All gasoline engines

Note

If no oscillograph is available, a complete evaluation of the ignition system is impossible. In such a case, check resistances of the individual ignition circuits with an ohmmeter (ignition distributor – rotor 5 k Ω , suppressor plug – ignition distributor 1 k Ω , suppressor plug – spark plugs 5 k Ω).

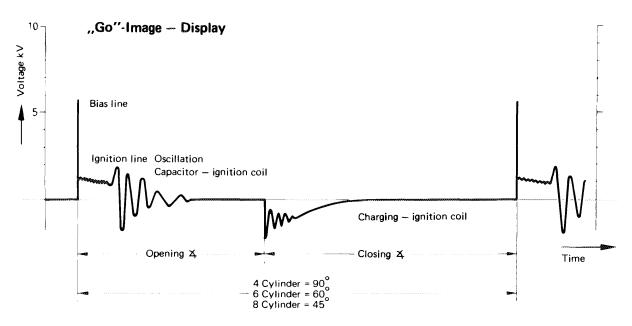


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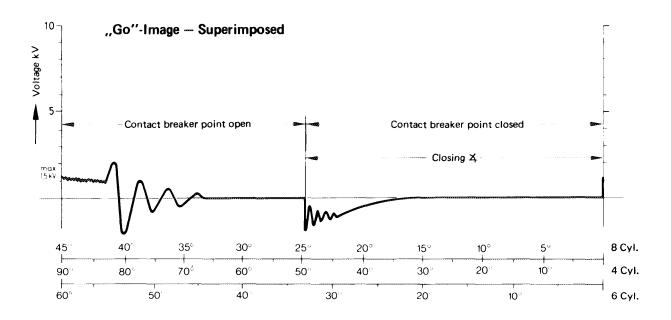


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The following oscillograms are showing faults deviating from "Go" image.

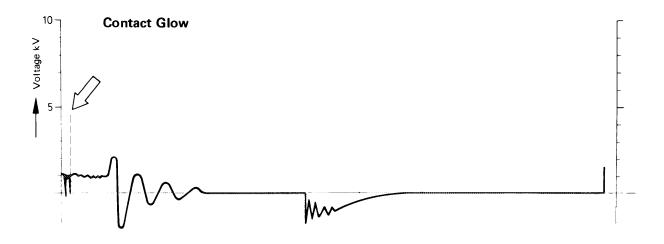


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Temporary voltage peaks at beginning of ignition line in upward and downward direction ldling speed

Contact breaker point burned, oiled up, dirty. In very rare cases series resistance in capacitor Renew contact breaker point, complete separate capacitor test, if required.

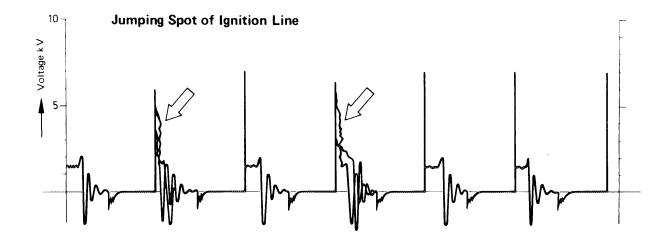


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Display
Spot of ignition line changes, jumps
May occur at all speeds with or without engine load
Spark plug sooted, oiled-up, lead-coated
Clean or replace spark plug

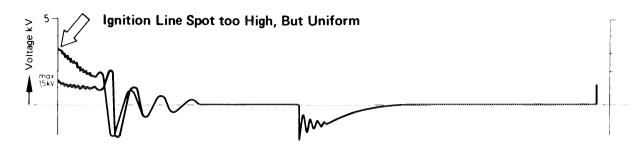


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Idle speed, at one or several cylinders

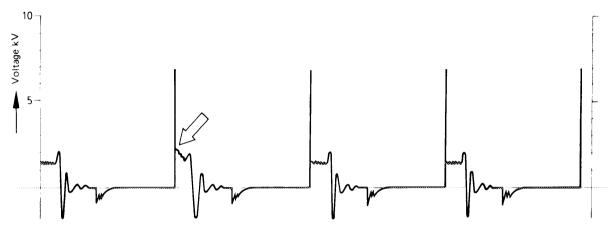


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Remedy

Ignition line spot above 1.5 kV

Cause

Ohmic resistance at secondary end too high, caused by interference suppressor plug on spark plug or ignition distributor disc, ignition cable, distributor disc, spark plug Renew parts where ohmic resistance is too high (use ohmmeter)

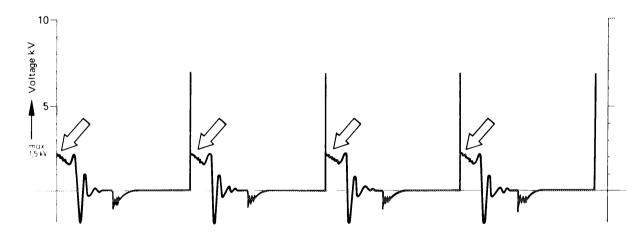


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Display

Visible

Ignition line spots above 1.5 kV Idle speed at all cylinders

Cause

Ohmic resistance at secondary end too high, caused by distributor rotor, distributor disc or high-voltage cable No. 4 with plug Renew parts where ohmic resistance is too high (use ohmmeter)

Remedy

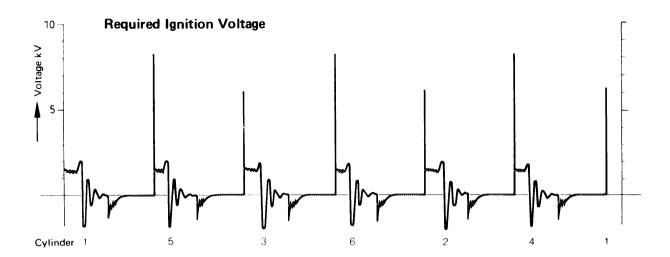


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Display

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Cylinders 4, 5 and 6 require higher ignition voltage than cylinders 1, 2 and 3 (observe firing order)

Idle speed

Cause Remedy

Uneven mixture distribution in engines with 2-carburetor-systems
Regulate carburetor (basic adjustment), check intake system for leaks, disassemble and clean carburetor, check diaphragm of full load enrichment and renew, if required.

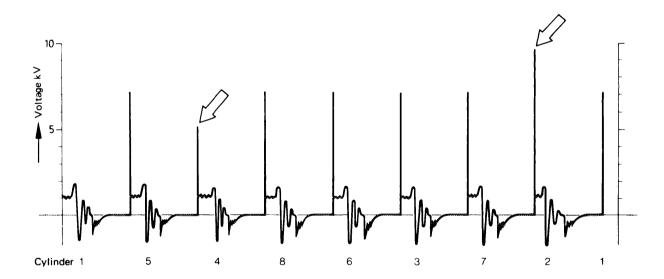


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Display
Cylinder 4 bias line too low — ignition line longer
Cylinder 2 bias line too high — ignition line shorter
May occur at all speeds with or without engine load

Visible

Remedy

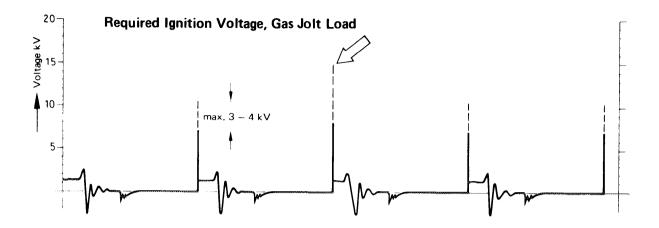
Cause

Cylinder 4 spark plug electrode gap too small, fuel-air mixture too rich, compression losses

Cylinder 2 spark plug electrode gap too large, fuel-air mixture too lean, additional spark path at secondary end

Bias line too low: correct spark plug electrode gap, check cylinder for leaks

Bias line too high: correct spark plug electrode gap, test ignition distributor disc, interference suppressor plug, ignition cable and spark plug for breaks (use ohmmeter)



Display

Image fault Visible Cause

Remedy

Increase of required ignition voltage by more than 4 kV Accelerate engine repeatedly and suddenly to approx, 3,000/min

Spark plug electrode gap too large Correct spark plug electrode gap, replace spark plug, if required.

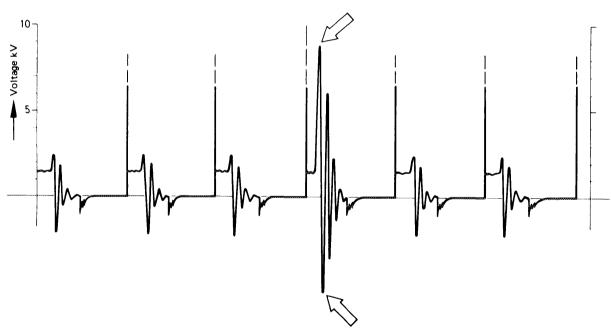


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Required ignition voltage increases by more than 4 kV, shortened ignition line, heavy increase of oscillations in opening sector above and under zero line

Start engine after extended inoperative period with oscillograph connected, accelerate engine repeatedly and suddenly to approx. 3,000/min Visible

Fuel-air mixture too lean

Cause Remedy Check injection nozzle or injection valve and replace, if required, check pressure valve in injection pump for leaks

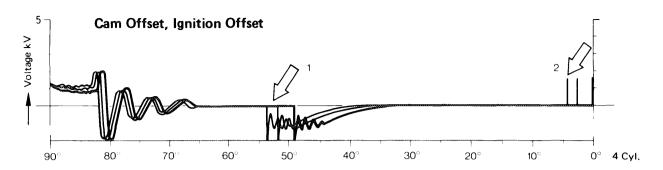


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Superimposed Too much cam offset (1) and ignition offset (2), max. 10 % of timing angle

Adjust double contact breaker, renew ignition distributor, if required.

Idle speed Cause

Remedy

Mechanical fault on ignition distributor or distributor drive, double contact breaker wrongly adjusted

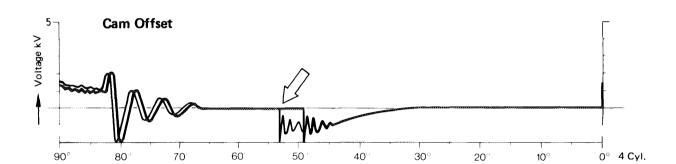


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Cam offset too high, max. 10 % of timing angle

Idle speed

Cause

Descending cam of distributor shaft damaged, ground down, double contact breaker wrongly

Remedy

Adjust double contact breaker, renew ignition distributor, if required

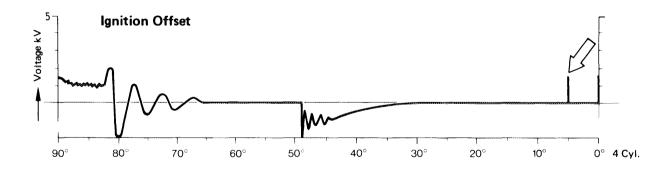


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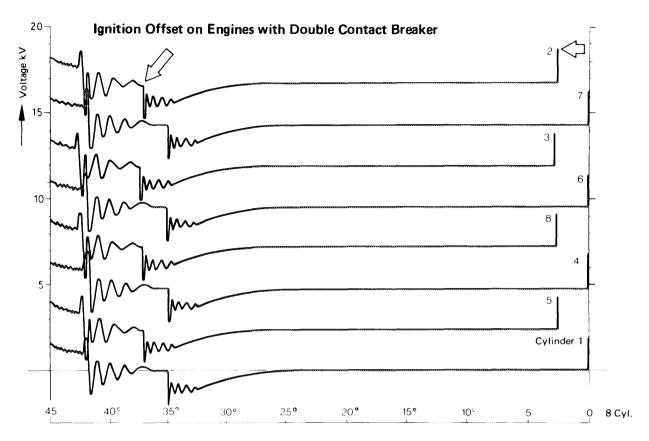
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Ignition offset too high, max. 10 % of timing angle

Cause Remedy Ascending cam of distributor shaft damaged, ground down, double contact breaker wrongly adjusted

Adjust double contact breaker, renew ignition distributor, if required.



Grid

Image selection Image fault Visible

Note

Closing sector of cylinders 5, 8, 3, 2 offset as compared with cylinders 1, 4, 6, 7

Cause Remedy

Firing point of 5th cylinder (on engine M 189 of 6th cylinder) wrongly adjusted Adjust firing point of 5th cylinder (or 6th cylinder) by turning intermediate plate in ignition distributor If timing and ignition offset are of varying size, adjust both timing angle and firing point

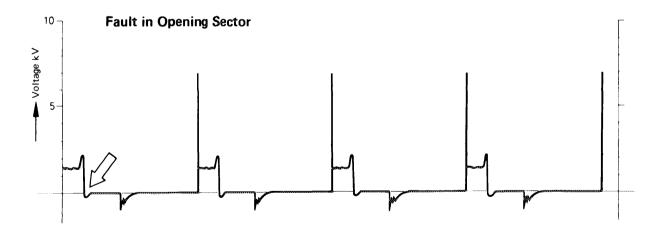


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Display

No oscillation in opening sector

Idle speed

Cause Remedy Defective ignition coil, connection terminal 1 on ignition distributor dirty, in rare cases defective capacitor

Seperate ignition coil and capacitor test, clean ignition distributor (terminal 1 with fiber shim)

Ignition Coil - Starting Voltage

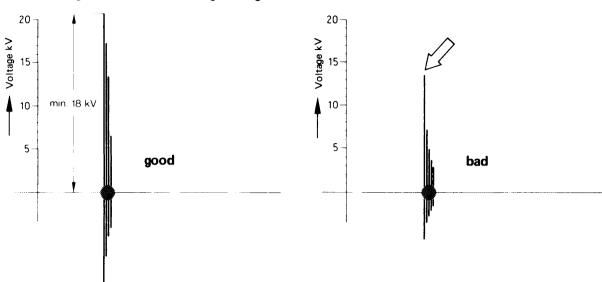


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 Image fault
 Starter ignition voltage below 18 kV

 Visible
 Starter speed

Weak battery, resistance in primary circuit, series resistance is not bridged, ignition coil or capacitor defective Cause Remedy

Check battery, charge, check voltage drop battery - ignition coil, complete separate ignition coil and capacitor

test
Clean high-voltage ignition cable No. 4 on ignition distributor disc Note

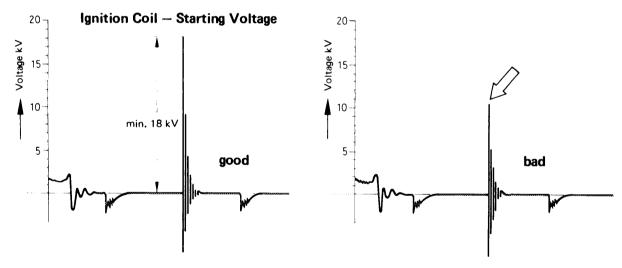
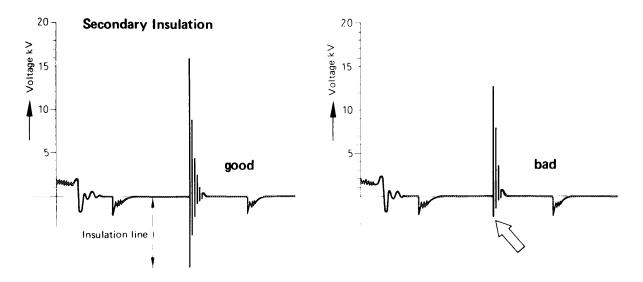


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Image fault Visible Ignition coil reserve voltage under 18 kV

Idle speed, spark plug connector pulled off
Excessive resistance in primary circuit, timing angle too small, ignition coil or capacitor Cause

Remedy Check voltage drop battery - ignition coil, complete separate ignition coil and capacitor test



Display

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Insulation line too short or completely absent

Cause Remedy

Idle speed, spark plug connector pulled-off Spark flashover caused by cracks, moisture on ignition coil, ignition cable, ignition distributor disc Clean moist and dirty parts, renew torn parts.

1) Deflection under zero at least 1/3 of ignition coil reserve voltage

Ignition Coil — Separate Test

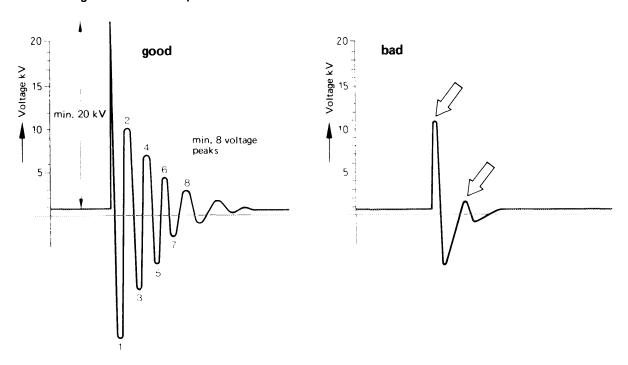


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Cause Remedy

Voltage under 20 kV, less than 8 voltage peaks Broken winding, winding short or insulation damage in relation to grounding contact Renew ignition coil

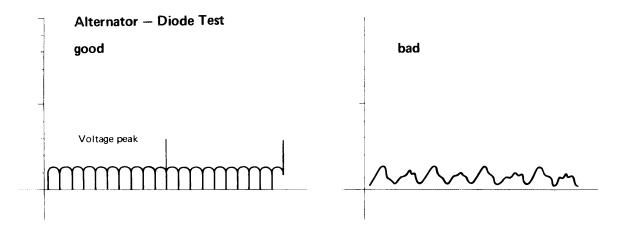


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Distint irregularity of oscillations
Connect voltmeter to battery, switch oscillograph to "primary" and actutate switch to "alternator test", switch-on low headlight beam, increase engine speed to approx. 3.000/min Defective diode

Cause Note

Voltage peaks caused by ignition system are without significance