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COMPONENT TESTS AND GENERAL DIAGNOSTICS

NOTE: A malfunctioning lift pump can cause low power.



The lift pump is mechanically driven by a lobe on the camshaft. Wear on the lever or a damaged lobe can reduce the pumping action.

Do not operate the fuel system with a suction restriction (A) of more than 95mm (3.75 inch) Hg.

CAUTION: If the diaphragm ruptures, fuel will drain from the weep hole (B) in the housing.



Pressure drop across the filter is **21 kPa [3 psi]**, maximum.

The pressure drop will increase as the filter removes contamination from the fuel. Therefore, a worn lift pump will have reduced capacity to force fuel through a dirty filter. This can cause low engine power.

NOTE: Frequent filter replacement to get full power from the engine can Indicate a worn lift pump.



The output of the pump can be measured at cranking speed:

^ Volume (within 30 seconds): 0.75 liters [0.70 U.S. quarts]

^ Pressure: 21 to 35 kPa [3 to 5 psi]