

Caliper Service Instructions



This Manual is intended to provide the information necessary for normal maintenance and service of the Hayes Prime Caliper. Although the steps and procedures are relatively simple, they should not be attempted until you are thoroughly familiar with the entire set of procedures. Images have been provided to help you in the steps and procedures. Complete Service instructions can be downloaded from the Hayes Disc Brake Website at www.hayesbicycle.com.

Within this manual are specifically labeled comments intended to bring special attention to a general procedure or detailed step. Be aware of, and understand, the manual of these labels

Warning: Means that there is the possibility of personal injury to you or to others.

Caution: Means that there is the possibility of damaging the brake or the bike.

Note: Provides general information.

Hint: Provides information that can help you properly complete a specific procedure.

Piston(s) Pumped Out

If the brake lever is stroked without the disc between the pads (and this is possible when brake pads are being changed or the bike is being transported with the wheels off), the self-adjusting feature will allow the pads to push out.

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To fix this problem...

1. Remove the brake pads from the caliper if they are not already removed. (See pad removal/installation)

Hint: If the pads are pushed together tight, slide the travel spacer between the pads and enlarge the gap until it is large enough to pull the pads out.

2. With the pads removed, push the pistons all the way back into the bore using the box end of an 8mm wrench

Walk the piston back and forth until the piston is all the way back in the bore. Do the same thing on the other side.

Caution: Don't push the edge of the pistons as they may crack or chip.

3. When the pistons are back into their bores, install the pads.

Caliper Hose Removal/Installation

1. Using an 8mm box wrench/socket unthread the banjo bolt from the caliper. (Fig. 1)

Note: take note there is a banjo o-ring on either side of the banjo fitting. (Fig. 2)

2. install 1 banjo o-ring onto the banjo bolt. Then slide the banjo bolt through the banjo fitting. Install 1 banjo o-ring onto the banjo bolt. Thread the banjo bolt into the caliper.

Torque to: Steel 60 in.-lbs +/- 5 in.-lbs (6.8Nm +/- 0.5Nm)

(Aluminum 45 in. lbs +/- 5 in. lbs (5.5Nm +/- 0.5 Nm)

Note: If you are shortening the hose you will want to follow the Master Cylinder hose removal instructions. The fitting on the caliper end is a permanent crimp and it can not be reconnected once cut.

Caliper Service

To repair the caliper, it must be removed from the bike and disassembled.

Piston Removal

- 1. Remove the caliper from the bike by removing the two M6x1.0 x 18.4mm mounting bolts.
- 2. Remove brake pads from the caliper. See Brake Pad Installation/Removal instructions if you do not know how to remove the pads.
- 3. If there is nothing wrong with the hose and the hose fitting, completely remove the caliper hose assembly.

(See hose removal)

- 4. Remove the two bridge bolts with a 5mm Allen wrench. (Fig.3) When you remove the two bridge bolts, the caliper will come apart into two pieces. There will be an inner and an outer caliper half and an O-ring between. (Fig.4)
- 5. Take the O-ring out and inspect it for any cuts or debris. The o-ring may be reused when the caliper is put back together.

Caution: Do not scratch O-ring groove when removing the O-ring, as this could cause the O-ring to leak.

6. Remove the pistons from the caliper with pressurized air. **(Fig. 5)** Avoid chipping the piston. Blow it onto a clean, lint free rag or other soft surface.

Warning: Wear safety glasses

- 7. With your finger tip sealing off the bleeder or banjo hole, angle the caliper so the piston is facing downward, then direct pressurized air thru the hole that connects the 2 halves
- together. This will force the piston out of the caliper. (Fig. 5 & 6)
- 8. Carefully remove the square seal from inside the piston bore. The replacement kit will consist of a new piston and square seal. (Fig. 7)

Caution: Do not scratch the groove in the piston bore. This can cause leakage. Use a sharpened wood or

- plastic stick.

 9. Remove the piston and square seal from the opposing caliper half in the same way.
- 10. Clean all of the parts. Then rinse each part with isopropyl alcohol. Be sure to clean the caliper through all of the holes.
- 11. Wipe down each part to remove the residue. Then use compressed air to blow dry and remove all of the remaining dirt, etc. For both caliper halves, be sure to blow

compressed air through both the Banjo hole and the transfer port, and all around the square seal groove. **Note:** Take extra care to get the square seal grooves free of any hair, dirt, scratches, etc. that could cause the caliper to leak.

Piston Assembly

- 1. Begin re-assembly of the caliper by lightly lubricating the new square seals with DOT 4
- or DOT 5.1 brake fluid and installing the new seals in the caliper halves.

 2. Carefully push the square seal into its seal groove making sure that the seal is
- worked into the groove all of the way around and that it is pushed all of the way to the back of the seal groove.
- 3. Put a coating of DOT 4 or DOT 5.1 brake fluid all around the piston as a lubricant, and

carefully push the piston into the bore (Fig. 8) past the seal, until it seats at the bottom of the bore. (Fig. 9) Note: The piston should push in easily, if it doesn't, take the piston out and again push

the square seal all of the way to the back of the groove and then try again.

Note: the caliper pistons have a "Pad" side and a "Fluid" side with the wording on either side of the piston so

there is no question on which way the piston should be installed into the caliper.

Caliper Assembly

- 1. Place the Transfer port o-ring into the o-ring seat in the outer caliper half.
- 2. Put the two caliper haves together and install the bridge bolts.
- 3. Torque the bridge bolts to (Steel) 190 in.-lbs +/- 5 in-lbs (21.5 Nm +/-0.5 Nm) (Titanium) 220 in-lbs +/- 10 in-lbs (24.9 Nm +/- 1.1 Nm)
- 4. Reattach the hose to the caliper. Torque banjo bolt to (Steel) 60 in.-lbs +/- 5 in.-lbs (6.8Nm +/- 0.5Nm) (Aluminum) 45 in.-lbs +/- 5 in.-lbs (5.5Nm +/- 0.5 Nm)
- 5. Bleed the system (see bleed instructions).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



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