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Model: PR4030

Application: Ford Ranger 1998-2016

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the AD Auto Parts Herko PR4030 Fuel Pressure Regulator. This component is designed to maintain consistent fuel pressure within the fuel injection system, ensuring optimal engine performance and fuel efficiency. Proper installation and adherence to safety guidelines are crucial for the correct function and longevity of the part.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Working with fuel systems involves flammable liquids and high pressures. Improper handling can lead to fire, explosion, serious injury, or death. It is highly recommended that installation be performed by a qualified automotive technician.

- Always disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any work on the fuel system.
- Ensure the fuel system is depressurized before disconnecting any fuel lines. Refer to your vehicle's service manual for the correct procedure.
- Work in a well-ventilated area, away from open flames or ignition sources.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves.
- Have a fire extinguisher readily available.

3. COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

The Herko PR4030 Fuel Pressure Regulator assembly typically includes the regulator unit, a plastic housing/adaptor, and a retaining clip. The image below illustrates these components.



Figure 1: Components of the Herko PR4030 Fuel Pressure Regulator. Shown are the black plastic housing, the silver metal regulator unit (with a pressure rating of 450 kPa), and the metal retaining clip used for securing the regulator within the housing.

- **Regulator Unit:** The primary component responsible for controlling fuel pressure. It is typically a cylindrical metal unit with an internal diaphragm and spring. The unit shown is marked with a pressure rating of 450 kPa.
- **Plastic Housing/Adapter:** This component integrates the regulator into the fuel system, providing connections for fuel lines and mounting points.
- **Retaining Clip:** A metal clip used to secure the regulator unit firmly within its housing or mounting point.

4. INSTALLATION

This section provides general installation steps. Always consult your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed instructions and torque specifications.

4.1. Preparation

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface and engage the parking brake.
2. Allow the engine to cool completely.

3. Disconnect the negative terminal of the vehicle's battery.
4. Depressurize the fuel system according to the vehicle manufacturer's instructions. This typically involves removing the fuel pump fuse/relay and running the engine until it stalls, or using a specialized fuel pressure relief tool.
5. Gather necessary tools, including wrenches, screwdrivers, and a fuel-resistant rag.

4.2. Removal of Old Regulator

1. Locate the fuel pressure regulator on your vehicle. Its location varies by vehicle model (e.g., on the fuel rail, in the fuel tank, or inline).
2. Place a rag or container beneath the regulator to catch any residual fuel.
3. Carefully disconnect any vacuum lines or electrical connectors attached to the regulator.
4. Remove the retaining clip or bolts securing the regulator.
5. Gently pull the old regulator from its mounting. Be prepared for a small amount of fuel to leak out.
6. Inspect the mounting area for any debris or damage.

4.3. Installation of New Regulator

1. Ensure the new Herko PR4030 regulator matches the old unit in form and fitment.
2. Lubricate any O-rings or seals on the new regulator with a small amount of clean engine oil or petroleum jelly to aid installation and prevent damage.
3. Insert the new regulator into its mounting location, ensuring it seats properly.
4. Secure the regulator with the provided retaining clip or original bolts. Ensure it is firmly seated and cannot be easily dislodged.
5. Reconnect any vacuum lines or electrical connectors. Ensure all connections are secure.
6. Reconnect the fuel lines, ensuring they are properly seated and secured.

4.4. Post-Installation Check

1. Reconnect the negative terminal of the vehicle's battery.
2. Turn the ignition key to the 'ON' position (without starting the engine) for a few seconds, then turn it 'OFF'. Repeat this several times to allow the fuel pump to prime the system and build pressure.
3. Carefully inspect all connections for any signs of fuel leaks. If leaks are present, immediately turn off the ignition and re-check all connections.
4. Once no leaks are detected, start the engine and allow it to idle. Re-inspect for leaks while the engine is running.
5. Monitor engine performance for any unusual behavior.

5. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The fuel pressure regulator is a critical component in a vehicle's fuel injection system. Its primary function is to maintain a constant pressure differential across the fuel injectors, regardless of engine load or speed. This ensures that the fuel injectors deliver a precise amount of fuel for optimal combustion. The regulator typically uses a vacuum reference from the engine's intake manifold. As manifold vacuum changes (indicating engine load), the regulator adjusts the fuel pressure to compensate, ensuring consistent fuel delivery. Excess fuel is returned to the fuel tank via a return line.

6. MAINTENANCE

The Herko PR4030 Fuel Pressure Regulator is generally a maintenance-free component. However, periodic inspection of the fuel system is recommended as part of routine vehicle maintenance.

- **Visual Inspection:** Regularly check the regulator and surrounding fuel lines for any signs of leaks, cracks, or damage.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Pay attention to engine performance. Any changes in fuel economy, starting difficulty, or engine misfires could indicate a failing fuel pressure regulator.
- **Replacement:** While there is no fixed replacement interval, if the regulator shows signs of failure or is suspected to be faulty, it should be replaced promptly to prevent further engine issues.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

A faulty fuel pressure regulator can cause various engine performance issues. Below are common symptoms and potential causes.

Symptom	Possible Cause (FPR Related)
Hard starting (especially when warm)	Regulator not holding pressure, allowing fuel to drain back to the tank.
Poor fuel economy	Regulator maintaining excessively high fuel pressure.
Engine misfires or rough idle	Inconsistent fuel pressure delivery.
Black smoke from exhaust	Excessively rich fuel mixture due to high fuel pressure.
Fuel smell or visible leaks	Damaged regulator diaphragm or seals.

7.1. Diagnostic Steps

- **Fuel Pressure Test:** Use a fuel pressure gauge to measure the actual fuel pressure at the fuel rail. Compare readings to vehicle manufacturer specifications (typically found in a service manual).
- **Vacuum Line Check:** Inspect the vacuum line connected to the regulator for cracks, leaks, or blockages. A faulty vacuum line can affect regulator operation.
- **Visual Inspection:** Look for any external damage or fuel leaks around the regulator.

If diagnostic tests indicate a faulty regulator, replacement is necessary.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** AD Auto Parts
- **Model Number:** PR4030
- **Manufacturer Part Number:** PR4030
- **Nominal Pressure Rating:** 450 kPa (approximately 65 PSI)
- **ASIN:** B06XTJPSX4
- **Date First Available:** March 24, 2017
- **Compatibility:** Designed as an exact replacement for Ford Ranger 1998-2016 models. Verify fitment with your specific vehicle before installation.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions for the Herko PR4030 Fuel Pressure Regulator, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact the seller/manufacturer directly. Support for installation or troubleshooting beyond the scope of this manual should also be directed to a qualified automotive professional or the product's vendor.