




**SUBARU**

## SERVICE BULLETIN

**APPLICABILITY:** All Models  
**SUBJECT:** Cylinder Head Gasket (residual carbon deposits and rubber coating removal)

**NUMBER:** 02-100-06R  
**DATE:** 10/31/06

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide Subaru's recommended procedure of removing the residual carbon deposits and the rubber coating after the cylinder head/gaskets are removed. If not removed properly, the new cylinder head gaskets may not seat properly when installed. There are two approved methods, using a scraper as illustrated or using 3M™ Roloc™ Bristle Discs, part # 051131-07528, Size 2 inch, Grade 120, Color White. Subaru does not recommend any other cleaning method.

**Note:** Using any other method which results in damage to the surface of the cylinder heads or block is not a matter for warranty.

### REPAIR PROCEDURE/INFORMATION:

For demonstration purposes the photos are of a 2.5L SOHC engine, however the procedure applies to all engine types.



Removed Cylinder Head



Cylinder Block after Head Removal

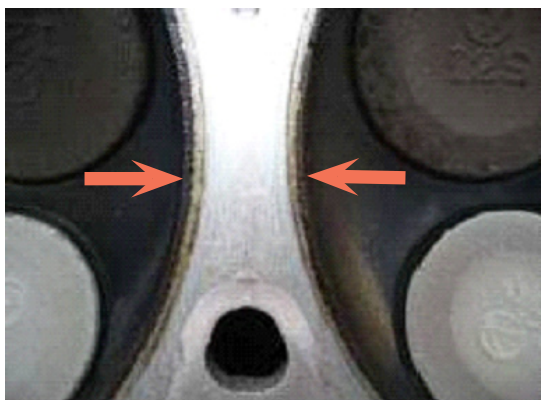
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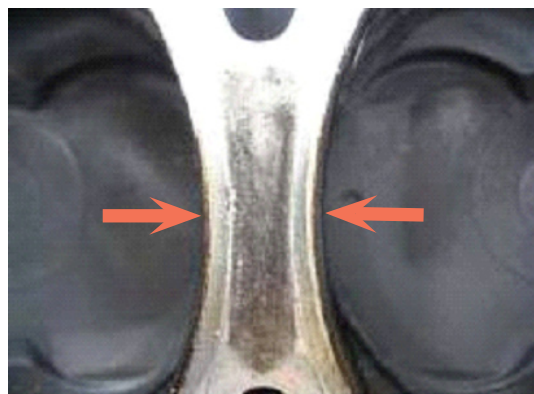
**CAUTION: VEHICLE SERVICING PERFORMED BY UNTRAINED PERSONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO THOSE PERSONS OR TO OTHERS.**

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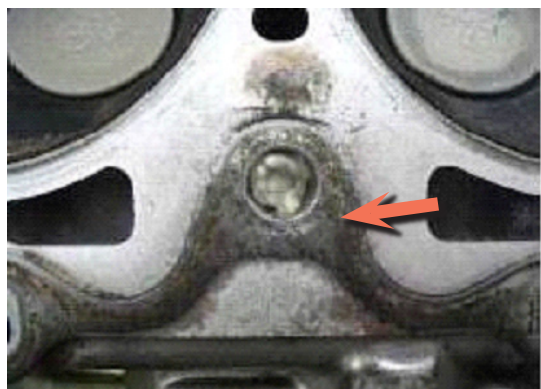




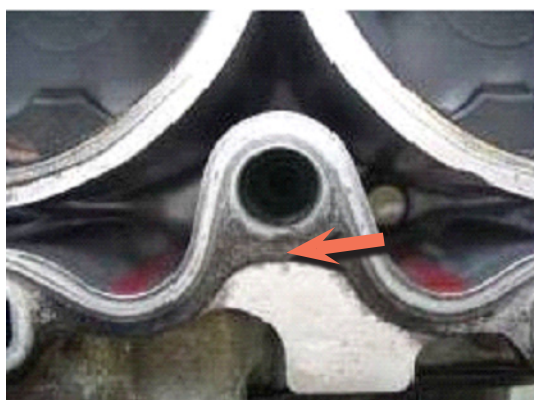
Accumulated carbon deposit on  
bore sealing portion



Carbon deposit on cylinder block  
bore sealing portion



Rubber coating residue on coolant sealing portion



Rubber coating residue on oil sealing portion



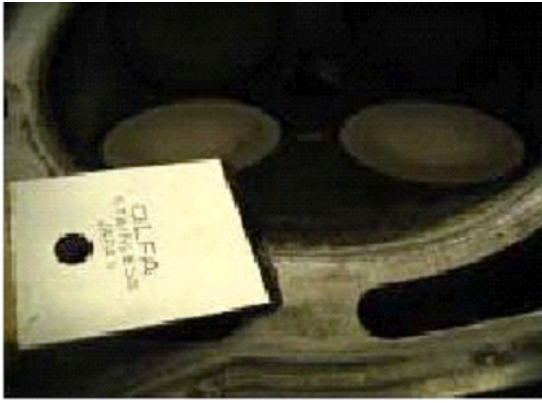
Using a gasket scraper, carefully clean any carbon deposits and rubber coating found on the surface of cylinder block and cylinder head.

**CAUTION:** Keep the scraper as flush as possible to the surface to avoid damage to the mating surface of cylinder block and cylinder head.

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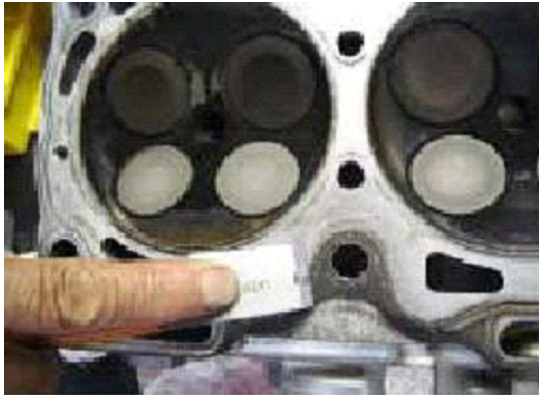
Cylinder Head



Cylinder Block



Carbon deposits being removed



Rubber coating being removed



Rubber coating being removed

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Finished cleaning (head)



Finished cleaning (block)

**NOTE:** After removing carbon deposit and rubber coating, clean the surfaces using a rag and cleaning solvent.



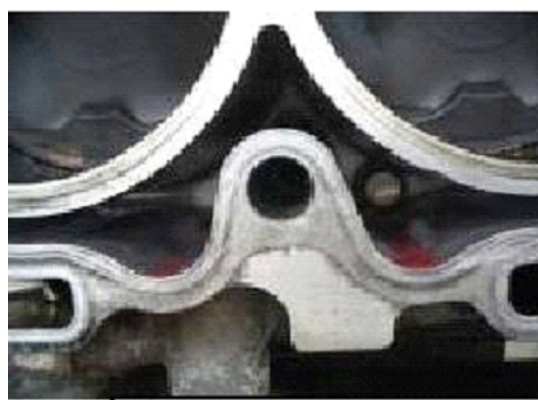
After cleaning bore sealing portion (head)



After cleaning bore sealing portion (block)



After cleaning coolant sealing portion (head)



After cleaning coolant sealing portion (block)

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After cleaning oil sealing portion (head)



After cleaning oil sealing portion (block)