

## **Autodata's 2009 workshop 'Bible' for Timing Belts**

Topping last year's edition with more content than ever is Autodata's 2009 Timing Belts manual, providing crucial vehicle manufacturers' information to enable independent workshops to replace the timing belts on all vehicles swiftly and as specified by the maker.

Timing belts are notoriously tricky to fix rapidly in the workshop environment, where access to current, wide-ranging data is not always possible. Autodata's latest manual solves this problem, providing a 'one-stop shop' reference, like all Autodata manuals, for timing belt replacement and maintenance.

Vehicles with an overhead camshaft arrangement typically utilise timing belts, which have a limited lifespan. It is vital to a car's good health that the timing belt, tensioners and, in many cases, the waterpump and other parts are replaced at regular intervals.

Failure to do so can result in catastrophic engine failure, when valves meet pistons – resulting in huge inconvenience for the customer, not to mention a hefty repair bill.

Autodata's Timing Belt Manual boasts extra detail with completely new chapters and revisions in '09, straight from the manufacturer. The new chapters included are:

- Chevrolet Captiva 2,0 VCDi
- Dodge Caliber 2,0 CRD
- Fiat 500 1,2
- Ford Ranger 2,5/3,0 TDCi
- Iveco Daily 2,3 HPI
- Land Rover Freelander II 2,2 TD4
- Mitsubishi L200 2,5 Di-D
- Seat Alhambra 2,0 TDI PD
- Toyota Hi-Lux 2,5 D-4D
- Vauxhall Astra-H 1,6 16V
- Volkswagen Crafter 2,5 TDI

As is often the case, manufacturers revise recommended replacement intervals due to concerns about the longevity of parts. The 2009 manual includes new timing belt replacement intervals by Citroen, Ford, Hyundai, Peugeot, Seat, Vauxhall and Volkswagen.

The '09 Timing Belts manual includes detailed information for the following:

- Timing marks
- Repair times
- Illustrated belt layouts
- Tightening torques
- Special tools listed
- Replacement intervals
- Pulleys and sprockets identified (including water pumps)
- Trouble shooting section
- Tensioner replacement and reset methods
- Engine damage precautions (Freewheeling or Interference)

Tony Swiatek, Autodata's Managing Director, says: "Much is made of the need to adhere to replacement intervals, and this is for a good reason; we regularly hear horror stories about what can happen when crucial work like this is not done on schedule and we are always pleased to assist our users in helping their customers avoid these incidents."

All the information included in Autodata's manuals is carefully collated and reflects exactly what manufacturers specify, enabling independent workshops to carry out essential servicing and maintenance on the very latest vehicles and older vehicles alike.

The 2009 manual is priced at £51.50 and is available from your Motor Trade Supplier or contact Autodata directly on 01628 688116.

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