

GFB Hybrid

Installation Instructions

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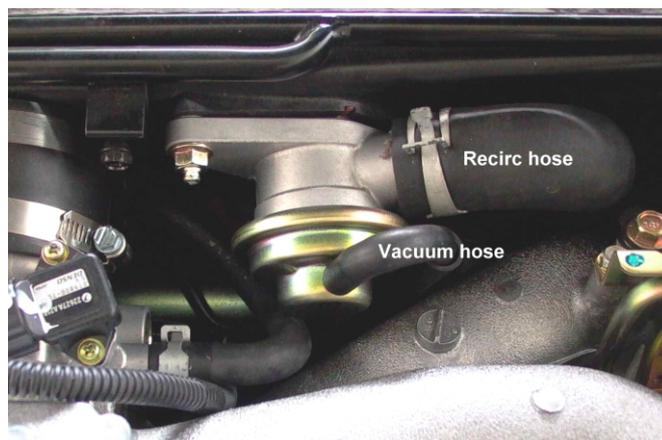
INSTALLATION

Covered vehicles: WRX/STi MY99-00, B4 Legacy/Liberty MY98-02, Forester GT/XT MY98-04

1) Using a pair of pliers, open the clamp that holds the large rubber recirc hose onto the factory bypass valve and pull the hose free.

2) Remove the two bolts holding the factory bypass valve to the intercooler, taking care not to drop them or the gasket between the intercooler and the valve (it's tricky to retrieve them if they fall!).

3) Pull the vacuum hose from the factory valve, then remove the valve completely from the car.



4) The Hybrid is supplied with an o-ring on the underside of the flange that seals to the intercooler WITHOUT the use of a gasket. Check that the o-ring is fully seated in the groove.

5) Ensure the factory gasket is removed from the intercooler and is NOT re-used. Often it will stick to the intercooler and may need to be scraped off to leave a smooth surface for the o-ring.

6) Replace the two mounting bolts and factory gasket back onto the intercooler, screwing the bolts in about 3 turns. The Hybrid valve can be installed and removed with the screws partially in place. This makes it easier to install, and reduces the chance of dropping the screws or the gasket.

5) Slot the Hybrid onto the two partially screwed-in bolts, then tighten the bolts completely.

6) Replace the recirc hose and hose clamp, and the vacuum hose.

CHANGING THE SOUND

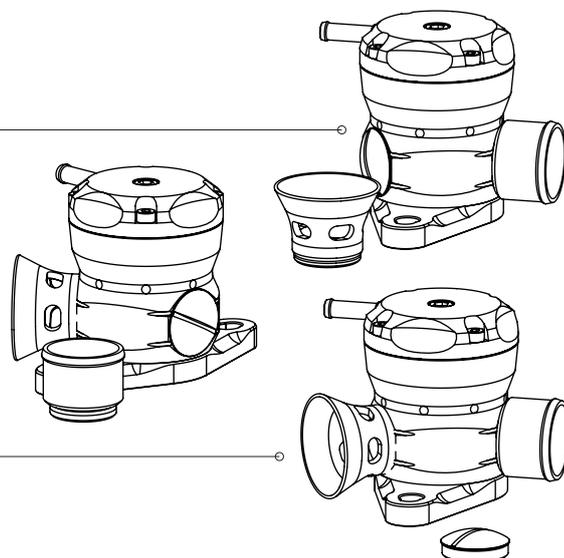
The GFB Hybrid is supplied with a plug set that allows you to configure the valve in 3 different ways, depending on your preference.

Typically, most engines will allow 100% atmosphere venting with no problems, however some combinations of modifications can result in backfiring or stalling with full atmosphere venting. In this case the solution is to revert back to 50/50 or full recirc venting.

For silent, fully recirculated operation, leave the recirc hose connected and swap the trumpet for the threaded plug.

For full atmosphere venting and maximum noise, plug the recirc hose with the supplied hose plug, and install the screw-in plug in place of the Hybrid's recirc outlet.

For 50/50 venting and a moderate sound, keep the recirc hose connected and the trumpet installed.



ADJUSTING THE SPRING PRELOAD

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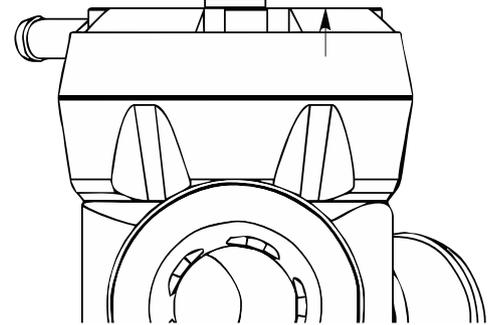
Contrary to popular belief, the spring pre-load **DOES NOT** need to be adjusted to suit different boost levels. **All GFB valves will stay shut under full throttle conditions regardless of boost pressure or spring pre-load.**

The spring pre-load affects how easily the valve opens when you lift off the throttle, and how long it stays open. It is adjusted to ensure the valve opens easily enough to release the air, but not long enough to cause idling problems. The guide below will walk you through the steps involved.

- Using the supplied 5mm hex key, set the spring pre-load adjusting screw to the softest setting (3mm above the head, as shown opposite), and ensure the atmosphere venting port is open so you can see the movement of the piston during setup.
- Start the car and let it warm up for a couple of minutes. Make sure the A/C is off.
- Look at the piston through the trumpet. If it is hovering open, wind the adjustment screw in the "+" direction until the piston closes fully. If it is already closed, proceed to the next step.

Spring pre-load
adjustment screw

3mm max.



WARNING: For this next step, keep your face away from the trumpet when revving the engine. View the piston from a safe distance away from the blast of air.

- Give the engine a rev - stab the throttle hard then lift off quickly. The piston should lift slightly and vent, then close slowly and smoothly. The harder you stab the throttle, the further the piston will open, but typically it will not fully open when revving in neutral as the turbo doesn't generate significant boost until the engine is under load.
- If the piston does not close before the engine drops back to idle, it may cause the engine to "stumble" or stall. If this happens, turn the adjustment screw in the "+" direction one turn at a time until the engine returns smoothly to idle after revving.
- For the final adjustment, take the car for a drive. Accelerate moderately in 2nd gear then pull up to a stop quickly whilst watching the tachometer - if the revs dip below idle, tighten the spring 1-2 turns.
- If a fluttering sound is heard when lifting off sharply from full boost, wind the adjustment screw in the "-" direction one turn at a time until the noise disappears. Note that it is not uncommon to hear a slight fluttering at low RPM under certain conditions. This is a result of the different way in which this valve operates compared to the factory unit, and is not detrimental in any way.

Note there is no harm to the engine when experimenting with the spring pre-load and venting bias adjustments, in fact we encourage you to do so. Every car responds differently, and getting the spring pre-load right will usually offer a noticeable throttle response improvement over the factory valve. If you get it wrong, there may be noticeable negative drivability effects such as backfiring, stalling, or poor throttle response, in which case keep making adjustments until you find what works best for your car.

A video example of setting up the spring pre-load can be found using the QR code opposite or the link below:



MAINTENANCE

GFB blow-off valves are designed to be as maintenance-free as possible. In most cars the small amount of crankcase and rocker-cover oil vapor that is directed into the intake system is enough to keep the piston well lubricated indefinitely.

However, if you notice the sound of the valve changing over time (e.g. slow response time, intermittent operation), or if you can see that the piston is not moving smoothly, it may require a clean and re-lube.

Cleaning Procedure: Remove the four screws holding on the cap, taking care as the spring will try to push the cap off as the last screw is removed. Remove the spring and the brass piston, and wipe any grime from the inside of the valve and the piston with a rag. Apply normal engine oil to the piston and the inside of the bore, and re-assemble.

This product is intended for racing use only, and it is the owner's responsibility to be aware of the legalities of fitting this product in his or her state/territory regarding noise, emissions and vehicle modifications.

GFB products are engineered for best performance, however incorrect use or modification of factory systems may cause damage to or reduce the longevity of the engine/drive-train components.

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