Installation Manual for

Jacobs®
ENGINE BRAKE

Model K-1200

- The Model K-1200 Jacobs Engine Brake is designed for use on the following Cummins engine models:
  KT-450, KTC-450, KTA-600, KTA-525 PTD
- KT-450 and KTC-450 engines will require PN 009606 spacer group option.
- Jacobs service letters should be consulted for additional current application information.
- Special brake tools are needed to install and adjust the Model K-1200 engine brake. Complete information is available through your Jacobs distributor.

Jake Brake
Saves a Truckload

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NOTE: Do not drive plug all the way to the bottom of the hole. Remove any burrs from the plug and clean shaft thoroughly.

Set rocker shaft assembly in place on engine, making sure that the ball ends of all rocker arm adjusting screws are fitted into their respective push tube sockets.

NOTE: Do not install the rocker lever shaft assembly holddown capscrews.

Carefully locate Engine Brake housing over rocker assembly.

Install Jacobs exhaust valve crossheads, making sure that the adjusting screw locknut is loose and that the adjusting screw has been backed off and seated in its socket.

NOTE: The Jacobs Exhaust Valve Crosshead for the K-1200 Engine Brake has only one adjusting screw and requires a different adjusting procedure than the former K-1150 crosshead.

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When installing Jacobs Brake housings on the engine, be sure to check that the upper rib and/or nose of the Cummins exhaust rocker lever does not interfere with the Engine Brake slave piston.

If it is found that when installing the Jacobs Engine Brake housing on the engine that an interference occurs between the nose and/or upper rib of the Cummins exhaust rocker lever and slave piston of the Engine Brake, the rocker lever will have to be modified by grinding as follows:

Remove adjusting screw from rocker lever. Grind areas of interference lightly, being extremely careful not to overhear the part. See illustration for typical areas that may require grinding.

NOTE: No more than 1/8" (3.175 mm) of material may be safely removed from the side of the contact pad, as shown. No more than 3/32" (2.381 mm) of material may be safely removed from the side of the upper rib, as shown.

ENGINE INJECTOR & VALVE ADJUSTMENT

Adjust the valve and injectors in accordance with Cummins Engine Co. instructions. A hole is provided in the brake housing to accommodate a dial indicator stem for injector adjustment. The dial indicator stem extension must go through the hole in the brake housing and contact the injector plunger. Make sure that the dial indicator stem extension is not rubbing against the brake housing. This could lead to an erroneous injector adjustment.

INJECTOR AND VALVE SET POSITION

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ENGINE BRAKE SLAVE PISTON ADJUSTMENT

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SPECIAL NOTE: The K-1200 Engine Brakes contain automatic lash adjusters. (AUTO-LASH™), built into the slave piston adjusting screws. The AUTO-LASH™ provides the correct exhaust valve operation for peak Engine Brake performance. The AUTO-LASH™ also permits easier slave piston and crosshead adjustment than the former K-1150 Engine Brakes.

Please observe the following adjustment procedures carefully.

NOTE: The Engine Brake slave piston adjustment can be made at the same time the exhaust valve adjustment is made.

Adjust crossheads in accordance with the latest Cummins Instruction Manuals EXCEPT tighten lock-nuts to 30-35 lb-ft. (41-47 N-m).
STEP 1
Bar the engine in the direction of rotation to the valve set position of the cylinder being adjusted. (See table)

STEP 2
Loosen and back off the slave piston adjusting screw.

STEP 3
Insert a 0.018" (0.46mm) thick feeler gauge between the slave piston feet and the top of the Jacobs crosshead.

STEP 4
Slowly turn in the adjusting screw moving the slave piston down until proper clearance is established between the slave piston and the exhaust valve crosshead.

STEP 5
Hold adjusting screw and tighten locknut to 30-40 lb.ft. (41-54 N·m).

Repeat above five steps with the remaining cylinders in firing order.

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CAUTION: WHENEVER ENGINE IS RUNNING AND THE VALVE COVERS ARE REMOVED, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT OIL SPLASH IN THE ENGINE BRAKE AREA. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EYE PROTECTION BE WORN AND THAT THERE IS NO FACIAL EXPOSURE OVER ENGINE BRAKE AREA. PLACE RAGS OVER THE CONTROL VALVE COVERS TO PREVENT EXHAUST OIL LEAKAGE DOWN ON ENGINE.

ROCKER COVER AND CROSSOVER INSTALLATION
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NOTE: On non-aftercooled engines, two ¼" thick spacers are required on the intake manifold to provide clearance between the crossover and the rocker covers. The spacers and correct length bolts are included in the P/N 012417 spacer group.

CONTROL SYSTEM INSTALLATION
FUEL PUMP SWITCH

Install the rocker housing gaskets and cover spacers.

Connect the solenoid valve leadwire flag connector to the inside tab on the electrical terminal bushing.

Install switch in position shown.

Install actualing arm on the fuel pump throttle shaft. The arm may be bent or manipulated so as to obtain the proper position for switch contact.
Proper adjustment of the switch is obtained by adjusting the screw in the actuating arm to a point where an audible "click" is heard when the throttle arm moves to an idle fuel position.

**CAUTION:** Check the fuel pump throttle shaft to insure that the throttle pedal will move the shaft to the full fuel position after installing the actuating arm.

![Diode Position images](image)

**NOTE:** The throttle switch contacts are protected against arcing by a small diode connected between the load side switch terminal and ground. The Engine Brake must be connected to the load side terminal. If the vehicle has a positive ground electrical system, reverse the position of the diode.

**DASH SWITCHES**

Install the two dash switches in a convenient location in the cab. Carefully measure and cut all harnesses to proper length and install receptacles at the locations shown in the wiring diagram furnished in the kit.

![Wiring Schematic](image)

Be sure that all the wiring is neatly installed and properly tied off. Avoid routing wires where chafing, mechanical interference, etc. will take place.

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**CLUTCH SWITCH**

Mount the clutch switch in the most convenient or accessible location as possible. The actuating arm of switch can be bent so as to obtain the proper contact with the clutch pedal arm.

To adjust the switch, have the clutch pedal in a relaxed position. Loosen the outer nut on the switch assembly. Bend the actuating arm so that in contacts the clutch pedal arm and an audible "click" is heard. Tighten the outer nut. This adjustment should allow the switch to work on the “backlash” of the clutch pedal before actual clutch disengaging takes place.
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**ENGINE BRAKE MAINTENANCE**

**NEVER REMOVE ANY ENGINE BRAKE COMPONENTS WITH ENGINE RUNNING.**

The Jacobs Engine Brake is a relatively trouble free and maintenance free device. It does require, from time to time, periodic inspections and part replacement. Use the following procedures to keep your Engine Brake in good condition.

**REMOVAL OF CONTROL VALVE**

Remove capscrew slowly from cover plate as the stop springs are under pressure. Inspect or replace springs as necessary.

Carefully remove control valve springs.

Using needle nose pliers or fingertips, pull control valve carefully and straight up and out of its bore. If binding occurs, clean or replace as necessary.

**REMOVAL OF SOLENOID VALVE**

Remove the solenoid lead wire clamp from the housing.

Insert screw driver into Jacobs solenoid wrench and loosen solenoid. Screw out solenoid valve.

Inspect the three seals. Lubricate and replace them before reassembly. Discard them if they appear "worn." When replacing solenoid valve be sure the seals are seated properly and gently screw the solenoid into housing without unseating the seals.
The oil filter screen may be inspected by removing the retainer.

**REMOVAL OF SLAVE PISTON**

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Remove slave piston and springs from housing. Check for binding or burrs. Clean or replace as necessary.

**REMOVAL OF MASTER PISTON**

The Master Piston is not retained in the housing. To remove, elevate housing and the master piston should slide out.

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**RECOMMENDED TORQUE VALUES**

**PART NAME** | **TORQUE**
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Exhaust Valve Crosshead Adjusting Screw Locknut | 30-35 lb-ft (41-47 N-m)
Bucker Assembly and Engine Brake Hold Down Bolts | 65-70 lb-ft (88-95 N-m)
Slave Piston Adjusting Screw Locknut | 30-40 lb-ft (41-54 N-m)

**IMPORTANT:** when installing the master piston, make sure that the relief cut and three oil grooves enter the bore first. The relief cut should bottom in the bore.