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Chrysler Voyager + Neon from 1998

Squealing compressor-belt

With the above-mentioned vehicles the compressor may lockup temporarily. This causes the belt to slip, producing a squealing noise at initial start-up the engine. These do not necessarily mean that the compressor has failed and must be changed. If the drive-belt starts squealing after turning on the a/c system again, and the squeal stops again after turning off the a/c, with the following procedure the compressor and the system should be checked.

- 1. Inspect the drive-belt for damage and stress.
- 2. Check if you can rotate the pulley clock- and counter clockwise.
- 3. Turn the pulley clockwise five complete revolutions.
- 4. Start the engine, turn on the a/c and run at idle.
- 5. Check the system for normal cool down, noise level, tightness and correct pressures.
- 6. If performance is acceptable, let the a/c run for further five minutes at idle. Watch furthermore for smooth cool performance.
- 7. If performance is acceptable, normally the system is o.k.. Otherwise change the compressor.

The cause of the problem is mostly due to the a/c not being operated for a longer time. Please inform your customer that they should operate the a/c system every two weeks for at least five minutes. This applies to all vehicles not just the above.





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