

Clutch fork fracture checks before fitment of 826583, 826499 and 826234

Part Number: 826583, 826234, 826499

For Vehicle: BMW Mini

The Valeo Service Technical department have received several claims stating that after fitment of clutch kit 826583 (and also 826499, 826234) there are reports of clearance and gear selection issues. It is assumed that the clutch is at fault, however this is not the case.

The causes of the problem can lie with fractures occurring in the weld of the clutch fork which in turn stops the clutch from fully engaging. This can result in the driver experiencing symptoms of difficult gear selection (especially reverse), judder and sometimes a dragging clutch.

It is very important that the clutch fork on these vehicles is inspected and checked for any damage during a clutch fitting. Due to the lengthy time necessary to replace a clutch it is best practice to replace this component during every clutch change.

Failure to identify and replace a faulty fork can cause multiple gear selection issues and would not be covered under the Valeo Service warranty agreement.

The fork is available through the main dealer.

Other important checks for the vehicles include: the fork pivot bushes, bearing guide sleeve, fork locking pin, the gearbox main bearing at the rear of the gearbox. The immediate areas around the gear oil filler screw and drain plug should also be cleaned.



Replace the clutch fork on every clutch change