

**Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by C.Plavan - 27 Sep 2010 09:36

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Hi guys, long time lurker here. I just have some newb questions for you 944 guys.

What are the weak spots for the 944 motors? I have heard rod bearings.

Are you baffling the oil pan, or using Accusumps?

What would you recommend doing (spec legal) to increase longevity?

Thanks,

Chad

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**Re:Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by SvoChuck - 27 Sep 2010 11:47

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Great question...

rod bearings are a must as is a timing belt. from there it kind of depends on your budget.

I value an oil cooler and new radiator over baffles and accusump , but if your in the engine a 88 oil pan with trap door welded in is nice to have.

please keep up the questions and what region are you in ?

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**Re:Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by joepaluch - 27 Sep 2010 21:44

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944 motor are actually pretty solid.

Rod bearing is the only weak spot. Timming belts nearly always get changed and therefore a pretty much non issues.

For rod bearings do the following

- 1) Top off (not over full) oil each session
- 2) Minimize oil leaks/consumption so as to keep the oil from going low on track.
- 3) use high quality 15w15 or 20w50 oil (racing oils like redline, amsoil etc)
- 4) Fresh rod bearings
- 5) trap door baffle
- 6) Oil cooler - 951 style or similar
- 7) Fresh main bearings
- 8) change rod bearings every 2 years.

Do the above and rod bearings tend to last just fine.

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**Re:Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by C.Plavan - 28 Sep 2010 00:38

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I'm located in Clovis, Ca (Fresno) Smack dab in the middle of CA.

I have only messed with 911 motors, never a 944. What can you do with the engine in the car? Or do you just take it out like us 911 guys?

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**Re:Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by joepaluch - 28 Sep 2010 01:48

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in the car you can change a head or change rod bearings. If you wnat to change main bearings you need to pull the motor.

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The crank is too heavy to remove in the car. You probably could do it, but at that point is just not worth it.

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**Re:Lurker here. 944 engine question.**

Posted by SvoChuck - 28 Sep 2010 03:44

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What I do is change rod bearings, timing belt, get a valve job, inspect rollers. AND RACE IT !

SO far So good. but after 2 seasons or so it will need to be pulled and new main bearings added to the above list.

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