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# **3406E and C15 MARINE ENGINES**

**Maintenance Intervals**

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## Engine Oil Level - Check

**SMCS Code:** 1348-535-FLV

Check the oil level after the engine has stopped.

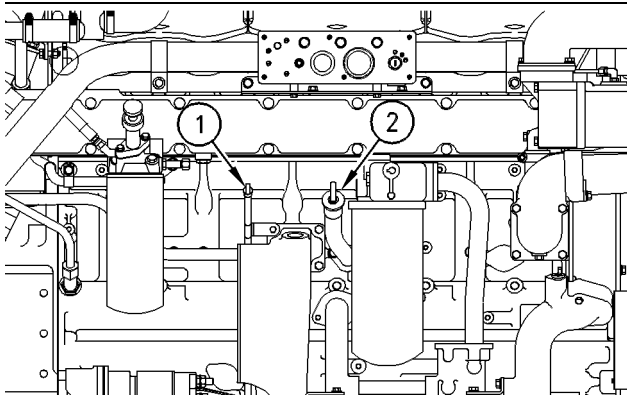


Illustration 56

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- (1) Oil level gauge
- (2) Oil filler cap

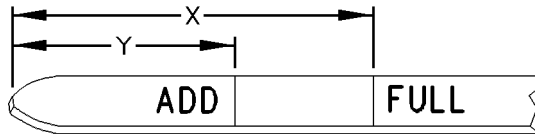


Illustration 57

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- Oil level gauge
- (Y) "ADD" mark
- (X) "FULL" mark

1. Maintain the oil level between "ADD" mark (Y) and "FULL" mark (X) on oil level gauge (1). Do not fill the crankcase above "FULL" mark (X).

### NOTICE

Operating your engine when the oil level is above the "FULL" mark could cause your crankshaft to dip into the oil. The air bubbles created from the crankshaft dipping into the oil reduces the oil's lubricating characteristics and could result in the loss of power.

2. Remove oil filler cap (2) and add oil, if necessary. Clean the oil filler cap. Reinstall the oil filler cap.

## Engine Oil Level Gauge - Calibrate

**SMCS Code:** 1326-524

The engine is shipped with an engine oil level gauge that is not marked. The engine oil level gauge is not marked because the following features can be different for each engine:

- Angle of the installation
- Side for service

The same two features will affect "ADD" mark (Y) and "FULL" mark (X) that is engraved on the engine oil level gauge.

The engine oil level gauge must be calibrated after the engine is installed in the vessel.

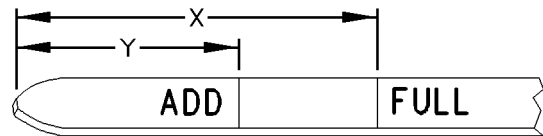


Illustration 58

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Oil Level Gauge "ADD" mark (Y) and "FULL" mark (X)

### NOTICE

Refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual for more information on lubricant specifications.

1. Operate the engine until normal operating temperature is achieved. Stop the engine. Remove one of the drain plugs for the engine crankcase. Allow the engine oil to drain until the oil pan is completely drained.
2. Remove the used engine oil filter. Install the new engine oil filter. Install the drain plug for the engine crankcase. Tighten the drain plug for the engine crankcase to 70 ± 14 N·m (50 ± 10 lb ft).

**Note:** The engine may be equipped with auxiliary engine oil filters. The extra filters require more engine oil than the standard amounts. Refer to the OEM specifications.

3. Add the recommended oil grade and weight of engine oil to the crankcase:

Standard Sump ..... 45.4 L (48 qt)

Deep Sump ..... 64 L (68 qt)

4. Start the engine. Ensure that the lubrication system and the new engine oil filter is filled. Inspect the lubrication system for leaks.
5. Stop the engine and allow the engine oil to drain into the engine crankcase for approximately five minutes.
6. Check the engine oil level. Use a marking pen in order to engrave "ADD" mark (Y).
7. Add 3.8 liter (4 qt) of the recommended oil grade and weight of engine oil to the crankcase. Full volume will now be 49.2 L (52 qt) for the standard sump, or 68.1 L (72 qt) for the deep sump. Allow the engine oil to drain into the engine crankcase for approximately five minutes.
8. Check the engine oil level. Use a marking pen in order to engrave "FULL" mark (X).

To ensure that the sample is representative of the oil in the crankcase, obtain a warm, well mixed oil sample.

To avoid contamination of the oil samples, the tools and the supplies that are used for obtaining oil samples must be clean.

Caterpillar recommends using the sampling valve in order to obtain oil samples. The quality and the consistency of the samples are better when the sampling valve is used. The location of the sampling valve allows oil that is flowing under pressure to be obtained during normal engine operation.

The 169-8373 Fluid Sampling Bottle is recommended for use with the sampling valve. The fluid sampling bottle includes the parts that are needed for obtaining oil samples. Instructions are also provided.

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## Engine Oil Sample - Obtain

**SMCS Code:** 1000-008; 1348-554-SM;  
7542-554-OC, SM

In addition to a good preventive maintenance program, Caterpillar recommends using S·O·S oil analysis at regularly scheduled intervals in order to monitor the condition of the engine and the maintenance requirements of the engine. S·O·S oil analysis provides infrared analysis, which is required for determining nitration and oxidation levels.

### Obtain the Sample and the Analysis

#### **WARNING**

**Hot oil and hot components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or hot components to contact the skin.**

Before you take the oil sample, complete the Label, PEEP5031 for identification of the sample. In order to help obtain the most accurate analysis, provide the following information:

- Engine model
- Service hours on the engine
- The number of hours that have accumulated since the last oil change
- The amount of oil that has been added since the last oil change

#### NOTICE

Always use a designated pump for oil sampling, and use a separate designated pump for coolant sampling. Using the same pump for both types of samples may contaminate the samples that are being drawn. This contaminate may cause a false analysis and an incorrect interpretation that could lead to concerns by both dealers and customers.

If the engine is not equipped with a sampling valve, use the 1U-5718 Vacuum Pump. The pump is designed to accept sampling bottles. Disposable tubing must be attached to the pump for insertion into the sump.

For instructions, see Special Publication, PEGj0047, "How To Take A Good S·O·S Oil Sample". Consult your Caterpillar dealer for complete information and assistance in establishing an S·O·S program for your engine.

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## Engine Oil and Filter - Change

**SMCS Code:** 1318-510; 1348-044

#### **WARNING**

**Hot oil and hot components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or hot components to contact the skin.**

Do not drain the oil when the engine is cold. As the oil cools, suspended waste particles settle on the bottom of the oil pan. The waste particles are not removed with the draining cold oil. Drain the crankcase with the engine stopped. Drain the crankcase with the oil warm. This draining method allows the waste particles that are suspended in the oil to be drained properly.

Failure to follow this recommended procedure will cause the waste particles to be recirculated through the engine lubrication system with the new oil.

## Drain the Engine Oil

After the engine has been run at the normal operating temperature, stop the engine. Use one of the following methods to drain the engine crankcase oil:

- If the engine is equipped with a drain valve, turn the drain valve knob counterclockwise in order to drain the oil. After the oil has drained, turn the drain valve knob clockwise in order to close the drain valve.
- If the engine is not equipped with a drain valve, remove the oil drain plug in order to allow the oil to drain. If the engine is equipped with a shallow sump, remove the bottom oil drain plugs from both ends of the oil pan.

After the oil has drained, the oil drain plugs should be cleaned and installed. Tighten the oil drain plugs to  $70 \pm 14$  N·m ( $50 \pm 10$  lb ft).

## Replace the Oil Filter

### NOTICE

Caterpillar oil filters are built to Caterpillar specifications. Use of an oil filter not recommended by Caterpillar could result in severe engine damage to the engine bearings, crankshaft, etc., as a result of the larger waste particles from unfiltered oil entering the engine lubricating system. Only use oil filters recommended by Caterpillar.

1. Remove the oil filter with a 1U-8760 Chain Wrench.
2. Cut the oil filter open with a 175-7546 Oil Filter Cutter. Break apart the pleats and inspect the oil filter for metal debris. An excessive amount of metal debris in the oil filter may indicate early wear or a pending failure.

Use a magnet to differentiate between the ferrous metals and the nonferrous metals that are found in the oil filter element. Ferrous metals may indicate wear on the steel and cast iron parts of the engine.

Nonferrous metals may indicate wear on the aluminum parts, brass parts or bronze parts of the engine. Parts that may be affected include the following items: main bearings, rod bearings, turbocharger bearings, and cylinder heads.

Due to normal wear and friction, it is not uncommon to find small amounts of debris in the oil filter. Consult your Caterpillar dealer in order to arrange for a further analysis if an excessive amount of debris is found in the oil filter.

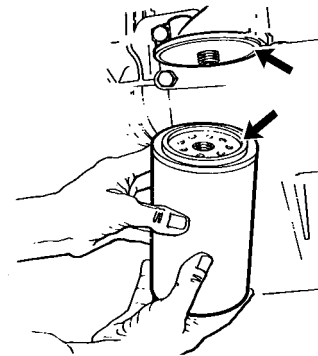


Illustration 59

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Typical filter mounting base and filter gasket

3. Clean the sealing surface of the filter mounting base. Ensure that all of the old oil filter gasket is removed.
4. Apply clean engine oil to the new oil filter gasket.

### NOTICE

Do not fill the oil filters with oil before installing them. This oil would not be filtered and could be contaminated. Contaminated oil can cause accelerated wear to engine components.

5. Install the oil filter. Tighten the oil filter until the oil filter gasket contacts the base. Tighten the oil filter by hand according to the instructions that are shown on the oil filter. Do not overtighten the oil filter.

## Fill the Engine Crankcase

1. Remove the oil filler cap. Refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual for more information on lubricant specifications. Fill the crankcase with the proper amount of oil. Refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual for more information on refill capacities.

**NOTICE**

If equipped with an auxiliary oil filter or system, extra oil must be added when filling the crankcase. Follow the OEM or filter manufacturer's recommendations. If the extra oil is not added, the engine may starve for oil.

**NOTICE**

To help prevent crankshaft or bearing damage, crank engine to fill all filters before starting. Do not crank engine for more than 30 seconds.

2. Start the engine and run the engine at "LOW IDLE" for two minutes. Perform this procedure in order to ensure that the lubrication system has oil and that the oil filters are filled. Inspect the oil filter for oil leaks.
3. Stop the engine and allow the oil to drain back to the sump for a minimum of ten minutes.
4. Remove the oil level gauge in order to check the oil level. Maintain the oil level between the "ADD" and "FULL" marks on the oil level gauge.

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## Engine Speed/Timing Sensors - Check/Clean/Calibrate

**SMCS Code:** 1912-040; 1912-070; 1912-524

**NOTICE**

Keep all parts clean from contaminants.

Contaminants may cause rapid wear and shortened component life.

**NOTICE**

Care must be taken to ensure that fluids are contained during performance of inspection, maintenance, testing, adjusting and repair of the product. Be prepared to collect the fluid with suitable containers before opening any compartment or disassembling any component containing fluids.

Refer to Special Publication, NENG2500, "Caterpillar Dealer Service Tool Catalog" or refer to Special Publication, PECJ0003, "Caterpillar Shop Supplies and Tools Catalog" for tools and supplies suitable to collect and contain fluids on Caterpillar products.

Dispose of all fluids according to local regulations and mandates.

## Camshaft Speed/Timing Sensor

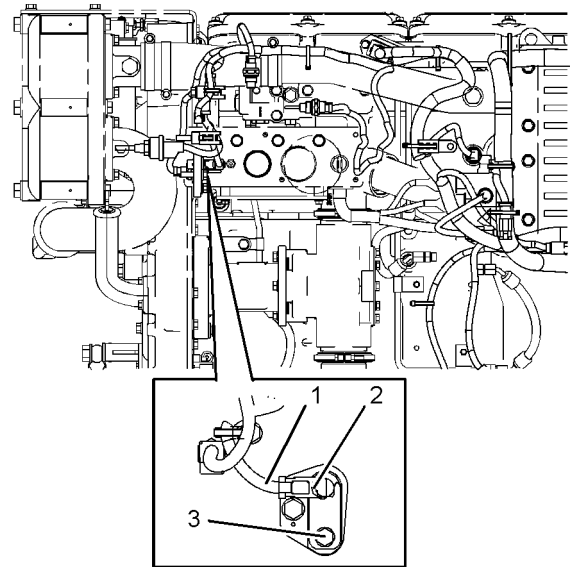


Illustration 60

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- (1) Harness assembly
- (2) Sensor
- (3) Bolt

### Removal Procedure

1. Disconnect the harness assembly.
2. Remove the bolt and the sensor.
3. Remove the O-ring seal from the sensor.

### Procedure for Cleaning, Inspecting, and Calibration

Check the condition of the plastic end of the sensor for wear and for contaminants. Clean the metal shavings and other debris from the face of the sensor. Use the procedure in the Troubleshooting Guide in order to calibrate the sensor.

### Installation Procedure

1. Install a new O-ring seal on the sensor. Lubricate the O-ring seal with clean engine oil.
2. Position the sensor in the housing and install the bolt.
3. Connect the harness assembly.

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## Crankshaft Speed/Timing Sensor

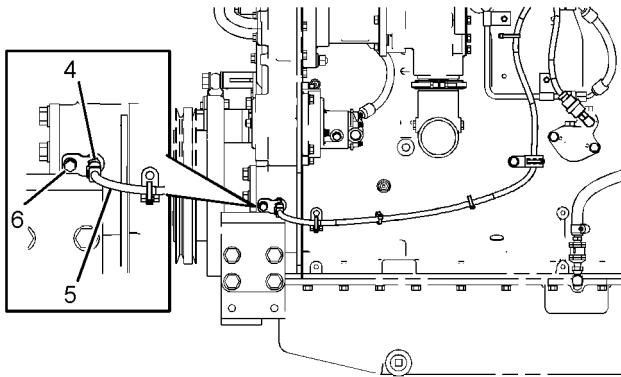


Illustration 61

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- (4) Sensor  
(5) Harness assembly  
(6) O-ring

### Removal Procedure

1. Disconnect the harness assembly.
2. Remove the bolt and the sensor.
3. Remove the O-ring seal from the sensor.

### Procedure for Cleaning, Inspecting, and Calibration

Check the condition of the plastic end of the sensor for wear and for contaminants. Clean the metal shavings and other debris from the face of the sensor. Use the procedure in the Troubleshooting Guide in order to calibrate the sensor.

### Installation Procedure

1. Install a new O-ring seal on the sensor. Lubricate the O-ring seal with clean engine oil.
2. Install the position sensor in the front housing and install the bolt.
3. Connect the harness assembly.

## Engine Storage Procedure - Check

**SMCS Code:** 1000-535

Caterpillar recommends storage procedures and start-up procedures for all engines that are stored for more than 1 month. These procedures provide maximum protection to internal engine components. Refer to Special Instruction, SEHS9031, "Storage Procedure For Caterpillar Products" for information on these procedures.

An extension of the oil change interval to 12 months is permitted if you follow the required procedures for storage and start-up. This extension is permitted if the following intervals in the Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Maintenance Interval Schedule" have not been reached:

- Operating hours
- Fuel consumption

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## Engine Valve Lash - Inspect/Adjust

**SMCS Code:** 1102-025

The initial valve lash adjustment on new engines, rebuilt engines, or remanufactured engines is recommended at the first scheduled oil change. The initial adjustment is necessary due to initial wear of the valve train components and seating of the valve train components.

This maintenance is recommended by Caterpillar as part of a lubrication and preventive maintenance schedule in order to help provide maximum engine life.

## Adjustment of the Electronic Unit Injector

Adjust the electronic unit injector (preload) at the same interval as the valve lash adjustment. The operation of Caterpillar engines with improper valve adjustments and with improper adjustments of the electronic unit injector can reduce engine efficiency. This reduced efficiency could result in excessive fuel usage and/or shortened engine component life.

**NOTICE**

Only qualified service personnel should perform this maintenance. Refer to the Service Manual or your Caterpillar dealer for the complete valve lash adjustment procedure.

Operation of Caterpillar engines with improper valve adjustments can reduce engine efficiency. This reduced efficiency could result in excessive fuel usage and/or shortened engine component life.

**WARNING**

Ensure that the engine can not be started while this maintenance is being performed. To help prevent possible injury, do not use the starting motor to turn the flywheel.

Hot engine components can cause burns. Allow additional time for the engine to cool before measuring/adjusting valve lash clearance.

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## Engine Valve Rotators - Inspect

SMCS Code: 1109-040

**WARNING**

When inspecting the valve rotators, protective glasses or face shield and protective clothing must be worn, to help prevent being burned by hot oil or spray.

Engine valve rotators rotate the valves when the engine runs. This helps to prevent deposits from building up on the valves and the valve seats.

Perform the following steps after the engine valve lash is set, but before the valve covers are installed:

1. Start the engine according to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Engine Starting" (Operation Section) for the procedure.
2. Operate the engine at low idle.
3. Observe the top surface of each valve rotator. The valve rotators should turn slightly when the valves close.

**NOTICE**

A valve rotator which does not operate properly will accelerate valve face wear and valve seat wear and shorten valve life. If a damaged rotator is not replaced, valve face guttering could result and cause pieces of the valve to fall into the cylinder. This can cause piston and cylinder head damage.

If a valve fails to rotate, consult your Caterpillar dealer.

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## Fuel Injector - Inspect/Adjust

SMCS Code: 1290-025

### Inspect

Inspect the injector mechanism for signs of wear.

### Adjust

Table 10

Required Tools		
Part Number	Part Name	Quantity
9U-7227	Injector Height Gauge	1

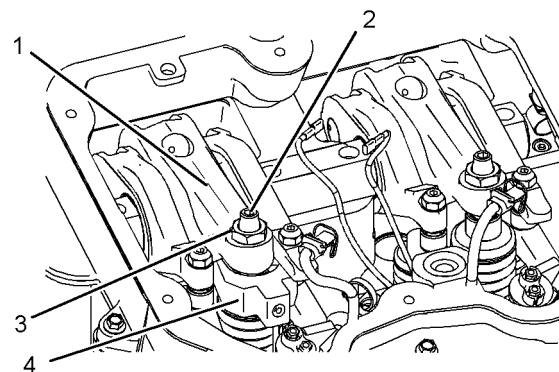


Illustration 62

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Injector Mechanism

- (1) Rocker arm
- (2) Adjustment screw
- (3) Locknut
- (4) 9U-7227 Injector Height Gauge

To make an adjustment to the unit injectors on cylinders 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 12 use the following procedure:

1. Put the No. 1 piston at the top center position on the compression stroke. Refer to Testing and Adjusting, "Finding Top Center Position for No. 1 Piston".
2. Injector height gauge (4) is used in order to obtain a dimension of  $78.0 \pm 0.2$  mm ( $3.07 \pm 0.01$  inch). The dimension is measured from the top of the unit injector to the machined ledge of the fuel injector body.
3. Turn unit injector adjustment screw (2) clockwise until the correct height is obtained.
4. Hold the adjustment screw in this position and tighten locknut (3) to a torque of  $100 \pm 10$  N·m ( $75 \pm 7$  lb ft).
5. To make an adjustment to the unit injectors on cylinders 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 10 remove the timing bolt. Turn the flywheel by 360 degrees in the direction of engine rotation. The direction of engine rotation is counterclockwise, as the engine is viewed from the flywheel end. This will put the number 11 piston at the top center position on the compression stroke.
6. Repeat Steps 3 through 4.
7. Remove the timing bolt from the flywheel after all the unit injector adjustments have been made. Reinstall the valve mechanism covers.

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## Fuel System - Prime

SMCS Code: 1258-548

### WARNING

Fuel leaked or spilled onto hot surfaces or electrical components can cause a fire. To help prevent possible injury, turn the start switch off when changing fuel filters or water separator elements. Clean up fuel spills immediately.

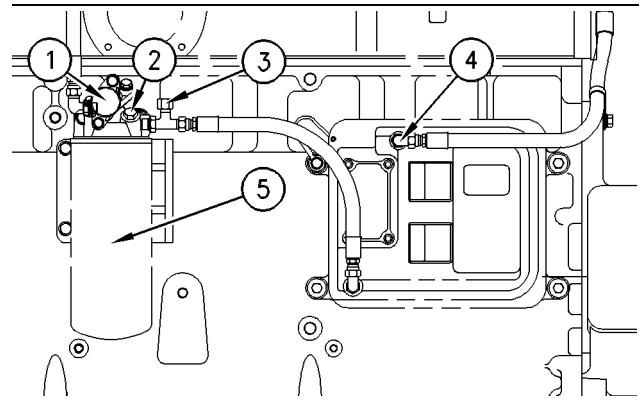


Illustration 63

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- (1) Fuel priming pump
- (2) Fuel filter plug
- (3) Connector cap
- (4) Fuel outlet line on the ECM
- (5) Fuel filter

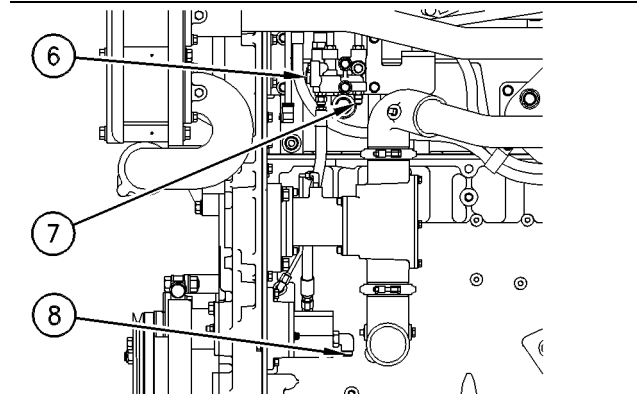


Illustration 64

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- (6) Air purge plug for the fuel system
- (7) Fuel return
- (8) Fuel inlet

Priming the fuel system fills the dry fuel filters. Priming the fuel system also removes air from the fuel system. This procedure is used primarily when the engine runs out of fuel. This procedure can also be used when a unit injector is replaced or the Electronic Control Module (ECM) is replaced.

**Note:** During any periodic service of the fuel filter, DO NOT remove fuel filter plug (2) in the fuel filter base in order to release air from the fuel system. Periodic removal of this fuel filter plug (2) will result in the increased wear on the threads in the fuel filter base. This can lead to fuel leakage. However, the fuel filter plug (2) in the fuel filter base can be used to purge air from the fuel system if the engine runs out of fuel.

1. Loosen connector cap (3).
2. Open fuel priming pump (1) and operate the fuel priming pump until fuel appears at connector cap (3). Tighten connector cap (3).



3. Loosen fuel return (7) for two full turns. Operate fuel priming pump (1) until fuel appears at fuel return (7). Tighten the fuel return (7).
4. Continue to operate fuel priming pump (1) until a strong pressure is felt on the fuel priming pump and until the check valve clicks. This procedure may require considerable priming. Lock fuel priming pump (1).
5. Crank the engine after pressurizing the fuel system.

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**NOTICE**

Do not crank the engine continuously for more than 30 seconds. Allow the starting motor to cool for two minutes before cranking the engine again.

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6. If the engine does not start, open fuel priming pump (1) and repeat Steps 1 through 5 in order to start the engine.
7. When the ECM is replaced, loosen the fuel outlet line on the ECM (4) in order to purge the air from the fuel system. Operate fuel priming pump (1) until fuel appears at the fuel outlet line on the ECM (4). Tighten the fuel outlet line on the ECM. Perform Steps 3 through 5.
8. When a unit injector is replaced, perform Steps 3 through 5.

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## Fuel System Primary Filter (Water Separator) Element - Replace

**SMCS Code:** 1260-510-FQ; 1263-510-FQ

Water in the fuel can cause the engine to run rough. Water in the fuel may cause an electronic unit injector to fail. If the fuel has been contaminated with water, the element should be changed before the regularly scheduled interval.

The primary filter/water separator also provides filtration in order to help extend the life of the secondary fuel filter. The element should be changed regularly. Install a vacuum gauge. Change the element for the primary filter/water separator if the pressure is at 50 to 70 kPa (15 to 20 inches Hg).

## Replace the Element

**⚠ WARNING**

**Fuel leaked or spilled onto hot surfaces or electrical components can cause a fire. To help prevent possible injury, turn the start switch off when changing fuel filters or water separator elements. Clean up fuel spills immediately.**

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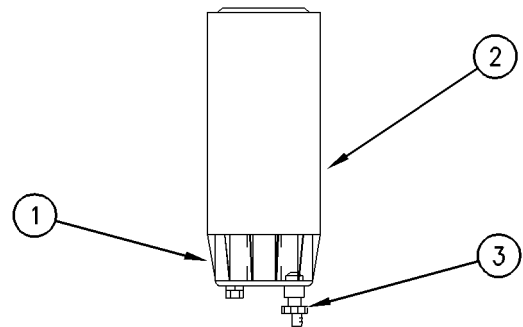


Illustration 65

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- (1) Bowl  
(2) Element  
(3) Drain

1. Stop the engine.
2. Turn the start switch to the "OFF" position.
3. Shut off the fuel tank supply valve to the engine.
4. If the primary fuel filter is equipped with a drain valve (3), open the drain valve in order to drain any fuel from the filter case. Close the drain valve (3).

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**NOTICE**

Use a suitable container to catch any fuel that might spill. Clean up any spilled fuel immediately.

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5. Remove the fuel filter bowl (1) and wash the fuel filter bowl with clean diesel fuel.
6. Remove the fuel filter (2).
7. Clean the gasket sealing surface of the fuel filter base. Ensure that all of the old gasket is removed.
8. Apply clean diesel fuel to the new fuel filter gasket.

**NOTICE**

In order to maximize fuel system life and prevent premature wear out from abrasive particles in the fuel, use Caterpillar fuel filters.

Consult your Caterpillar dealer for proper part numbers.

- Install the new fuel filter (2). Spin the fuel filter onto the fuel filter base until the gasket contacts the base. Use the rotation index marks on the filters as a guide for proper tightening. Tighten the filter for an additional 3/4 turn by hand. Do not overtighten the filter.

**NOTICE**

Do not fill the fuel filters with fuel before installing them. The fuel would not be filtered and could be contaminated. Contaminated fuel will cause accelerated wear to fuel system parts.

- Install the clean fuel filter bowl (1) on the new fuel filter.

**NOTICE**

The water separator is under suction during normal engine operation. Ensure that the vent plug is tightened securely to help prevent air from entering the fuel system.

- Open the fuel tank supply valve.
- Start the engine and check for leaks. Run the engine for one minute. Stop the engine and check the engine for leaks again.

Detection of leaks is very difficult especially if the engine is running. The primary filter/water separator is under suction. A leak will allow air to enter the fuel. The air in the fuel can cause low power due to aeration of the fuel. If air enters the fuel, check the components for overtightening or undertightening.

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## Fuel System Primary Filter/Water Separator - Drain

SMCS Code: 1260-543; 1263-543

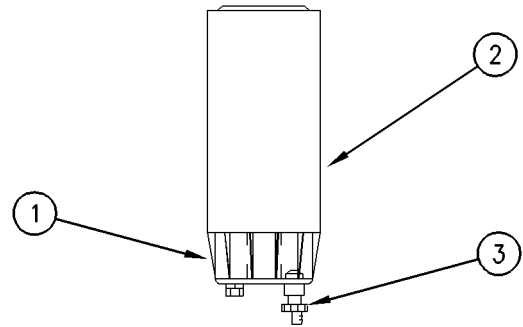


Illustration 66

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- Bowl
- Element
- Drain

Bowl (1) should be monitored daily for signs of water. If water is present, drain the water from the bowl.

- Open drain (3). The drain is a self-ventilated drain. Catch the draining water in a suitable container. Dispose of the water properly.
- Close drain (3).

**NOTICE**

The water separator is under suction during normal engine operation. Ensure that the drain valve is tightened securely to help prevent air from entering the fuel system.

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## Fuel System Secondary Filter - Replace

SMCS Code: 1261-510-SE

**WARNING**

Fuel leaked or spilled onto hot surfaces or electrical components can cause a fire. To help prevent possible injury, turn the start switch off when changing fuel filters or water separator elements. Clean up fuel spills immediately.

- Stop the engine.

2. Turn off the start switch, or disconnect the battery (starting motor) when maintenance is performed on fuel filters.
3. Shut off the fuel tank supply valve to the engine.

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NOTICE

Use a suitable container to catch any fuel that might spill. Clean up any spilled fuel immediately.

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4. Unlock the fuel priming pump (if equipped). This relieves any residual pressure in the fuel system.
5. Remove the used fuel filter. Use a cloth, or use a container to catch excess fuel.
6. Clean the gasket sealing surface of the fuel filter base. Ensure that all of the old gasket is removed.
7. Apply clean diesel fuel to the new fuel filter gasket.

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NOTICE

Do not fill the secondary fuel filter with fuel before installing. The fuel would not be filtered and could be contaminated. Contaminated fuel will cause accelerated wear to fuel system parts.

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8. Install a new fuel filter, and tighten the fuel filter until the gasket contacts the base.
9. Tighten the fuel filter by hand according to the instructions that are shown on the fuel filter.  
  
**Do not overtighten the fuel filter.**
10. Lock the fuel priming pump (if equipped). Open the fuel tank supply valve.
11. If the engine stalls, refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Fuel System - Prime" topic (Maintenance Section) for more information.

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## Fuel Tank Water and Sediment - Drain

**SMCS Code:** 1273-543-M&S

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NOTICE

Care must be taken to ensure that fluids are contained during performance of inspection, maintenance, testing, adjusting and repair of the product. Be prepared to collect the fluid with suitable containers before opening any compartment or disassembling any component containing fluids.

Refer to Special Publication, NENG2500, "Caterpillar Dealer Service Tool Catalog" or refer to Special Publication, PECJ0003, "Caterpillar Shop Supplies and Tools Catalog" for tools and supplies suitable to collect and contain fluids on Caterpillar products.

Dispose of all fluids according to local regulations and mandates.

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## Fuel Tank

Fuel quality is critical to the performance and to the service life of the engine. Water in the fuel can cause excessive wear to the fuel system. Condensation occurs during the heating and cooling of fuel. The condensation occurs as the fuel passes through the fuel system and the fuel returns to the fuel tank. This causes water to accumulate in fuel tanks. Draining the fuel tank regularly and obtaining fuel from reliable sources can help to eliminate water in the fuel.

## Drain the Water and the Sediment

Fuel tanks should contain some provision for draining water and draining sediment from the bottom of the fuel tanks.

Open the drain valve on the bottom of the fuel tank in order to drain the water and the sediment. Close the drain valve.

**Note:** Failure to properly close the drain can allow air into the system, which could have detrimental results to performance.

Check the fuel daily. Drain the water and sediment from the fuel tank after operating the engine or drain the water and sediment from the fuel tank after the fuel tank has been filled. Allow five to ten minutes before performing this procedure.

Fill the fuel tank after operating the engine in order to drive out moist air. This will help prevent condensation. Do not fill the tank to the top. The fuel expands as the fuel gets warm. The tank may overflow.

Some fuel tanks use supply pipes that allow water and sediment to settle below the end of the fuel supply pipe. Some fuel tanks use supply lines that take fuel directly from the bottom of the tank. If the engine is equipped with this system, regular maintenance of the fuel system filter is important.

## Fuel Storage Tanks

Drain the water and the sediment from the fuel storage tank during the following conditions:

- Weekly
- Oil change
- Refill of the tank

This will help prevent water or sediment from being pumped from the storage tank into the engine fuel tank. A four micron(c) absolute filter for the breather vent on the fuel tank is also recommended. Refer to Special Publication, SENR9620, "Improving Fuel System Durability".

If a bulk storage tank has been refilled or moved recently, allow adequate time for the sediment to settle before filling the engine fuel tank. Internal baffles in the bulk storage tank will also help trap sediment. Filtering fuel that is pumped from the storage tank helps to ensure the quality of the fuel. When possible, water separators should be used.

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## Heat Exchanger - Inspect

**SMCS Code:** 1379-040

The interval for the maintenance of the plate type heat exchanger depends on the operating environment of the vessel and on the operating time. The raw/sea water that is circulated through the heat exchanger and the amount of operating time of the vessel affects the following items:

- Cleanliness of the heat exchanger plates
- Effectiveness of the heat exchanger system

Operating the engine in water that contains silt, sediment, salt, algae, or other significant contaminants will have an adverse effect on the heat exchanger system. In addition, intermittent use of the vessel will adversely affect the heat exchanger system.

The following items indicate that the heat exchanger may require cleaning:

- Increased coolant temperature
- Engine overheating
- Excessive pressure drop between the water inlet and the water outlet

An operator that is familiar with the normal operating temperature of the coolant can determine when the coolant temperature is out of the normal range. Inspection and maintenance of the heat exchanger is required if the engine is overheating.

For information on maintenance of the heat exchanger and cleaning of the heat exchanger, refer to Disassembly and Assembly, "Heat Exchanger - Disassemble".

Your Caterpillar dealer has the equipment and the personnel in order to measure the pressure drop across the heat exchanger.

Consult your Caterpillar dealer or refer to the Service Manual for service information for the heat exchanger.

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## Hoses and Clamps - Inspect/Replace

**SMCS Code:** 7554-040; 7554-510

Inspect all hoses for leaks that are caused by the following conditions:

- Cracking
- Softness
- Loose clamps

Replace hoses that are cracked or soft. Tighten any loose clamps.

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### NOTICE

Do not bend or strike high pressure lines. Do not install bent or damaged lines, tubes or hoses. Repair any loose or damaged fuel and oil lines, tubes and hoses. Leaks can cause fires. Inspect all lines, tubes and hoses carefully. Tighten all connections to the recommended torque.

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Check for the following conditions:

- End fittings that are damaged or leaking
- Outer covering that is chafed or cut
- Exposed wire that is used for reinforcement
- Outer covering that is ballooning locally
- Flexible part of the hose that is kinked or crushed
- Armoring that is embedded in the outer covering

A constant torque hose clamp can be used in place of any standard hose clamp. Ensure that the constant torque hose clamp is the same size as the standard clamp.

Due to extreme temperature changes, the hose will heat set. Heat setting causes hose clamps to loosen. This can result in leaks. A constant torque hose clamp will help to prevent loose hose clamps.

Each installation application can be different. The differences depend on the following factors:

- Type of hose
- Type of fitting material
- Anticipated expansion and contraction of the hose
- Anticipated expansion and contraction of the fittings

## Replace the Hoses and the Clamps

### WARNING

**Pressurized System: Hot coolant can cause serious burns. To open the cooling system filler cap, stop the engine and wait until the cooling system components are cool. Loosen the cooling system pressure cap slowly in order to relieve the pressure.**

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1. Stop the engine. Allow the engine to cool.

2. Loosen the cooling system filler cap slowly in order to relieve any pressure. Remove the cooling system filler cap.

**Note:** Drain the coolant into a suitable, clean container. The coolant can be reused.

3. Drain the coolant from the cooling system to a level that is below the hose that is being replaced.

4. Remove the hose clamps.

5. Disconnect the old hose.

6. Replace the old hose with a new hose.

7. Install the hose clamps with a torque wrench.

**Note:** Refer to the Specifications, SENR3130, "Torque Specifications" in order to locate the proper torques.

8. Refill the cooling system.

9. Clean the cooling system filler cap. Inspect the cooling system filler cap's gaskets. Replace the cooling system filler cap if the gaskets are damaged. Install the cooling system filler cap.

10. Start the engine. Inspect the cooling system for leaks.

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## Maintenance Recommendations

**SMCS Code:** 1000

### Maintenance Information

The operating conditions of an engine affect the maintenance intervals and the time between overhauls for the engine. The following conditions affect the maintenance intervals and the expected overhaul interval for the engine.

### Severe Operation

Severe operation is the use of an engine that exceeds current published standards for the engine. Caterpillar maintains standards for the following engine parameters:

- Horsepower
- Range of rpm
- Fuel consumption

- Fuel quality
- Altitude
- Maintenance intervals
- Selection of oil
- Selection of coolant
- Environmental qualities
- Installation

Refer to the standards for your engine or consult your Caterpillar dealer in order to determine if your engine is operating within the defined parameters.

Severe operation can accelerate component wear. Engines that are operating under severe conditions may need more frequent maintenance intervals for the following reasons:

- Maximum reliability
- Retention of full service life

Because of individual applications, it is not possible to identify all of the factors which can contribute to severe operation. Consult your Caterpillar dealer about the maintenance that is needed for your specific engine.

The following factors can contribute to severe operation: environment, improper operating procedures, and improper maintenance practices.

## Environmental Factors

### Extreme Ambient Temperatures

Extended operation in environments that are extremely cold or hot can damage components. Valve components can be damaged by carbon buildup if the engine is frequently started and stopped in very cold temperatures. Extremely hot inlet air reduces the performance capabilities of the engine.

**Note:** See this Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Cold Weather Operation" topic (Operation Section), or see Supplement, SEBU5898, "Cold Weather Recommendations".

## Cleanliness

Unless the equipment is cleaned regularly, extended operation in a dirty environment and in a dusty environment can damage components. Built up mud, dirt, and dust can encase components. This can make maintenance difficult. The buildup can contain corrosive chemicals. Corrosive chemicals and salt can damage some components.

## Improper Operating Procedures

- Extended operation at low idle
- Minimum cool down periods after high load factor operation
- Operating the engine beyond the guidelines for the engine rating
- Operating the engine at loads that are greater than the rated load
- Operating the engine at speeds that are greater than the rated speed
- Use of the engine for an application that is not approved

## Improper Maintenance Practices

- Extension of maintenance intervals
- Not using recommended fuel, lubricants, and antifreeze/coolant solutions

## Overhaul Information

Reduced hours of operation at full load will result in a lower average power demand. A decreased average power demand should increase both the engine service life and the overhaul interval.

The need for an overhaul is generally indicated by increased fuel consumption and by reduced power.

The following factors are important when a decision is being made on the proper time for an engine overhaul:

- The need for preventive maintenance
- The quality of the fuel that is being used
- The operating conditions
- The results of the S-O-S analysis

**Note:** Refer to this Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Overhaul (Major)" for further information about the major overhaul.

## Oil Consumption as an Overhaul Indicator

Oil consumption, fuel consumption, and maintenance information can be used to estimate the total operating cost for your Caterpillar engine. Oil consumption can also be used to estimate the required capacity of a makeup oil tank that is suitable for the maintenance intervals.

Oil consumption is in proportion to the percentage of the rated engine load. As the percentage of the engine load is increased, the amount of oil that is consumed per hour also increases.

The oil consumption rate (brake specific oil consumption) is measured in grams per kW/h (lb per bhp). The brake specific oil consumption (BSOC) depends on the engine load. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for assistance in determining the typical oil consumption rate for your engine.

When an engine's oil consumption has risen to three times the original oil consumption rate due to normal wear, an engine overhaul should be scheduled. There may be a corresponding increase in blowby and a slight increase in fuel consumption.

## Overhaul Options

### Before Failure Overhaul

To minimize downtime, Caterpillar Inc. recommends a scheduled engine overhaul by your Caterpillar dealer before the engine fails. This will provide you with the best cost/value relationship.

**Note:** Overhaul programs vary according to the engine application and according to the dealer that performs the overhaul. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for specific information about the available overhaul programs and about overhaul services for extending the engine life.

A planned overhaul before failure may be the best value for the following reasons:

- Costly unplanned downtime can be avoided.
- Many original parts can be reused according to the standards for reusable parts.
- The engine's service life can be extended without the risk of a major catastrophe due to engine failure.

- The best cost/value relationship per hour of extended life can be attained.

### After Failure Overhaul

If a major engine failure occurs and the engine must be removed from the hull, many options are available. An overhaul should be performed if the engine block or the crankshaft needs to be repaired.

If the engine block is repairable and/or the crankshaft is repairable, the overhaul cost should be between 40 percent and 50 percent of the cost of a new engine with a similar exchange core.

This lower cost can be attributed to three aspects:

- Specially designed Caterpillar engine features
- Caterpillar dealer exchange components
- Caterpillar Inc. remanufactured exchange components

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## Overhaul (Major)

**SMCS Code:** 7595-020-MJ

The need for a major overhaul is determined by several factors.

- An increase of oil consumption
- An increase of crankcase blowby
- The total amount of fuel consumption
- The service hours of the engine
- The wear metal analysis of the lube oil
- An increase in the levels of noise and vibration

An increase of wear metals in the lube oil indicates that the bearings and the surfaces that wear may need to be serviced. An increase in the levels of noise and vibration indicates that rotating parts require service.

**Note:** It is possible for oil analysis to indicate a decrease of wear metals in the lube oil. The cylinder liners may be worn so that polishing of the bore occurs. Also, the increased use of lube oil will dilute the wear metals.

Monitor the engine as the engine accumulates service hours. Consult your Caterpillar dealer about scheduling a major overhaul.

**Note:** The driven equipment may also require service when the engine is overhauled. Refer to the literature that is provided by the OEM of the driven equipment.

For the major overhaul, all of the bearings, seals, gaskets, and components that wear are disassembled. The parts are cleaned and inspected. If necessary, the parts are replaced. The crankshaft is measured for wear. The crankshaft may require regrinding. Alternatively, the crankshaft may be replaced with a Caterpillar replacement part.

Your Caterpillar dealer can provide these services and components. Your Caterpillar dealer can ensure that the components are operating within the appropriate specifications.

## Replacement of Components

Replace the following components during the major overhaul:

- Camshaft bearings
- Connecting rod bearings
- Crankshaft seals
- Crankshaft thrust washers
- Electronic unit injectors
- Gear train bushings
- Gear train bearings
- Main bearings
- Piston rings
- Aftercooler core

## International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)

Caterpillar recommends replacing the following:

- All shields that have been installed to cover up fuel and oil line connections per (SOLAS) regulations
- All marine certification society approved tapes are installed in order to cover up fuel line connections and oil line connections according to the SOLAS regulations.

## Inspection, Reconditioning or Exchanging of Components

Inspect the following components according to the instructions that are in Caterpillar reusability publications. Refer to Guidelines for Reusable Parts and Salvage Operations, SEBF8029, "Index of Publications on Reusability or Salvage of Used Parts".

Recondition the worn components or exchange the components, if necessary. Your Caterpillar dealer can provide these services and components.

- Camshaft followers
- Camshaft thrust washers
- Connecting rods
- Crankshaft vibration damper
- Cylinder head assembly
- Cylinder liners
- Engine mounts
- Scavenge oil pump
- Engine wiring harness
- Exhaust manifold seals
- Exhaust manifold bellows
- Fuel pressure regulating valve
- Fuel priming pump
- Fuel transfer pump
- Inlet manifold gaskets
- Inlet manifold seals
- Oil cooler core
- Oil pump
- Pistons
- Piston pins
- Prelube pump
- Pushrods
- Rocker arms
- Spacer plate



- Software update
- Turbocharger

## Inspection of Components

Inspect the following components according to the instructions that are in Caterpillar reusability publications. Refer to Guidelines for Reusable Parts and Salvage Operations, SEBF8029, "Index of Publications on Reusability or Salvage of Used Parts".

- Camshaft
- Crankshaft
- Driven equipment (alignment)
- Engine cylinder block
- Engine control module
- Flywheel
- Front gear train (gears)
- Oil suction screen
- Rear gear train

Inspect the camshaft for damage to the journals and the lobes.

Inspect the crankshaft for any of the following conditions:

- Deflection
- Damage to the journals
- Bearing material that has seized to the journals

Check the journal taper and the profile of the crankshaft journals. Check these components by interpreting the wear patterns on the following components:

- rod bearing
- main bearings

**Note:** If the crankshaft or the camshaft are removed for any reason, use the magnetic particle inspection process to check for cracks.

Replace the crankshaft vibration damper if any of the following conditions occur:

- Engine failure due to a broken crankshaft

- Excessive wear of the front bearing for the crankshaft
- Excessive wear of the gear train that is not caused by a lack of lubrication

Inspect the gears of the gear train and inspect the gear train bushings for the following conditions:

- Worn gear teeth
- Unusual fit
- Unusual wear

In addition to the inspection of components, inspect the alignment of the driven equipment. See the Application and Installation Guide for the engine or see the literature that is provided by the OEM of the driven equipment.

## Cleaning of Components

Clean the oil suction screen. Also, remove side covers in order to clean the oil sump. For instructions on removal and installation of components, see the Service Manual, "Disassembly and Assembly" module.

## Obtain a Coolant Analysis

For conventional heavy-duty coolant or antifreeze, check the concentration of supplemental coolant additive (SCA) regularly. The concentration of SCA can be checked with an S-O-S coolant analysis (Level I). A more detailed coolant analysis is recommended periodically.

For example, considerable deposits are found in the water jacket areas on the external cooling system, but the concentrations of coolant additives were carefully maintained. The coolant water probably contained minerals which were deposited on the engine over time.

A coolant analysis can be conducted in order to verify the condition of the water that is being used in the cooling system. A full water analysis may be obtained from the following sources:

- Caterpillar dealer
- Local water utility company
- Agricultural agent
- Independent laboratory

Caterpillar recommends an S·O·S coolant analysis (Level II). This is a comprehensive chemical evaluation of the coolant. This analysis is also a check of the overall condition of the inside of the cooling system. The following services are provided:

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- Full Level I analysis
- Identification of the source of metal corrosion and of contaminants
- Identification of buildup of the impurities that cause corrosion
- Identification of buildup of the impurities that cause scaling
- Determination of possible electrolysis within the engines' cooling system

A report of the results of the analysis is provided. Maintenance recommendations are based on the results.

For more information about S·O·S coolant analysis, consult your Caterpillar dealer.

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## Sea Water Strainer - Clean/Inspect

**SMCS Code:** 1371-040; 1371-070

The sea water strainer must be clean in order to allow proper engine cooling. Check the sea water strainer for plugging. Inspect the sea water strainer more frequently if the vessel is being operated in water which is shallow or dirty. Refer to the OEM recommendations for more information about inspecting and cleaning the sea water strainer.

Ensure that the auxiliary water pump is primed and that the suction line is open.

1. Remove the sea water strainer and clean the screen. Remove any dirt and debris.
2. Install the sea water strainer. Fill the sea water strainer and the suction line for the auxiliary water pump with water.

## Starting Motor - Inspect

**SMCS Code:** 1451-040; 1453-040

Caterpillar Inc. recommends a scheduled inspection of the starting motor. If the starting motor fails, the engine may not start in an emergency situation.

Check the starting motor for proper operation. Check the electrical connections and clean the electrical connections. Refer to the Service Manual for more information on the checking procedure and for specifications or consult your Caterpillar dealer for assistance.

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## Turbocharger - Inspect

**SMCS Code:** 1052-040; 1052

Periodic inspection and cleaning is recommended for the turbocharger compressor housing (inlet side). Any fumes from the crankcase are filtered through the air inlet system. Therefore, by-products from oil and from combustion can collect in the turbocharger compressor housing. Over time, this buildup can contribute to loss of engine power, increased black smoke and overall loss of engine efficiency.

If the turbocharger fails during engine operation, damage to the turbocharger compressor wheel and/or to the engine may occur. Damage to the turbocharger compressor wheel can cause additional damage to the pistons, the valves, and the cylinder head.

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### NOTICE

Turbocharger bearing failures can cause large quantities of oil to enter the air inlet and exhaust systems. Loss of engine lubricant can result in serious engine damage.

Minor leakage of a turbocharger housing under extended low idle operation should not cause problems as long as a turbocharger bearing failure has not occurred.

When a turbocharger bearing failure is accompanied by a significant engine performance loss (exhaust smoke or engine rpm up at no load), do not continue engine operation until the turbocharger is repaired or replaced.

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An inspection of the turbocharger can minimize unscheduled downtime. An inspection of the turbocharger can also reduce the chance for potential damage to other engine parts.

**Note:** Turbocharger components require precision clearances. The turbocharger cartridge must be balanced due to high rpm. Severe Service Applications can accelerate component wear. Severe Service Applications require more frequent inspections of the cartridge.

## Removal and Installation

For options regarding the removal, installation, repair and replacement, consult your Caterpillar dealer. Refer to the Service Manual for this engine for the procedure and specifications.

## Cleaning and Inspecting

1. Remove the exhaust outlet piping and remove the air inlet piping from the turbocharger. Visually inspect the piping for the presence of oil. Clean the interior of the pipes in order to prevent dirt from entering during reassembly.
2. Turn the compressor wheel and the turbine wheel by hand. The assembly should turn freely. Inspect the compressor wheel and the turbine wheel for contact with the turbocharger housing. There should not be any visible signs of contact between the turbine wheel or compressor wheel and the turbocharger housing. If there is any indication of contact between the rotating turbine wheel or the compressor wheel and the turbocharger housing, the turbocharger must be reconditioned.
3. Check the compressor wheel for cleanliness. If only the blade side of the wheel is dirty, dirt and/or moisture is passing through the air filtering system. If oil is found only on the back side of the wheel, there is a possibility of a failed turbocharger oil seal.

The presence of oil may be the result of extended engine operation at low idle. The presence of oil may also be the result of a restriction of the line for the inlet air (plugged air filters), which causes the turbocharger to slobber.

4. Use a dial indicator to check the end clearance on the shaft. If the measured end play is greater than the Service Manual specifications, the turbocharger should be repaired or replaced. An end play measurement that is less than the minimum Service Manual specifications could indicate carbon buildup on the turbine wheel. The turbocharger should be disassembled for cleaning and for inspection if the measured end play is less than the minimum Service Manual specifications.
5. Inspect the bore of the turbine housing for corrosion.

6. Clean the turbocharger housing with standard shop solvents and a soft bristle brush.
7. Fasten the air inlet piping and the exhaust outlet piping to the turbocharger housing.

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## Walk-Around Inspection

**SMCS Code:** 1000-040

### Inspect the Engine for Leaks and for Loose Connections

A walk-around inspection should only require a few minutes. When the time is taken to perform these checks, costly repairs and accidents can be avoided.

For maximum engine service life, make a thorough inspection of the engine compartment before starting the engine. Look for items such as oil leaks or coolant leaks, loose bolts, worn belts, loose connections and trash buildup. Make repairs, as needed:

- The guards must be in the proper place. Repair damaged guards or replace missing guards.
- Wipe all caps and plugs before the engine is serviced in order to reduce the chance of system contamination.

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#### NOTICE

For any type of leak (coolant, lube, or fuel) clean up the fluid. If leaking is observed, find the source and correct the leak. If leaking is suspected, check the fluid levels more often than recommended until the leak is found or fixed, or until the suspicion of a leak is proved to be unwarranted.

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#### NOTICE

Accumulated grease and/or oil on an engine or deck is a fire hazard. Remove this debris with steam cleaning or high pressure water.

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- Ensure that the cooling lines are tight and ensure that the cooling lines are properly clamped. Check for leaks. Check the condition of all pipes.
- Inspect the water pumps for coolant leaks.

**Note:** The water pump seal is lubricated by coolant in the cooling system. It is normal for a small amount of leakage to occur as the engine cools down and the parts contract.

Excessive coolant leakage may indicate the need to replace the water pump seal. For the removal of water pumps and the installation of water pumps and/or seals, refer to the Service Manual for the engine or consult your Caterpillar dealer.

- Inspect the lubrication system for leaks at the front crankshaft seal, the rear crankshaft seal, the oil pan, the oil filters and the valve cover.
- Inspect the fuel system for leaks. Look for loose fuel line clamps.
- Inspect the piping for the air inlet system and the elbows for cracks and for loose clamps.
- Inspect the alternator belt and the accessory drive belts for cracks, breaks or other damage.

Belts for multiple groove pulleys must be replaced as matched sets. If only one belt is replaced, the belt will carry more load than the belts that are not replaced. The older belts are stretched. The additional load on the new belt could cause the belt to break.

- Drain the water and the sediment from fuel tanks on a daily basis in order to ensure that only clean fuel enters the fuel system.
- Inspect the wiring and the wiring harnesses for loose connections and for worn wires or frayed wires.
- Inspect the ground strap for a good connection and for good condition.
- Inspect the ECM to the cylinder head ground strap for a good connection and for good condition.
- Disconnect any battery chargers that are not protected against the current drain of the starting motor. Check the condition and the electrolyte level of the batteries, unless the engine is equipped with a maintenance free battery.
- Check the condition of the gauges. Replace any gauges which are cracked and replace any gauges that can not be calibrated.

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## Water Pump - Inspect

**SMCS Code:** 1361-040; 1361

A failed water pump might cause severe engine overheating problems that could result in the following conditions:

- Cracks in the cylinder head

- A piston seizure
- Other potential damage to the engine

A failed water pump might cause severe engine overheating problems that could result in cracks in the cylinder head, a piston seizure or other potential damage to the engine.

Visually inspect the water pump for leaks. If leaking of the water pump seals is observed, replace all of the water pump seals. Refer to two articles in the Disassembly and Assembly Manual, "Water Pump - Disassemble and Water Pump - Assemble" for the disassembly and assembly procedure. If it is necessary to remove the water pump, refer to two articles in the Disassembly and Assembly Manual, "Water Pump - Remove and Water Pump - Install".

Inspect the water pump for wear, cracks, pin holes and proper operation. Refer to the Parts Manual for the correct part numbers for your engine or consult your Caterpillar dealer if repair is needed or replacement is needed.

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## Zinc Rods - Inspect/Replace

**SMCS Code:** 1388-040; 1388-510

Corrosion in sea water circuits can result in premature deterioration of system components, leaks, and possible cooling system contamination.

Zinc rods are inserted in the sea water cooling system of the engine in order to help prevent the corrosive action of salt water. The reaction of the zinc to the sea water causes the zinc rods to deteriorate. The zinc rods deteriorate instead of engine parts for the cooling system that are more critical. Rapid deterioration of zinc rods may indicate the presence of uncontrolled electrical currents from improperly installed electrical attachments or improperly grounded electrical attachments.

The zinc rods must be inspected at the proper intervals. The zinc rods must be replaced when deterioration occurs.

Inspect the zinc rods within 24 hours of initially filling the plumbing with sea water. If no significant corrosion is noted, inspect the zinc rods again after seven days or 50 hours of engine operation after having been immersed in sea water. If no significant deterioration is noted, continue inspections after every 50 hours of engine operation.

## Inspect the Zinc Rods

The zinc rods are red for easy identification. Table 11 shows the locations of the zinc rods and the quantities of the zinc rod:

Table 11

Locations of the Zinc Rods	
Location	Quantity
Inlet Adapter of the Heat Exchanger	1
Outlet Elbow of the Heat Exchanger	1
Outlet Elbow of the Auxiliary Water Pump	1
Outlet Adapter for the Aftercooler	1

1. Remove the zinc rod.

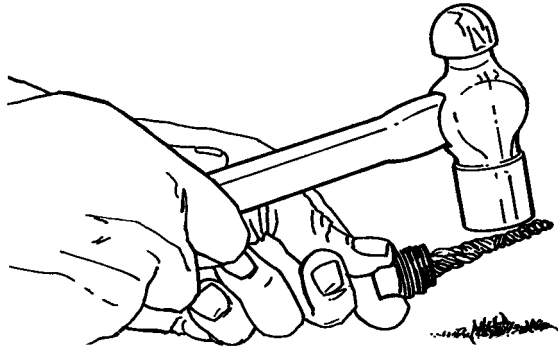


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2. Tap the zinc rod lightly with a hammer. If the zinc rod has deteriorated, or if the zinc rod flakes, install a new zinc rod.

## Replace the Zinc Rods

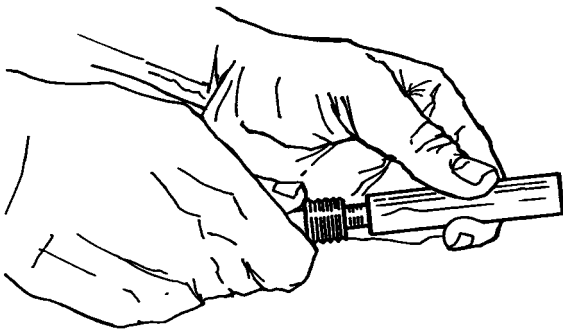


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1. Unscrew the old zinc rod or drill the old zinc rod from the plug. Clean the plug.

2. Apply 9S-3263 Compound to the shoulder of a new zinc rod. Apply the compound only to the shoulder of the zinc rod. Install the zinc rod into the plug.
3. Coat the external threads of the plug with 5P-3413 Pipe Sealant. Install the zinc rod. Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual for more information on torque specifications.