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Model: 03240

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, maintenance, and understanding of the Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap. This component is designed for specific automotive ignition systems to ensure reliable engine performance. Please read all instructions carefully before proceeding with installation or maintenance.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap is a critical part of the ignition system, responsible for directing high voltage from the ignition coil to the correct spark plug at the precise moment. It is engineered for direct fit and reliable performance, requiring no modifications for installation.



Image: The Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap. This component is reddish-brown, featuring several metal terminals arranged around its circumference and one central terminal. These terminals are designed to connect to spark plug wires and the ignition coil, distributing electrical current within the engine's ignition system.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Proper installation is crucial for the functionality and longevity of the distributor cap. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified technician.

1. **Safety First:** Disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any work on the ignition system to prevent electrical shock.
2. **Identify Components:** Locate the existing distributor cap on your vehicle's engine. Note the routing of all spark plug wires connected to it. It is often helpful to label each wire before removal.
3. **Remove Old Cap:** Carefully unclip or unscrew the fasteners holding the old distributor cap in place. Gently pull the cap off, ensuring not to damage the rotor or internal components.
4. **Inspect Rotor:** While the cap is off, inspect the distributor rotor for any signs of wear, cracks, or carbon buildup. Replace the rotor if necessary.
5. **Install New Cap:** Align the new Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap with the distributor housing. Ensure the alignment tabs or notches on the cap match those on the distributor. Press firmly until it seats correctly.
6. **Secure Cap:** Re-attach the fasteners (clips or screws) to secure the new cap firmly in place. Do not overtighten screws.
7. **Connect Wires:** Reconnect the spark plug wires to the new distributor cap in the correct firing order, matching the labels made during removal. Ensure each wire clicks securely into its terminal.
8. **Final Check:** Double-check all connections and ensure the cap is seated properly. Reconnect the vehicle's battery.
9. **Test Operation:** Start the engine and listen for smooth operation. Check for any misfires or unusual noises.

MAINTENANCE

The Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap is a wear item and does not typically require routine maintenance beyond periodic inspection. However, regular checks can help identify potential issues before they lead to performance problems.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the distributor cap for cracks, carbon tracking (black lines), corrosion on terminals, or excessive wear on the internal contacts.
- **Wire Connections:** Ensure spark plug wires are securely attached to the cap terminals and are not corroded or frayed.
- **Cleaning:** If minor carbon buildup or dirt is present, gently wipe the exterior of the cap with a clean, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Replacement:** Replace the distributor cap (and rotor) according to your vehicle manufacturer's recommended service intervals or if signs of significant wear or damage are observed.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience ignition system issues after installation or during normal operation, consider the following common problems and solutions:

- **Engine Misfires or Rough Idling:**
 - Check spark plug wire connections to ensure they are firmly seated and in the correct firing order.

- Inspect the cap for cracks or carbon tracking that could cause voltage leaks.
- Verify the rotor is not damaged or worn.
- **Engine Cranks but Won't Start:**
 - Ensure the cap is fully seated and secured.
 - Check for severe corrosion on terminals preventing spark.
 - Confirm the ignition coil wire is properly connected to the cap.
- **Check Engine Light (CEL) Illuminated:**
 - While a distributor cap itself rarely triggers a CEL directly, related misfires or ignition issues can. Scan for diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) to pinpoint the exact issue.

If problems persist after troubleshooting, consult a professional automotive technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Specification |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Brand | Bosch |
| Model Number | 03240 |
| Item Weight | 14.6 ounces (approx. 413.9 grams) |
| Closure Type | Twist-On |
| UPC | 826732075136 |
| Manufacturer Part Number | 03240 |

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage and technical support for your Bosch 03240 Distributor Cap, please refer to the official Bosch automotive parts website or contact Bosch customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

Online Resources: Visit the official Bosch website for product information, FAQs, and contact details.

Customer Service: Contact Bosch customer support for assistance with product inquiries or technical issues.