

Opel Corsa - Oil Pressure Switch Causes a Leak



With the oil pressure switch replaced, the leak was halted.

Dirty, black oil dripping from under the front of a vehicle is not a pretty sight, and the resulting mess left on the road is equally disdainful. The owner of this 2004 Opel Corsa was regularly checking the oil. Up until the day the drip started, the engine had not used a drop.

Once he discovered the drip, the oil usage began to increase rapidly. He knew that this wasn't a good situation and booked the motor into us for attention.

Oil leaks can be difficult to find, especially if they have been present for a while. In those circumstances, the oil builds up and ends up coating the whole of the engine. As the oil leak on this Corsa was quite new, and also very severe, we soon tracked down the cause of the problem.

The oil pressure switch had failed internally, and was allowing a steady flow of oil out through the centre of the switch. A new switch and a quick clean down of the area around and below the area soon had the oil usage back down to zero.

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