### VARIABLE VALVE TIMING PROGRAM

## Highlights

The most comprehensive VVT line in the aftermarket now features more than 550 VVT Solenoids, Sprockets and Kits



Advanced engineering and manufacturing deliver premium quality VVT components



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Many NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT components include gaskets for an easier installation



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### Growing Market

In an effort to increase fuel efficiency and elevate performance across today's vehicles, nearly every manufacturer has equipped new vehicles with Variable Valve Timing (VVT) technology.

Time-in-service and oil quality both affect VVT components and eventually cause the need for replacement. The longer the system is in use, especially on today's vehicles with longer oil change intervals, the more likely the VVT system is to fail.



#### **Did You Know**

In the next 5 years, 76 million more vehicles with Variable Valve Timing will enter the Aftermarket "Sweet Spot" (6-12 years old) during which their VVT sprockets and solenoids may need to be serviced or replaced.

### **Vehicles Equipped with VVTs**





## Sales **Opportunities**

The GM 2.4L and Toyota 3.0L / 3.3L applications are known to have high failure rates for VVT solenoids. We have these covered with kits that include improvements over the OE design.

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> offer a complete VVT Program to help address OE design flaws and get your customers back on the road.

### **Rattling Noises and Unstable Idle on GM 2.4L**



### **Rough Idle on Lexus / Toyota 3.0L and 3.3L**



(NAPA) ECHLIN. TECH/EXPERT. **VVT Systems**  **Years:** 2017-06 Make: GM Engine: 2.4L **Common DTCs:** P0011, P0014, P0016, and P0017 **Symptoms:** Rattling noise at startup, unstable idle **Solution:** Change the engine oil and filter during maintenance intervals and following VVT solenoid replacement Parts for the job: VVS2000K



**Years:** 2008-99

Make: Lexus / Toyota

**Engines:** 3.0L and 3.3L

**Common DTC:** P1354

Symptoms: Rough idle

**Solution:** Maintain regular engine oil change intervals. When replacing the solenoids, replace the engine oil and filter

Parts for the job: VVS2001K

# Impact on Engine Systems



Rough idle, stalling, lack of power, decreased fuel economy, engine noise, and a check engine light may be signs of an issue with a **VVT** system







Using the correct oil weight is critical to the health of any variable valve timing system



When a VVT solenoid fails or is blocked, the lack of proper lubrication can cause the timing chain and gear to prematurely wear or break entirely



### What's New

VVT Solenoids, also known as control valves or spool valves, come in a variety of shapes and sizes to fit a multitude of applications.

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> are committed to regularly introducing new VVT Solenoids, adding to our industryleading coverage.

For the most recent applications, check the online catalog at NAPAEchlin.com.



**VVS2062** Land Rover 2.0L / 3.0L (2020-18) **VIO: 149K** 







**VVS2066** Porsche Cayenne, Macan, Panamera (2020-18) **VIO: 94K** 

**VVS1838U** Honda / Acura Cars & SUVs 3.5L (2016-08)**VIO: 2.5M** 











### What's New

VVT Sprockets, also known as cam phasers, account for nearly 250 SKUs in NAPA® Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert's ever-expanding line of VVT component coverage.

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**VVT Sprockets** 



**ECP1968** Mazda Cars & SUVs 2.5L (2022-17) **VIO: 1.4M** 









**ECP1958** GM Trucks & SUVs 6.2L / 6.6L (2021-19) **VIO: 2.1M** 

**ECP1936** Hyundai / Kia Cars & SUVs **2.0L** (2021-13) **VIO: 1.6M** 







## **Top Movers: VVT Solenoids & Sprockets**

### IMPORT APPLICATIONS



**VVS1512** Honda Accord, CR-V, Element (2011-02)



**VVS1542** Nissan Altima, Rogue (2020-13)

### DOMESTIC APPLICATIONS

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**VVS1754 GM Cars & SUVs** (2017-06)

**VVT Components** 



**VVS1755 GM Cars & SUVs** (2017-06)



**VVS1838** Honda / Acura Cars & SUVs (2016-08)



**ECP1871** Honda / Acura Cars & SUVs (2015-09)



**ECP1920** Hyundai / Kia Cars & SUVs (2023-14)



**VVS1100** Ford / Lincoln Cars, Trucks & SUVs (2014-04)



**ECP1757** Ford / Lincoln Cars, Trucks & SUVs (2019-11)



**ECP1725** GM Cars & SUVs (2022-07)







### Related Parts

In addition to the highest quality Sprockets and Solenoids, NAPA® Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> offer the complementary parts necessary to maintain and repair today's VVT systems.

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**VVT Components** 



#### **VVT Spool Filters**

and potentially causing damage to the solenoids



### **VVT Chain Tensioner Kits**

even lead to a catastrophic engine failure

tensioner, gasket and seal for a complete repair



- Spool filters can become clogged over time, hurting performance
- NAPA® Echlin's replacement VVT Spool Filters allow technicians to service the filter and gaskets without replacing solenoids
- Available for popular Honda and Acura applications through 2019

#### **VVT Position Sensor Magnets**

Newer VVT Systems may also incorporate adjuster magnets

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin's VVT Position Sensor Magnets are a drop-in replacement part and include new seals to help prevent oil contamination

31 SKUs available with coverage through 2021



- Worn chain tensioners can cause a vehicle to run poorly and can
- NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin's VVT Chain Tensioner Kits include a new chain
- Available for popular Audi and VW vehicles with a high failure rate



#### **Camshaft & Crankshaft Sensors**

Grime, water damage and bad wiring can all cause camshaft and crankshaft sensors to fail

Each NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> Cam and Crank Sensor undergoes a testing regimen that includes a 35-hour vibration test, chamber test, and more to ensure durability

More than 1,000 Cam and Crank Sensors available for import and domestic vehicles





## Sales Opportunities

Ford 5.4L engines feature highly technical VVT systems which are susceptible to failure. They typically fail due to low engine oil levels, poor oil circulation, or oil and filter change irregularities.

Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> offers a Complete Timing Repair Kit to solve this OE problem.

**VVK1000 Complete VVT Repair Kit** 

Ford / Lincoln (2014-02) VIO: 3.1M

#### **VVT Kit Components**

- **1 VVT Sprockets**
- 2 VVT Solenoids
- 3 Timing Chain Tensioners
- 4 Timing Chains
- 5 Timing Chain Guides & Tensioner Arms





- 6 Drive Gear Sprocket
- 7 Crankshaft Position Wheel
- 8 Crankshaft Seal
- 9 Gaskets

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoids are direct-fit OE replacements designed to restore engine horsepower and torque curves, reduce emissions, and improve efficiency.

Premium parts start with premium components. Each NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> Solenoid is engineered with features to ensure that they will perform under the most extreme conditions.

**High-quality** precision spring

**OE-match valve** housing





(2014-04)



Generally located on and/or around the cylinder head, VVT solenoids meter the oil flow to control the actuation of the VVT sprocket.

Each NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoid features anodized steel componentry, which limits sludge buildup and protects against sticking. NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> Solenoids also feature premium O-rings and gaskets to prevent oil leaks, as well as an OE-match harness connector.





NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoids feature design improvements over the original and the competition.

Our improved screen stamp and welded reinforcement along with a reinforced plunger and spring are the result of NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin's commitment to highquality design and rigorous testing.



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#### **NAPA® Echlin®**

### **Competitor D**





**OE and NAPA® Echlin®** feature a reinforced plunger and spring



Competitor design has no reinforcement



### Reinforced

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> has improved screen stamp plus welded reinforcement

#### **Doesn't Match**

**Competitor has shorter** solenoid length & minimal screen reinforcement

Source: SMP Testing Lab, 2020



Located on the camshaft, sprockets help maximize horsepower and torque curves, reducing emissions and improving vehicle efficiency. NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> engineers have designed numerous improvements to our most popular VVT Sprocket for enhanced performance and long-lasting durability.

To ensure proper performance, NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Sprockets are direct-fit OE replacements and meet tight dimensional tolerances to improve internal sealing, minimize oil drain back, and reduce frequency of PCM correction. The result is a better-performing, longer-lasting Sprocket.

Larger contact area – no friction between sprocket and rotor

**Design improvements** virtually eliminate component wear – less oil loss



### The NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> Advantage



**Better performance** in timing phase response

> **Overall** a better performing and longer**lasting VVT Sprocket**



NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> ECP1100



NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> matches the original in all key tolerances and then improves on it with an all-metal integrated machined design – no paddle inserts to wear out, larger contact area, faster response times and longer service life.

The OE metal paddles may produce iron shavings that impede performance and shorten sprocket wear.

Competitor D uses plastic paddle inserts that wear easily and an "R" chamfer which can affect the timing signal.



**Original - Metal Paddles Produce iron shavings, paddles** wear rapidly





#### **NAPA® Echlin®**



**Best – Integrated Design** 

Larger contact area with no paddle to wear out

No R chamfer

on signal-

driven area

### **Competitor D**



**Inferior – Plastic Paddles Components wear easily** 



Source: SMP Testing Lab, 2020







### VVT Design Improvements

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoids feature a stainless steel shaft for a durable and more reliable solution while the OE and competitor units use other materials prone to deforming and wear.

The NAPA® Echlin® VVS1754 uses a stainless steel shaft, pressed all the way to the armature – this makes the shaft more durable for a reliable solution

**OE**: Thin formed metal sheet as a shaft – prone to deformation, thus change of valve characteristics

**Competitor 1**: Aluminum shaft – prone to wear and change of valve characteristics

Competitor 2: Steel shaft pressed to a distance – prone to further pressing over time and change of valve characteristics

**Competitor 3**: Plastic shaft – prone to wear and change of valve characteristics



#### **Durable Shaft**





### VVT Design Improvements

The OE and competitors' VVT solenoids use pressed rings for spring support that can fall apart over time.

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoids feature a closed valve body for spring support, with no chance of falling apart, even after millions of valve switches.







### Manufacturing

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> and Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> VVT Solenoids and Sprockets are designed and manufactured at our IATF 16949-certified facility in Bialystok, Poland.

Spanning 145,000 square feet, our most advanced facility has more than 750 employees including 60+ resident engineers.

Dedicated to producing the highest quality parts available, this plant produces millions of components annually while introducing more than 110 new products each year.

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**VVT Sprockets** 

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#### **Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

Our dedication to continuous improvement practices in design, engineering and manufacturing allows us to make enhancements to the OE design, while maintaining complete control over each NAPA® Echlin® VVT component.





### Testing and Validation

NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin-manufactured VVT Solenoids and Sprockets undergo extensive measurement and life testing, plus a full spectrum of environmental analysis. This regimen includes thermal shock, thermal cycling, salt spray, vibration, storage tests, dirty oil tests, and more.

The result is a line of premium VVT components that perform flawlessly and stand up to real-life conditions.





## NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> **Pro Training Tech Tip**

As experienced ASE-certified automotive technicians themselves, NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> Pro Trainers are experts in VVT system technology. Here's what they say to look out for during a VVT component install.



Using a lab scope and referencing a "known good" cam/crank pattern is a very accurate method for diagnosing failed timing components





Always change the engine oil and filter when replacing a VVT solenoid or sprocket



If one solenoid or sprocket fails, it's likely the other **VVT components are** nearing the end of their service life too – It's suggested to replace both solenoids and sprockets at the same time and inspect/ replace all related timing chain components in the **VVT** system



### NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echin<sup>®</sup> Professional Training

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NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> Pro Training delivers accredited classes that educate technicians in the latest automotive repair technologies, and techs can earn **CEU** credits.

An extension of NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> training, our extensive YouTube video library has over 500 technical and installation videos.





**Available Classes** 

**Variable Valve Timing** 

**Nissan VVT Diagnosis** 

Variable Valve Timing Fundamentals

Modern Valve

**Diagnosing GM Variable Cam Timing** 

Ford Variable Valve Timing





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**Available Classes** 

**Toyota / Lexus Diagnostics** 

Nissan / Infiniti Diagnosis

Ford EcoBoost

Ignition and Cam / Crank **Synchronization** 

Labscope Power-User

For information on replacing VVT and components, search "VVT" on the NAPA® Echlin® YouTube channel



