



Gasket, cylinder-head cover Cracking due to over-compression

Cylinder-head cover gaskets often give rise to complaints. Analysis of the concrete cases encountered clearly reveals: The problem is not caused by the gasket itself but rather by other factors.

Damage pattern:



Possible causes:

- Excessive torque applied on tightening cylinder-head cover
- Failure to comply with manufacturer's bolt tightening method
- Distortion of cylinder-head cover
- Defective isolation elements
- Damage to fastening elements

Consequences:

The high-grade elastomer or soft material of which the gasket is made cannot withstand the force applied and thus cracks.

Action to be taken:

Heed the general fitting instructions of the engine manufacturers. Check the isolation and fastening elements as well as the cylinder head cover.