

Oil Leaks

Oil leaks from where the oil filler screws into the crankcase. Do not be tempted to apply Loctite or thread seal, use of either of these products will result in a near permanent attachment to the crankcase.

I was once asked to remove an oil filler pipe after it had been screwed in with the threads coated with Loctite, two hours later the only way I managed to remove it was by collapsing the steel section and of course ruining it.

Leaks from the threaded section of the oil filler pipe are common, the solution is to coat the threaded area with non-setting jointing compound or wrap the threads with PTFE tape, in either case leave the bottom 1/4 inch free from compound or tape, this is to ensure no compound or tape enters the crankcase.

When refitting to crankcase use only hand pressure, it's permissible to assist this by using Scotchbrite or a section of fine emery cloth, never use a wrench or grips, the use of which will result in very unprofessional bruise marks.

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