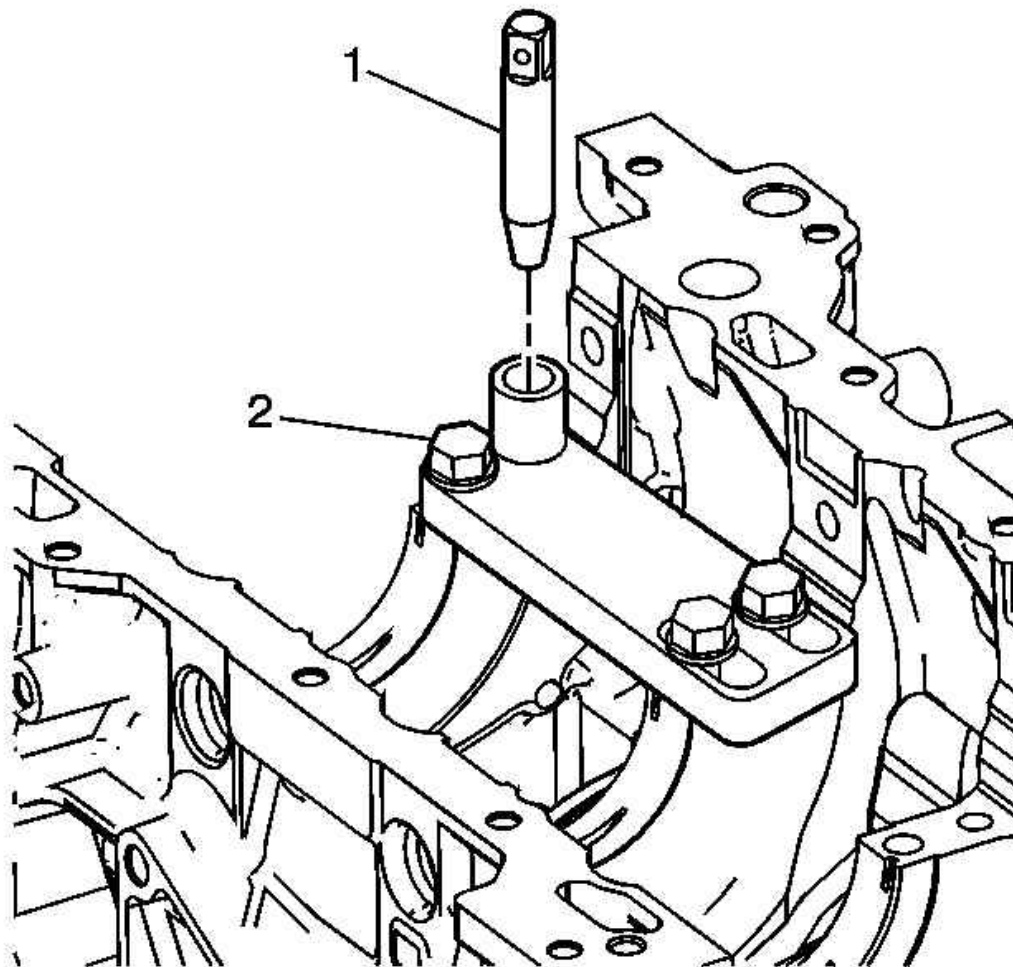


Fig. 344: Identifying Alignment Pin & Bushing
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Position the alignment pin (1) through the bushing and into the crankshaft main cap bolt hole.
4. With the alignment pin in the desired crankshaft main cap bolt hole, tighten the fixture retaining bolts (2).
5. Remove the alignment pin (1) from the crankshaft main cap bolt hole.

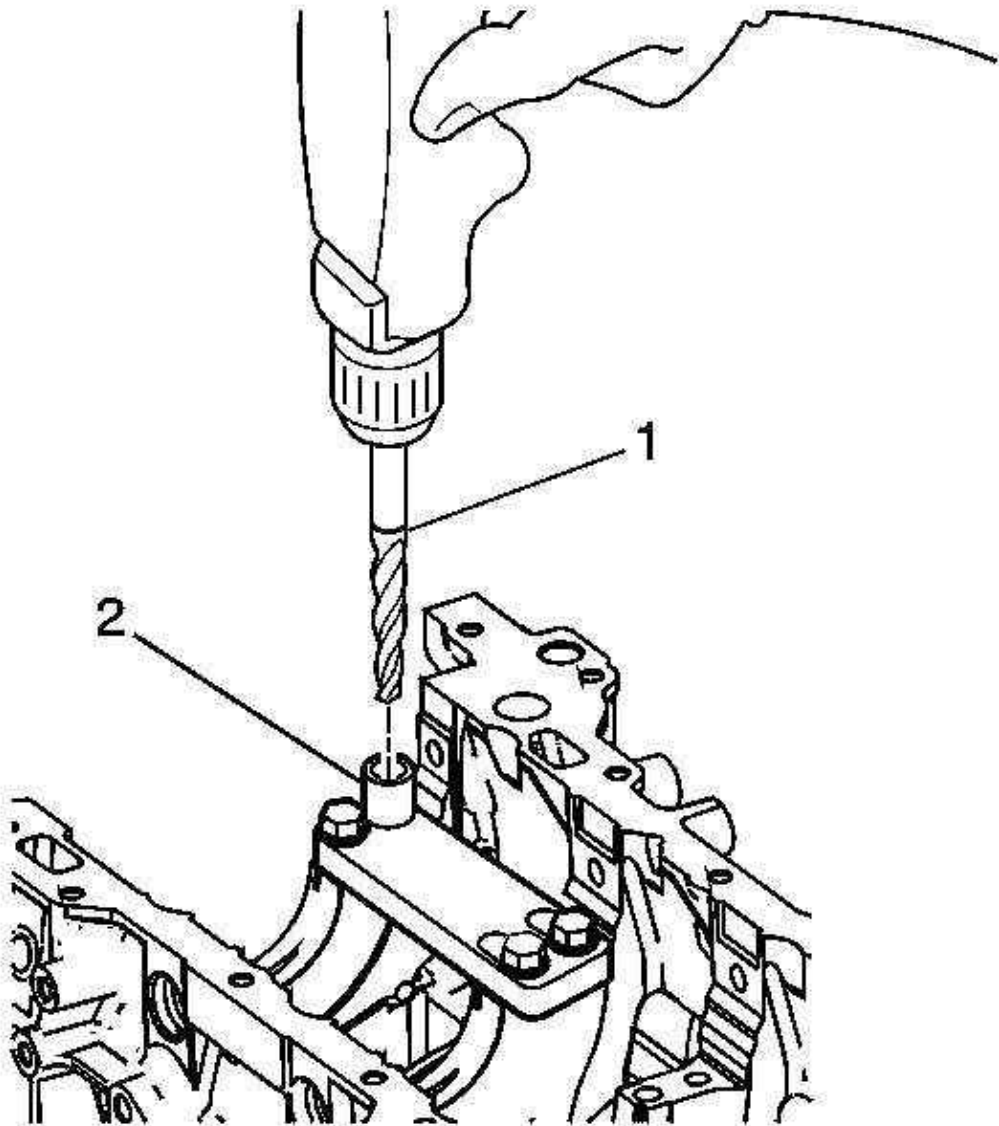


Fig. 345: Aligning Drill & Drill Bushing
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the drill.
- Drill the crankshaft main bolt hole until the mark (1) on the drill aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).

6. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

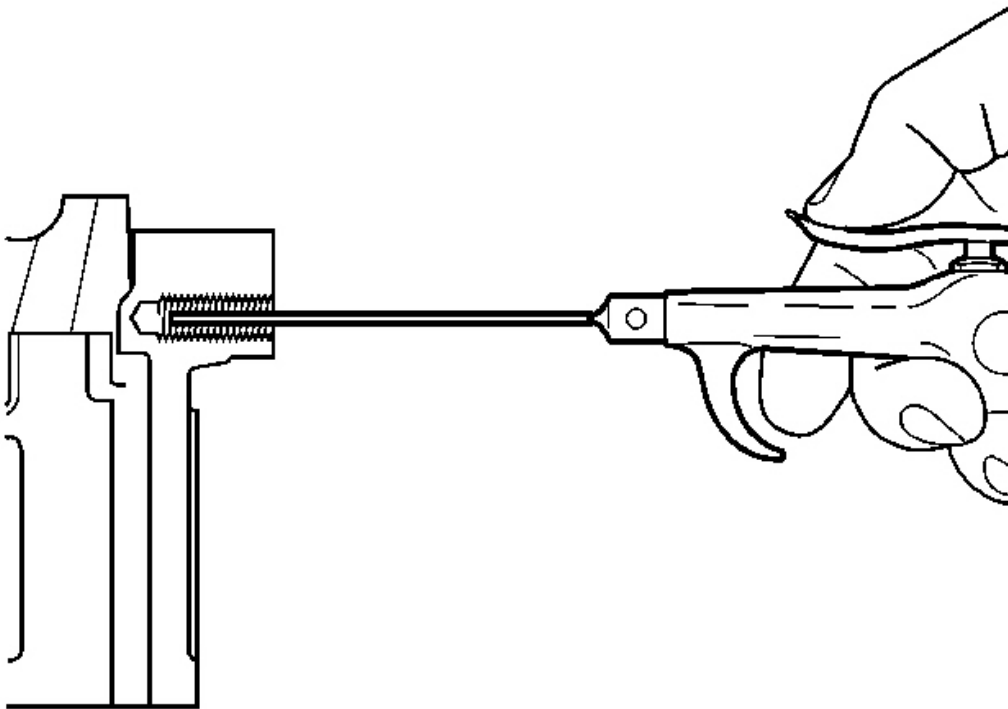


Fig. 346: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

7. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

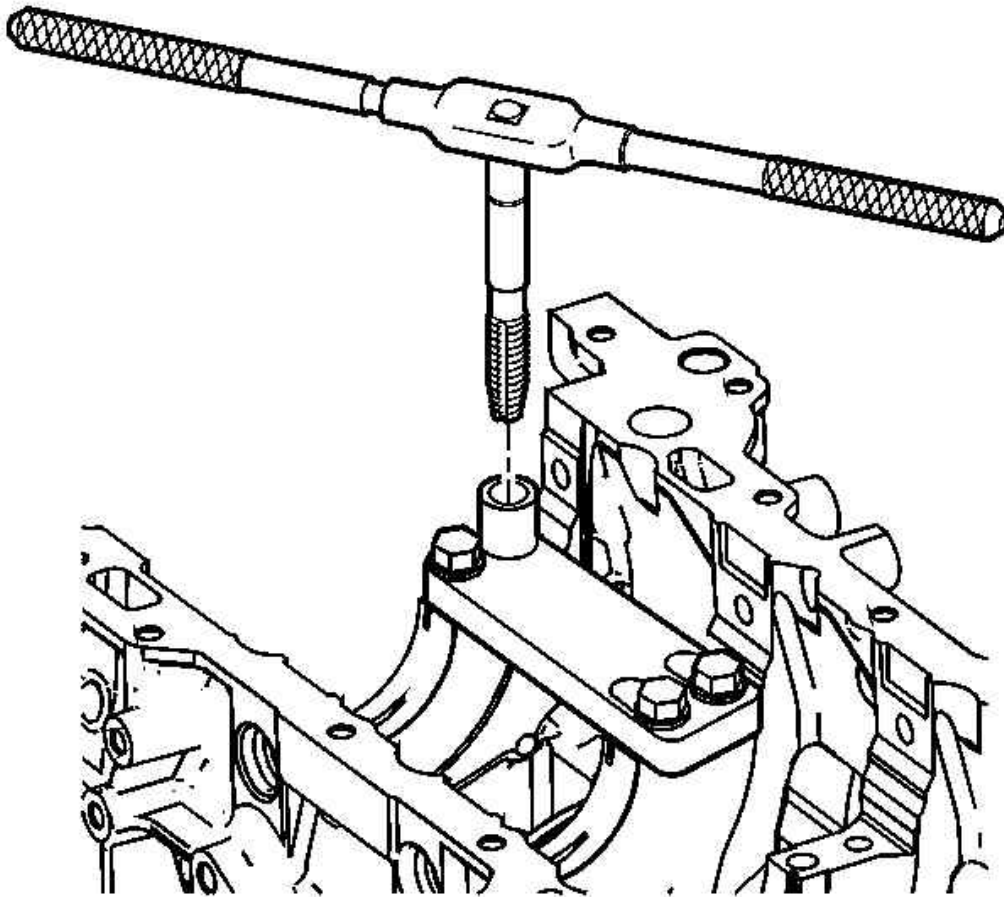


Fig. 347: View Of Tapping Wrench
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

- IMPORTANT:**
- Do not remove the fixture plate, ensure the fixture plate is installed during the machining and installation processes of the insert.

- **During the tapping process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.**
 - **Ensure the tap has created full threads at least to the depth equal to the insert length.**
8. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand only.

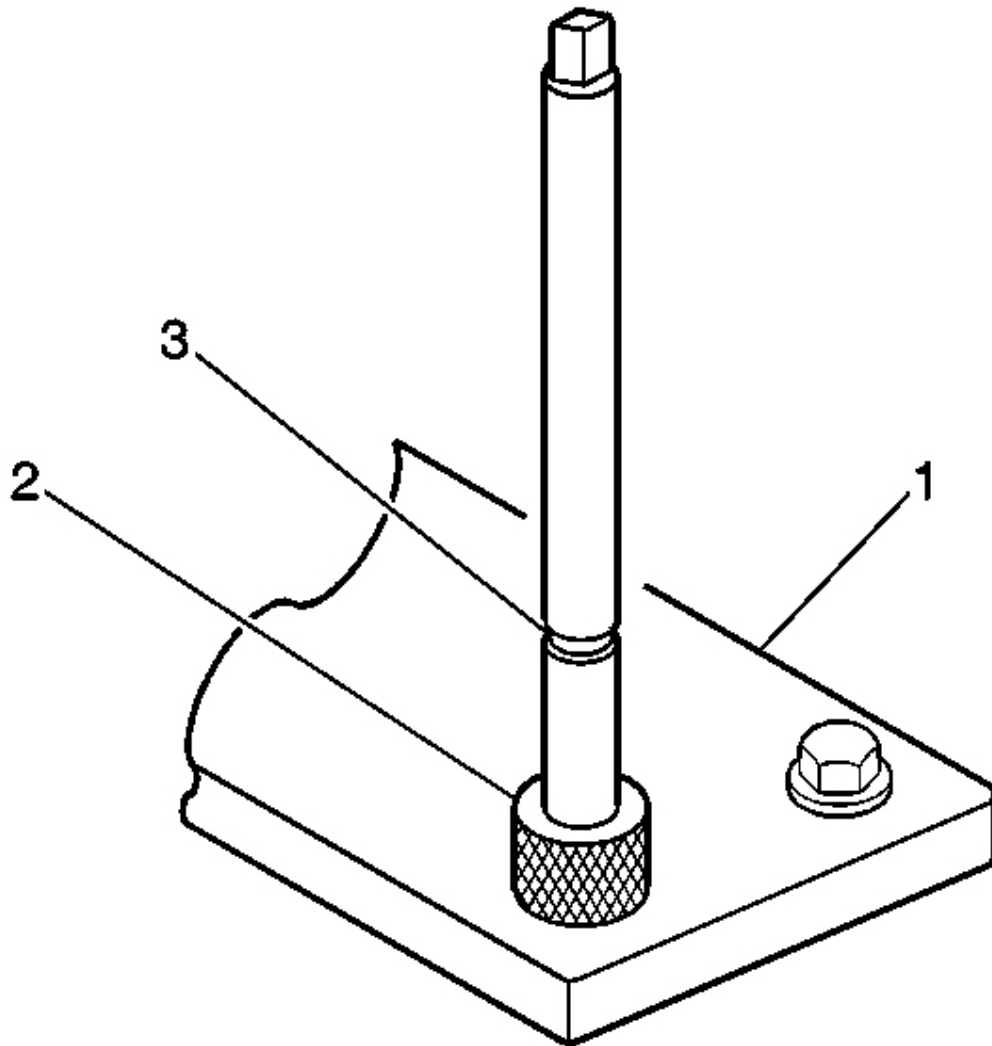


Fig. 348: View Of Fixture Plate, Drill Bushing & Tool Marking
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. In order to tap the new threads for the insert to the proper depth, rotate the tap into the crankshaft main cap bolt hole until the mark (3) on the tap aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).

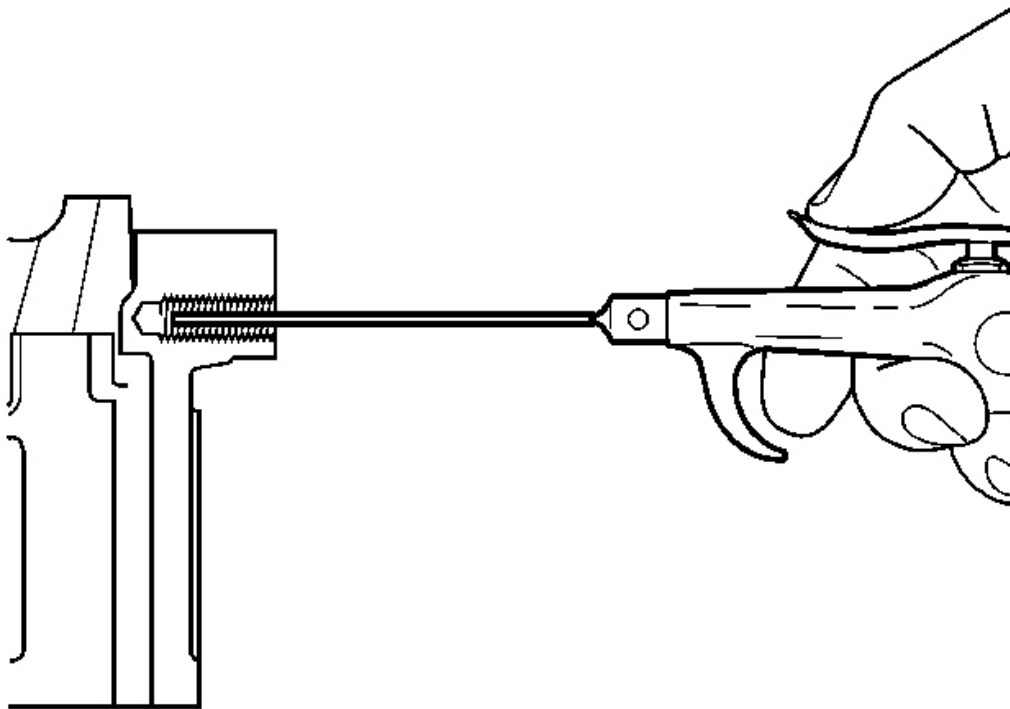


Fig. 349: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

10. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

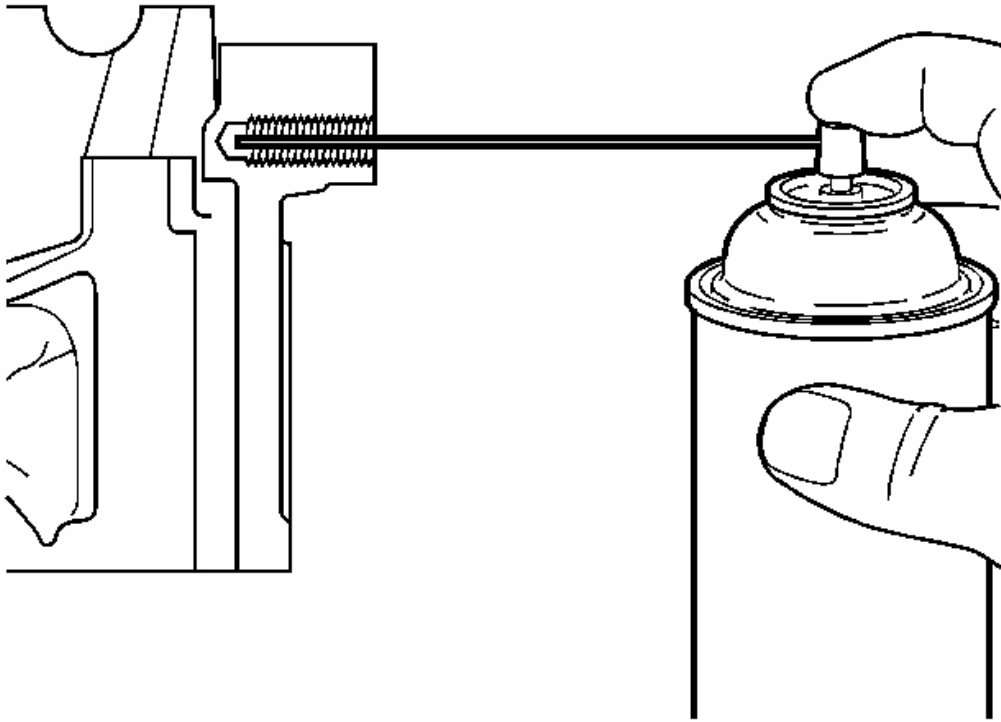


Fig. 350: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

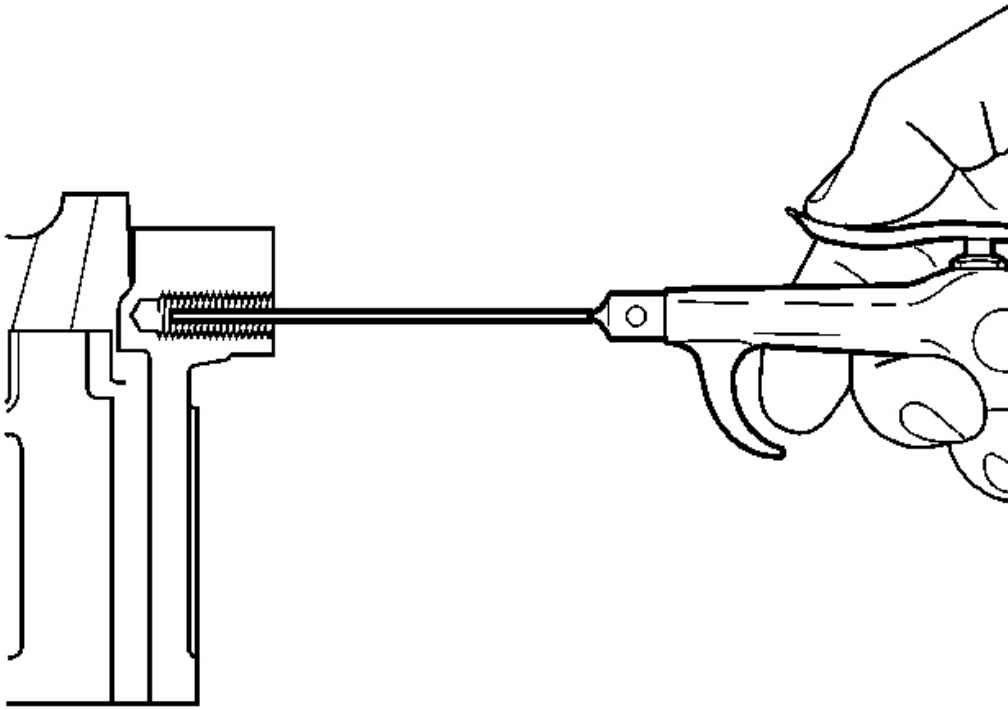


Fig. 351: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

12. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

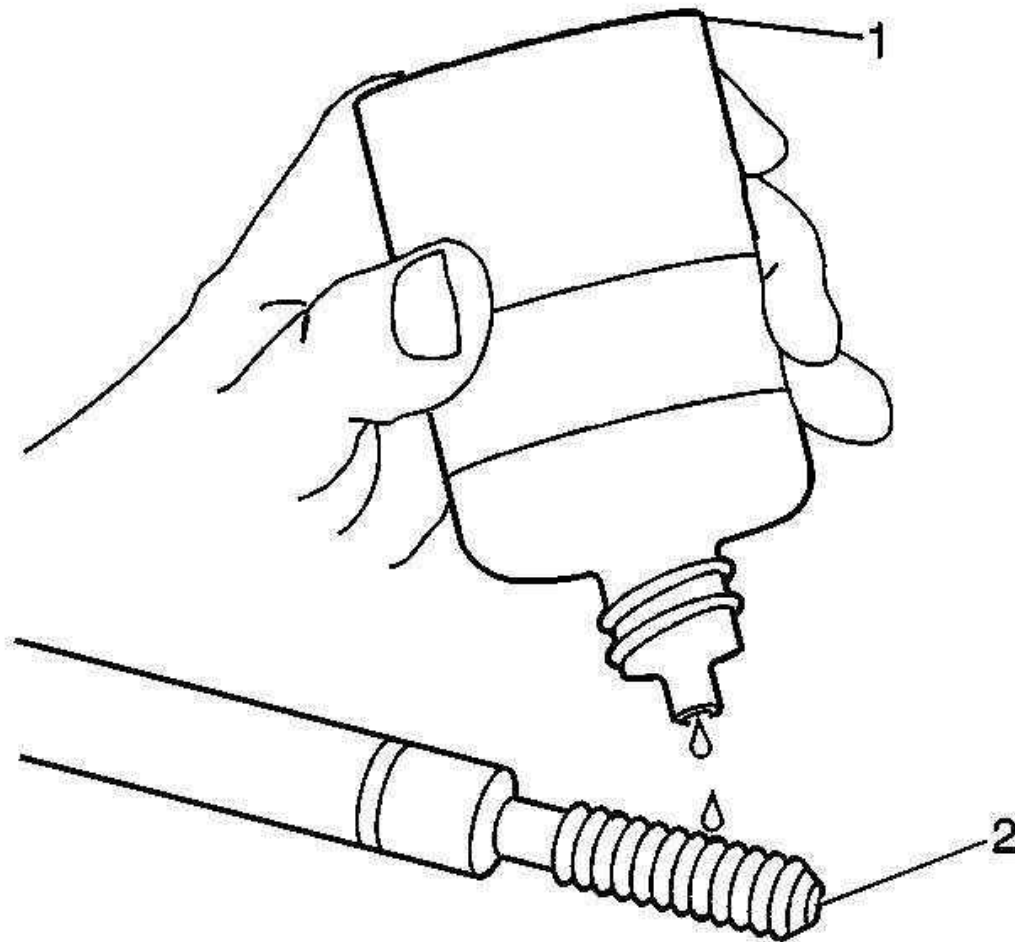


Fig. 352: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- Do not remove the fixture plate, ensure the fixture plate is installed during the installation process of the insert.
- Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

13. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110

(1).

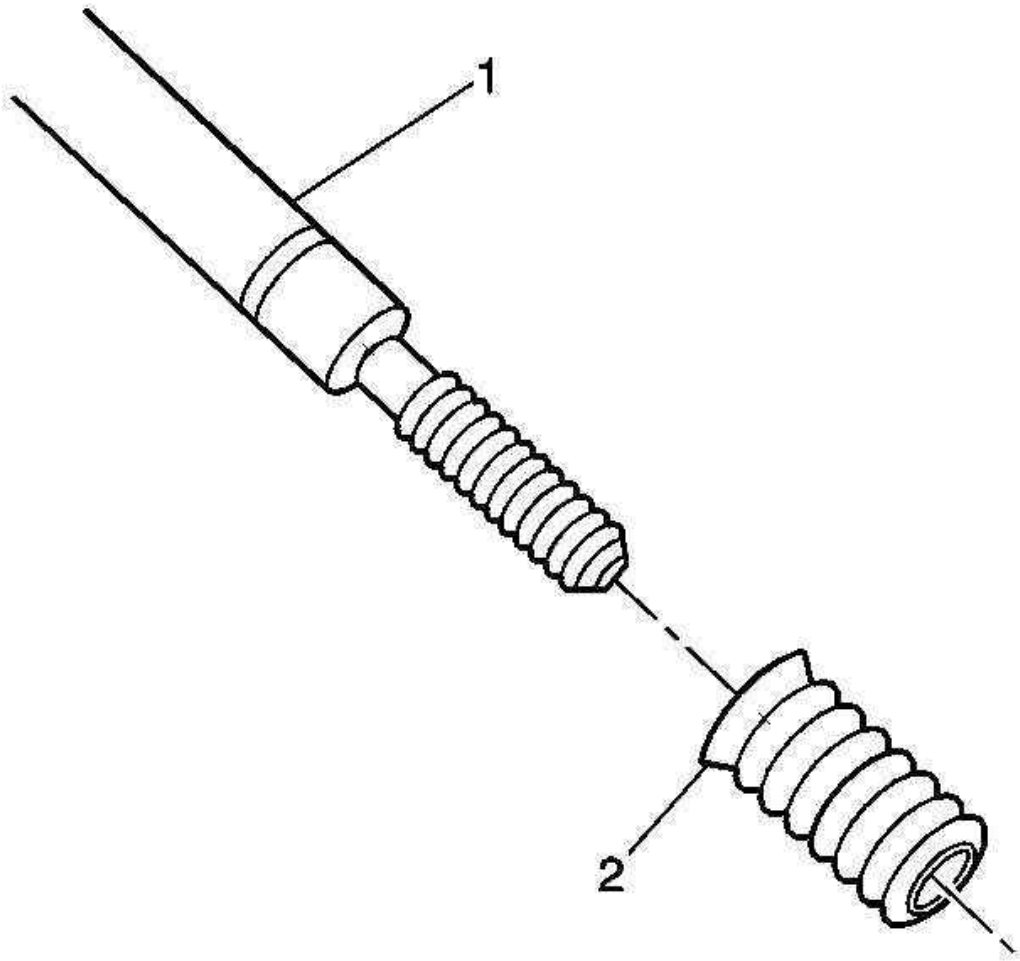


Fig. 353: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

14. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

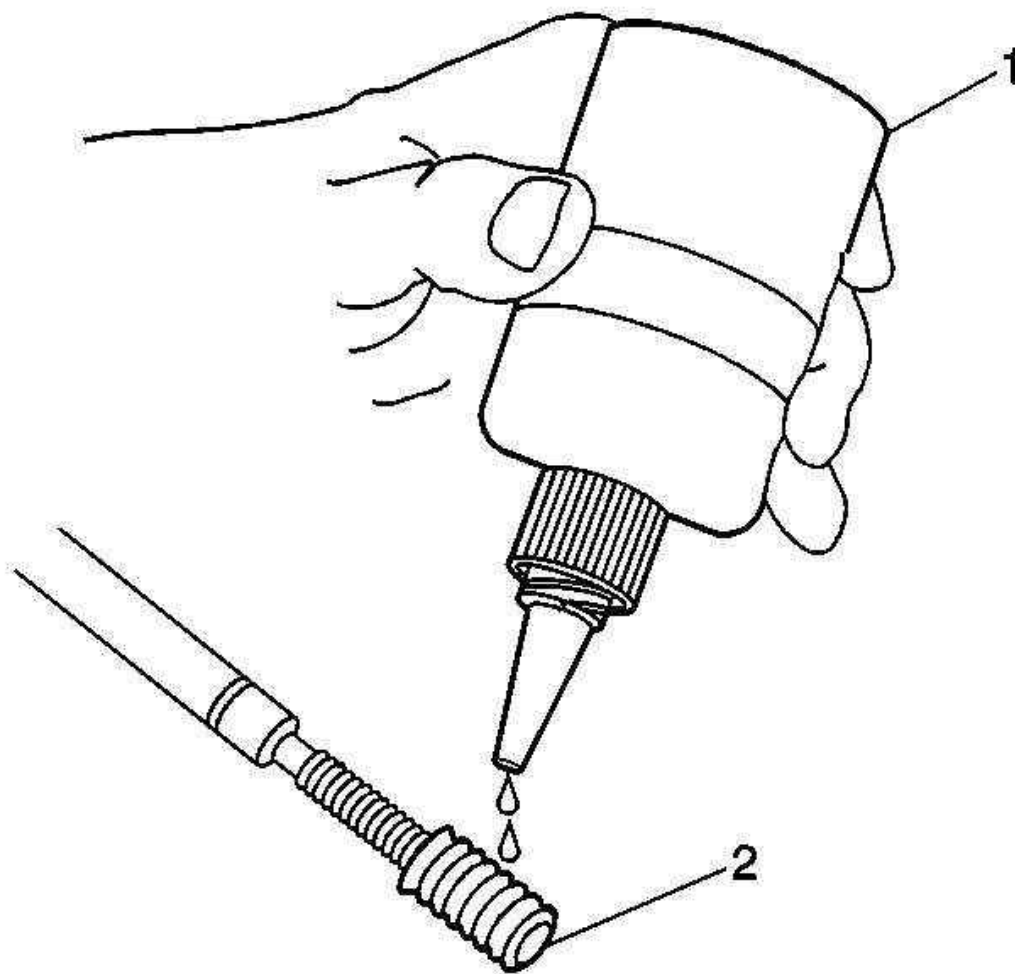


Fig. 354: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

15. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277®, or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

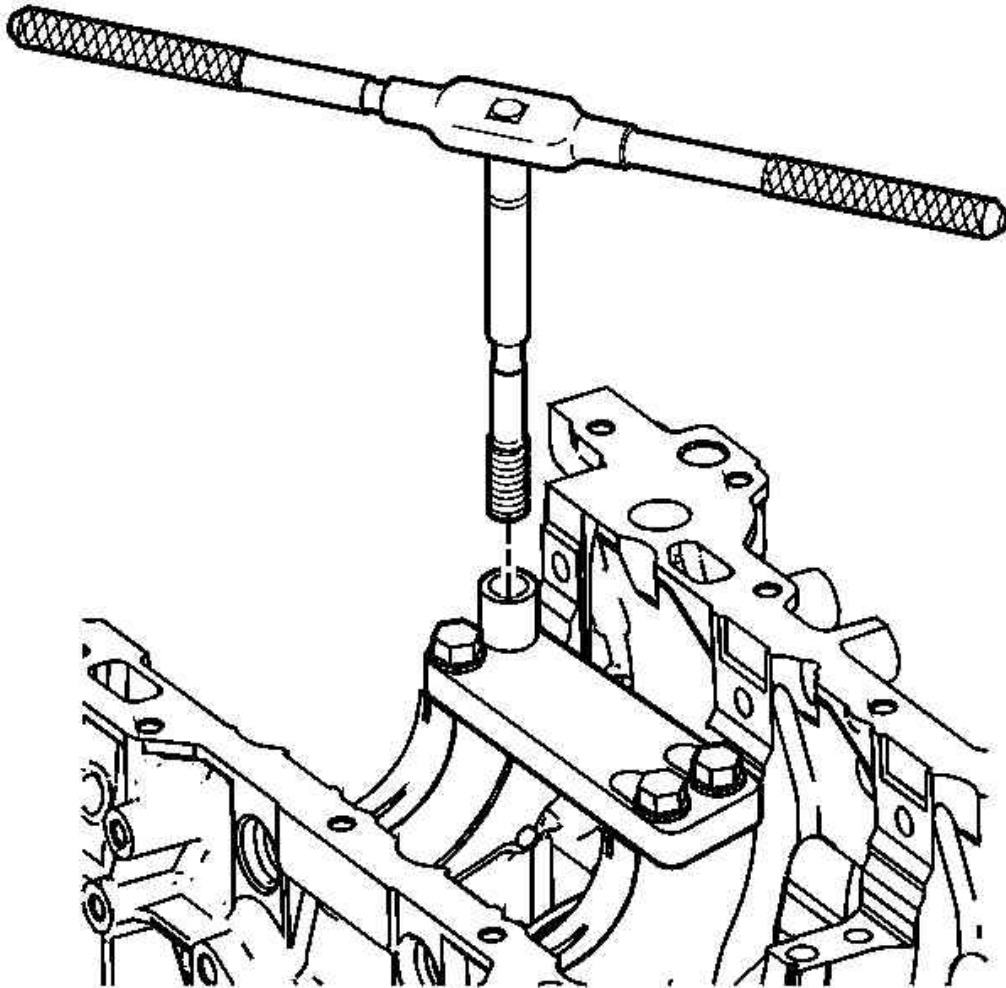


Fig. 355: Identifying Tapping Wrench
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

16. Install the insert and installation driver into the tapped hole by hand only.
17. Start the insert into the threaded hole.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the counterbored surface remove the insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and

inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips and/or improper tapping.

18. Install the insert until the flange of the insert contacts the counterbored surface.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

19. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool through the insert.

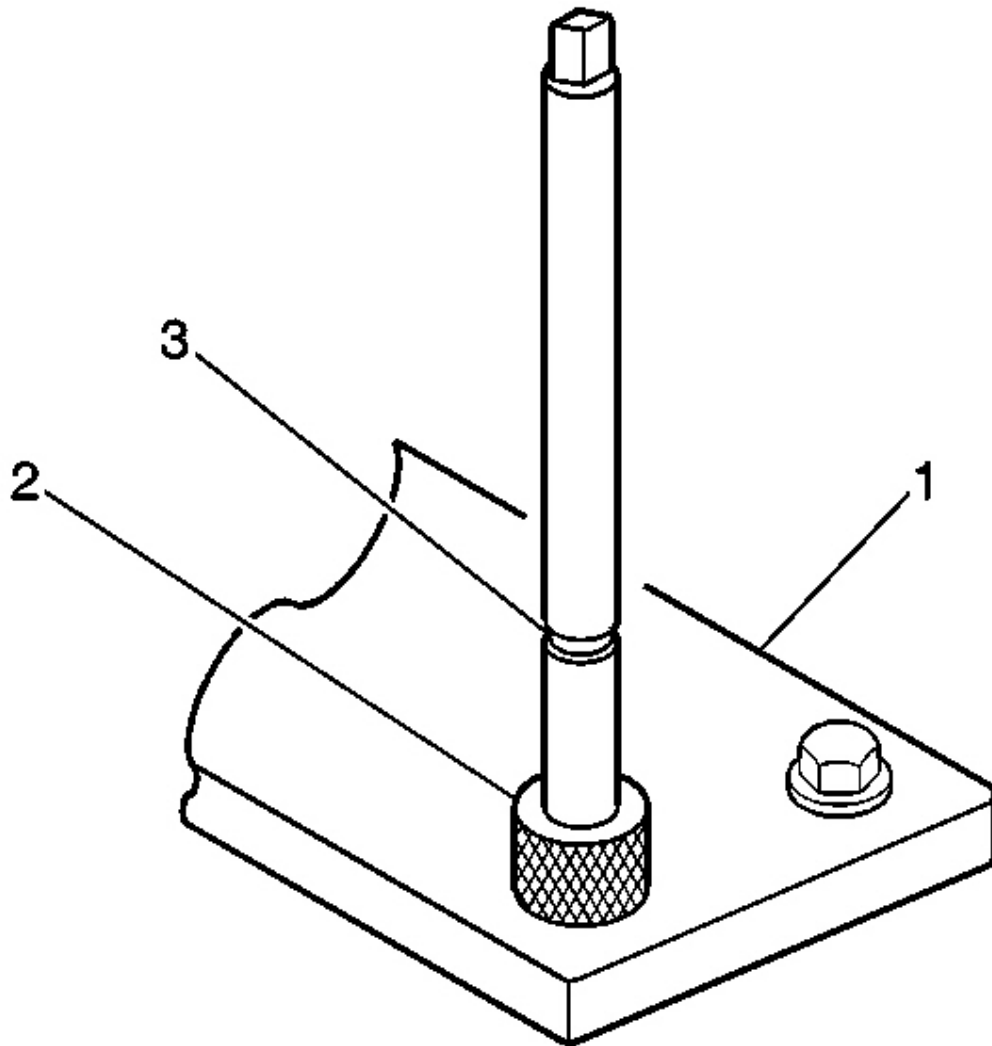


Fig. 356: View Of Fixture Plate, Drill Bushing & Tool Marking
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

20. Rotate the driver installation tool until the mark (3) on the driver installation tool aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).
21. Inspect the insert for proper installation into the tapped hole.

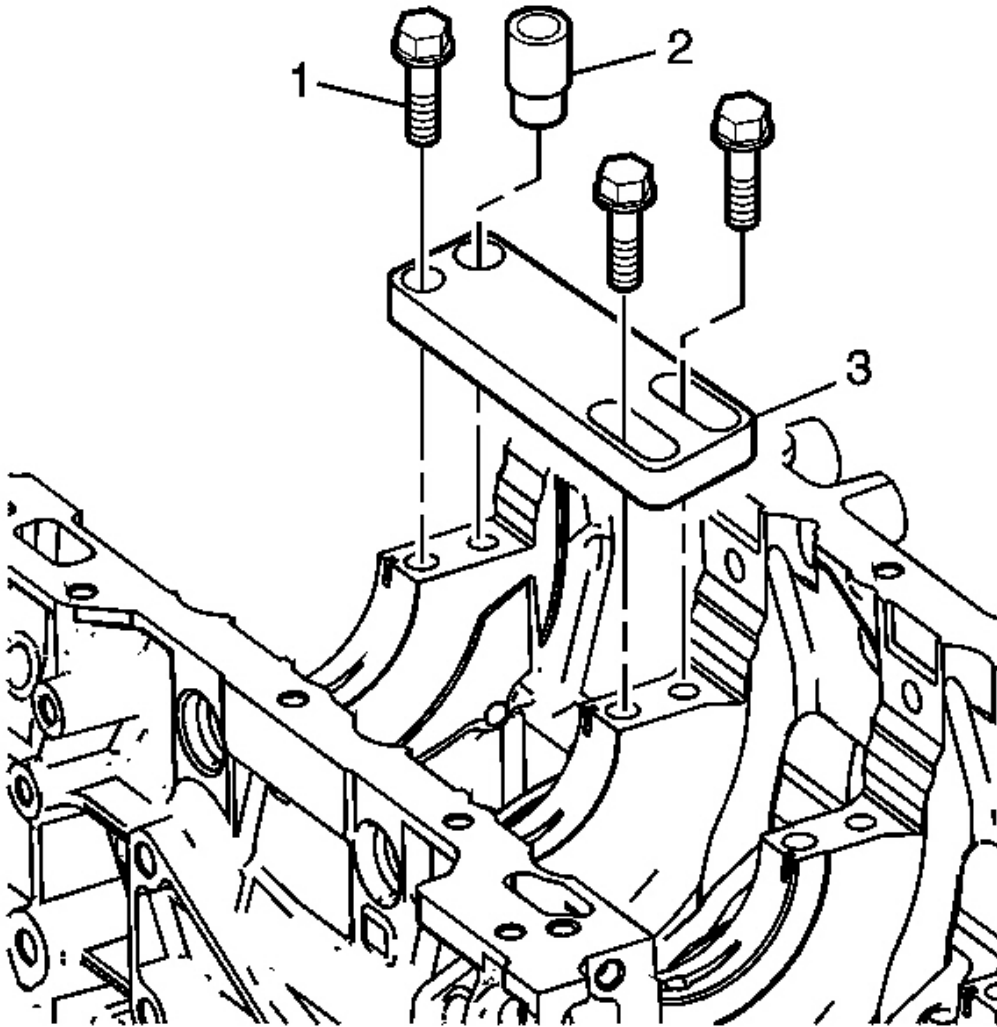


Fig. 357: Identifying Fixture Plate Over Crankshaft Main Cap Bolt Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

22. Remove the fixture plate bolts (1).
23. Remove the fixture plate (3) and bushing (2).

Inboard Bolt Holes

CAUTION: Refer to Safety Glasses Caution .

IMPORTANT:

- **Ensure the fixture plate is installed during the machining and installation processes of the insert.**
- **The use of a cutting type fluid GM P/N 1052864, (Canadian P/N 992881), WD 40® or equivalent is recommended when performing the drilling, counterboring and tapping procedures.**

When installed to the proper depth, the flange of the insert will be seated against the counterbore of the drilled/tapped hole.

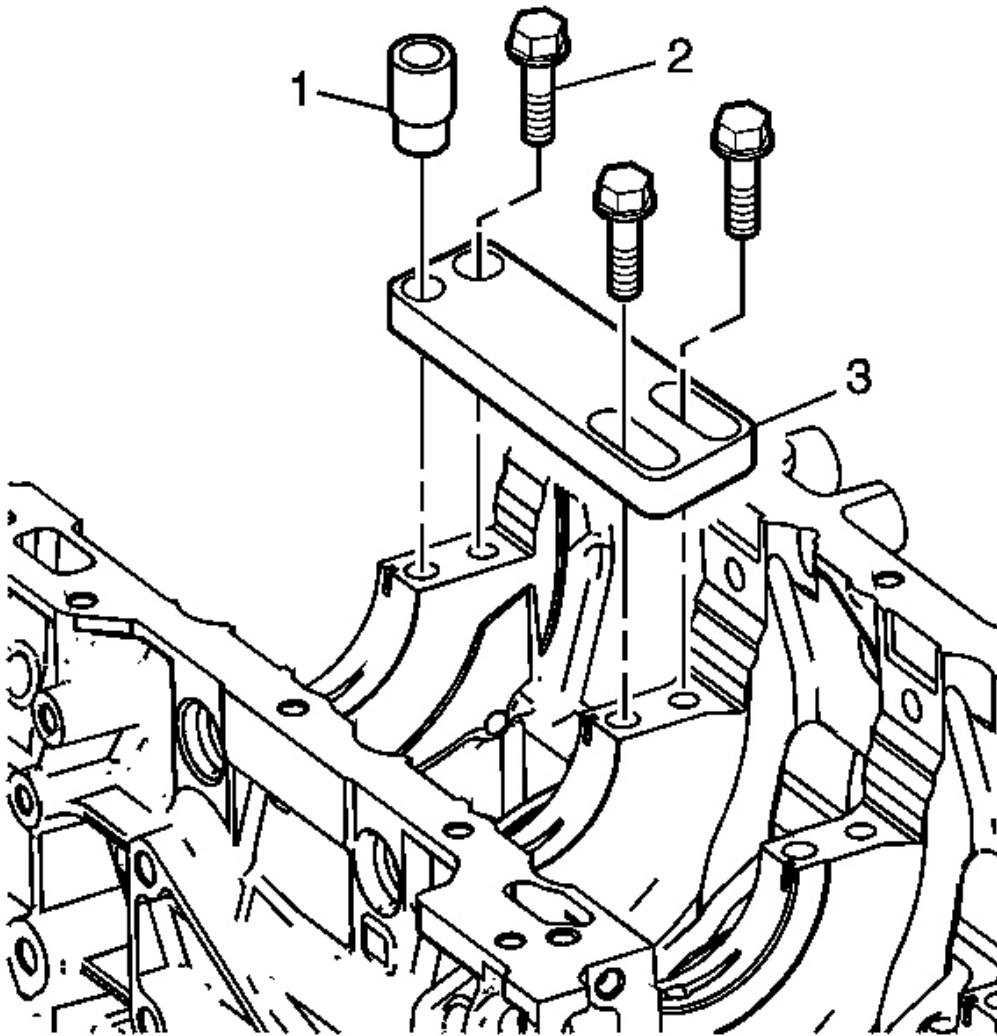


Fig. 358: Positioning Fixture Plate
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Position the fixture plate (3) with the bushing (1) installed over the crankshaft main cap bolt hole to be repaired.
2. Loosely install the fixture plate bolts (2) into the remaining crankshaft main cap bolt holes.

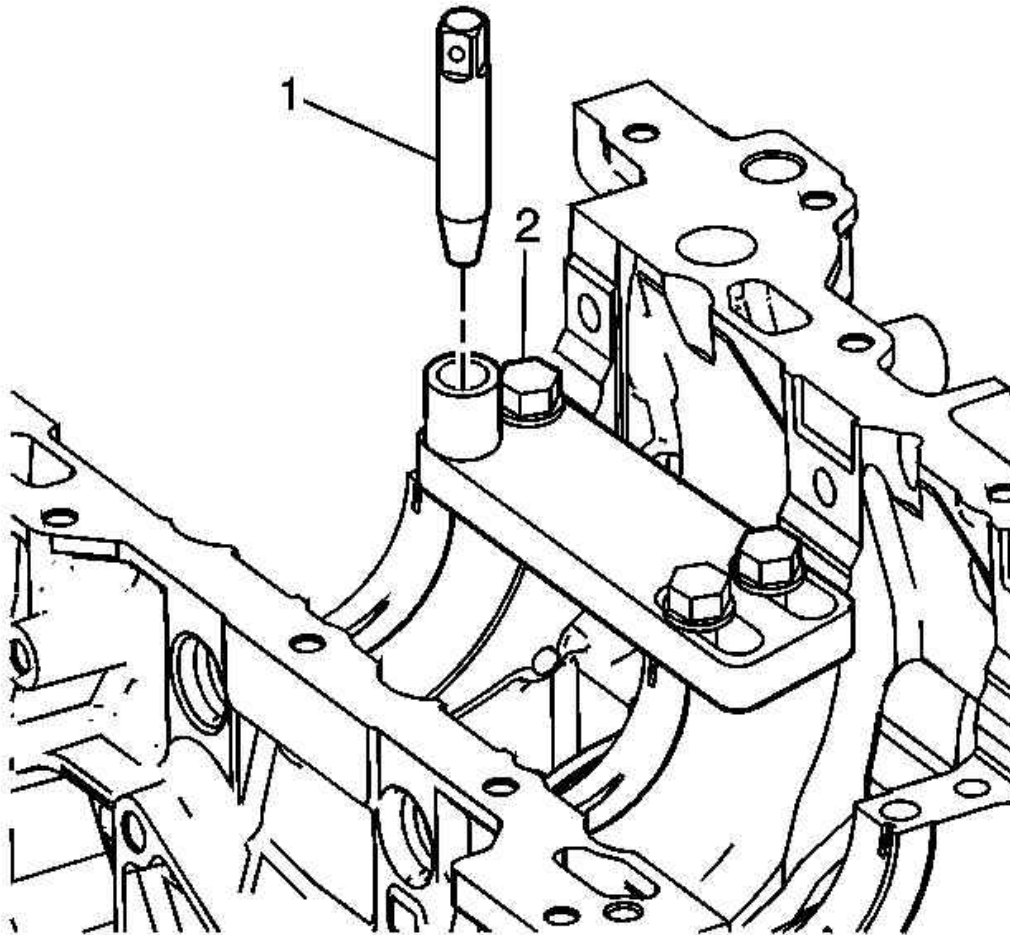


Fig. 359: Locating Alignment Pin
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Position the alignment pin (1) through the bushing and into the crankshaft main cap bolt hole.
4. With the alignment pin in the desired crankshaft main cap bolt hole, tighten the fixture retaining bolts (2).
5. Remove the alignment pin (1) from the crankshaft main cap bolt hole.

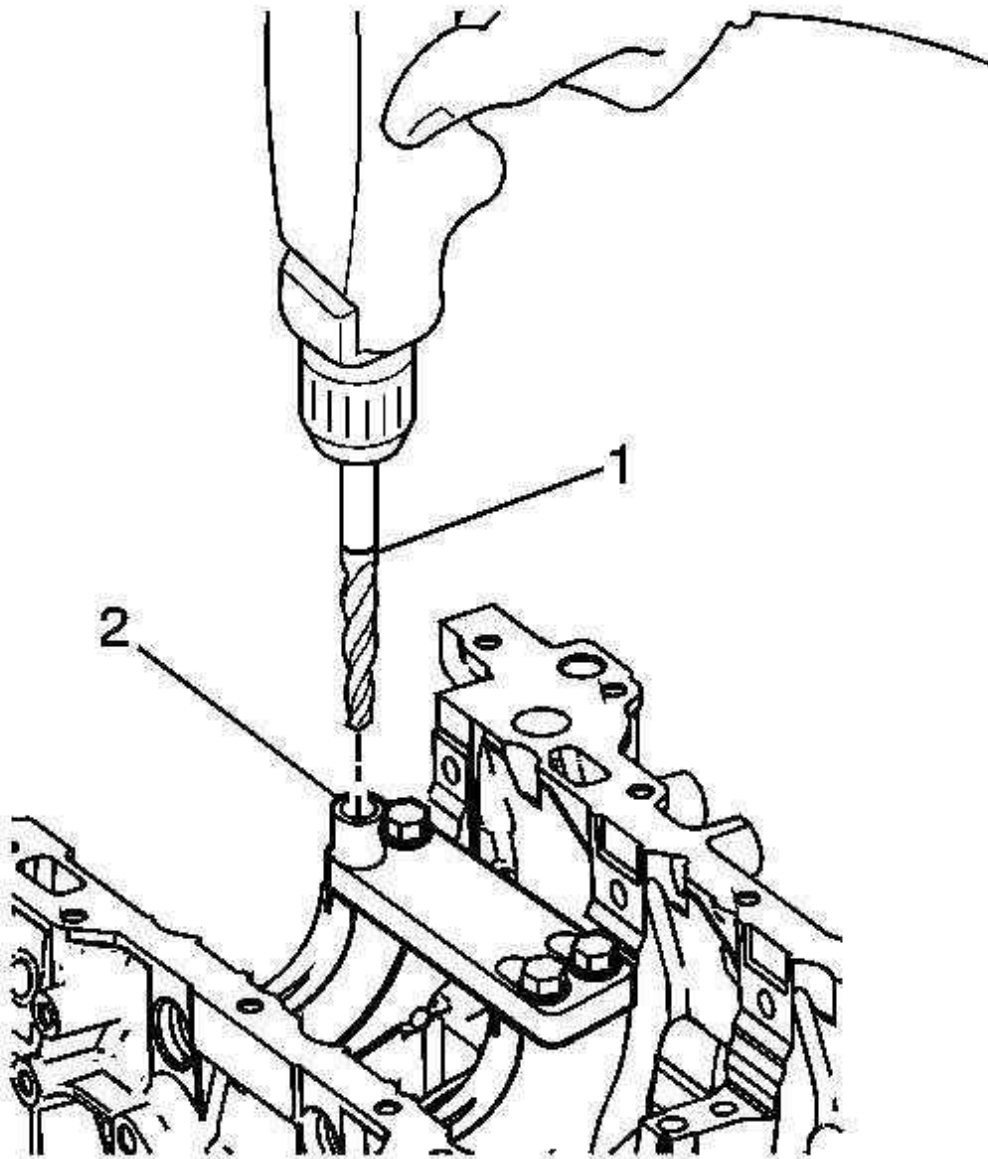


Fig. 360: Drilling Out Damaged Threads
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- During the drilling process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the drill and clean chips from

the hole and the flutes of the drill.

- Drill the crankshaft main bolt hole until the mark (1) on the drill aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).

6. Drill out the threads of the damaged hole.

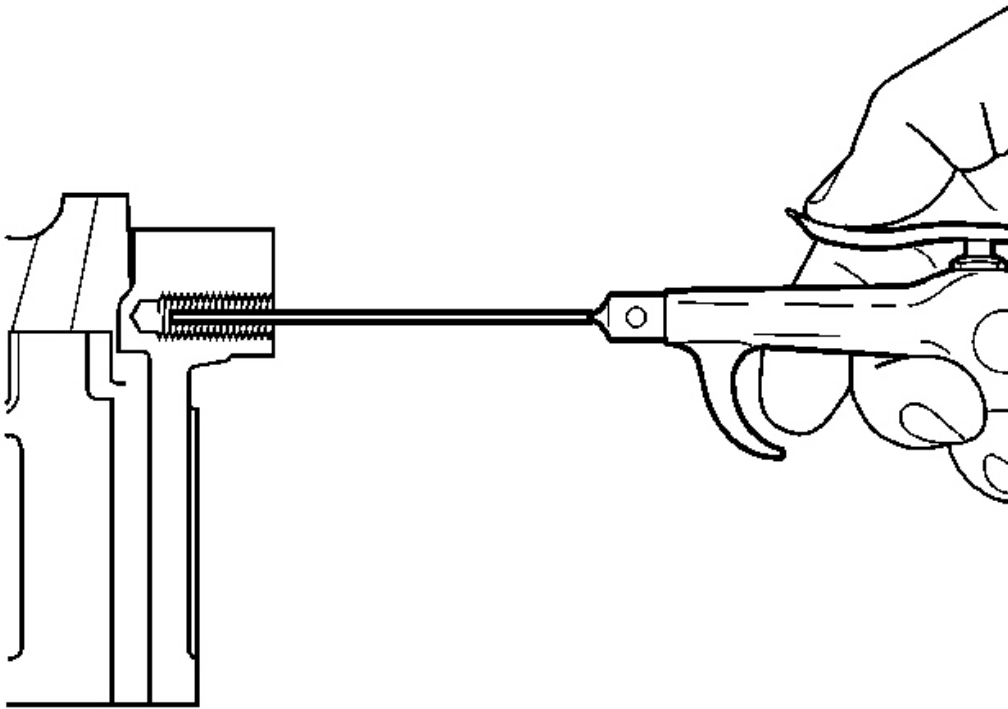


Fig. 361: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the drilled hole prior to tapping.

7. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

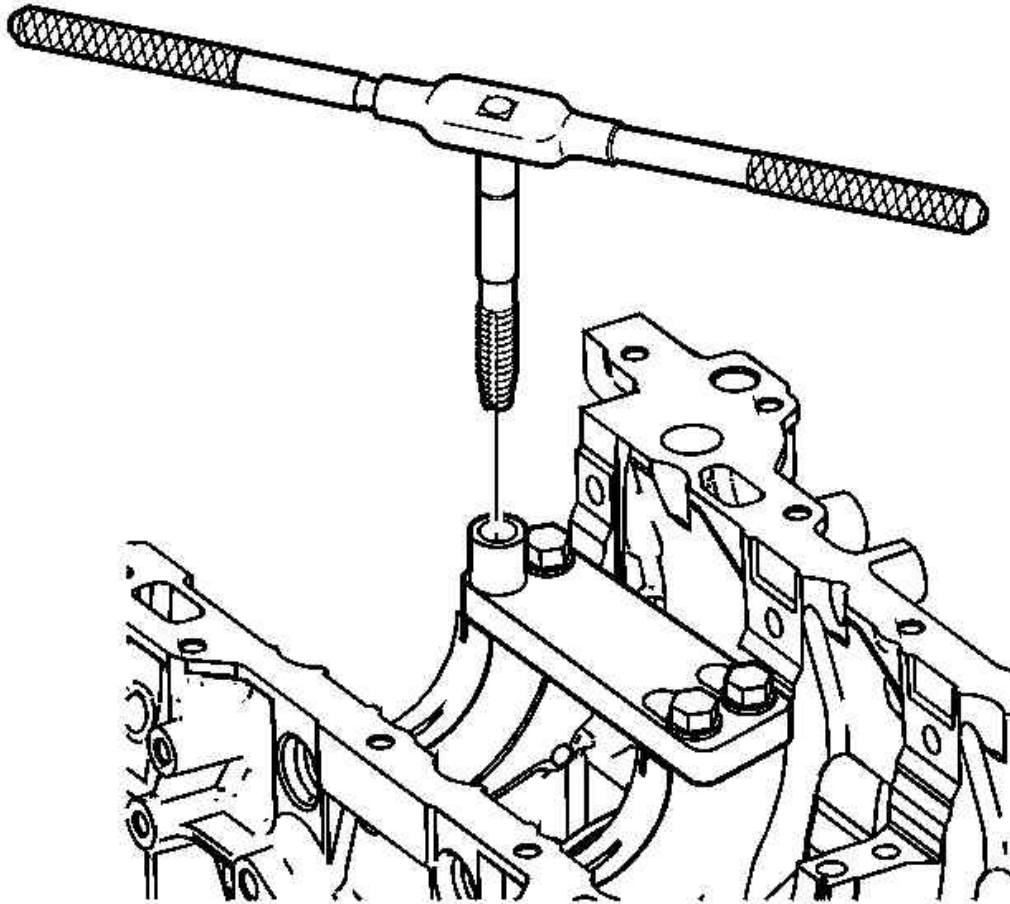


Fig. 362: Positioning Tapping Wrench
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- Do not remove the fixture plate, ensure the fixture plate is installed during the machining and installation processes of the insert.
- During the tapping process, it is necessary to repeatedly remove the tap and clean chips from the hole and the flutes of the tap.
- Ensure the tap has created full threads at least

to the depth equal to the insert length.

8. Using a suitable tapping wrench, tap the threads of the drilled hole by hand only.

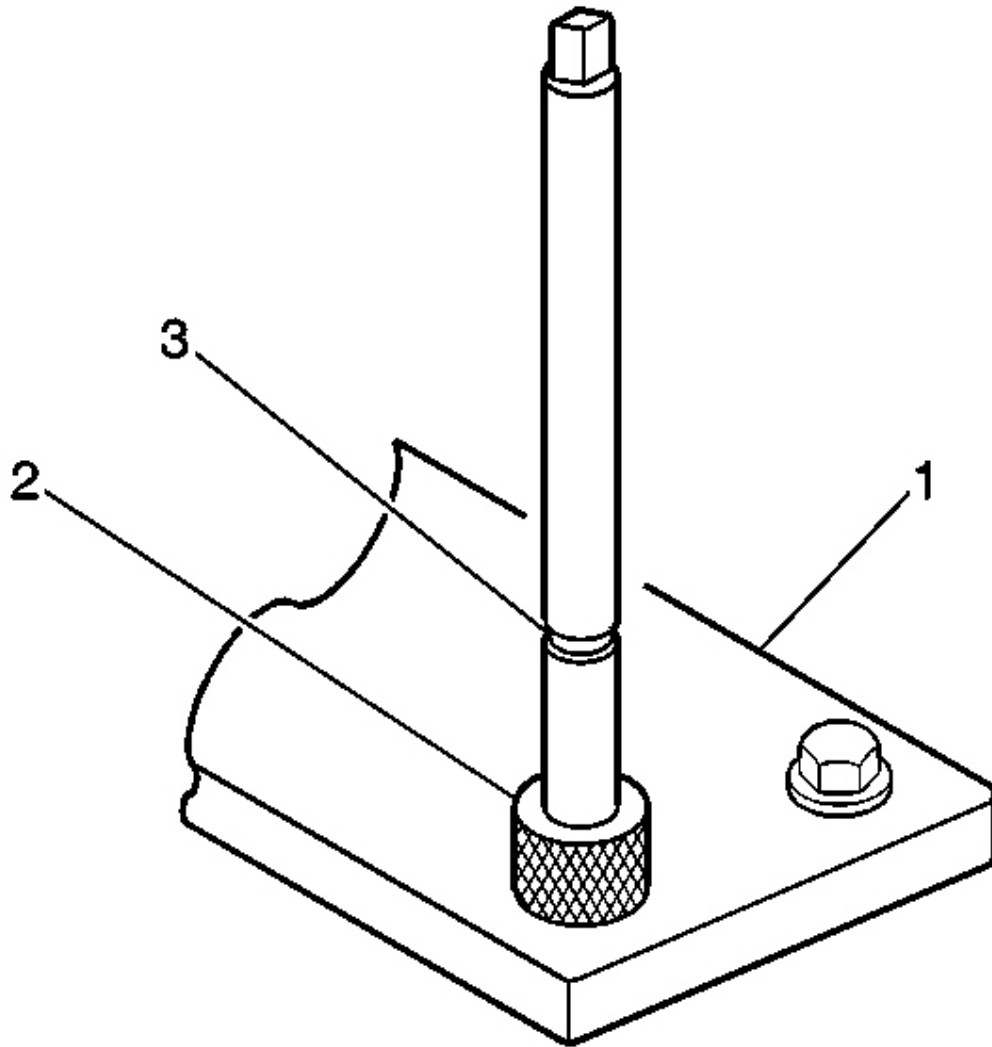


Fig. 363: View Of Fixture Plate, Drill Bushing & Tool Marking
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. In order to tap the new threads for the insert to the proper depth, rotate the tap into the crankshaft main cap bolt hole until the mark (3) on the tap aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).

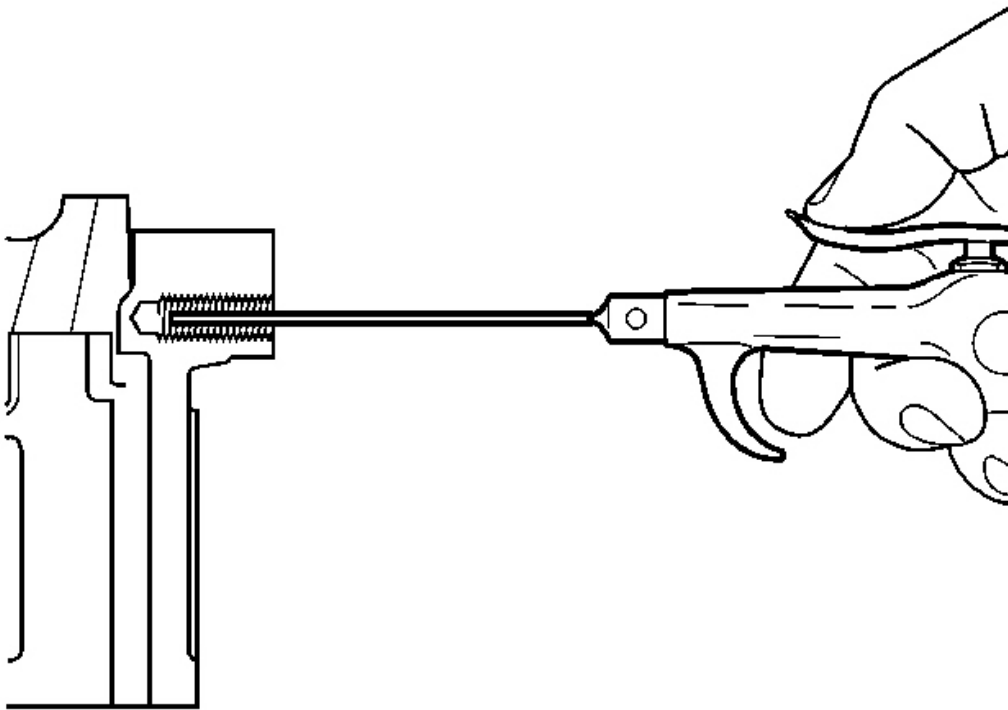


Fig. 364: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

10. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

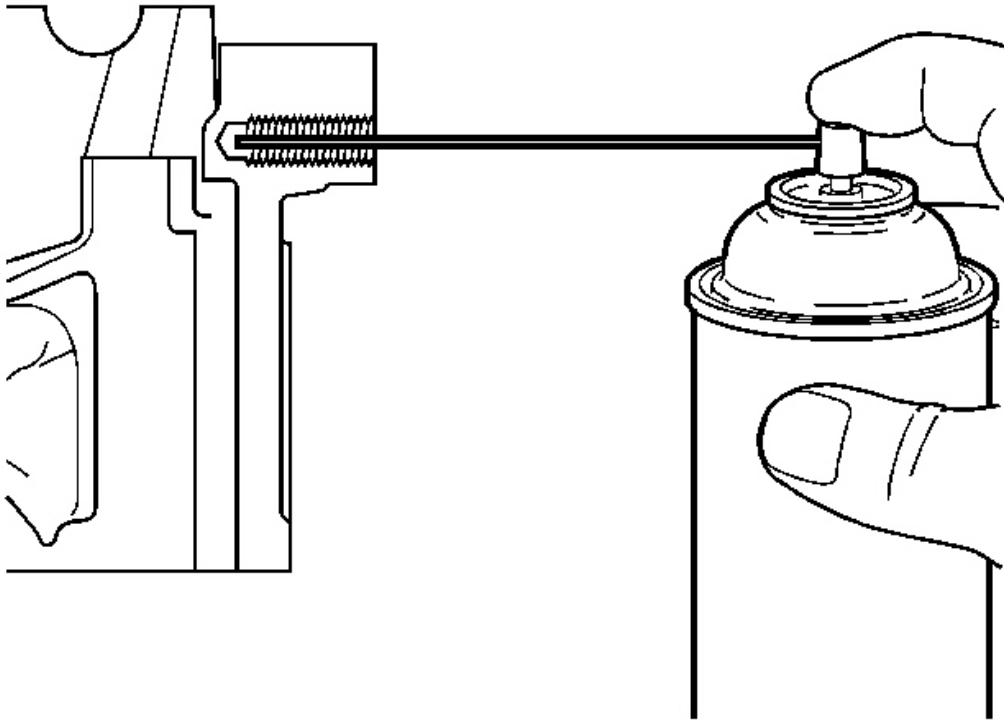


Fig. 365: Spraying Cleaner Into Tapped Hole
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Spray cleaner GM P/N 12346139, GM P/N 12377981 (Canadian P/N 10953463) or equivalent into the tapped hole.

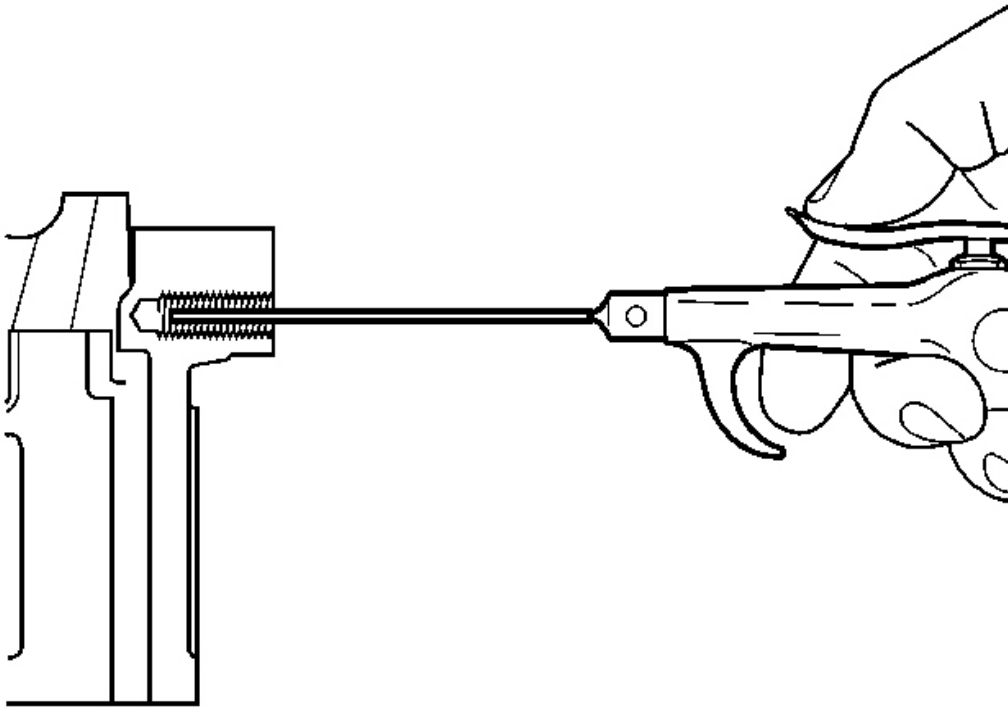


Fig. 366: Cleaning Out Metal Chips
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: All chips must be removed from the tapped hole prior to insert installation.

12. Using compressed air, clean out any chips.

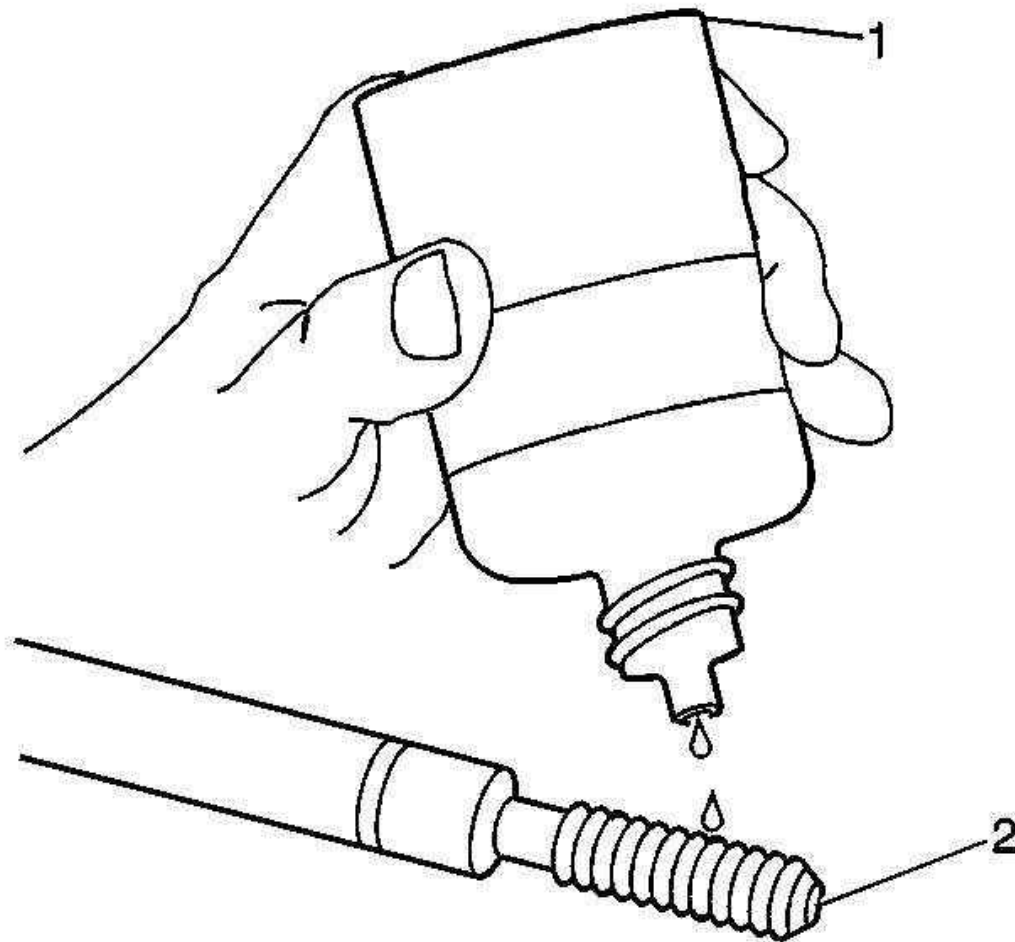


Fig. 367: Lubricating Installer Tool Using Driver Oil
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT:

- Do not remove the fixture plate, ensure the fixture plate is installed during the installation process of the insert.
- Do not allow oil or other foreign material to contact the outside diameter (OD) of the insert.

13. Lubricate the threads of the driver installation tool (2) with the J 42385-110

(1).

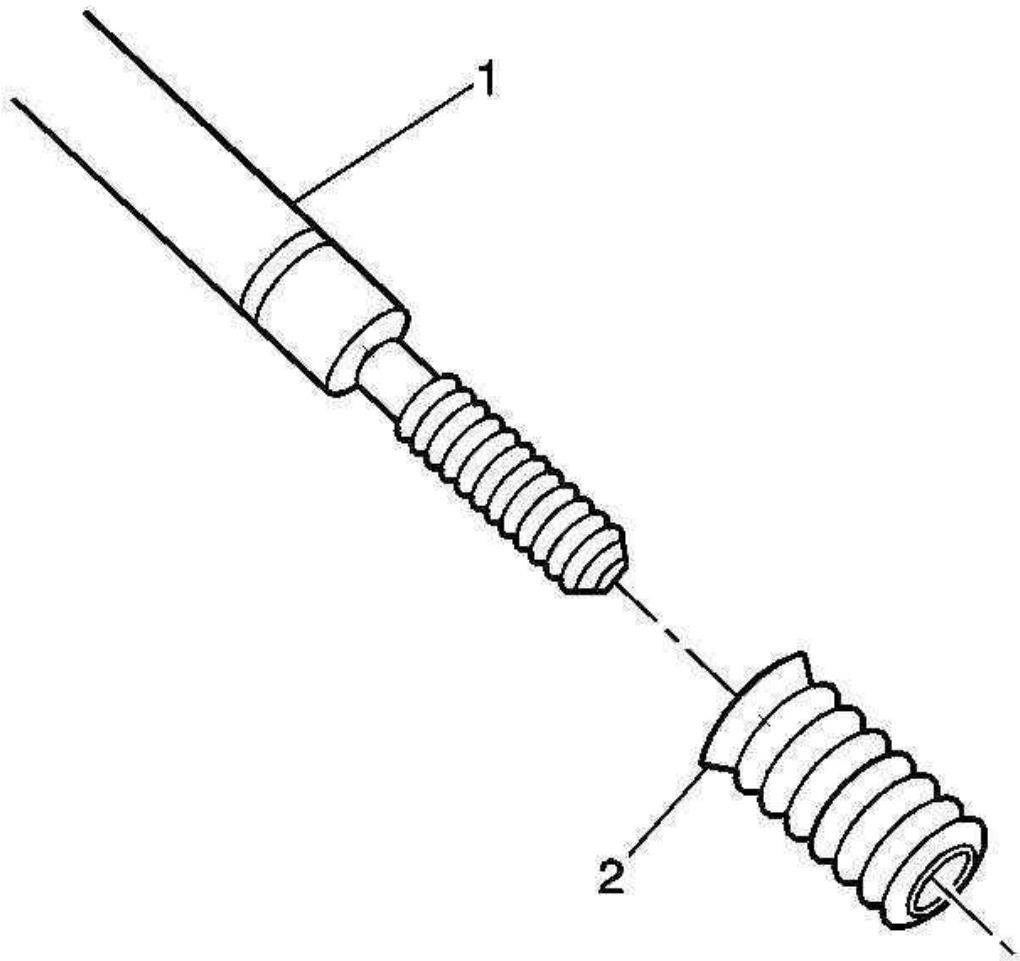


Fig. 368: View of Bushing Type Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

14. Install the insert (2) onto the driver installation tool (1).

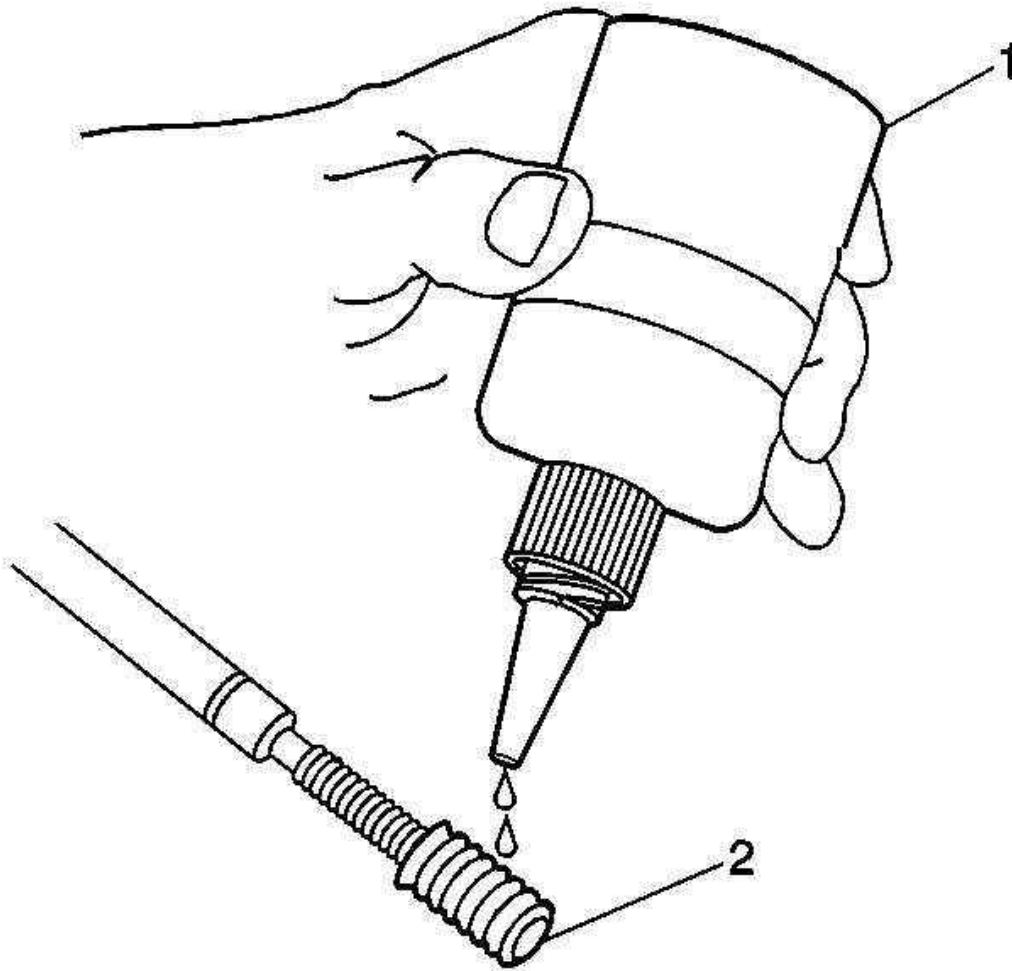


Fig. 369: Applying Threadlock To Insert
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

15. Apply threadlock sealant GM P/N 12345493, (Canadian P/N 10953488), J 42385-109, LOCTITE 277®, or equivalent (1) to the insert OD threads (2).

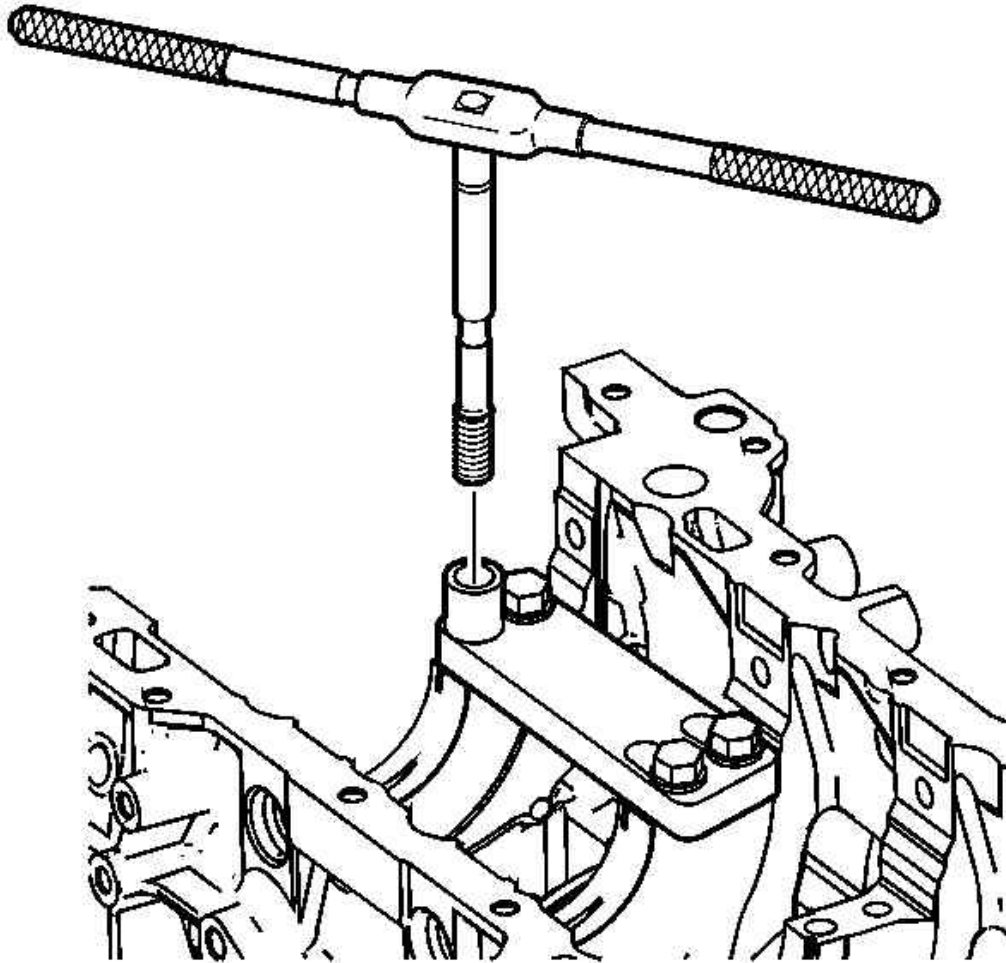


Fig. 370: View Of Insert & Installation Driver
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

16. Install the insert and installation driver into the tapped hole by hand only.
17. Start the insert into the threaded hole.

IMPORTANT: If the insert will not thread down until the flange contacts the counterbored surface remove the insert immediately with a screw extracting tool and inspect the tapped hole for any remaining chips

and/or improper tapping.

18. Install the insert until the flange of the insert contacts the counterbored surface.

IMPORTANT: The driver installation tool will tighten up before screwing completely through the insert. This is acceptable. The threads at the bottom of the insert are being formed and the insert is mechanically locking the insert into the base material threads.

19. Continue to rotate the driver installation tool through the insert.

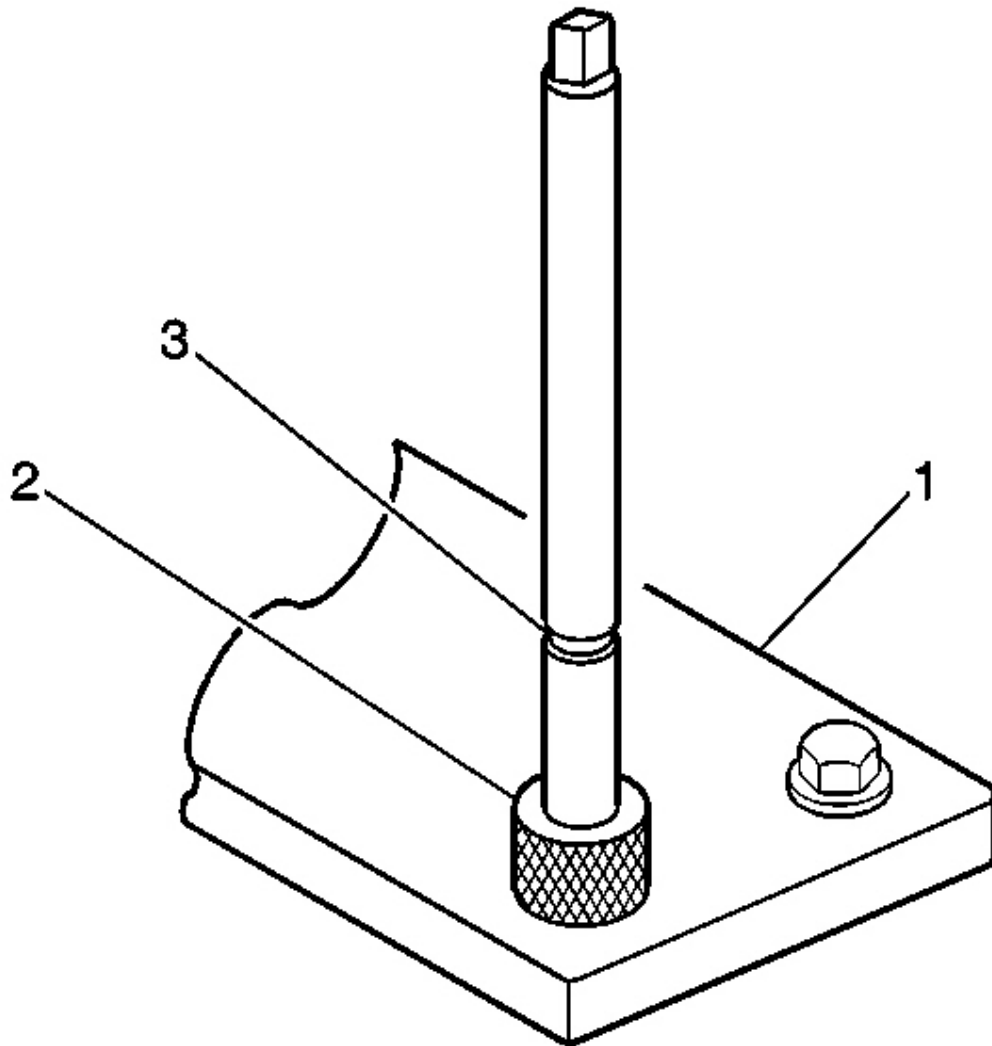


Fig. 371: View Of Fixture Plate, Drill Bushing & Tool Marking
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

20. Rotate the driver installation tool until the mark (3) on the driver installation tool aligns with the top of the drill bushing (2).
21. Inspect the insert for proper installation into the tapped hole.

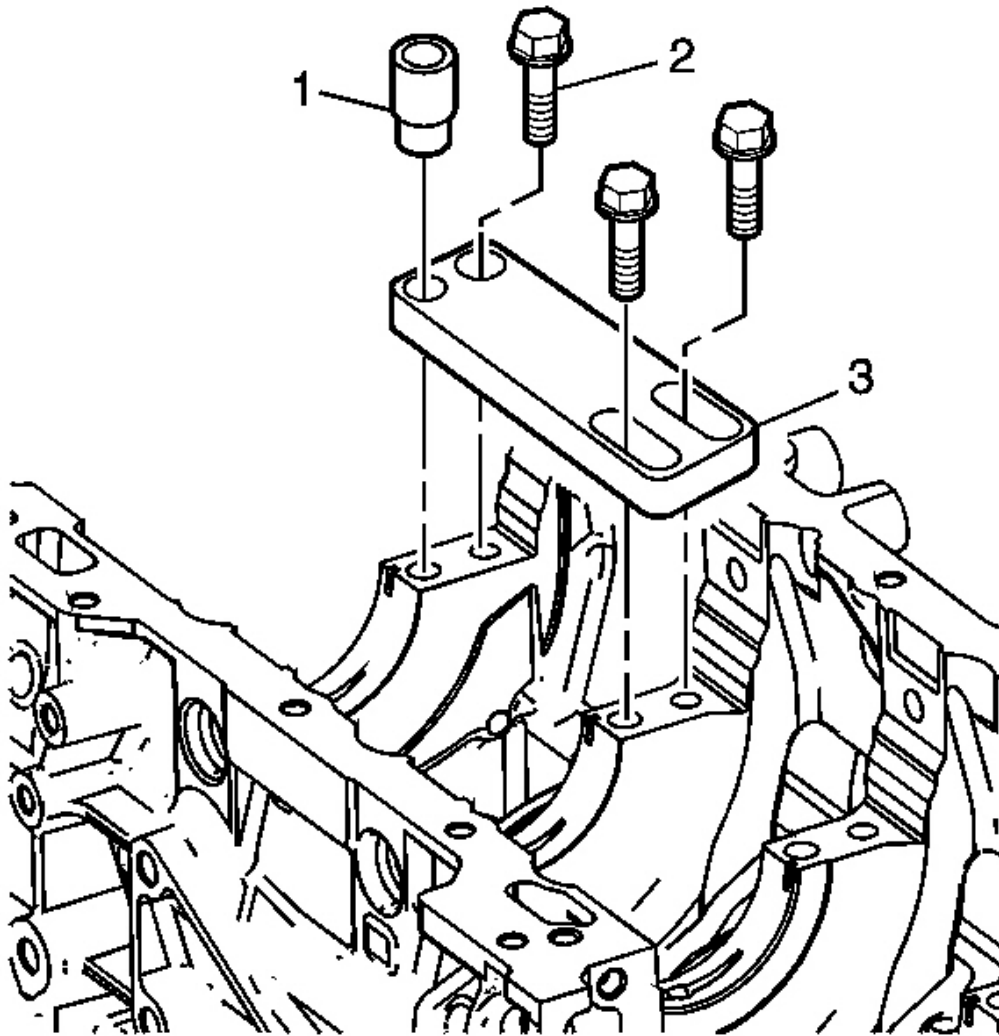


Fig. 372: Positioning Fixture Plate
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

22. Remove the fixture plate bolts (2).
23. Remove the fixture plate (3) and bushing (1).

SERVICE PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY

- Dirt will cause premature wear of the rebuilt engine. Clean all the components.

- Use the proper tools to measure the components when checking for excessive wear. Components not within the manufacturer's specification must be repaired or replaced.
- When the components are reinstalled into an engine, return the components to their original location, position, and direction.
- During assembly, lubricate all the moving parts with clean engine oil (unless otherwise specified). This will provide initial lubrication when the engine is first started.

ENGINE BLOCK ASSEMBLE

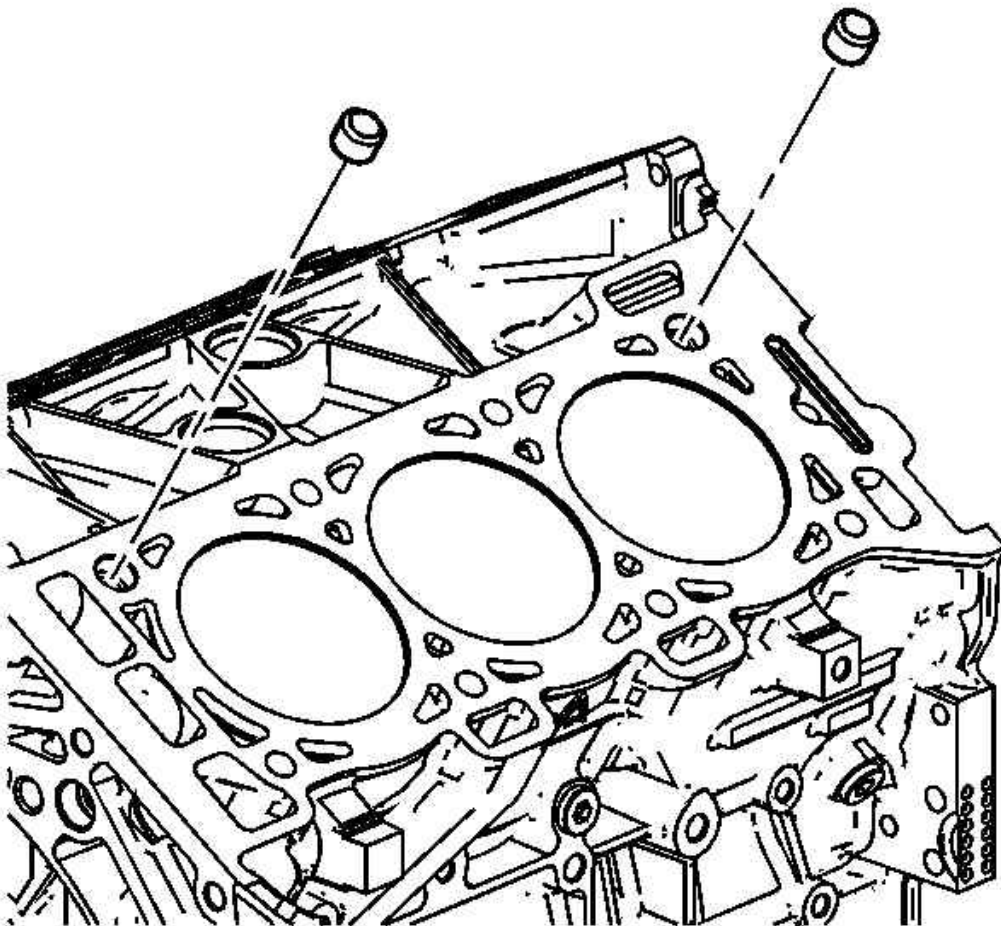


Fig. 373: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Cylinder Head Alignment Dowels
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the cylinder block-to-cylinder head alignment dowels.

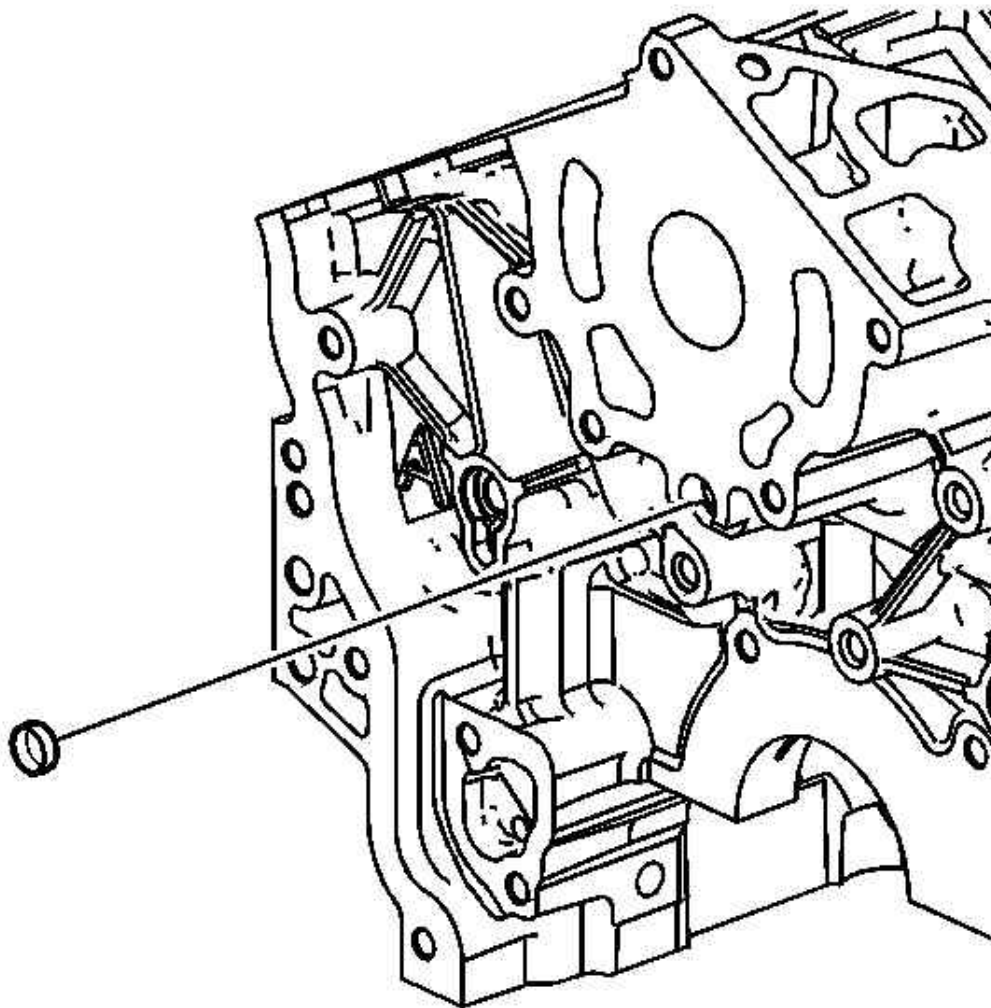


Fig. 374: Locating Front Oil Gallery Expansion Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the NEW front oil gallery expansion plug.

3. Ensure the NEW front oil gallery expansion plug is installed to the proper depth.

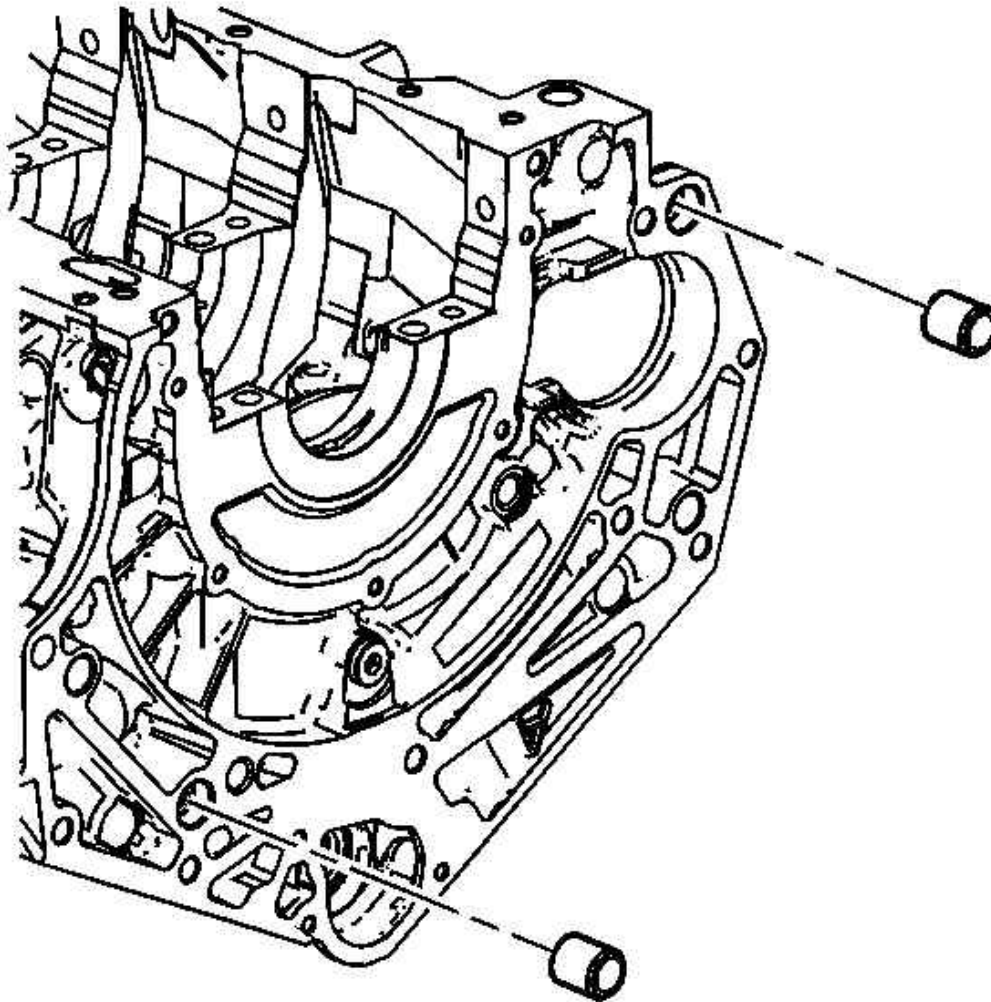


Fig. 375: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Transmission Alignment Dowels
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Install the cylinder block-to-transmission alignment dowels.

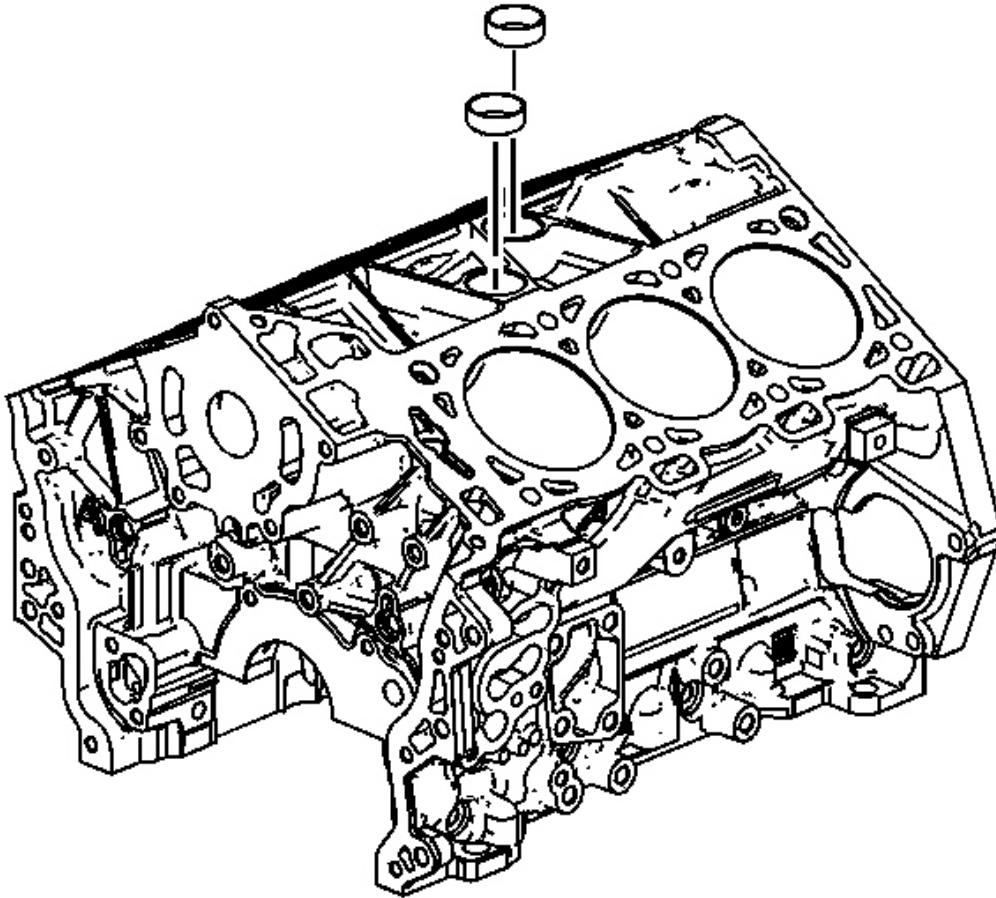


Fig. 376: Identifying Coolant Expansion Plugs
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Apply the RTV sealant, GM P/N 12378521 (Canadian P/N 88901148) or equivalent on the NEW coolant expansion plugs.
6. Install the NEW coolant expansion plugs.
7. Ensure the NEW coolant expansion plugs are installed to the proper depth.

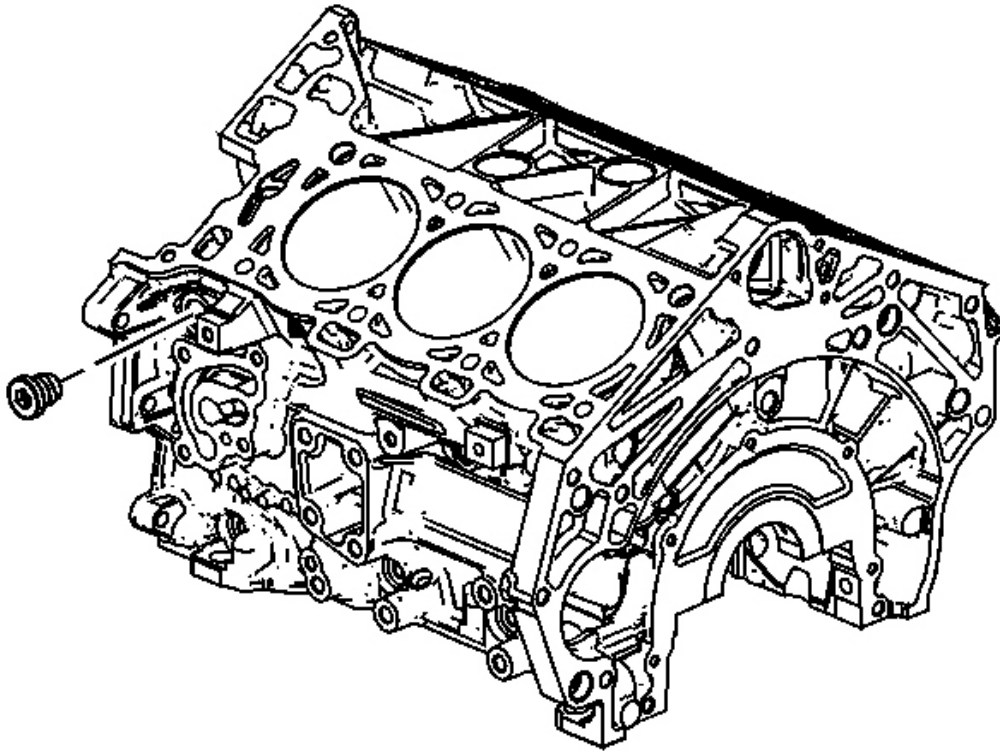


Fig. 377: Identifying M20 Left Side Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

8. Apply thread sealant GM P/N 12346004 (Canadian P/N 10953480) or equivalent on the threads of the M20 left side oil gallery threaded plug.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

9. Install the M20 left side oil gallery threaded plug.

Tighten: Tighten the M20 left side oil gallery threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

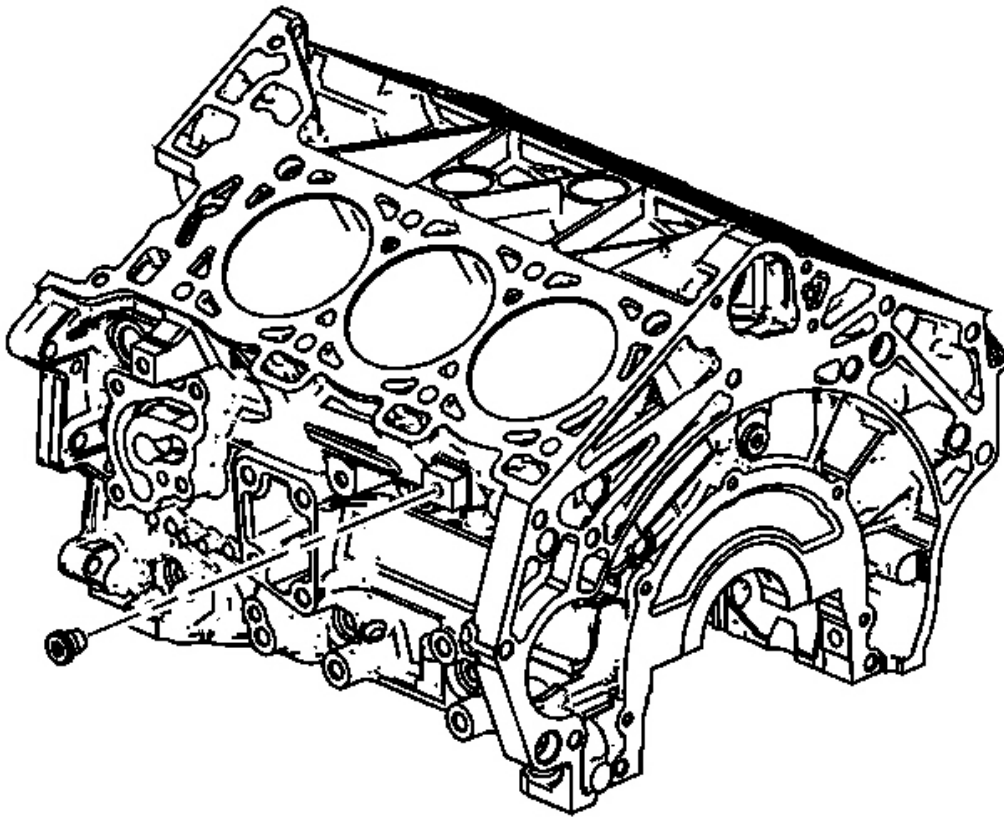


Fig. 378: View Of M14 Left Side Coolant Drain Threaded Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

10. Apply thread sealant GM P/N 12346004 (Canadian P/N 10953480) or equivalent on the threads of the M14 left side coolant drain threaded plug.
11. Install the M14 left side coolant drain threaded plug.

Tighten: Tighten the M14 left side coolant drain threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

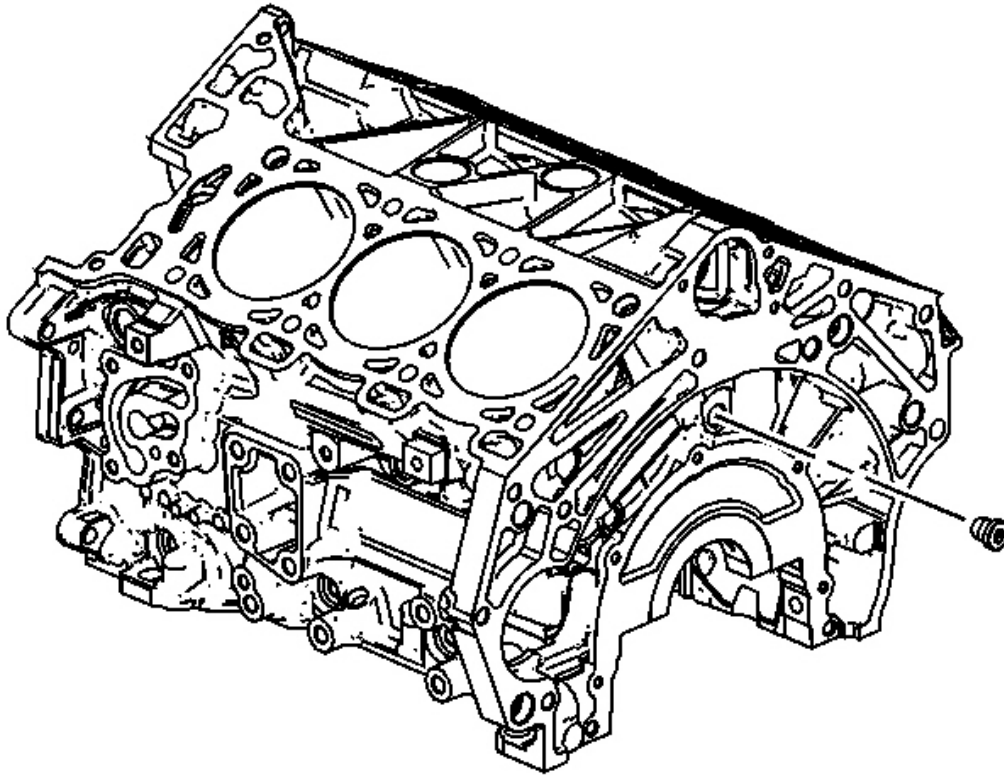


Fig. 379: View of M14 Rear Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

12. Apply thread sealant GM P/N 12346004 (Canadian P/N 10953480) or equivalent on the threads of the M14 rear oil gallery threaded plug.
13. Install the M14 rear oil gallery threaded plug.

Tighten: Tighten the M14 rear oil gallery threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

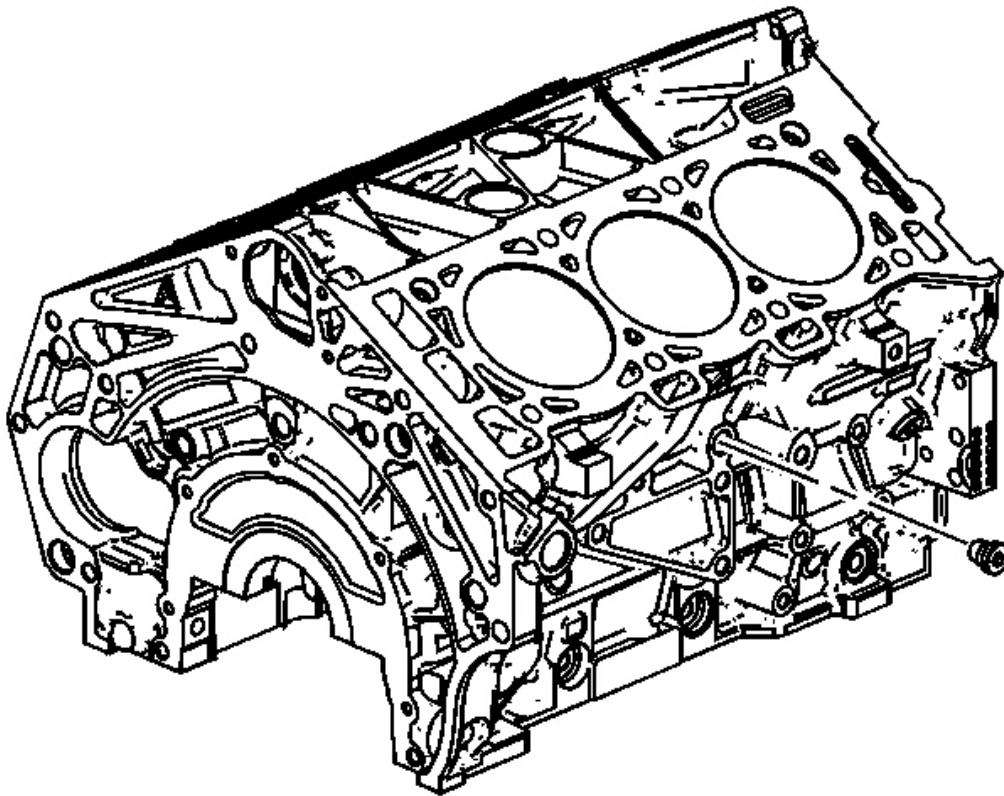


Fig. 380: Locating M14 Right Side Coolant Drain Threaded Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

14. Apply thread sealant GM P/N 12346004 (Canadian P/N 10953480) or equivalent on the threads of the M14 right side coolant drain threaded plug.
15. Install the M14 right side coolant drain threaded plug.

Tighten: Tighten the M14 right side coolant drain threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

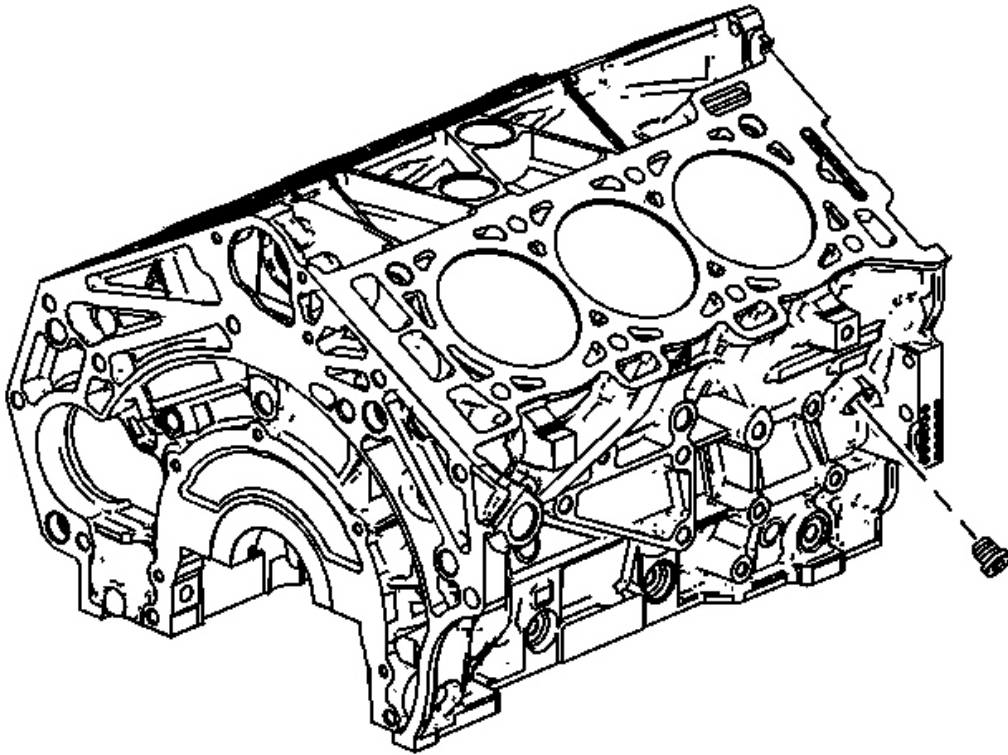


Fig. 381: Identifying M14 Right Side Oil Gallery Threaded Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

16. Apply thread sealant GM P/N 12346004 (Canadian P/N 10953480) or equivalent on the threads of the M14 right side oil gallery threaded plug.
17. Install the M14 right side oil gallery threaded plug.

Tighten: Tighten the M14 right side oil gallery threaded plug to 31 N.m (23 lb ft).

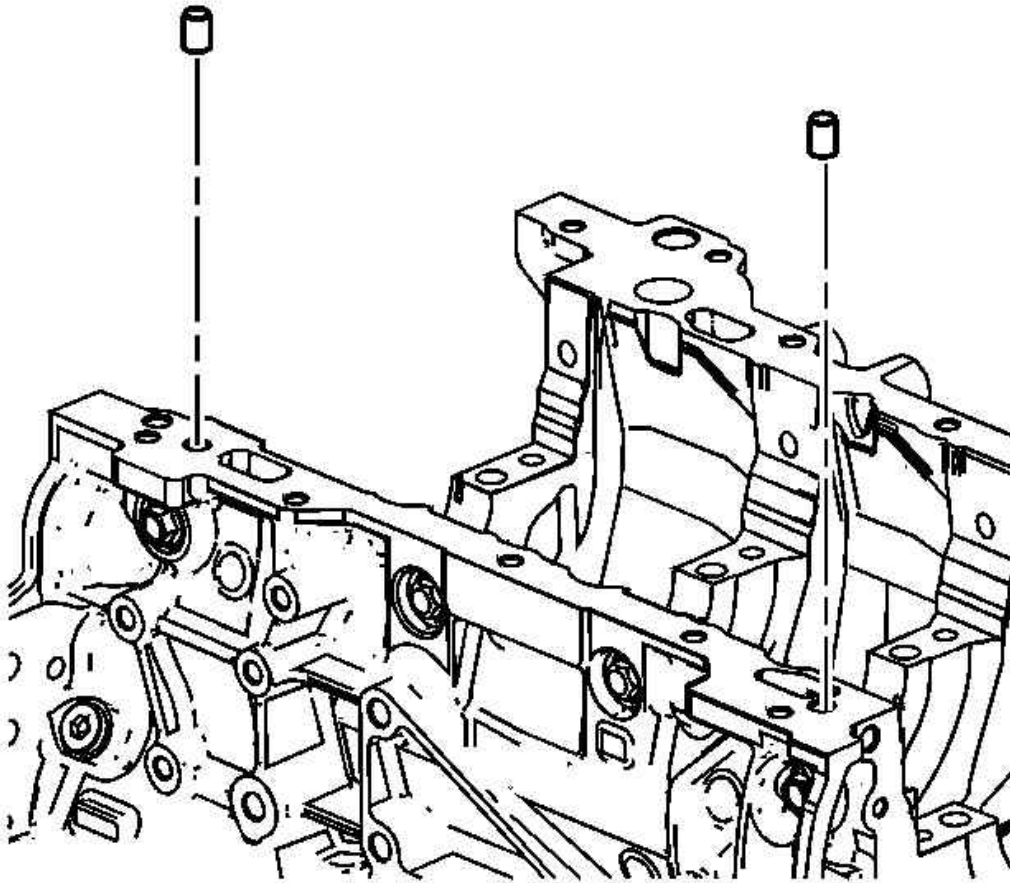


Fig. 382: Identifying Cylinder Block-To-Oil Pan Alignment Dowels
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

18. Install the cylinder block-to-oil pan alignment dowels.

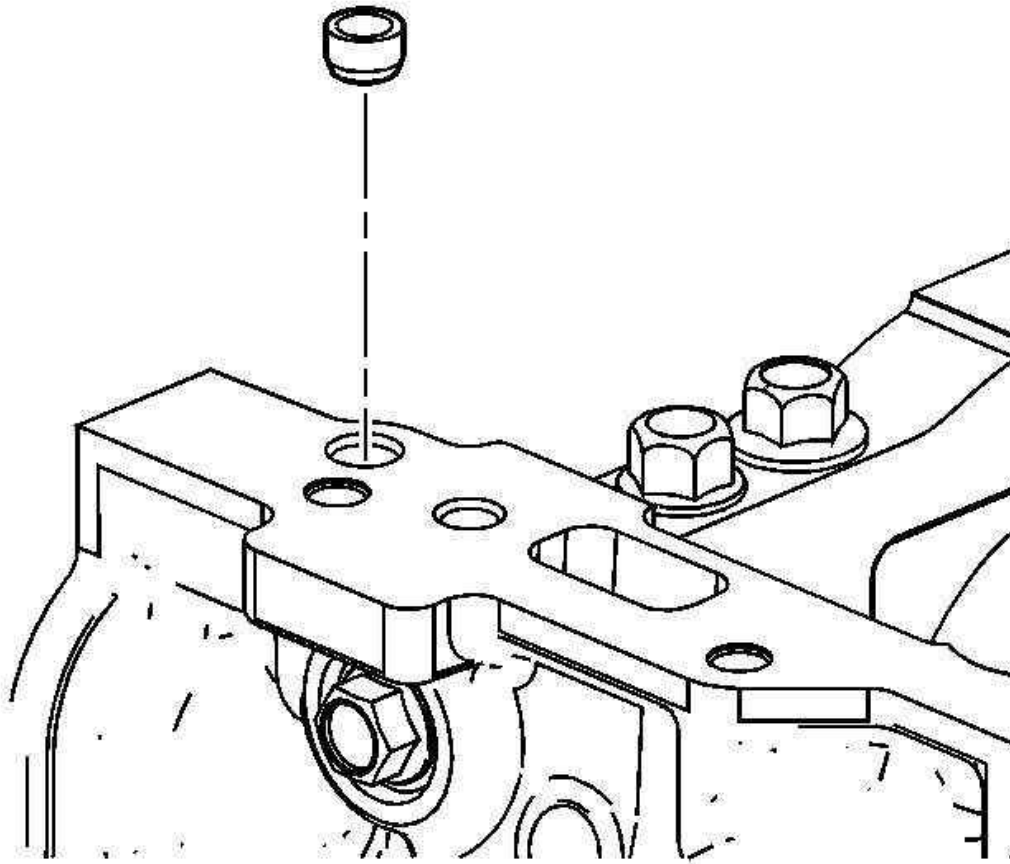


Fig. 383: Locating Right Front Oil Pan Rail Oil Gallery Expansion Plug
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

19. Install the NEW right front oil pan rail oil gallery expansion plug.
20. Ensure the NEW right front oil pan rail oil gallery expansion plug is installed to the proper depth.

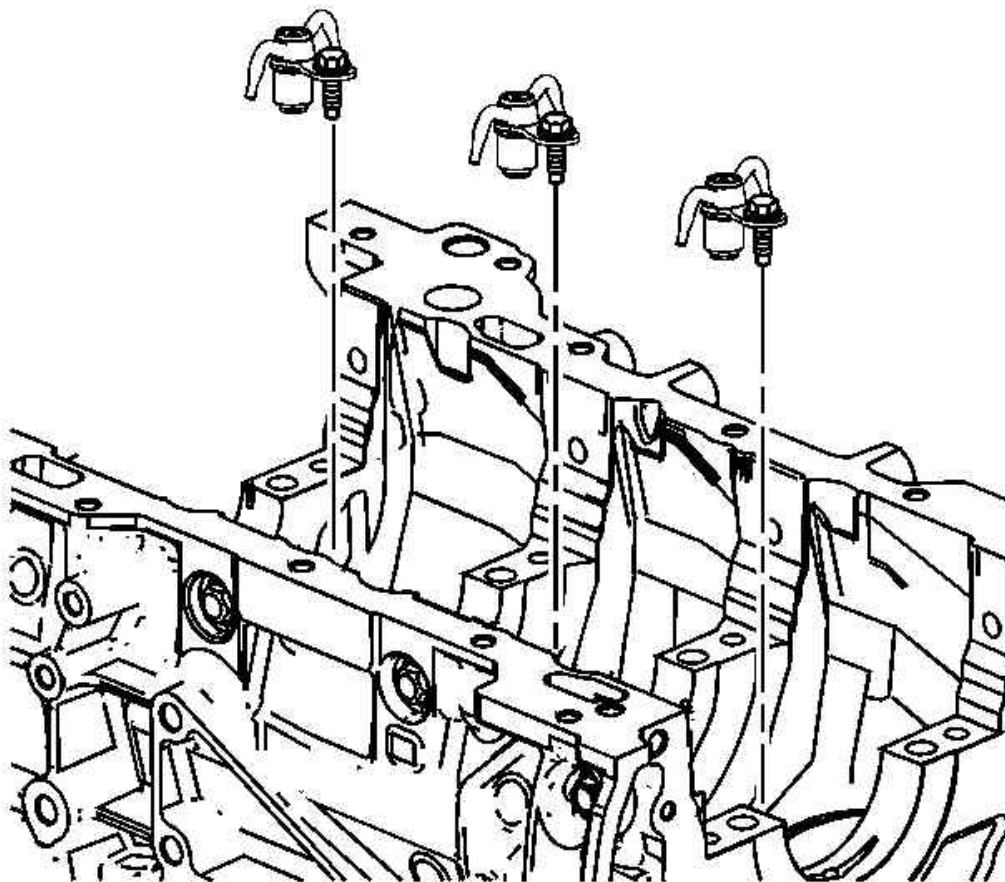


Fig. 384: View Of Oil Jets
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

21. Install the oil jets.
22. Install the oil jet bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the oil jet bolts to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

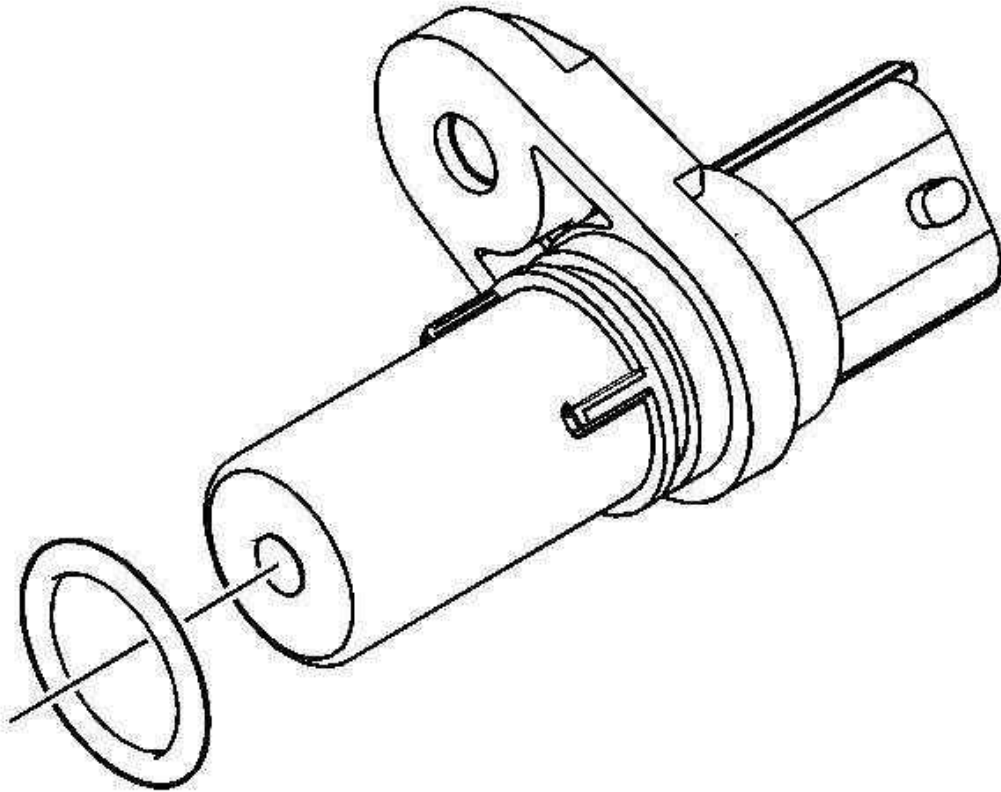


Fig. 385: View Of Crankshaft Position Sensor O-Ring
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

23. Install the NEW crankshaft position sensor O-ring, if damaged.

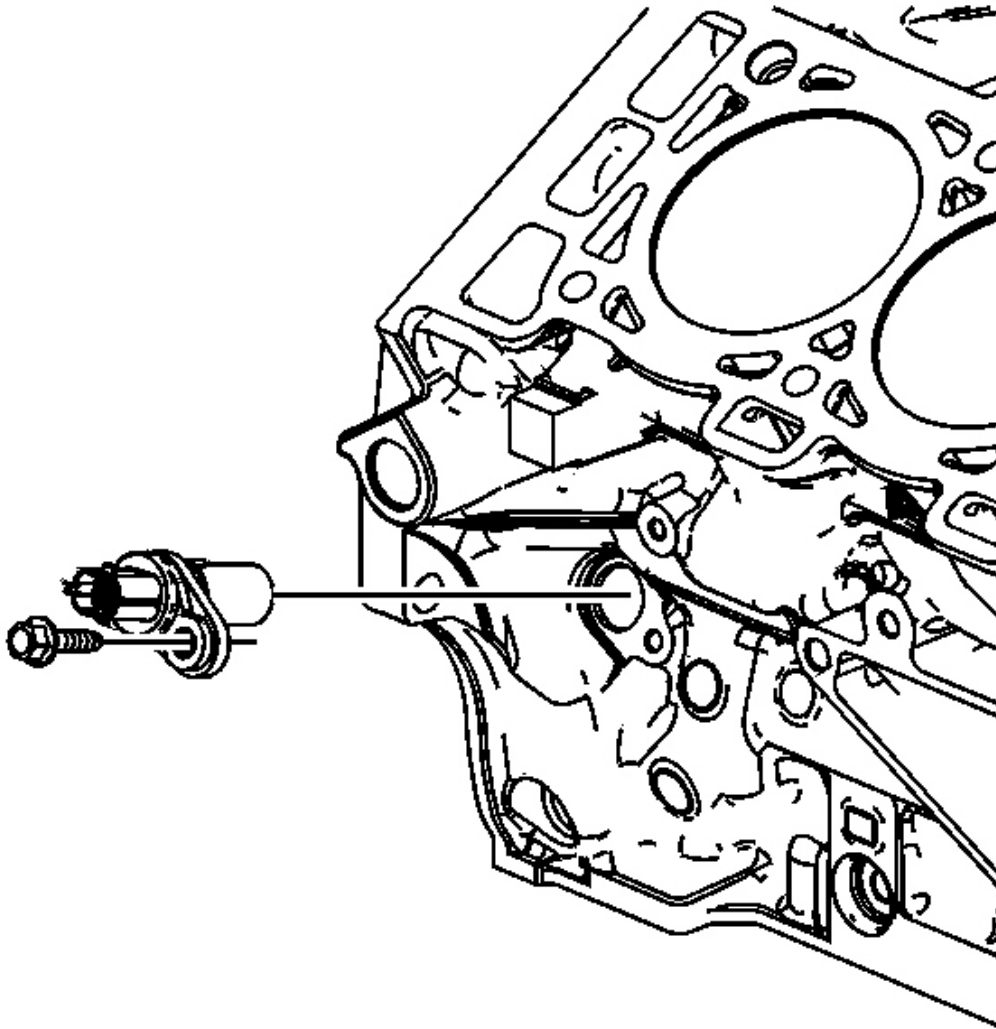


Fig. 386: View Of Crankshaft Position Sensor
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

24. Install the crankshaft position sensor.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice .

25. Install the crankshaft position sensor bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the crankshaft position sensor bolt to 10 N.m (89 lb in).

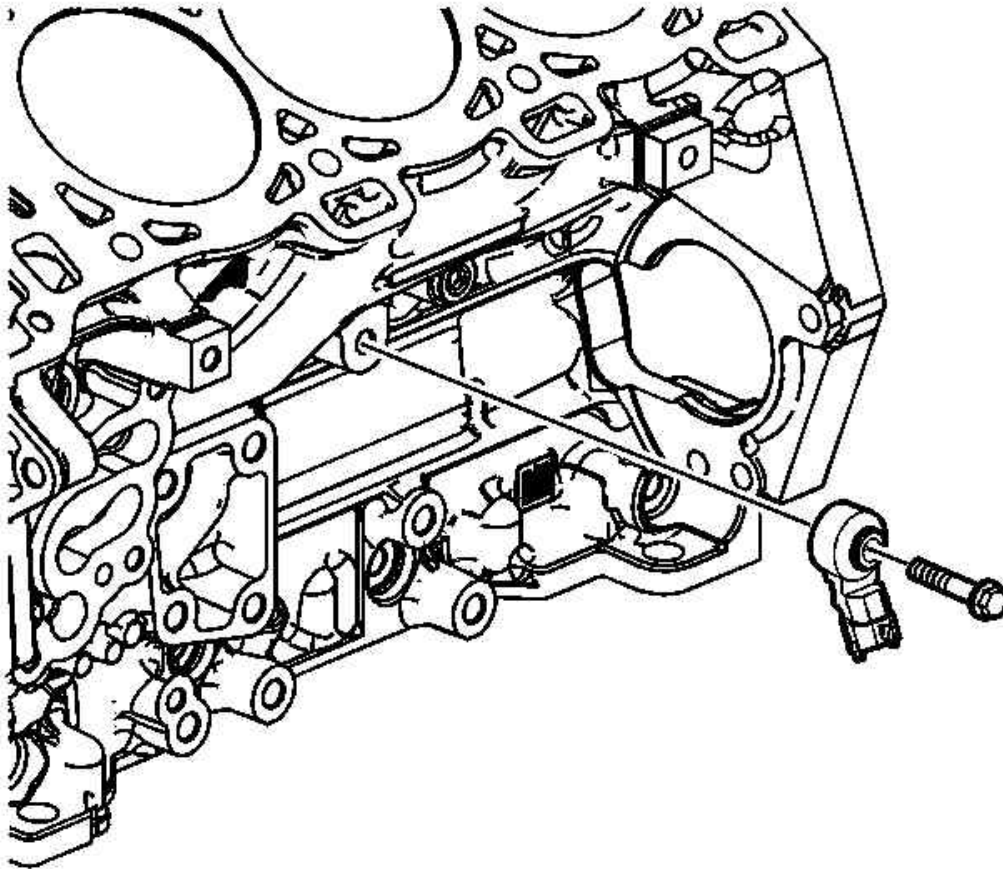


Fig. 387: View Of Left Knock Sensor
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

26. Install the left knock sensor to the cylinder block, as shown.
27. Install the left knock sensor bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the left knock sensor bolt to 23 N.m (17 lb ft).

28. Ensure proper sensor orientation.

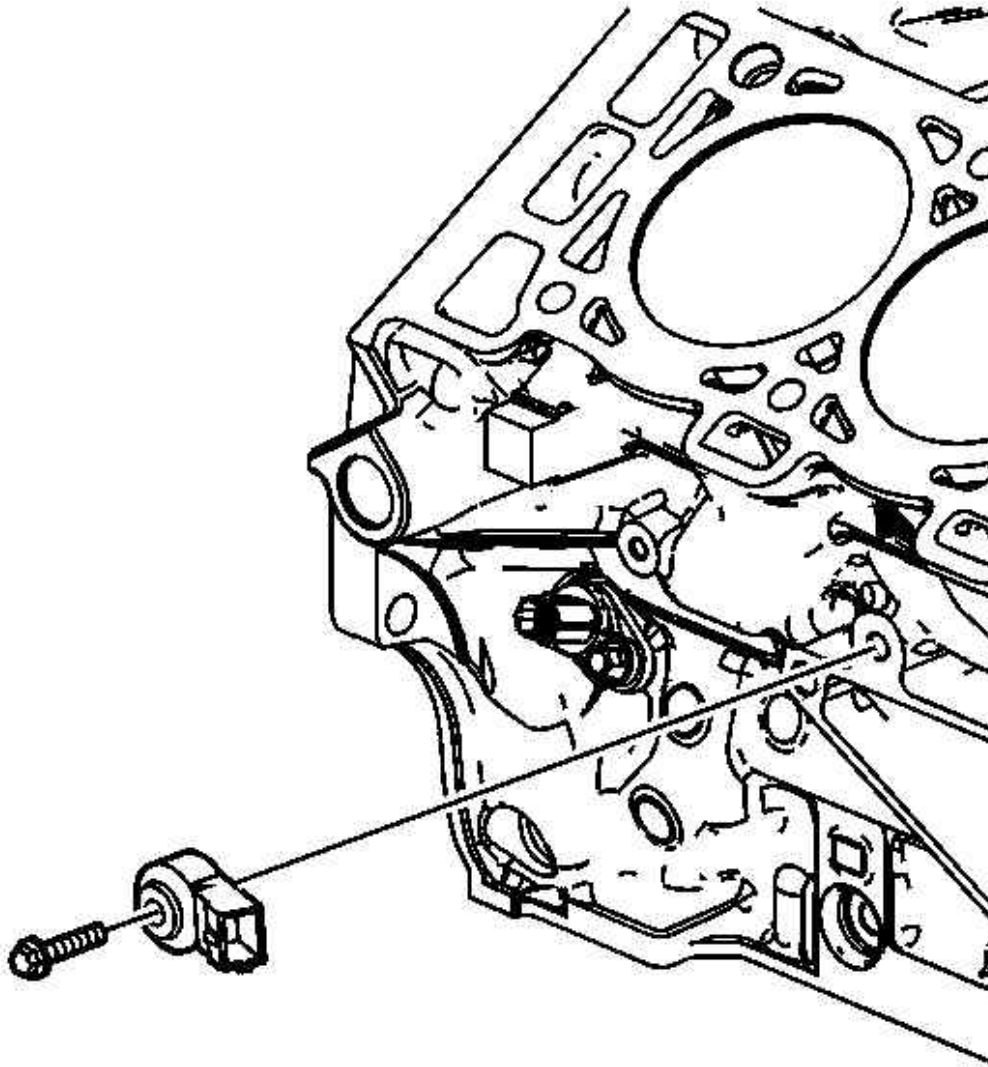


Fig. 388: View Of Right Knock Sensor
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

29. Install the right knock sensor to the cylinder block, as shown.
30. Install the right knock sensor bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the right knock sensor bolt to 23 N.m (17 lb ft).

31. Ensure proper sensor orientation.

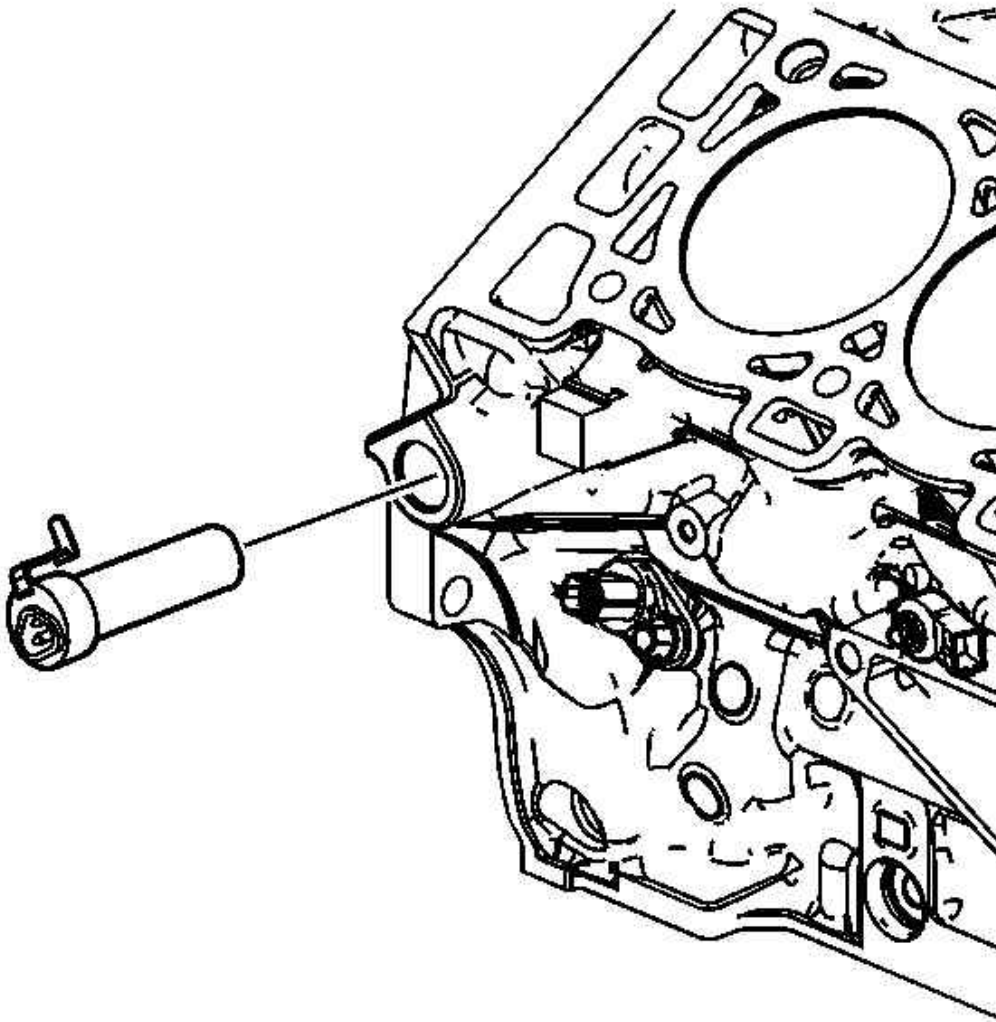


Fig. 389: View Of Block Heater Cartridge
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

32. Install the block heater cartridge, if equipped.