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Installing the KX 387D fuel filter: should you twist or press?

There are two variants of the KX 387D fuel filter for Ford Transit models from 2011 to 2018. These two variants need to be installed differently, but they offer identical filter performance.

If the new KX 387D filter insert looks different to the existing one, it is especially important to check the installation instructions. Although both variants are equally effective and offer the same filter performance, they differ in terms of installation and removal, which must be carried out correctly to prevent damage.

Snap-in filter insert

This variant has a blue sealing ring and less pronounced locking tabs. To remove, simply pull the filter insert upwards. It should not be twisted, to avoid damaging any existing retaining tabs. To install, simply align the arrows on the filter insert and housing and press the new filter into the housing until it snaps into place.

Filter insert with bayonet lock

The version with a brown sealing ring has a bayonet lock. To remove, push the retaining clips outwards and pull the filter upwards. To install, align the arrows on the filter insert and housing and twist the filter to the right until it audibly snaps into place.



Figure 1: The filter with the blue sealing ring should be aligned and then pressed down until it snaps into place



Figure 2: The variant with a brown seal has a bayonet lock

Important!

Be sure to check which filter variant you have and follow the installation instructions. When installing, make sure that the arrows on the filter and filter housing are aligned. After changing the filter, the fuel system must be bled (see also TM 08/2017: Bleeding the fuel system following a filter change).