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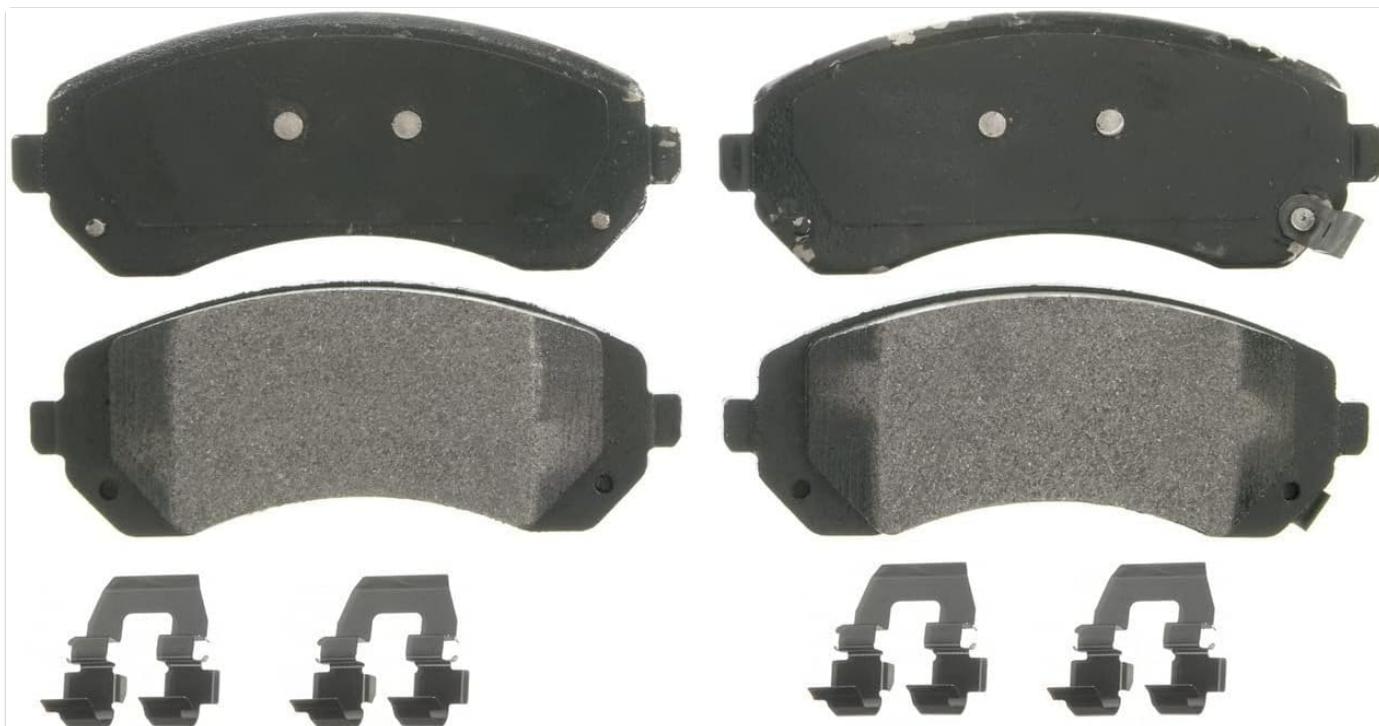
Comprehensive guide for installation, maintenance, and specifications.

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Wagner ZX844 Thermoquiet Disc Brake Pad Set. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance procedures to ensure safety and optimal performance. This product is designed for specific vehicle applications; verify compatibility before use.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Wagner ZX844 Thermoquiet Disc Brake Pad Set is engineered to provide quiet operation and reliable stopping power. Each set typically includes four disc brake pads (two for each wheel) and associated hardware, such as clips, necessary for installation. The pads feature advanced friction materials designed for durability and consistent performance.



This image displays the complete set of Wagner ZX844 Thermoquiet Disc Brake Pads, including two inner pads, two outer pads, and four metal clips for installation. The pads feature a dark grey friction material and a black backing plate.

3. INSTALLATION GUIDE

Safety First: Brake system work requires specialized knowledge and tools. If you are not confident in your ability to perform this installation safely and correctly, it is highly recommended to seek professional assistance from a certified mechanic.

Required Tools and Materials:

- Vehicle service manual for specific torque specifications
- Jack and jack stands
- Wheel lug wrench
- Brake caliper compression tool
- Socket set and wrenches
- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- High-temperature brake lubricant
- Safety glasses and gloves

General Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare Vehicle:** Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and block the wheels not being worked on. Loosen lug nuts on the wheel(s) where pads will be replaced.
2. **Lift and Secure:** Safely lift the vehicle using a jack and support it with jack stands. Remove the wheel.
3. **Access Caliper:** Locate the brake caliper. Depending on the vehicle, you may need to remove caliper guide pin bolts to swing the caliper open or remove it entirely.
4. **Remove Old Pads:** Carefully remove the old brake pads. Note their orientation. Inspect the brake rotor for wear, scoring, or warping. Replace rotors if necessary.
5. **Clean and Lubricate:** Clean the caliper bracket and guide pins with a wire brush and brake cleaner. Apply a thin layer of high-temperature brake lubricant to the caliper guide pins and any metal-to-metal contact points on the new

pads and hardware.

6. **Compress Caliper Piston:** Use a brake caliper compression tool to slowly push the caliper piston(s) back into the caliper bore. This creates space for the thicker new pads. Monitor the brake fluid reservoir to prevent overflow.
7. **Install New Pads and Hardware:** Install the new brake pad clips (if included) onto the caliper bracket. Insert the new Wagner ZX844 brake pads into the caliper bracket, ensuring they fit correctly and the friction material faces the rotor.
8. **Reassemble Caliper:** Reinstall the brake caliper, ensuring all bolts are tightened to the manufacturer's specified torque.
9. **Reinstall Wheel:** Reinstall the wheel and hand-tighten the lug nuts.
10. **Lower Vehicle:** Safely lower the vehicle. Torque the lug nuts to the manufacturer's specifications.
11. **Pump Brakes:** Before driving, slowly pump the brake pedal several times until a firm pedal feel is achieved. This seats the pads against the rotor and restores brake pressure.
12. **Test Drive:** Perform a cautious test drive in a safe area, gradually applying brakes to ensure proper function. Avoid hard braking for the first 200-300 miles to allow for proper pad break-in.

4. OPERATION AND BREAK-IN

Once installed, new brake pads require a proper break-in period to achieve optimal performance and longevity. This process, often called "bedding-in," helps transfer a thin layer of friction material to the rotor surface, ensuring consistent braking and reducing noise.

Break-In Procedure:

- Drive at a moderate speed (e.g., 30-40 mph).
- Apply the brakes moderately (not aggressively) to slow down to about 10 mph. Do not come to a complete stop.
- Repeat this process 5-10 times, allowing a few minutes between stops for the brakes to cool slightly.
- Avoid heavy braking or prolonged braking (like descending a long hill) immediately after installation.
- After the initial break-in, drive normally for the next 200-300 miles, avoiding sudden, hard stops if possible.

During the break-in period, you may notice a slight odor or reduced braking effectiveness. This is normal. If excessive smoke, burning smell, or significant loss of braking occurs, pull over safely and inspect the brake system.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection and maintenance of your vehicle's brake system are crucial for safety and performance. While Wagner Thermoquiet pads are designed for durability, the overall brake system requires attention.

Recommended Maintenance Schedule:

- **Every 12,000 miles or annually:** Inspect brake pads for wear, rotors for condition, and brake fluid level and condition. Check brake lines for leaks or damage.
- **As needed:** Listen for unusual noises (squealing, grinding), feel for vibrations or a spongy pedal. Address these issues promptly.

Replace brake pads when the friction material wears down to the manufacturer's minimum thickness, typically indicated by a wear indicator or visual inspection. Always replace pads in axle sets (both front or both rear).

6. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Squealing/Chirping Noise	New pads bedding-in, worn pads (wear indicator), improper installation, glazed rotors/pads, foreign material.	Perform break-in procedure. Inspect pads for wear. Re-lubricate contact points. Clean rotors/pads. Check for debris.
Grinding Noise	Severely worn pads (metal-on-metal), foreign object lodged in caliper.	Immediately inspect and replace worn pads and potentially damaged rotors. Remove foreign objects.
Vibration/Pulsation	Warped brake rotors, uneven pad wear, loose caliper components.	Inspect and replace warped rotors. Check caliper mounting and guide pins.
Spongy Brake Pedal	Air in brake lines, low brake fluid, faulty master cylinder.	Bleed brake system. Check brake fluid level and leaks. Consult a professional.

If you experience persistent brake issues, consult a qualified mechanic immediately. Do not operate a vehicle with compromised braking performance.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Wagner
Model Number	ZX844
Product Type	Thermoquiet Disc Brake Pad Set
Item Weight	4.4 pounds
Position	Rear
ASIN	B009NLKBQA
First Available Date	July 1, 2015

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Wagner products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information regarding your Wagner ZX844 Thermoquiet Disc Brake Pad Set, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Wagner Brakes website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support, installation questions, or further assistance, please contact Wagner Brakes customer service through their official channels. You can often find contact information on the product packaging or their official website.

Disclaimer: This manual provides general guidance. Always refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed instructions and torque specifications. Professional installation is recommended.

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