Valve Body Casting Identification

Look for the machined-down boss on the upper valve body (Figure 1). Generally, if the "A" boss is machined down, this indicates an MYA/6L45 unit (see chart below). This identification system is not foolproof, because on some valve bodies none of the bosses are machined down (Figure 2). Also see other early vs. late and 6L45/6L50 vs. 6L80/6L90 application differences (Figure 3).

Machined-Down Boss

Indicates Valve Body Unit*

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*Note: This is a general rule to follow, but may not always be true. Sometimes no bosses are machined.

### EARLY Valve Body

(6L80 Shown)

6L80: Four holes offset to left.
6L90: Four holes offset to right.

With exhaust ports are 2010-earlier, use 24245720 separator plate.

ISS and OSS bosses short on the 6L80 and 6L90.

### LATE Valve Body

(6L50 Shown)

6L45, 6L50: Four holes are centered in machined area.

No exhaust ports are 2010-later.

ISS and OSS bosses tall on the 6L45 and 6L50.
Separator Plate Identification

Clutch Select Spring Usage
Refer to notes below in A and B, and Figure 4 to identify early 1st design plate that does not use supplied clutch select springs.

**NOTE:** All other plate designs can use supplied springs.

A. If Early, 1st design plate 24246916 is equipped, REPLACE with Early, 2nd design plate 24245720 and install Sonnax clutch select valve spring kit 104740-02K.

B. When using Early, 2nd design plate (2010-Earlier, OE part #24245720): DO NOT install checkball #8.

#8 Checkball Usage
Reference Figure 4 images C and D for orifice location and size in determining if #8 checkball is used.

See Figure 5 for location of #8 checkball when necessary.

**NOTE:** OE separator plate part numbers correct at time of printing. Recommend confirming part numbers with dealer as part supersession is common.
In addition to general rebuilding tips and technical information, the technical booklet included in this kit contains vacuum testing and additional repair options for higher mileage units or for repairing specific complaints which are beyond the scope of this kit.
Zip Kit Contents & Installation Steps

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Step 1 Reroute Pressure Regulator Valve Balance Feed

**NOTE:** Pump must be removed to install Sonnax pressure regulator valve. Remove all components from bore prior to proceeding. Following steps required for use of Sonnax valve.

1a Drop one Sonnax 1/8” aluminum checkball into OE orificed cup plug. Drive checkball into cup plug with appropriately sized punch. Stake cup plug to prevent checkball displacement.

1b Using included Sonnax drill bit, bore a new orifice from the cup plug bore to inboard balance port at an approximate 45° angle. Starting drill bit on countersunk surface of cup plug bore works best. Clean bore thoroughly, removing all debris and chips.

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Packaging Pocket 1

- Drill Bit, .039” dia.
- Checkball, 1/8” (2) 1 Extra

Step 2 Replace OE Pressure Regulator Valve

Re-use OE springs.

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Packaging Pocket 2

Pressure Regulator Valve

Step 3 Replace OE Boost Assembly

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Packaging Pocket 3

- Boost Valve
- Boost Sleeve

Step 4 Replace Upper Valve Body OE End Plugs

Place O-ring in groove, lubricate with Sonnax Slippery Stick™ O-LUBE and roll on bench to size.

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Packaging Pocket 4

- End Plugs (4)
- O-Rings (6) 2 extra

Step 5 Replace OE Actuator Feed Limit Valve

Sleeve installs with end grooves inboard. Valve installs with spring stem outboard.

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Packaging Pocket 5

- Valve
- Sleeve
- Spring

Step 6 Replace Clutch Select Valve #2 & #3 Springs & End Plugs

Sonnax clutch select valve springs can be used with all OE separator plates EXCEPT separator plate 24246916 (Early, 1st design). If separator plate 24246916 is equipped, it must be upgraded with OE plate 24245720 (Early, 2nd design) to prevent code P0751, shift concerns and burnt/slipping 1-2-3-4 and/or 3-5-Reverse clutches. See Figures 3 and 4 on separate Identification Guide for information.

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Packaging Pocket 6

- Springs (2)
- End Plugs (2)
- O-Rings (3) 1 extra

Step 7 Replace Compensator Feed Regulator Valve

Sleeve installs with end grooves inboard. Valve installs with spring pocket outboard.

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Packaging Pocket 7

- Valve
- Sleeve
- Spring

Step 8 Replace TCC Regulator Valve Lineup

Clocking/Rotational alignment of components are critical. See page 2 of installation and testing booklet for details.

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Packaging Pocket 8

- Spring
- TCC Regulator Valve
- Shuttle Valve
- End Plug

Step 9 Replace OE Checkballs

Checkballs, .250” dia. (8)

**NOTE:** Not all checkballs used on all castings. See warning on page 1 of this Quick Guide.

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Packaging Pocket 9

- Seal Inserts (8)
- Springs (6)

Step 10 Install Center Support Seals

See pages 2 & 3 of installation and testing booklet for details.

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Packaging Pocket 10

- Seal Inserts (8)
- Springs (6)

Step 11 Vacuum Testing

Use nut for testing pump body pressure regulator valve. Block valve outboard as shown on page 5 of installation and testing booklet. Remove nut after testing.

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Packaging Pocket 11

- Nut, .125”
Cautions

Control Solenoid Valve Assembly
Use care when handling the control solenoid valve assembly (valve body and TCM or TEHCM). If dropped, roughly handled, or exposed to excessive dust and debris, damage could occur to the TEHCM. A thorough inspection and cleaning of the TEHCM should be included in any rebuild procedure, and is detailed on page 3.

The control solenoid valve assembly must be removed prior to removing the converter housing and pump assembly. Severe component damage will result if not followed.

Fast Learn Adapts
Following installation of the Zip Kit, the Service Fast Learn Adapts procedure must be performed. Follow instruction on the scan tool or reference OE specifications for details on the procedure.

Zip Kit Instructions

1. Remove & Disassemble the Control Solenoid Valve Assembly
   a. Remove six control solenoid valve assembly-to-case Torx Plus® bolts (Figure 1 & 2). A special socket (GM Tool Part No. DT-48285) is available (Figure 3), or a standard 1 1/8” six-point drive socket will work with care.
   b. Remove two bolts (8mm head) and input/output speed sensor assembly (Figure 4).
   c. Remove the single 8mm head bolt and manual shaft detent assembly. Release the position switch assembly connector, remove the single 10mm head bolt, then remove the position switch assembly (Figure 5).
   d. Remove the two 8mm head bolts on the side of the TEHCM (Figure 6).
   e. Remove the four 10mm head and five 7mm head bolts (Figure 7). Remove the TECHM and set aside for inspection, testing and cleaning.
   f. Remove the 12, 7mm head bolts (Figure 8).
   g. Remove the five 7mm head bolts and single 10mm head bolt. The valve body halves may now be separated from each other (Figure 9).
Zip Kit Instructions (continued)

2. Pump Disassembly & Assembly
Remove 13 pump-cover-assembly-to-torque-converter-housing bolts. For reassembly, torque bolts in the sequence shown to 97 in-lb (Figure 10).

3. Installation
Install Zip Kit parts as shown on diagram of separate quick guide sheet included in this Zip Kit. Sonnax recommends vacuum testing critical wear areas not covered by this kit to determine whether additional Sonnax parts are required (see pages 5–6).

Zip Kit Quick Guide Details

1. Replace TCC Regulator Valve Lineup
Clocking/rotational alignment of components from step 8 is critical, see diagram for proper alignment (Figure 11).

2. Center Support Seal Reinforcement Insert Installation
a. Install four Sonnax valve body seal inserts (non-grooved, non-threaded) into the back side of valve body. Use appropriately sized flat punch to lightly tap inserts into place. Shoulder on insert will seat flush against the finished valve body surface (Figure 12).

b. Remove OE center support seal assembly from case and set aside for reuse (Figure 13).

c. Install four Sonnax case seal inserts (grooved and threaded) into the case at the center support location (Figure 14). Use appropriately sized flat punch to lightly tap inserts into place. Shoulder on insert will seat flush.

TECH TIP: Threads are provided for removal of case inserts when necessary to allow center support removal.

d. Reinstall OE center support seals over Sonnax case seal inserts.

NOTE: 6L45 and 6L50 center support seals are approximately .900” tall (outer) and .730” tall (inner). 6L80 and 6L90 unit seals are shorter, approximately .590” tall (outer) and .420” tall (inner) (Figure 15).
e. Install appropriate Sonnax springs into OE seals as described below, then secure springs by trapping them in seals with assembly lube (Figure 16).

**For 6L45/6L50 seals:**
- Insert tall (.560”) Sonnax springs in tall outer seals.
- Insert medium (.380”) Sonnax springs in shorter middle seals.

**For 6L80/6L90 seals:**
- Insert short (.250”) Sonnax springs in tall outer seals.
- No springs required in shorter middle seals.

f. After reassembling TEHCM to valve body (Step 5 below), install valve body into case. Ensure the four Sonnax valve body inserts slide into the OE center support seals before installing valve body fasteners.

### 3. TEHCM Inspection & Cleaning

The TEHCM is continually immersed in transmission oil and exposed to debris generated during transmission operation. This debris can create malfunction of the TEHCM and its components if not cleaned thoroughly. Clean with shop air, but do not use a rag or cloth, as lint will contaminate the TEHCM (Figure 17).

a. Remove and replace filter plate assembly (Figure 18). This part must be replaced any time the control solenoid valve assembly had been removed, as the seals take a set.

b. Debris can easily collect in the solenoid cavities, supply and control ports. Examine these locations carefully and apply 30 psi regulated shop air to remove debris. Also check the 16-way connector, TFT sensor and ISS/OSS connector for debris (Figure 19).

c. Inspect the 16 solenoid electrical contact leads and IMS connector for debris and clean if necessary (Figure 20).

d. If problems are found with pressure switch seals or laminate discs, Sonnax offers pressure switch rebuild kits, available separately (Figure 21).

### 4. TEHCM Testing

The TEHCM can be tested, although this requires special tools and the vehicle for communication with the data bus. Reference “Bench Testing the 6L50-6L80-6L90-6T70-6T75 TEHCM” by Steve Garrett in August 2012 *Gears* or OE specifications for details.
5. Reassemble Control Solenoid Valve Assembly

It is important to follow the assembly and torque sequence as well as torque ratings indicated in the bolt chart to ensure proper function of the control solenoid valve assembly.

a. Install the 12, 7mm head bolts and torque to 71 in-lbs. in sequence shown (Fig. 8).

b. Place the TEHCM on the valve body. Install the two 8mm head bolts and hand-tighten only (Figure 6).

c. Install the four 10mm head and five 7mm head bolts and hand-tighten only (Fig. 7).

d. Reconnect the position switch connector and align the switch activator slide with the manual valve link as shown. Secure the assembly to the casting with the 10mm head bolt and hand-tighten only (Figure 5 & 22).

e. Install the five 7mm head bolts and single 10mm head bolt and hand-tighten only (Figure 23).

f. Tighten all 18 bolts in the sequence indicated to 71 in-lbs. Bolts 17 and 18 are on the side of the TEHCM (Figure 24).

g. Inspect the contact area between the aluminum portion of the TEHCM and the valve body casting. There should be no visible gap. If a gap is found, loosen all 18 bolts in step “f” and re-torque until no gap exists (Figure 25).

h. Reconnect the input/output speed sensor connector and torque the two bolts to 106 in-lbs (Figure 4).

i. Reinstall the manual shaft detent assembly and torque the bolt to 106 in-lbs (Figure 5).
Critical Wear Areas & Vacuum Test Locations

NOTE: OE valves are shown in rest position and should be tested in rest position unless otherwise indicated. Test locations are pointed to with an arrow. Springs are not shown for visual clarity. Low vacuum reading indicates wear and Sonnax parts noted for replacement. For specific vacuum test information, refer to individual part instructions included in kits and available at www.sonnax.com.

Pump Body • 6L80 Shown Here

**Converter Feed Limit Valve**
- Converter failure
- Converter codes
- Excessive converter pressure
**NOTE:** Must test with actuator feed limit (AFL) valve instead of converter limit valve. Position AFL valve so spool face and port face are flush as indicated.

*Replace with Sonnax Part No.*
**104520-11** Requires F-104520-TL11C & VB-FIX

**Pressure Regulator Valve**
- Low/High line pressure
- Soft/Harsh shifts
- Converter burn-up  • Clutch failure
**NOTE:** Block outboard as shown with .125” thick nut.

*Replace with Sonnax Part No.*
**104520-03K***
**104520-07K** Requires F-104520-TL7C, VB-FIX, VB-06

**Boost Assembly**
- Insufficient line rise
- Clutch failures  • Poor shift quality
**NOTE:** Test both ports simultaneously.

*Replace with Sonnax Part No.*
**104520-01K***

**TCC Control Valve**
- No lockup
- Falling out of lockup hot
- Lockup codes
**NOTE:** Test at valve port while plugging side port with thumb.

**TCC Regulator Apply Valve**
- No TCC/Slip or soft apply
- Harsh TCC apply  • Converter codes
**NOTE:** Test with .125” thick nut between shuttle valve and regulator valve.

*Replace with Sonnax Part No.*
**104740-07K** Requires F-104740-TL7 & VB-FIX

**Compensater Feed Valve**
- Burnt clutches  • Shift complaints

*Replace with Sonnax Part No.*
**104740-09K***

**Clutch Select Valve #2**
Shift complaints

**Clutch Select Valve #3**
Shift complaints

NOTE:
• Key on pg 6

*Part numbers with an asterisk (*) are included in this Zip Kit.*

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Critical Wear Areas & Vacuum Test Locations

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Upper Valve Body • 6L80 Shown Here

1234 Clutch Regulator & Shuttle Valve
- Burned 1234 Clutch
- Shift complaints in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th gear

1234 Clutch Boost Valve
- Burned 1234 Clutch
- Shift complaints in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th gear
Replace with Sonnax Part No. 104740-01 Requires F-104740-TL & VB-FIX

End Plugs
- Burnt clutches/brakes
- Various shift complaints
NOTE: Test end plugs at port between valve and end plug.
Replace with Sonnax Part No. 104740-23K*
NOTE: Several Locations = ★

3-5 Clutch Boost Valve
- Burned 3-5 reverse clutch
- Delayed/No reverse
- 3rd & 5th Shift Complaints

3-5 Reverse Clutch Regulator Valve
- Burned 3-5 Reverse Clutch
- Delayed/No reverse
- 3rd & 5th Shift Complaints

2-6 Clutch Regulator & Gain Valves
- Burned 2-6 clutch
- Shift complaints in 2nd & 6th gear

456 Clutch Boost Valve
- Burned 456 clutch
- Shift complaints in 4th, 5th & 6th gear
Replace with Sonnax Part No. 104740-01 Requires F-104740-TL & VB-FIX

CBR1/C456 Clutch Regulator Valve
- Burned 456 clutch
- Shift complaints in 4th, 5th & 6th gear

Actuator Feed Limit Valve
- Harsh shifts
- Solenoid codes
- No/Slipping shifts
Replace with Sonnax Part No. 104740-12 Requires F-104740-TL12 & VB-FIX

Insets shown with end plugs removed for clarity only. Test with end plugs installed.

*Part numbers with an asterisk (*) are included in this Zip Kit.
OE Exploded View

Pump & Lower Valve Body • 6L80 Shown Here

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**CAUTION!** Do Not Remove!
The plug is set at a precise depth at the factory.

GM 6L45-6L90 Clutch & Solenoid Application Chart

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Notes:
For shift solenoids 1 and 2, “ON” = Solenoid Energized (Pressurized), “OFF” = Solenoid De-energized (No Pressure).
For pressure control (PC) solenoids, “ON” = Pressurized, “OFF” = No Pressure.
* = Applied with No Load.