

After Your IMS Bearing Service

Once your vehicle has been carefully inspected and qualified, and you have then taken the first steps to resolving the unfortunate issue with the IMS bearing found in all 1997-2008 996s, 997s, Boxsters and Caymans, it is important to understand that the work has not yet been completed. To ensure the quality of whichever IMS bearing service you chose (Retrofit kit, Solution or seal removal on non-serviceable bearings), we put your vehicle through a series of procedures following the initial IMS bearing service.



Inspecting the oil filter and sump cover.

Once the installation is complete (Retrofit kit or Solution) or the seal has been removed (non-serviceable bearings in 997s), we change the engine oil and filter. The car is then driven for 30 miles and brought back into the shop for a second follow-up oil and filter change. This helps to flush out any remaining debris that may be lingering from the deteriorating IMS bearing. We cut the filter open to inspect it for metal flake or debris, and we also drop the sump cover to inspect before cleaning it and resealing it.

If no major debris is found during this oil change and inspection, the customer is instructed to pick the vehicle up and drive it for 100 miles. After 100 miles, the vehicle must be brought back for a third follow-up oil service. Our goal is to flush out any debris that may have become dislodged and could potentially cycle through your engine, causing damage to internal components and surfaces. During this service, the oil filter and sump cover are again inspected.

From this point, one of two situations arise: if we have determined that there was more debris than anticipated, the vehicle must again return in 100 miles for an additional follow-up oil service. If little or no debris has been found, the vehicle will return within 300-500 miles for an additional follow-up oil service. This process is repeated until all remaining debris has been successfully flushed out of the engine. After this has been accomplished, the normal 3000-mile or yearly (whichever comes first) oil change intervals can resume. This process may seem extensive and time consuming, but it is important to note how crucial these follow-up oil services are to the longevity of your engine.



A small amount of metal flake was found in this oil filter.

