

Thermostat Follow-Up.

And Merry Christmas!

To keep this Holiday month's "Tech Talk with Bill" article short, I thought I would just do a follow up on my previous Thermostat article, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

I recently found out that the major problem Thermostats are in the 2006 and early 2007 Miatas made starting in March of 2006, and up to September 2006. So it is possible you might have an early made 2007 with one of the thermostats that have proven to be trouble.

Take a look at the label on the driver's door opening, on the body of the car, just below the latch. (NOT on the door) You will see a label showing recommended tire pressure, and it also has the month and year of manufacture for your Miata.

I ran the test on mine with my Scangage II unit. I found my thermostat had not gone completely bad, but it was not working properly. My operating temp peaked at 170 to 175 degrees, unless I was in stop and go traffic when it warmed up to the 180 degrees it should be.

So I replace my thermostat with the Stant 48728 which I bought at Advance Auto. Also please note the Miatas use a long life antifreeze. So to be safe, I bought a gallon of pre-mix long life antifreeze from Mazda and put fresh antifreeze in the motor. The new thermostat is working nicely, and it was not as bad of a job to replace it as I thought it would be.

If any of you have a Miata made in the period between March 2006, and up to September/October 2006 and you want to see if you have a problem, let me know and perhaps I can help you find out. I do feel my car is running better now that it warms up properly.

SEAT BELT QUICK TIP!

*** Here is a quick tip to help your Seat Belt retract better. I just learned this by accident. Spray some Meguire's, Gold Class, Rich Leather Cleaner and Conditioner on a piece of cloth and rub it into the seat belt front and back (don't soak the belt with this). It cleaned the belt and made mine slip back in place quicker than it ever has. It is good for your leather seats too.



Try it!

Zooming forward, I would like to wish for all a Merry Christmas, and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

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