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Alfa Romeo 156

Pressure switch with four circuit stages

The original air-conditioning of the Alfa 156 has, unlike a lot of other systems, a pressure switch with four instead of three circuit stages.

If the pressure falls under 2,5 bar or rises above 30 bar, the compressor will turn off. At a pressure of 15 bar the first, at a pressure about 20 bar the second, stage of the condenser fan is activated.

The pressure switch has five wiring connections and is fixed to the filter-dryer (pic. 1). In the example a 2.0 Ltr. 16 V engine, you can access the pressure switch through the opening of the removed cover of the lower lamp (pic. 2). For changing the dryer the lower engine cover must be removed. You can find the dryer behind the front bumper, below the right headlamp (pic. 3).



pic. 1





pic. 2 pic. 3

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