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Model: FP10389

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Delphi FP10389 Fuel Pressure Regulator is engineered with 248 years of Original Equipment (OE) experience, reflecting Delphi's heritage and knowledge in automotive parts. This regulator is designed to provide precise and consistent fuel pressure for optimal engine performance.

### Key Features:

- **Precision Engineering:** Features precisely manufactured internal valves, diaphragms, and springs for excellent performance across all engine operating conditions.
- **Quiet Operation:** Designed for silent performance, ensuring no audible regulator noise during vehicle operation.
- **Enhanced Durability:** Constructed with robust diaphragm materials for extended lifespan, improved durability, and compatibility with a wide range of fuel types.
- **Consistent Fuel Delivery:** Ensures consistent and predictable fuel pressure throughout the system's control range, contributing to great drivability.



Figure 1: Main view of the Delphi FP10389 Fuel Pressure Regulator.

## 2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

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Your Delphi FP10389 Fuel Pressure Regulator package should contain the following items:

- One (1) Delphi FP10389 Fuel Pressure Regulator



Figure 2: The Delphi FP10389 Fuel Pressure Regulator, typically supplied with necessary O-rings for installation.

### 3. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Manufacturer	Delphi
Brand	Delphi
Model	FP10389 Regulator
Item Weight	4.8 ounces
Product Dimensions	2.5 x 2.5 x 3 inches
Country of Origin	Brazil
Item Model Number	FP10389
Exterior Finish	Machined
Manufacturer Part Number	FP10389
OEM Part Numbers	5G1468, PR4239, 217-1564, 23077, 88984221, PR316, 800-428, 8-88984-221-0
ASIN	B079WRM3S3

## 4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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Installation of a fuel pressure regulator requires mechanical aptitude and adherence to safety protocols. If you are unsure about any step, it is recommended to consult a qualified automotive technician.

### Safety Precautions:

- Always disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning work.
- Ensure the engine is cool.
- Relieve fuel system pressure before disconnecting any fuel lines. Refer to your vehicle's service manual for the specific procedure.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves.
- Have a fire extinguisher readily available.

### Installation Steps (General Guide):

1. **Locate the Existing Regulator:** Identify the current fuel pressure regulator on your vehicle. Its location varies by make and model, but it is typically found on the fuel rail or near the fuel tank.
2. **Relieve Fuel Pressure:** Follow your vehicle manufacturer's instructions to safely relieve fuel system pressure. This often involves disabling the fuel pump and cranking the engine.
3. **Disconnect Fuel Lines:** Carefully disconnect any fuel lines or vacuum lines attached to the old regulator. Be prepared for residual fuel to escape; use rags to catch it.
4. **Remove Old Regulator:** Unbolt or unclip the old fuel pressure regulator from its mounting point.
5. **Inspect and Clean:** Inspect the mounting surface and surrounding area for debris or damage. Clean as necessary.
6. **Install New Regulator:** Install the Delphi FP10389 regulator, ensuring any new O-rings or gaskets are properly seated. Apply a thin layer of clean engine oil to O-rings for easier installation and proper sealing.
7. **Reconnect Lines:** Reconnect all fuel lines and vacuum lines securely. Double-check all connections.
8. **Restore Fuel Pressure:** Reconnect the battery and re-enable the fuel pump. Turn the ignition to the 'ON' position (without starting the engine) several times to allow the fuel pump to prime the system and build pressure. Check for leaks.
9. **Start Engine:** Start the engine and carefully inspect for any fuel leaks around the new regulator. Allow the engine to run for a few minutes to ensure proper operation.



Figure 3: Top view of the regulator, showing the inlet screen which should be free of debris before installation.

## 5. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

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The fuel pressure regulator is a critical component in a vehicle's fuel injection system. Its primary function is to maintain a consistent fuel pressure differential across the fuel injectors, regardless of engine load or speed. This ensures that the correct amount of fuel is delivered to the engine for optimal combustion.

The Delphi FP10389 achieves this by diverting excess fuel back to the fuel tank when pressure exceeds the specified level. This continuous regulation ensures stable fuel delivery, which is essential for engine performance, fuel efficiency, and emissions control.





Figure 4: Side view indicating the nominal pressure rating (e.g., 4.0 bar) of the regulator.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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Fuel pressure regulators are generally considered maintenance-free components. However, their longevity and performance can be influenced by the overall health of the fuel system.

### Recommendations:

- **Fuel Quality:** Use high-quality fuel to prevent contaminants from affecting the regulator's internal components.
- **Fuel Filter:** Ensure your vehicle's fuel filter is replaced at recommended intervals. A clogged fuel filter can put undue stress on the fuel pump and regulator.
- **System Inspection:** Periodically inspect fuel lines and connections for any signs of leaks or damage.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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A failing fuel pressure regulator can lead to various engine performance issues. Below are common symptoms and potential causes:

Symptom	Potential Cause (Regulator Related)
Engine Misfires or Rough Idle	Incorrect fuel pressure (too high or too low)
Hard Starting (especially when warm)	Loss of residual fuel pressure due to a leaking diaphragm
Black Smoke from Exhaust	Excessive fuel pressure leading to a rich fuel mixture
Reduced Fuel Economy	Improper fuel pressure causing inefficient combustion
Fuel Smell in Engine Bay	External fuel leak from the regulator or its connections
Check Engine Light (CEL)	Fault codes related to fuel system pressure (e.g., P0171, P0172, P0190)

If you experience any of these symptoms, it is recommended to have the fuel system pressure diagnosed by a qualified technician. Do not attempt to repair the regulator; replacement is typically the only solution for a faulty unit.

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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