



Garrett Turbocharger Troubleshooting

Engine Lacks Power	Black Exhaust Smoke	Excessive Engine Oil Consumption	Blue Exhaust Smoke	Turbocharger Noisy	Cyclic Sound From Turbocharger	Oil Leak From Compressor Seal	Oil Leak From Turbine Seal	Cause	Remedy
☑								Clogged air filter element	Replace element according to engine manufacturers recommendations
	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑					Obstructed air intake duct to turbo compressor	Remove obstruction or replace damaged parts as required
☑	☑☑			☑☑				Obstructed air outlet duct from compressor to intake manifold	Remove obstruction or replace damaged parts as required
☑	☑			☑☑				Obstructed intake manifold	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and remove obstruction
☑☑	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑☑				Air leak in duct from air cleaner to compressor	Correct leak by replacing seals or tightening fasteners as required
☑☑	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑☑				Air leak in duct from compressor to intake manifold	Correct leak by replacing seals or tightening fasteners as required
☑☑	☑☑			☑☑				Air leak at intake manifold to engine joint	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and replace gaskets or tighten fasteners as required
☑☑	☑☑	☑	☑	☑		☑☑		Obstruction in exhaust manifold	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and remove obstruction
☑☑	☑☑					☑☑☑		Obstruction in muffler or exhaust stack	Remove obstruction or replace faulty components as required
☑☑	☑☑			☑		☑☑		Gas leak in exhaust manifold to engine joint	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and replace gaskets or tighten fasteners as required
☑	☑			☑☑		☑		Gas leak in turbine inlet to exhaust manifold joint	replace gaskets or tighten fasteners as required
				☑☑				Gas leak in ducting after the turbine outlet	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and repair leak
		☑☑	☑☑			☑☑☑	☑☑☑	Obstructed turbocharger oil drain line	Remove obstruction or replace line as required
		☑☑☑	☑☑☑			☑☑☑	☑☑☑	Obstructed engine crankcase vent	Refer to engine manufacturers manual, clear obstruction
☑	☑							Turbocharger center housing sludged or coked	Change engine oil and oil filter, overhaul or replace turbo as required
								Fuel injection pump or fuel injectors incorrectly adjusted	Refer to engine manufacturers manual – replace or adjust faulty component(s) as required
☑☑	☑☑	☑☑	☑☑			☑☑	☑☑	Engine camshaft timing incorrect	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and replace worn parts
☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☑☑☑			☑☑☑	☑☑☑	Worn engine piston rings or liners (blow by)	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and repair engine as required
☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☑☑☑			☑☑☑	☑☑☑	Internal engine problem (valves, pistons)	Refer to engine manufacturers manual and repair engine as required
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☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Damaged turbocharger	Analyze failed turbocharger, find and correct cause of failure, overhaul or replace turbocharger as required