

Noisy lifter

Posted by rd7839 - 31 Mar 2011 12:21

I know I go through this every year but I want people to make me feel better. If my car sits for awhile a lifter gets real noisy. Last race of last season the car was fine but now it is really ticking loudly. I've let it run for 10 minutes a few different times, first idling, then cruising the 'hood but it's still loud. Last season I went through this and after the first warmup session on track it was fine but I still feel guilty revving a ticking engine.

Should I be worried? I am going to change the oil before our next race, so should I add Seafoam first, or is that just an old wive's tale?

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Re: Noisy lifter

Posted by loftygoals - 06 Apr 2011 09:08

When I put a spare motor in my 924S, the motor had been sitting for 5+ years. There where a couple of lifters clack badly. I mean LOUD. My 944 ticks loudly when it sits in the off season, but nothing like this. I tried an oil change to thinner 5w-30. No difference. Letting it get up to temp and driving it didn't fix it either. I thought I'd try some Marvel Mystery Oil before pulling the cam tower. I added it and 30 seconds later, the noise went away. I ran the motor for 15 more minutes, drained the oil, and filled with fresh oil and a filter. Ticking never came back!

Additives can work, but don't use them and leave them in the oil--a oil change is a must.

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