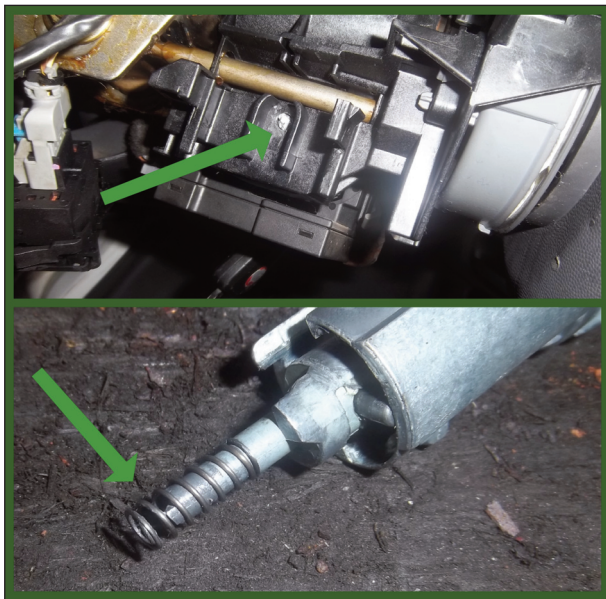


Opel Combo - Ignition Switch Failure

Very often a spot diagnosis by the driver can turn out to be way off the mark. The driver of this 2008 Opel Combo van called us to say the starter motor (which we had fitted weeks ago) had failed and demanded we travel out to rescue him.

The starter motor had been fitted some six weeks earlier and would, of course, be under warranty. When we arrived at the vehicle, we managed to tow start the van and drove it back to the workshop. It was when we came to turn the ignition off that we discovered the true source of the fault. It was not the starter motor, but the ignition switch causing the problem.

Removing the steering cowling gave access to the ignition switch, which we then removed. We could then see that it was actually the end of the ignition barrel that had broken away, and was



The end of the ignition barrel had broken meaning it was not making contact with the switch

preventing the switch from being turned.

Once the new ignition barrel was fitted into place, the van started without a problem.