# INSTALLATIONADVICE

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#### **THEREASON**

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- Stretch Bolts are used in aluminium Cylinder Heads and always need to be replaced after use.
- The aluminium Cylinder Head will expand up to 4 times more than the older cast iron Cylinder Head. This is due to the high thermo conductive materials used within modern engines.
- The Stretch Bolt is designed to work with the aluminium Cylinder Head unlike the older (re-usable) Bolts.
- After use, Stretch Bolts are weakened and are not strong enough to be used again.
- Please see the diagrams to the right identifying what happens when Stretch Bolts are re-used.

Stretch Bolt before intallation.

2 Threads have become weakened after re-use.

**3** Shaft has become weakened after re-use.

#### **THEREMOVAL**

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When removing, it is essential to follow the sequence and use the correct tool stated by the engine manufacturer in relation to the Bolt head.

#### **THEINSTALLATION**

- Ensure the Bolt holes in the Cylinder Block are clear of contamination.
- Bolts are no longer torqued to a pre-set load, a standard torque wrench is only used during pre-loading.
- Use a degree gauge while torqueing.
- After this the Bolts are tightened via degrees of rotation and will not be affected by the friction during loading.





## STRETCH BOLT REPLACEMENT

General advice







BGA products are to be replaced by an experienced automotive installer. This information is to be used as reference only. Always seek manufacturer specification.

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