

FIAT SERVICE LETTER

SUBJECT: ENGINE PISTONS

VEHICLES: 1978 MODELS

ENGINE NOS. STARTING WITH ENGINE NOS.: 3.135.084 - 128 Sedan
 3.135.238 - 128 Hatchback Coupe
 3.104.979 - X1/9
 686680 - 131
 686506 - 124 Spider

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Starting with the above-mentioned engine numbers, a new type piston has been installed in Fiat engines.

The crown of the new pistons has been changed in order to provide increased clearance between the valves and pistons. This has been achieved by enlarging the relieved cavities in the top of the piston crown.

The height of the crown has also been slightly increased to maintain the same compression ratio as the earlier type pistons.

NOTE: In the event the timing belt requires replacement, a compression test of each cylinder must also be performed. All cylinders tested should register evenly and within 20% of the recommended specifications, 130 to 150 P.S.I.

PARTS INFORMATION

The part numbers for the new type standard pistons are listed below. The new pistons can be utilized as a replacement for the early type pistons, however, all four pistons must be replaced.

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MODEL	BEFORE MODIFICATION	AFTER MODIFICATION
131 & 124 SPIDER	A-5880595 C-5880596 E-5880597	A-5880986 C-5880987 E-5880988
X1/9	A-5880553 C-5880554 E-5880555	A-5880980 C-5880981 E-5880982
128 MODELS	A-5880535 C-5880536 E-5880537	A-5881073 C-5881074 E-5881075