



Control Pressure Gauge User's manual

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User's Guide For Control Pressure Gauge

Note: The fuel system should be under pressure even when the car is off. **ALWAYS** follow these precautions:

1. Always wear safety glasses.
2. When the fuel lines are first loosened about 10cc of pressurized fuel will squirt out. Surround the fitting being loosened with rags.
3. Have a fire extinguisher handy.
4. Do not use the CP Gauge near any source of flame or heat.



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Theory of Operation

The Bosch CIS mechanical fuel injection system works by converting the flow of intake air into a precisely metered flow of fuel. Figure 1 shows a VW fuel distributor where the air moves up to move the Sensor plate. On most Mercedes applications the airflow direction is down but the principle is the same. When the Sensor plate moves the Main lever moves, which in turn pushes the Control plunger up and down. The Control plunger uncovers a set of finely machined narrow slits, one per cylinder. Fuel flows to the injectors through the port on top, shown as A in Figure 1.

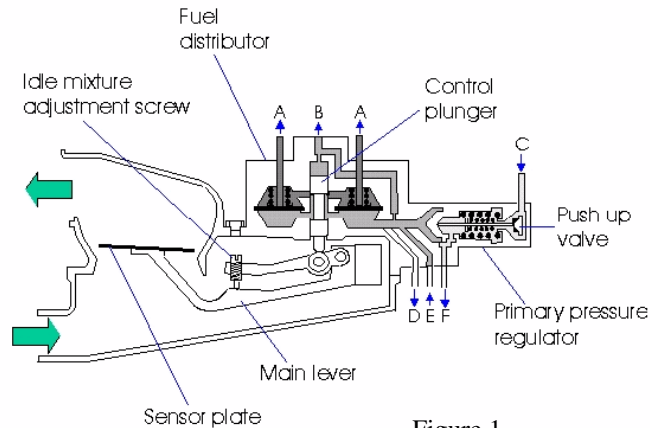


Figure 1

The force which moves the Sensor plate is the flow of a mass of air. This force moves the Control plunger up. There is an opposing force which pushes the Control plunger back down. This force is exerted on the Control plunger by a special hydraulic pressure called the Control Pressure.

The name Control Pressure means the pressure used to control the air/fuel ratio. When the Control Pressure is low, the force pushing against the Control plunger is low, allowing the Control plunger to travel further and thereby delivering more fuel. This richens the mixture. For this reason **a low control pressure richens the air/fuel mixture**, while **a high control pressure leans out the mixture**.

The injection system has to change the mixture depending on a number of factors. When the engine is cold the mixture must be very rich. When the engine is fully warm and idling the mixture is slightly lean. Under maximum acceleration the mixture richens slightly. These changes to the mixture are handled by one very critical component of the system called the Warm-Up Regulator (WUR). The WUR handles far more than just operation during warm-up. The WUR handles setting the mixture during all phases of engine operation.

The WUR is a complex, imprecise, and relatively fragile component. Many problems like hard starting, poor mileage, and lack of power can be traced to the WUR. Fortunately the operation of the WUR is easy to check, if you have a gauge which can measure the control pressure. The gauge must measure the pressure between the port at the center top of the fuel distributor and the inlet of the WUR. The inlet port of the WUR is the **larger** of the two fittings. The connection of the gauge is shown in Figure 2.

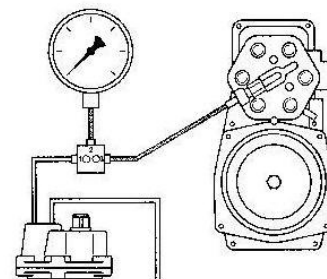


Figure 2



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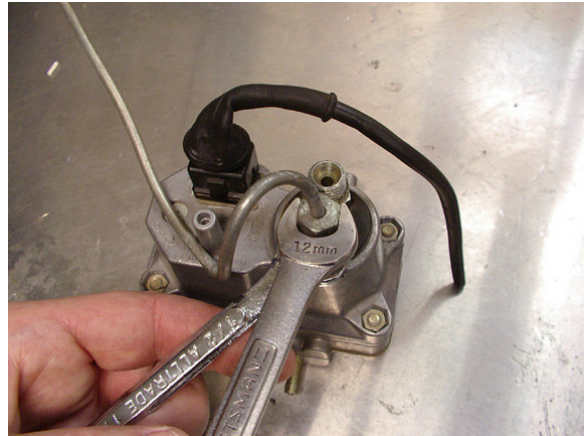
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Installation:

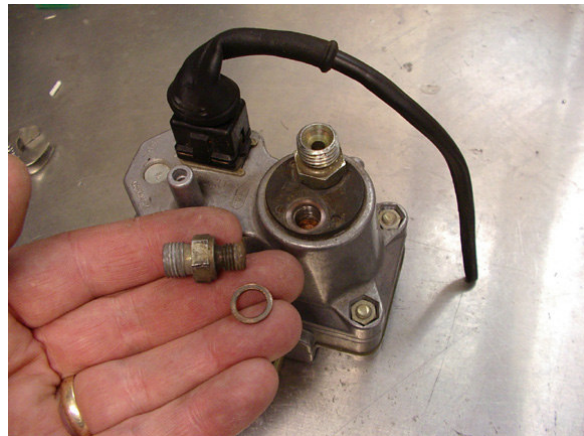
The installation of the CP Gauge involves removing the inlet fitting of the WUR.

Note: When the fittings are loosened about 10cc of pressurized fuel is sprayed out. Carefully review the cautions on the front page of this manual and proceed carefully.

The fuel line fitting must be removed first. Two 14mm wrenches are required. Use the lower wrench to hold the WUR fitting in place while loosening the fuel line fitting. Don't try to remove the fuel line fitting without a backing wrench. **Note: the photo shown here has the wrench on the outlet fitting, not the inlet fitting.**



Once the fuel line fitting is removed, the WUR fitting underneath can be removed. The WUR fitting has a copper washer underneath. Be sure to save this washer. **Note: the photo shown here is the outlet fitting, not the inlet fitting.**



This photo shows the proper installation of the gauge on the **inlet** fitting. The copper pressure ring fits underneath the inlet fitting just like a thick copper washer. Note: when fitting the ring do NOT include the thin copper washer you saved in the previous step. Be careful not to over-torque the fitting.

Now re-install the fuel line and you're ready to test the system.





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Starting, monitoring, troubleshooting:

Start the car and check carefully for leaks around the CP gauge fittings. As soon as the engine starts you can read the control pressure.

UnwiredTools has an extensive database of control pressures for every phase of operation of cars equipped with CIS fuel injection. Contact us for detailed specifications.

For a quick but effective test, the control pressures should be as follows:

Cold Start, 60 °F 1.6bar (24psi)

Cold Start, 80 °F 2.2bar (32psi)

Engine fully warm, idling, vacuum line attached 3.4bar (50psi)

Engine idling, remove vacuum line 3.0bar (44psi)

The values above may differ from your test values. The most important factor is that the control pressure should change as indicated. For example, you should be able to see the control pressure increase after a cold start.

Note: Some flutter of the control pressure at idle is normal. If the flutter exceeds 5psi then the fuel accumulator may be defective. The gauge may be easier to read if the engine speed is raised slightly above idle, i.e. 1200 RPM.