

## February Edition of Natural Gas Engine Tech Talk

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### This Month's Tech Talk Tips

#### **Engine Misfire**

This month we will dive into engine misfire and what can cause a misfire fault lamp. In a spark ignited engine, 4 elements are needed for combustion to occur: Air, Fuel, Compression, and Spark. A misfire is logged in the Engine Control Module (ECM) when at least one of these elements appears to be missing in the combustion cycle.

- a.) **The most common cause of misfire is ignition component failures or reduced component performance.** When the ignition system performance is reduced or fails to produce a spark, combustion will not occur. This can be as simple as a worn out, damaged, or using an out of spec spark plug. Less common, it could be a damaged coil extension or failing/failed ignition coil. Ignition coils are expected to last 8,000 - 10,000 hours of operation. To protect from ignition system related misfire, change spark plugs according to Cummins recommended maintenance manual and use the correct Cummins genuine spark plugs for your engines. Cummins Genuine spark plugs are a key component to ensuring our natural gas engines deliver long life meeting EPA and CARB certified 0.02 NOx emissions.
- b.) **Low fuel pressure:** When present the ECM attempts to protect the engine by derating. To avoid this, ensure your engines have the latest ECM calibration, ample fuel, proper fuel pressure and, if equipped, the fuel filters are drained daily.
- c.) **Low cylinder compression:** Several possible causes include: incorrectly adjusted valve lash, loose spark plug, failed head gasket, worn piston rings, or a cracked piston.

Finally, we would like to hear from you, if you believe your fleet is experiencing high misfire fault code we would like to help you identify root causes.

### Technical Resources:

Jason Bauer's New Maintenance Tip Videos – Click Links Below

[Maintenance Intervals](#)

[Natural Gas Engine Oil](#)

[Ignition Coil Maintenance](#)

[Fuel Filter Maintenance](#)

[Spark Plug Maintenance](#)

[Tips for Success](#)

## Minimum methane number requirement for Cummins Natural Gas Engines:

C Gas Plus, B Gas Plus, and L Gas Plus	65
ISL G, ISX12 G, ISB6.7 G, and all 2018 engines	75

## Fuel Quality Calculator:

<https://www.cumminswestport.com/fuel-quality-calculator>

## Recommended Maximum GVW for Best Performance & Efficiency:

B6.7N	33,000lbs
L9N	66,000lbs
ISX12N	80,000lbs

ISB6.7 G & B6.7N Maintenance Intervals	
	Hours
Oil & Filter* - CES 20085	500
Oil & Filter* - CES 20092	750
Spark Plugs	750
Fuel Filter	1,000
Valve Adjustment	1,500
Crankcase Breather	2,000
Ignition Coil Extension	5,000

ISB6.7 G & B6.7N Maintenance Part Numbers		
Component	Cummins Part #	Fleetguard Part #
Oil Filter	3937736	LF3970
Fuel Filter	3607140	NG5900
Crankcase Filter	5288839	x
Spark Plug Kit**	4376564	x
Ignition Coil Extension	5402163	x

\*\*Kit includes spark plug and pregreased boot

ISL G & L9N Maintenance Intervals	
	Hours
Oil & Filter* - CES 20085	500
Coolant Filter	500
Oil & Filter* - CES 20092	1,000
Fuel Filter	1,000
Valve Adjustment	1,000
Spark Plugs	1,500
Crankcase Breather Filter - L9N	2,000
Standard Coolant	2,000
Ignition Coil Extension	10,000

ISL G & L9N Maintenance Part Numbers		
Component	Cummins Part #	Fleetguard Part #
Oil Filter	3401544	LF9009
Fuel Filter	3607140	NG5900
Crankcase Filter*	5288839	x
Spark Plug Kit**	5473009	x
Ignition Coil Extension	5265337	x

\*If equipped

\*\*Kit includes spark plug and pregreased boot

ISX12 G & ISX12 N Maintenance Intervals	
	Hours
Oil & Filter* - CES 20085	500
Oil & Filter* - CES 20092	1,000
Spark Plugs	1,000
Coolant Filter	1,500
Standard Coolant	6,000
Valve Adjustment	1,000 / 3,000
Ignition Coil Extension	10,000
Crankcase Breather Filter - ISX12N	10,000

ISX12 G & ISX12 N Maintenance Part Numbers		
Component	Cummins Part #	Fleetguard Part #
Oil Filter	4367100	LF14000NN
Fuel Filter*	3607140	NG5900
Crankcase Filter*	4389517	CV53009
Spark Plug Kit**	4309391	x
Ignition Coil Extension	4387015	x

\*If equipped

\*\*Kit includes spark plug and pregreased boot

\*Per Cummins QSOL

## CES 20092 Oil Provider Recommendations

Company Name	Product Name	Vis Grade
Valvoline	Premium Blue 9200 - One Solution 10W-30	10W-30
Valvoline	Premium Blue 9200 - One Solution 15W-40	15W-40

### Alternatives

Company Name	Product Name	Vis Grade
Association of Independent Oil Distributors	Purus TFO Synthetic Blend CK-4/SN	15W-40
Association of Independent Oil Distributors	Purus TFO Synthetic Blend CK-4/SN	10W-30
Castrol Ltd.	Castrol Duratec ES 15W-40	15W-40
Castrol Ltd.	Castrol Vecton Long Drain NG 15W-40	15W-40
CITGO Petroleum Corporation	Citgard® CNG/LNG Engine Oil 10W-30	10W-30
CITGO Petroleum Corporation	Citgard® CNG/LNG Engine Oil 15W-40	15W-40
Petro-Canada Lubricants Inc	Duron GEO LD 10W-30	10W-30
Petro-Canada Lubricants Inc	Duron GEO LD 15W-40	15W-40
SINOPEC LUBRICANT CO. LTD.	Sinopec Tulux G600 CNG/LNG/LPG 15W-40	15W-40
TongYi Petroleum Chemical Co.	TongYi Long Range Gas Engine Oil LPG/CNG	10W-30
TongYi Petroleum Chemical Co.	TongYi Long Range Gas Engine Oil LPG/CNG	15W-40
TongYi Petroleum Chemical Co.	TongYi Long Range Gas Engine Oil LPG/CNG/LNG 15W-40	15W-40
TOTAL LUBRIFIANTS	Total Rubia Gas 9M 15W-40	15W-40
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