



FAULT

Loss of drive Facing material broken

CAUSE

Friction material damaged prior to or during fitment Overheating due to slip Incorrect clutch fitted for the application. Possible driver abuse

ACTION

Handle with care Ensure correct clutch is fitted for the application Rectify cause of slipping. Advise driver about clutch mechanics



FAULT

Loss of drive Driven plate centre broken

CAUSE

Misalignment between engine and gearbox Faulty fitment of parts

ACTION

Ensure correct engine/gearbox alignment Clutch to be fitted in line with manufactures instructions

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CLUTCH FAULT DIAGNOSIS GUIDE











The Advantage You Deserve

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Problems are categorised by major symptoms e.g. clutch drag, clutch noise, etc. These are identified by photograph with the mode of failure highlighted and described.

Under each section the reason, cause and

action is clearly detailed.



100% all new

Every single part of Quinton Hazell's vast range of clutch components is manufactured from 100% all new materials. At our specialist factory stringent quality control is applied at every stage of manufacture, from the receipt of raw materials to the despatch of the finished clutch.

This is your guarantee that there will be no compromise in the performance or reliability of QH clutches.

Investing in the future

Recent investment of over £3 million in production technology and test equipment has made the Quinton Hazell clutch factory one of the most advanced. We even manufacture our own diaphragm springs and computer test each one to ensure that they meet stringent quality standards. And our case hardening furnaces add extra toughness to the wear sensitive surfaces in the cover and driven plate.

Computerised production control

The latest technology has been integrated into all areas from design and development through computerised production control systems to an advanced clutch testing laboratory.

Endurance testing

All aspects of clutch performance are analysed by accelerated wear/fatigue simulation, enabling QH to recreate the effects of many thousands of road miles.

The tests used include: -

- High speed stress reversals of diaphragm springs and driven plate components.
- Extended, rapid actuation of cover assemblies.
- Centrifugal burst testing of covers and plates at speeds far in excess of maximum engine r.p.m.

Helping solve the problems

With the clutch fault diagnosis guide, QH Technology can go further in helping you to diagnose problems. This brochure will enable you to identify the causes of clutch failure associated with possible incorrect fitting and misuse, as well as recommending corrective action.

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FAULT

Damaged Spline Difficulty in changing gear

CAUSE

Incorrect alignment of gearbox input shaft

ACTION

Use alignment tool Lubricate sparingly



FAULT

CAUSE

ACTION Ensure correct handling of the cover assembly Avoid "bump" starting of engine



FAULT

Driven plate distortion Clutch drag

CAUSE Gearbox allowed to "hang" during fitment allowing excess axial runout

ACTION

Ensure gearbox is offered in line with the input shaft to reduce lateral movement



FAULT Clutch drag Cover pressing distorted

CAUSE

ACTION



FAULT Clutch drag

CAUSE

Diaphragm spring fingers broken. Release bearing rattling against diaphragm spring fingers. Gearbox/engine misalignment. Insufficient release bearing load

ACTION

Avoid damage to diaphragm spring fingers when replacing gearbox. Check release bearing mechanism is free. Ensure clutch is mounted correctly on flywheel and location dowels in position



FAULT Clutch drag

CAUSE

ACTION

Cover assembly drive strap distorted

Cover assembly dropped prior to fitment "Bump" start engine in first or reverse gear

Cover assembly has not been fitted onto the flywheel dowels correctly

Check configuration of dowel holes and their relationship to the bolt holes prior to fitment of the cover assembly

Driven plate fitted wrong way round

Ensure correct configuration of the driven plate prior to fitment



CLUTCH JUDDER



FAULT

Clutch judder Cover pressing distorted

CAUSE

Cover assembly has not been fitted onto the flywheel dowels correctly

ACTION

Check configuration of dowel holes and their relationship to the bolt holes prior to fitment of the cover assembly



FAULT

Clutch judder Sticking release mechanism Damaged release bearing bore

CAUSE

Sticking clutch cable

ACTION

Ensure clutch cable is smooth in operation Ensure all release bearing mechanism parts are not worn or seized - replace with new parts where necessary

FAULT

Clutch judder Worn or glazed flywheel

CAUSE

Damaged surface on flywheel Previous clutch worn past rivet depth

ACTION Check surface finish of flywheel for flatness 'machine' or replace as required



FAULT Clutch judder Misaligned release bearing

CAUSE

Bent release bearing fork or missing clips Insufficient release bearing pre-load

ACTION

Check for wear on all release bearing mechanism including cables, fork locations, release shaft bushes Ensure correct clutch settings

FAULT

Clutch judder Oil/grease contamination

CAUSE

Excessive grease applied to the input shaft spline Oil leak from engine or gearbox Friction material contaminated with grease or oil prior to fitment

ACTION

Only use grease supplied by QH Rectify any oil leaks Ensure friction material is clean prior to fitment



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Worn or seized clutch release mechanism

Sticking release mechanism

Warn release bearing guide Sticking clutch cable Release bearing fitted incorrectly

Check for smooth operation of all moving parts of the release mechanism and replace with new where necessary



CLUTCH NOISE



FAULT

Noisy clutch

CAUSE

Diaphragm spring fingers broken. Release bearing rattling against diaphragm spring fingers. Gearbox/engine misalignment. Insufficient release bearing load

ACTION

Avoid damage to diaphragm spring fingers when replacing gearbox. Check release bearing mechanism is free. Ensure clutch is mounted correctly on flywheel and location dowels in position



FAULT

CAUSE

ACTION Ensure correct clutch adjustment



FAULT

Clutch noise on disengagement

CAUSE Driven plate fitted wrong way round

ACTION

Ensure correct configuration of the driven plate prior to fitment



FAULT Clutch noise

CAUSE Release bearing fitted backwards

ACTION release load



FAULT

Broken springs Clutch noise

CAUSE

Incorrect alignment of engine and gearbox Incorrect design of clutch assembly fitted Worn input shaft Excessive backlash in drivetrain

ACTION

Check wear on input shaft Ensure correct clutch assembly is fitted for the application Ensure engine and gearbox are fitted in line Check wear in final drive, propshaft uj's and C.V. joints



FAULT Underside of diaphragm spring radially marked in one or more places

CAUSE driven plate

ACTION Ensure clutch release travel is correct

Clutch noise when disengaging

Diaphragm spring is contacting driven plate Release bearing travel is excessive

Ensure release bearing is fitted right way round with correct travel and

Release bearing travel is excessive causing the diaphragm spring to touch the



CLUTCH SLIP



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Clutch slip Oil/grease contamination

CAUSE

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ACTION

Only use grease supplied by QH Rectify any oil leaks Ensure friction material is clean prior to fitment



FAULT

Clutch slip Overheated friction material

CAUSE

Incorrect clamp load on clutch cover assembly Possible driver misuse by leaving foot on clutch pedal while driving Sticking release bearing mechanism including cable

ACTION

Ensure correct assembly is fitted to suit the application Advise driver about clutch mechanics Ensure release bearing mechanism is free - replace any worn parts



FAULT

Clutch slip Friction material excessively worn Uneven wear of friction material

CAUSE

Sticking release mechanism or cable. Normal wear of life of clutch. Possible driver misuse - leaving foot on pedal while driving Possible driver abuse

ACTION

Ensure release mechanism is free Replace clutch as per end of life Advise driver about clutch mechanics



FAULT

Uneven wear across friction face

CAUSE Worn flywheel

ACTION

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ACTION

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FAULT Clutch slip

CAUSE

Sticking clutch cable Sticking release mechanism Possible driver misuse

ACTION

Check clutch cable slides freely under load Check clutch release mechanism Advise driver about clutch mechanics

Check flywheel for wear and flatness renew if necessary

Evidence of overheating on pressure plate surface