

# *Respons TMS Valve Installation Instructions*

*Part # T9000*



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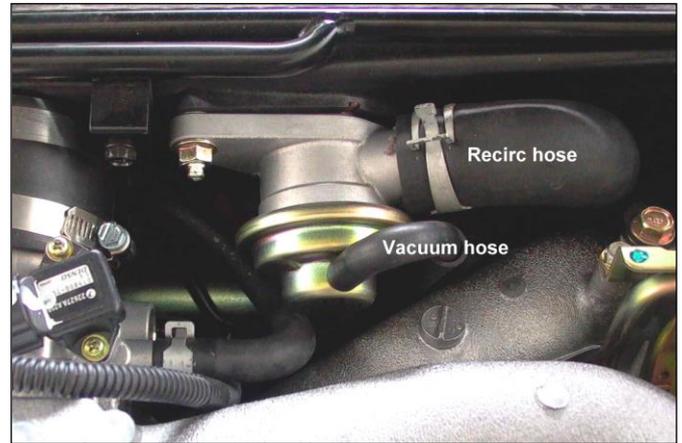
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## Installation Instructions for GFB Respons (part # T9000)

Applicable vehicles:

- WRX/STi MY99-00
- B4 Legacy/Liberty MY98-02
- Forester GT/XT MY98-04

- 1) Using a pair of pliers, open the hose clamp that holds the large rubber recirc hose onto the factory bypass valve and pull the hose free.
- 2) Using a 12mm socket, remove the two bolts holding the factory bypass valve to the intercooler.
- 3) Pull the vacuum hose from the factory valve, then remove the valve completely from the car.
- 4) The GFB Respons valve is supplied with an o-ring on the underside of the flange that seals to the intercooler **WITHOUT** the use of a gasket. Check that the o-ring is fully seated in the groove.
- 5) Ensure the factory gasket is removed from the intercooler and is **NOT** re-used. Often it will stick to the intercooler and may need to be scraped off to leave a smooth surface for the o-ring.
- 6) Re-install the two bolts in about 3 turns. The GFB Respons valve can be mounted with the screws partially in place. This makes it easier to install, and reduces the chance of dropping the screws or the gasket.
- 7) Slot the Respons onto the two partially screwed-in bolts, then tighten the bolts completely. Replace the recirc hose and hose clamp, and the vacuum hose.



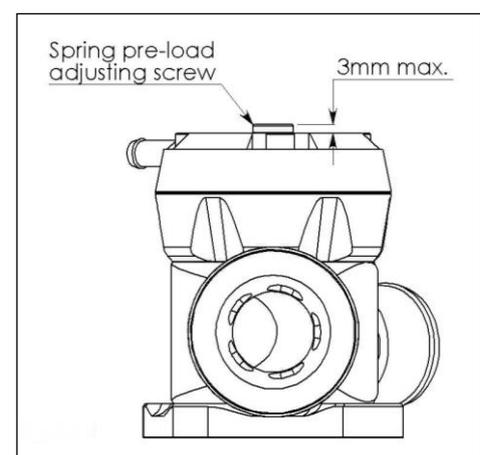
## Spring Adjustment

Contrary to popular belief, the spring pre-load **DOES NOT** need to be adjusted to suit different boost levels. The valve will stay shut under full throttle conditions regardless of boost pressure or spring pre-load.

Rather, the spring pre-load affects how easily the valve opens when you lift the throttle, and how long it stays open when it vents. Adjusting the spring is a simple matter of ensuring the valve opens enough to release the air, but not long enough to cause idling problems. The guide below will walk you through the steps involved.

The screw in the centre of the head is the spring adjuster (shown opposite). Use the supplied 5mm hex key for this screw.

The softest spring setting is achieved when the top of the adjustment screw is 3mm above the head of the valve. Do not set the screw more than 3mm above the head.



- Set the spring to the softest setting, and move the noise adjusting ring to at least 50% atmosphere venting so you can see the piston through the trumpet
- Start the car and let it warm up to normal operating temperature. Make sure the A/C is off
- Give the engine a good hard rev, and watch the piston - **WARNING:** Keep your face away from the trumpet opening when revving the engine. View the piston from an angle away from the blast of air. The piston should lift and vent with a “whoosh”, then close slowly and smoothly. The harder you stab the throttle, the further the piston will open (note: it will only open fully when driving, as the turbo does not generate boost until the engine is under load).
- If the piston stays open too long, and does not close before the revs drop back to idle, the engine will “stumble”. If this happens, wind the adjustment screw in the “+” direction one turn at a time until the engine returns smoothly to idle after revving
- For the final fine-tune, take the car for a drive. Watch the tacho as you pull up to a stop - if the revs dip below idle and then rise again, tighten the spring another 1-2 turns
- If a loud flutter is heard when lifting off sharply after accelerating hard above 3500RPM, wind the adjustment screw in the “-“ direction one turn at a time until the noise disappears. Note that it is not uncommon to hear a slight fluttering at low RPM, particularly if you partially spool the turbo and lift off slowly. This is a result of the different way in which this valve operates compared to the factory unit, and is perfectly normal and not detrimental to the turbo

A video example of setting up the spring pre-load can be seen at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqQR5WUF9lc>

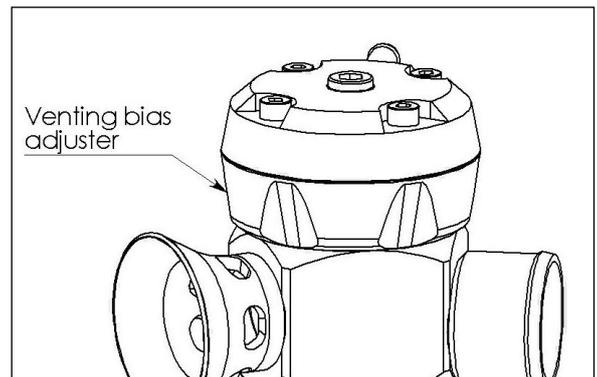
## Adjusting the Noise

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The unique patented venting bias adjustment feature on the GFB Respons lets you vary the amount of air vented to atmosphere or recirc, thereby changing the volume of the sound.

Turning the venting bias adjuster (figure 3) fully anti-clockwise means all the air will vent through the trumpet, which is the loudest setting.

Turning the adjuster clockwise from this position will begin to open up more of the recirc outlet, until a ratio of 50/50 is reached. As you turn the adjuster further clockwise, the recirc port is fully open and the trumpet port will begin to close. When the adjuster reaches the maximum clockwise position, the trumpet is completely closed, and the valve will operate like a factory recirculating bypass valve.



Typically, most engines will allow 100% atmosphere venting with no problems, provided the spring pre-load is adjusted correctly. However, some combinations of modifications can result in backfiring when the valve vents to atmosphere, in which case the solution is simply to dial back the amount of air vented to atmosphere until the problem is resolved – this is one of the key benefits of the venting bias adjustment feature.

Do not be afraid to experiment with the spring and noise settings, no harm will come to the engine if wrong setting is used.

## Maintenance

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GFB blow-off valves are designed to be as maintenance-free as possible. In most cars the small amount of crankcase and rocker-cover oil vapor that is directed into the intake system is enough to keep the piston well lubricated. However, if you notice the sound of the valve changing over time (e.g. slow response time, intermittent operation), or if you can see that the piston is not moving smoothly, it may require a clean and re-lube.

Put a rag under the valve to catch any parts that may drop, or better yet, remove the Respons from the car entirely. Remove the four screws holding on the cap, taking care as the spring will try to push the cap off as the last screw is removed. Remove the spring and the brass piston, and wipe any grime from the inside of the valve and the piston with a rag. Apply normal engine oil to the piston and the inside of the bore, and re-assemble.

## Technical Support

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If you experience any issues during installation or use of your GFB Respons that are not answered in these instructions, please contact the GFB tech support team on +612 9534 0099, or email [support@gfb.com.au](mailto:support@gfb.com.au).

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