

Gasket Orientation

Up, Down, Left, Right? Today's automotive market exposes us to a vast array of engine types and variations. Care must always be taken to ensure gaskets are fitted correctly.

Always inspect gaskets for clues or makings that may indicate special fitting requirements. Also take time to read any instructions that have been provided.



Some of the common gasket markings that indicate special fitting orientation

With the increase in 'Boxer' and 'V' configuration engine types, gaskets that are specific to left or right engine banks are becoming more common. Left and right banks are determined when viewing the engine from the rear (flywheel).



Imagine you are standing at the engines flywheel with the engine in front of you, the flywheel is the rear of the engine, directly opposite you is the front of the engine.