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1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance procedures to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your vehicle's engine. Retain this manual for future reference.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The NAPA Gold 2321 is a high-quality outer air filter designed to protect your engine from harmful contaminants. NAPA Gold filters are recognized for their superior performance and are recommended for adhering to Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) air filter change intervals. This outer filter is typically used in conjunction with an inner filter, such as NAPA part numbers 6522, 6514, or 2924. This filter is compatible with various heavy-duty applications, including equipment from Allis-Chalmers, Case, Caterpillar, Ingersoll-Rand, Massey-Ferguson, John Deere, and Kobelco, among others. If an outer filter without fins is required, please refer to NAPA part number 9420.



Figure 2.1: NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter (Upright and Side View)

This image displays two NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filters. One filter is shown upright, revealing its cylindrical shape, perforated metal mesh exterior, and white end caps. The second filter is lying on its side, providing a view of the internal structure, including the sealing gasket and the pleated filter media visible through the mesh. A small metal washer is also visible in the foreground.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter is crucial for engine protection and performance. Always consult your vehicle or equipment's service manual for specific instructions and safety precautions.

3.1 Safety Precautions

- Ensure the engine is turned off and cooled down before beginning installation.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.
- Refer to your vehicle's service manual for specific torque specifications and procedures.

3.2 Installation Steps

1. **Locate the Air Filter Housing:** Identify the air filter housing, typically found under the hood of the vehicle or within the engine compartment of equipment.
2. **Open the Housing:** Unlatch or unbolt the air filter housing cover.
3. **Remove the Old Filter:** Carefully remove the existing outer air filter. Note its orientation for correct installation of the new filter. If an inner filter is present, inspect it for damage or excessive dirt and replace if necessary (e.g., NAPA 6522, 6514, or 2924).
4. **Clean the Housing:** Wipe down the inside of the air filter housing to remove any accumulated

dust or debris. Ensure no foreign objects fall into the air intake.

5. **Install the New Filter:** Insert the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter into the housing, ensuring it seats properly and the seals are correctly aligned. Do not force the filter into place.
6. **Secure the Housing:** Reattach the air filter housing cover, ensuring all latches or bolts are securely fastened.



Figure 3.1: Filter End with Sealing Gasket

This close-up image shows the end of the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter. It highlights the robust rubber sealing gasket designed to ensure an airtight fit within the air filter housing, preventing unfiltered air from bypassing the filter media. The internal mesh structure is also visible, providing support for the filter media.

4. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter functions as a critical component of your engine's air intake system. Its primary role is to filter out airborne particles such as dust, dirt, pollen, and debris before they can enter the engine. By providing clean air, the filter helps prevent premature engine wear, maintains optimal combustion, and contributes to fuel efficiency. This is a passive component that continuously filters air as the engine operates.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your air filter is essential for the health and performance of your engine. NAPA Gold filters are designed to meet or exceed OEM specifications, and it is recommended to follow the air filter change intervals specified by your vehicle or equipment manufacturer.

5.1 Inspection

- Periodically inspect the air filter for signs of excessive dirt, debris, or damage.
- A dirty filter may appear dark or clogged with particles.
- Check for tears, holes, or crushed pleats in the filter media.

5.2 Replacement

- Replace the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter according to your vehicle's maintenance schedule or when inspection reveals it is dirty or damaged.
- Never attempt to clean a paper air filter by blowing compressed air through it, as this can damage the filter media and reduce its effectiveness.
- Always replace with a new, high-quality filter like the NAPA Gold 2321 to ensure proper filtration.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

While air filters are generally reliable, a clogged or damaged filter can lead to various engine performance issues. If you experience any of the following symptoms, inspect your air filter as a potential cause:

- **Reduced Engine Performance:** A dirty air filter restricts airflow to the engine, leading to a loss of power and acceleration.
- **Decreased Fuel Efficiency:** The engine may consume more fuel to compensate for reduced airflow.
- **Unusual Engine Noises:** A severely clogged filter can sometimes cause the engine to make unusual sounds due to strain.
- **Check Engine Light:** In some modern vehicles, a highly restricted air filter can trigger the check engine light.

Solution: If any of these symptoms are present and attributed to the air filter, replace the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter immediately following the installation steps outlined in Section 3.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications apply to the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter:

- **Brand:** NAPA
- **Model Number:** 2321
- **Manufacturer Part Number:** 2321
- **OEM Part Number:** 2321
- **Filter Type:** With Fins
- **Height:** 15.375 inches (390.53 mm)
- **Bottom Outside Diameter (O.D.):** 7.812 inches (198.42 mm)
- **Bottom Inside Diameter (I.D.):** 3.505 inches (89.03 mm)
- **Top Outside Diameter (O.D.):** 6.093 inches (154.76 mm)
- **Top Inside Diameter (I.D.):** 0.66 inches (16.76 mm)
- **Automotive Fit Type:** Vehicle Specific Fit



Figure 7.1: NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter (Full View)

This image presents the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter in an upright position, showcasing its complete cylindrical form. The filter features a fine mesh exterior, white end caps, and a series of fins around the lower portion, which are part of its design for specific applications. A small metal washer is visible at the base.

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Warranty information for the NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter is not provided in the product details. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to NAPA's official website or contact their customer support directly.

9. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or further support regarding your NAPA Gold 2321 Outer Air Filter, please visit the official NAPA website or contact NAPA customer service through their designated channels.

