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## CAMSHAFT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NISSAN KA24DE ENGINES <u>W/DOUBLE ROW CHAIN</u>

(SEE LAST PAGE FOR USING JWT CAMS IN KA24DE W/SINGLE ROW CHAIN)

- 1. It is highly recommended that an oil and filter change be done before installing new cams.
- 2. Remove the plug wires, and valve cover from the engine. Use caution not to drop anything into the engine.
- 3. With the parking brake on, and the car out of gear (neutral), rotate the crankshaft clockwise until #1 cylinder is at TDC (top dead center) with all of it's valve

closed. To insure that this is correct, look at the crank pulley (TDC is the second mark from the left, it will usually be marked with yellow paint). Also check that the cam lobes on #1 cylinder are pointing **away** from the center of the motor, if they are pointing toward the center, rotate the motor one full rotation clockwise. Again check the crank pulley to see that it is on TDC.

- Before removing the cam sprockets, the sprocket bolts must be loosened. Using a 24 M.M. (15/16ths") wrench or socket on the bolt and a 1" open end wrench on the cam hex (in front of the front lobe), break loose but don't remove the bolts.
- 5. Carefully mark the chain links that are aligned with the dots on the gears. The dots and the marked links should be exactly the same after installing the new cams (unless JWT adjustable sprockets are used). It is impossible for the chain to jump on the lower sprocket because their isn't enough room between the sprocket and cover.
- 6. If the chain tensioner does not have a shoe retainer (early KA24DE engines), it must be locked by inserting a locking pin made from a piece of wire that fits in the pin hole on the front of the tensioner. The shoe may pop out and have to be reinserted if this is not done.
- Remove the upper chain guide above the cam sprockets (not used on later KA24DE). Remove the previously loosened cam sprocket bolts and pull the sprockets away from the cams. Let the chain/sprockets lay relaxed away









from the cams until ready to assemble to the new cams. Note the positions of the dowel pin on each cam, the new cams must be installed at the same positions.

8. Mark the cam bearing caps if not already marked on both the intake and exhaust sides and note that the arrows are pointing to the front of the engine. Evenly remove the bearing caps one turn of each bolt at a time until all are free of tension. Remove the bearing caps and place

them in a clean area in the same order they are removed. Remove the old cams, caution should be taken to insure that they don't bind on the thrust surfaces of the first journal (this is also critical when installing the new cams).

- 9. Measure the thickness of each follower shim and write it down in case you need to change it later if the clearance is not within the acceptable range.
- 10. Although the new cams have been fully inspected, they must be final cleaned and checked for any damage or burrs that may have occurred during shipping or handling. <u>Oil gallery plugs MUST BE in-</u><u>stalled in the rear of each cam !</u> Apply a coating of assembly lube or motor oil to all journals and lobes. Carefully lay the cams in their correct positions. Note that some JWT cams have two dowel pin holes to facilitate their use as either an intake or an exhaust cam.





Step 9





The intake cam is the one that has the dowel pin aligned with the #1 lobe (see diagram).

- 11. Reinstall all of the bearing caps. Evenly tighten 1/2 turn at a time on each bolt until all of the caps are snug (1.4 ft-lb and again to 4.3 ft-lb). Then final torque the bolts from the center bolts outward to 6.7 to 8.7 ft-lb.
- 12. Attach the sprockets to the new cams and screw the bolts in by hand. If you have positioned the cams dowels correctly, only a slight rotation of the cams will be needed to engage the dowel and sprocket. Check to see that the sprocket is fully seated against the cam before torquing the bolt tight. Always use a 26 m.m. or 1" wrench on the cam hex to back up your torque wrench (never use the chain for resistance)! Torque the cam sprocket bolts to 123 to 130 ft-lb. Check that your original chain marks still align with the dots on the sprockets and the lobes still



point away from the center of the engine. Reinstall the upper chain rail (if used) and remove the tensioner locking wire you installed (if used). If the first lobe on either cam is pointing straight up, you probably have the cams on the wrong side of the engine!

- 13. Inspect your work carefully. Recheck the cam timing, the crank should be on the TDC mark, the cam sprockets and chain should look like the diagram.
- 14. Using a feeler gauge set, measure the shim to cam clearance of each cam lobe and write them down next to the shim thickness dimension you previously recorded. If the new clearance is not between .010"-

.012" inch (COLD), then a new shim is needed to correct this. If the clearance is to large, use a shim that is thicker than the original shim by the amount needed to correct the clearance. See the table on page 4 for ordering shims. JWT cams are ground to within .05 m.m. (.002") of the original clearance so shim changes are normally not needed, but the clearances should always be checked. Shims can be changed without again removing the cams by using the special Nissan tools described in the Nissan manual.



- 15. Reinstall the valve cover (reapply silicone sealant at front and rear) and distributor wires. Torque the valve cover bolts first to 2.9 ft-lb and then to 5.8 to 7.2 ft-lb.
- 16. Break-in should consist of 10-15 minutes of 1500 2000 RPM and 50-100 miles of varied RPM below 4000 RPM.

## ADDENDUM ONLY FOR KA24DE W/SINGLE ROW CHAINS IF YOUR ENGINE HAS A SINGLE ROW CHAIN, YOU MUST READ AND FOLLOW THIS SECTION!! INCLUDES 98+ ALTIMA AND 98+ FRONTIER TRUCKS

Nissan switched to a single row chain in 1998 on the Altima and Frontier truck. Along with this change, they also repositioned the intake cam dowel to sit at 12 o'clock to match the exhaust cam. JWT intake cams have the intake dowel positioned for the double row engine (10 o'clock). If you are installing JWT cams in a KA24DE with a single row chain and sprockets, you must change the position of the intake sprocket exactly as shown below.

Set the exhaust cam marks exactly as the stock cam was when you removed it. Count the number of links between the exhaust mark and the new mark and link on the intake as shown below. If this is not followed exactly, you could bend the valve so double check this. If this is done correctly, the intake and exhaust lobes on the #1 cylinder will point away from the center of the engine in exactly opposite positions (like photo on page one).



DOUBLE ROW CHAIN TYPE INTAKE CAM SINGLE ROW CHAIN TYPE INTAKE CAM



## SHIM SELECTION GUIDE

KAD	MM	KAD	MM		KAD	MM
(Japan made) (Superceded		(Mexico made)			(USA_made) 2K+ ALTIMA	
From – <b>53Fxx</b> )						
13229-54F00	1.96	13229-F4500	1.96		13229-0Z800	2.70
13229-54F01	1.98	13229-F4501	1.98		13229-0Z801	2.72
13229-54F02	2.00	13229-F4502	2.00		13229-0Z802	2.74
13229-54F03	2.02	13229-F4503	2.02		13229-0Z803	2.76
13229-54F04	2.04	13229-F4504	2.04		13229-0Z804	2.78
13229-54F05	2.06	13229-F4505	2.06		13229-0Z805	2.80
13229-54F06	2.08	13229-F4506	2.08		13229-0Z806	2.82
13229-54F07	2.10	13229-F4507	2.10		13229-0Z807	2.84
13229-54F08	2.12	13229-F4508	2.12		13229-0Z808	2.86
13229-54F09	2.14	13229-F4509	2.14		13229-0Z809	2.88
13229-54F10	2.16	13229-F4510	2.16		13229-0Z810	2.90
13229-54F11	2.18	13229-F4511	2.18		13229-0Z811	2.92
13229-54F12	2.20	13229-F4512	2.20		13229-0Z812	2.94
13229-54F13	2.22	13229-F4513	2.22		13229-0Z813	2.96
13229-54F14	2.24	13229-F4514	2.24		13229-0Z814	2.98
13229-54F15	2.26	13229-F4515	2.26		13229-0Z815	3.00
13229-54F16	2.28	13229-F4516	2.28		13229-0Z816	3.02
13229-54F17	2.30	13229-F4517	2.30		13229-0Z817	3.04
13229-54F18	2.32	13229-F4518	2.32		13229-0Z818	3.06
13229-54F19	2.34	13229-F4519	2.34		13229-0Z819	3.08
13229-54F20	2.36	13229-F4520	2.36		13229-0Z820	3.10
13229-54F21	2.38	13229-F4521	2.38			
13229-54F22	2.40	13229-F4522	2.40			
13229-54F23	2.42	13229-F4523	2.42			
13229-54F24	2.44	13229-F4524	2.44			
13229-54F60	2.46	13229-F4560	2.46			
13229-54F61	2.48	13229-F4561	2.48			
13229-54F62	2.50	13229-F4562	2.50			
13229-54F63	2.52	13229-F4563	2.52			
13229-54F64	2.54	13229-F4564	2.54			
13229-54F65	2.56	13229-F4565	2.56			
13229-54F66	2.58	13229-F4566	2.58			
13229-54F67	2.60	13229-F4567	2.60			
13229-54F68	2.62	13229-F4568	2.62			
13229-54F69	2.64	13229-F4569	2.64			
13229-54F70	2.66	13229-F4570	2.66			
13229-54F71	2.68	13229-F4571	2.68			
TO CONVERT TO		13229-F4572	2.70			
INCHES MULTIPL	Y	13229-F4573	2.72			
M.M. BY .03937		13229-F4574	2.74	ļ		

NOTE: Each shim series is designated for a specific KA24DE engine, but can in most cases be used in other KA24DE engines using the same 31 m.m. shim diameter.