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Sequence VH Information Letter 23-2
Sequence Number 8
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ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.

TO: Sequence V Surveillance Panel
SUBJECT: RAC and Cam Baffle Ratings Before Cleaning Change

As a result of a recent electronic ballot, the Sequence V Surveillance Panel agreed to change the wording of the VH test procedure to remove the requirement to have the cam baffle and rocker cover surfaces rated after initial cleaning and to require that the surfaces be polished to a dull finish. A typographical omission was also corrected in Section 7.6.4 regarding the hand pad number.

Sections 7.6.3.2 and 7.6.4 of D8256 have been revised accordingly and are attached. These changes are effective upon the issuance of this information letter.

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Attachment

c: https://www.astmtmc.org/ftp/docs/gas/sequencev/procedure_and_ils/Sequence%20VH/il24-2-vh.pdf

Distribution: Email

Revises D8256-23 as amended by Information Letter 24-1.

7.6.3.2 Submerge the RAC in agitated organic solvent (see 7.7.2) until clean (approximately 1 h). Rinse the parts thoroughly with hot water (> 60 °C). Rinse the RAC with degreasing solvent (7.7.1) and allow to air-dry. Inspect the appearance of the inside of the RAC **and ensure that it is free of any oil residue or varnish**. ~~If the before test rating is less than ten on the ASTM varnish rating scale (ASTM Deposit Rating Manual 20),~~ polish **Scuff** the RAC with Green Scotch Brite General Purpose Hand Pad #9615 to achieve a dull finish. Rinse with degreasing solvent (7.7.1) and allow to air-dry before use.

7.6.4 Camshaft Baffle—Submerge the camshaft baffles in agitated organic solvent (see 7.7.2) until clean (approximately 1 h). Rinse the parts thoroughly with hot water (> 60 °C). Rinse the camshaft baffles with degreasing solvent (7.7.1) and allow to air-dry. Inspect the appearance of the top surface of the camshaft baffle **and ensure that it is free of any oil residue or varnish**. ~~If the before test rating is less than ten on the ASTM varnish rating scale (ASTM Deposit Rating Manual 20),~~ polish **Scuff** the camshaft baffle with Scotch Brite General Purpose Hand Pad #9615 to achieve a dull finish. Rinse with degreasing solvent.