

INSTALLATION OF REAR FREEZE PLUG IN ELAN HEAD

If you have the 3/4 in. diameter expansion (freeze) plug blow from the back of the Elan head, you can replace it quite easily even though it appears to be in a difficult place. (There is only approximately a 1 1/2 in. clearance between the head and the fire-wall)

Both steel and brass freeze plugs are available from auto supply stores at approximately 40 cents for the brass, which is recommended. Apply a little gasket cement and insert the plug with the convex side out.

The problem is to apply enough pressure to push the plug into its seat. This is done by using two items. One is flat piece of metal several inches wide and 6-8 in. long to place against the fire-wall opposite the plug. The other is a piece of reinforcing steel, or something similar, bent into an "L" with the lower part approximately 1 1/2 in. long and the upper part 12-18 in. long.

While holding the flat piece against the fire-wall, use the L-shaped rod as a lever with the short end against the plug and the bent part of the rod against the fire-wall. When you apply pressure you should feel and hear the plug seat. That's it. The job's done.

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