

How to reset the service indicator display By Mike

One of our most popular how to's that can save time and money. The service indicator countdown on the instrument display should be reset each time your car is serviced. Some garages either don't know how to or forget to reset it. People on ebay charge for giving out this info. The instructions below work on all models and are tried and tested by hundreds of club members.

The Diagnostic socket referred to is by the drivers right knee (on rhd cars) in full view under the dash

A service indicator reset is achieved through:

1. inserting one end of a paper clip, or length of insulated electric wire into connector 8 of the diagnostics socket
2. turn the ignition key to position II and immediately earth the other end into pin 4 of the socket

(some members have used two straightened paper clips, or lengths of wire, one in socket 8 and one in socket 4 and then simply turn ignition to position II and touch the two together for the required timings)

Pin arrangements:

16 ~~~~~ 9 8 ~~~~~ 1

There are 2 rows of 8 pins . The bottom row is 1 to 8 from right to left

3. As the earthing takes place, begin counting the number of seconds as set out below to give your desired reset, then break the earth link.

4. Using a long clip or wire means you don't have to fiddle with two connectors in the socket. Just hold the wire and earth it precisely.

Note: you must earth the wire for differing time periods depending on what type of service/services you are resetting. There may be just one time session or it may require two sessions in turn.

Time settings

If an Oil Service has occurred, use the Oil Service reset, then turn off the ignition. Next startup, an Inspection Service 15000 will be displayed as the next service interval. An Oil Service reset lasts 1 - 4 seconds.

If an Inspection Service has occurred, the Inspection reset is needed to bring up the Oil Service display at the next start-up. Inspection reset lasts 8 - 25 seconds.

A Time Service reset also lasts 8 - 25 secs.

If an Oil Service reset and an Inspection reset are required, run an Inspection reset only. So, an Oil + Inspection reset is 8 - 25 secs.

If Oil or Inspection, together with a Time reset is needed, do the Oil/Inspection first (1 - 4 secs or 8 - 25 secs) followed by a Time reset of 8 - 25 secs. Do not move the ignition key between the two resets.

If you get any timing wrong it may not work. A wrong timing would be between 4 and 8 seconds, more than 25 secs or less than 1 second since none correspond to a reset time period.

Timings list:

Type of Service Time for Short to GND..... Oil Service 1 – 4 sec..... Insp. 8 – 25 sec..... Oil Service and Inspection 8 – 25 sec for Oil & Insp. Time interval 8 – 25 sec.....

Oil Service and Time interval 1 – 4 sec for Oil Service then 8 – 25 sec for Time..... Insp. and Time interval 8 – 25 sec for Insp. then 8 – 25 sec for Time.....

Oil service, Insp. and Time interval 8 – 25 sec Oil & Insp. then 8 – 25 sec for Time.....