1992 - 1996 Corvette: Service Bulletin: Engine Miss/Poor Driveability Symptoms

Subject: Engine Miss/Poor Driveability Symptoms (Install Opti-Spark (ABITS) Distributor Assembly Service Kit)
Model and Year:
1994-96 Buick Roadmaster
1994-96 Cadillac Fleetwood
1992-96 Chevrolet Corvette
1993-97 Chevrolet Camaro
1994-96 Chevrolet Caprice
1993-97 Pontiac Firebird/Trans Am
with 4.3L or 5.7L Engines (VINs W, P, 5 -- RPOs L99, LT1, LT4)
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CONDITION:

Some vehicles with the above engines and equipped with the Opti-Spark (ABITS) ignition system may exhibit an engine miss and/or poor driveability symptoms.

CAUSE:

The (ABITS) cap and the rotor may show carbon tracking, cracking, or water intrusion which can cause an engine miss and/or poor driveability symptoms.

CORRECTION:

Perform strategy-based diagnosis. If it is determined that the ABITS cap and/or rotor is the source of the concern, then a service kit may be now implemented instead of a complete ABITS assembly.

PARTS INFORMATION:

There are two (2) variations of Opti-Spark Distributors. It will be mandatory to identify which type is to be serviced for proper parts procurement.

- The Opti-Spark Distributor II (Pin Drive -- WITH positive vent system) can be identified by the intake manifold vacuum hose connection (3), the air intake duct hose connection (4), or the non-splined pin drive (1). Refer to Figure 1.
- The Opti-Spark Distributor I (Splined Drive -- WITHOUT positive vent system) can be identified by the splined pin drive (1) or the lack of an intake air vacuum hose connection and an air intake duct hose connection. Refer to Figure 2.

Distributor	P/N	Application	Kit Contents
Opti-Spark I	10457735	92-94 Y	Distributor cap,
(Spline Drive) (No			rotor, screws, and
Vent)		93-94 F	washers
Opti-Spark II (Pin	10457293	94-96 B,D	Distributor cap,
Drive) (Positive			rotor, cover,
Vent)		95-96 Y	screws and
			washers
		95-97 F	

Important

It is necessary to use tool J 39997 (or the equivalent) for the distributor cap screws and tool J 39998 (or the equivalent) for the rotor screws.

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