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Posted by: oneidadan
Date: 13-07-2010 22:21:42

Hello, i'm so glad this day nearly over because its nearly stressed me to death. It started out nice enough i'd been looking forward to changing some parts on the truck today so I got everything all nice and ready, was so prepared i'd even got myself some latex gloves so I didn't get mucky fingernails.

So first of all I cleaned the engine bay, I was going to be changing the power steering pump and there was alot of old mud and leaking oil down there and I wanted to get it clean so no bits would get into the crank when I changed the pump. I'd got some degreaser called surfex HD and I applied that and used the pressure washer to clean it up, and it came up great. The engine was super clean and ready to go.

So I took off the old pump and the seals where the two halves of the pump join the engine block were leaking, but i'd got a second hand pump to replace it with so I cleaned that up and put it on.

But it leaked.

Really badly.

So I thought (as i'd used a very small spanner to tighten the nuts) it might a little more tightening. So I did.

And the bolt sheared.

And I cried a little bit.

It also left me with the fact that none of the seals I had from two sets of pumps worked so I set about finding a new set. I rang around and found a place that said they had one the same size and got a taxi there (which was late and I had to ask the shop keeper very nicely if he could let me in as they'd closed), then had to go to Halfords to pay alot of money for some oil as it lost alot when I tested the pumps seals.

So got home and tried the new O ring

Now the bolt had not sheared off at its base there was still some thread on it (the bolt sticks out the engine block and you put a nut on the end to tighten it up). So I used my grinder to grind down one of the pumps arms to make it a little thinner so there would be some thread to put the nut on. Did an OK job and put the pump back on and tightened up the bolts.

And oil literally pissed everywhere.

So I tightened up the bolt a little bit.

And the bolt sheared.

And I cried quite alot.

The reason it went everywhere was because the new O ring was thicker than the old one, and on one side of the pump there's another little O ring that wasn't sealing anymore.

So now there was no thread on the bolt left so I was a bit stuck. What I didn't realise is that the bolts can be removed from the engine block, they are threaded on both sides with a blank threadless part in the middle stop it being overtightened at the block end. So I needed to find one of them. My firend said he knew someone who had a bolt that might do the same thing so

he came round and we went there.

We found a bolt that did the trick and came back home, we used a combination of seals from both pumps the ones that looked the thickest and reassembled it.

And it still leaks.

But only a little bit, so its driveable for work tomorrow but I think i'll need the seal kit from roughtrax first before I attempt it again.

So it started out quite well and the rapidly deteriorated, and I was supposed to go see Predators this evening and i've only just finished pissing about

And I changed the speedo sensor for another one and the speedo still doesn't sodding work.

And I don't know how to get all the fluid out of the power steering system, because it keeps going a bit brown. It's like I can't get it all out.

There i've had a good moan, feel better now.

Posted by: Apache
Date: 13-07-2010 22:50:24

Cars eh? Who'd have them?! :mad:

I'm about to buy a £1000 MTB via our 'ride to work' scheme so I'll get it for less than £600. I plan on riding / walking to work almost all of the time and saving the car for sunny Sundays to reduce the wear and tear / miles on the GT. As there's not many about, parts costs are astronomical, and servicing is, well lets say 'awkward'

Posted by: Albannach
Date: 13-07-2010 22:53:26

I think you got into trouble by skimping. I'd have bought this <http://www.roughtrax4x4.com/> before I started, not after I'd stripped the pump twice.

You'll know the next time though?

Posted by: Albannach
Date: 13-07-2010 22:55:42

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How far is your journey?

We had 5 people actually cycling to work using bikes bought on that scheme. At the moment, 2 are in hospital and one is recovering at home after accidents going to or from work...

Posted by: Apache
Date: 13-07-2010 23:03:43

Your roads must be deadly - or your cyclists suicidal :!

Only about 4 miles. Takes me about an hour to walk it.

The roads are lethal that time in the morning, but there is a route I can take which is around 80% off road. Cycling and its potential risks aren't new to me. I have 3 bikes, one in a state of disrepair, a newly built full sus I'll be giving to Callum, and a hardtail 'hack' I'll be using for minging weather. Only use the car now cos I have to pick youngest up from the child minder every evening near where I work.

Posted by: Albannach
Date: 13-07-2010 23:17:02

2 of the accidents, the most serious 2, were where a Motorway slip road joins a single lane dual carriageway (which has cycle lanes), both times the vehicles have looked for cars, but not the cyclists and not stopped at the junction. The other one was a cyclist knocked off at her exit from a roundabout. She's the one that called in sick with a 'weeping gash'!

Posted by: Apache
Date: 14-07-2010 07:04:58

Ah ok. The sort of roads I'd definitely avoid.

I started cycling again a couple of years back after a few years break and immediately noticed a greater lack of patience in drivers to what I remember. Some people will squeeze past 10 yards before a junction, even though you'll pass them again then.

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 14-07-2010 10:10:04

you moaning twat :D

Posted by: Predictable Bob
Date: 14-07-2010 11:57:42

:lol:

I was thinking about using the 'ride to work' scheme but hit a minor problem - by the time I get to work on a bike it'd be time to go home again (Not to mention that the Police get a bit uppity when you ride pushbikes on the M4)

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Posted by: Albannach
Date: 14-07-2010 15:41:03

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It's actually a very good way to get a cheap bicycle, if you want one. The scheme isn't policed and even if it were, the phrase 'part of your journey' seems to be deliberately vague? it could mean cycling from your shed to your car.

Posted by: Predictable Bob
Date: 14-07-2010 16:48:50

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Sounds good but the bunch of tightwads that employ me would expect to see a reduction in my mileage claims ...

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Posted by: oneidadan
Date: 14-07-2010 19:34:25

 Albannach wrote:

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Was that link to the pump seal kit (the Roughtrax page is blank when I go to it)? I did contact Roughtrax about the seal kit but they can't tell me if the seal kit includes the O rings i'm after. They have an exploded diagram of the rear section of the pump but it doesn't show the O ring that goes between the pump and the engine block. Also, i'd need the two O rings for the front of the pump and well and it doesn't show that section in the diagram.

The other reason is that I don't have much money at the moment and I decided that hopefully if I get a pump that doesn't leak it won't leak when I put it on mine. Perhaps when they're on the truck, the old oil and mud might mask any small leaks, then when it's moved to another car and cleaned up it starts to leak again. I suppose it was a bit of a gamble and I didn't get lucky.

If the roughtrax kit includes the right O rings then I don't mind ordering it, but they can't tell me, I think i'll have to go ask over on the other side if anyones ordered one of those kits before.

I do have a bike but I need to carry alot of equipment around with me if I go to work.