# **SERVICE BULLETIN**

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## CYLINDER HEAD TORQUE PROCEDURE UPDATE

## **Purpose**

To communicate a new standardized cylinder head torque procedure, which improves clamp force of cylinder heads.

## **Motorcycles Affected**

All Twin Cam 88 / 88B, 5 speed Sportster, CVO and Buell models. Does not include Evolution 1340 or 4-speed Sportster models.

# **Required Dealer Action**

Update service literature and notify all service personnel.

## **CAUTION**

Improperly tightened cylinder head bolts may result in gasket leaks, stud failure and distortion of cylinder and/ or cylinder head. Always tighten in sequence shown.

#### NOTE

For complete cylinder head installation process, please see your service manual.

Short head bolts will be installed in the 1 and 2 positions, and long head bolts in the 3 and 4 positions.

Single cylinder Buell Blast models will reference the front head procedure for the Sportster/Buell models.

#### Twin Cam 88 Models:

- Lightly oil cylinder head bolt threads and shoulders prior to installation with clean H-D 20W50 engine oil.
- See Figure 1. Tighten cylinder head bolts incrementally in the sequence shown, first between 120-144 in-lbs. (13.5-16.2 Nm). Then between 15-17 ft lbs (20.3-23 Nm).
- See Figure 2. Mark cylinder head and head bolt shoulder with a line as shown. Tighten bolts an additional 90°.

### **Sportster and Buell Models:**

- Lightly oil cylinder head bolt threads and shoulders prior to installation with clean H-D 20W50 engine oil.
- 2. See Figure 1. For each cylinder head, start with bolt numbered one, as shown. In increasing numerical sequence (i.e. 1,2,3,4) tighten head bolts in the following steps:

- a. Tighten each head bolt to 96-120 in lbs (11-13 Nm).
- b. Tighten each head bolt to 13-15 ft-lbs (18-20 Nm).
- c. Loosen all head bolts.
- d. Tighten each head bolt to 96-120 in lbs (11-13 Nm).
- e. Tighten each head bolt to 13-15 ft-lbs (18-20 Nm).
- 3. See Figure 2. Mark cylinder head and head bolt shoulder with a line as shown. Tighten bolts an additional 90°.

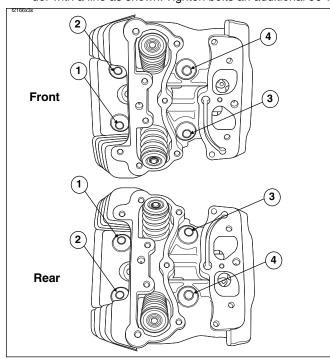


Figure 1. Cylinder Head Tightening Sequence

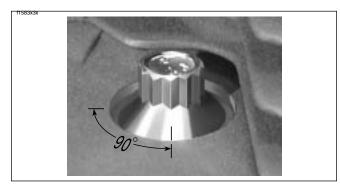


Figure 2. Turn Cylinder Head Bolts Additional 90°

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

In the interest of preserving customer safety and satisfaction, always check for outstanding recalls whenever any motorcycle is brought into your dealership for either maintenance or service.

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