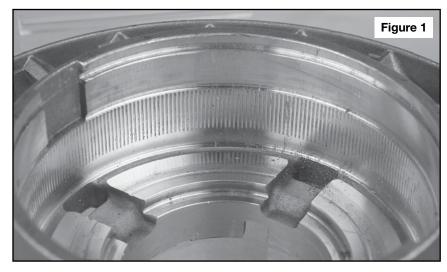
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Defending the Duramax[®] DieselAgainst Allison[®] 1000 Stator Weakness

Duramax diesel engines can produce an incredible amount of torque, far more than the stock 2006–2010 Allison 1000 converter is designed to handle. This becomes a huge problem when a driver pushes their "performance" truck to actually *perform*. Parts break, the vehicle is out of commission and you've got a converter in the shop that's going to fail again if you don't tackle the real problem: an OE stator pushed beyond its limits. You can now easily take on this challenge by installing an enhanced stator assembly from Sonnax - the first and only upgrade to eliminate the crippling stator weakness in these Allison units.

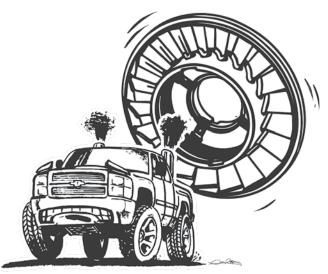


A stock 2006–2010 Allison 1000 stator. The shallow serrations that engage the race will not hold against the torque produced by high-performing diesel engines.

Weak OE Stator + Performance Engine = Disaster

Figure 1 shows the serrations on the inside of the Allison OE stator that engage with the outer stator race. They are shallow - only about .004" deep - and not even etched into the entire length of the race. The form and depth of the serrations are not precision machined. When the race is pressed into the stator, the race splines bite into the aluminum to deepen and form the grooves.

The result of this poor design is hardly any engagement between the stator and outer race. The stator will often break free under too much torque, spinning and damaging the transmission with aluminum debris.



Converters with these weak stators are typically found in Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra HD 6.6L Duramax diesels and Allison 1000 transmissions. Although stator engagement was improved in the Allison LCT 1000, 2010-later converters, it was only upgraded for better hold in stock engine applications. In all cases, the real-world performance levels of these powerful vehicles will completely overwhelm an OE stator.

Some rebuilders confronted with converter failure correctly identify the problem as a broken stator and try to repair the damage. One method entails building up the aluminum material in the bore of the stator, boring the inside diameter back to OE specifications and then pressing the OE outer stator race into the pocket of the stator. This is just a repair, though, not a long-term solution. Reusing the OE stator only restores the same poor engagement that caused converter failure in the first place.

Another workaround for this problem involves drilling and pinning the outer stator race and the bore of the stator to ensure it can't spin under high torque. This technique might be more effective than resurfacing the part, but it involves time, labor, machining and tooling expenses that add to the cost of rebuilding a unit.

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Sonnax Defending the Duramax Diesel

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Introducing the Sonnax Enhanced Stator Assembly

- Robust holding power for diesel engines
- No machining required
- Fits Allison® 1000/2000/2400 2006-Later

Rebuilders can easily eliminate the critical weakness of the Allison converter with Sonnax's new AL-ST-1K stator kit. The custom stator and outer stator race feature longer and deeper precisionmachined splines to hold many times more torque than the OE stator assembly (Figure 2).

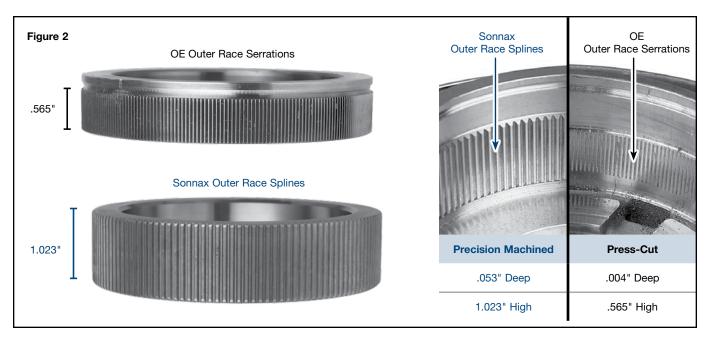
The Sonnax kit is a must-have replacement part for failed converters as well as new rebuilds in the two most common Allison converter applications (Figure 3). Later this year, Sonnax will introduce a similarly enhanced stator assembly for use with the Allison 1000/2000/2400 multi-plate clutch kits.

Ask your sales representative for details on these outstanding new products for performance diesel applications!



race already pressed in place and the stator cap. Complete assembly requires:

- Sprag AL-SP-1
- Impeller-side bearing AL-N-3
- Inner race AL-HR-2
- · OE snap ring & stator spacer



Converter Generation	TC-211 (Green) TC-221 (Black) 2.01:1 Stall/Torque Ratio 1.75:1 Stall/Torque Ratio	
1st	29530318	29530317
2nd	29538348	29538347
3rd	29538529	29538528
4th	29541293	29540484
5th	29543003	29543017

Figure 3

Sonnax stator kit AL-ST-1K will work for the two most common Allison converters. Use this chart to help identify which part numbers should have the weak OE stator assembly replaced.

Beware of Imitations!

For more than 30 years, Sonnax has been the leading provider of quality aftermarket torque converter components. We have worked long and hard to achieve a reputation for the highest levels of product quality, outstanding customer service and innovative designs. If we don't make the parts, we partner with the best OEM sources such as BorgWarner and Koyo® Bearings (successor to the Torrington® brand) to make sure you have access to the very best products.

Unfortunately, the success of Sonnax has inspired some cheap, knock-off artists attempting to deceive the market with fake Sonnax parts. While "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," this "flattery" is a source of great concern to us. Counterfeit parts hurt us all. Not only do these products fall far short of our high quality standards, they put you - our customers - at risk for time-consuming, expensive comebacks.

Sonnax customers recently alerted us to emails they received from Chinese companies offering "Sonnax" components listed under Sonnax part numbers. Upon investigating, we also found English-language websites for foreign companies with part illustrations labeled "Sonnax Part number XX-XX-XX." Buyer beware, these are not Sonnax products!

Rest assured that we have and will continue to do everything in our power to stop the influx of counterfeit Sonnax parts. We are vigilant about protecting the integrity of our domestic and international trademarks as well as our reputation. One recent victory: a Chinese company complied with our demand to remove the Sonnax name and part numbers from their website.

But we need your help! If someone other than Sonnax contacts you via phone, mail or e-mail trying to sell "Sonnax" parts, please let us know. We will pursue these sellers and do whatever we can to stop their fraud. It is dishonest and illegal.

It is a shame that we even need to discuss this topic, but it seems to be the way the world works these days. Of course, there is an easy way to protect your shop's reputation from bogus parts: buy direct from Sonnax, it's that simple!

Sincerely,

Steve Jaussaud Sr. Vice President, Product Development Chief Technical Officer, Sonnax Industries sgj@sonnax.com

Easy Repairs for Overheating Honda/Acura Converters

You can prevent costly comebacks this summer by helping transmission rebuilders correct valve body problems that cause a variety of torque converter complaints.

When summer temperatures rise, overheating converters are a real danger in Honda/Acura vehicles equipped with four or five-speed transmissions. The root cause isn't a problem with the converter, though, it's a worn or stuck TC check valve. A malfunctioning valve reduces working pressure in the torque converter and leads to excess heat buildup and TCC troubles. In some cases, the TC check valve bore can be so heavily worn that it requires an O-ring seal for effective repair.

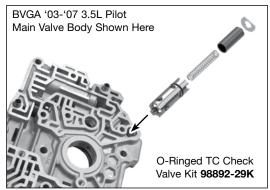
To correct converter pressure and reduce the risk of overheating, recommend to transmission shops that they install O-ringed TC check valve kit 98892-29K or 98892-32K.

These parts require no reaming or special tools to install, making this an easy, highly effective repair that keeps at-risk vehicles on the road through the worst of the summer heat.

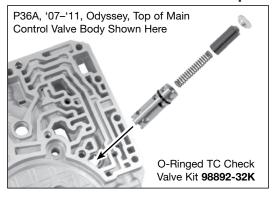
Note: These kits fit several Honda models, however the appearance of valve bodies and the location of the TC check valve bore may vary from model to model. Refer to the application charts on these part pages at www.sonnax.com to verify fit. **Scan code to view parts!**



Honda/Acura 5-Speed & 4-Speed, 3-Shaft



Honda/Acura 5-Speed





Ma	ke/Unit	Part No.	Part Name	Description
СМ	OTTO (OTTO E	GMFD-HT-1HS	Turbine Hub	27-Tooth hardened internal spline
	6T70/6T75, Ford 6F50/6F55	GMFD-RV-1	Turbine Hub Rivet	Solid, Flat head, .380" Length, .238" Shank dia., .380" Head dia.
	258mm LU (4T65-E)	GM-I-33	Splined Insert	Flanged, Damper assembly, 45-Tooth internal spline, Weld-In
	Allison® 1000/2000/2400, Early & Late (Including Multi-Plate Clutch Kits)	AL-WA-7	Stator Cap	Impeller side, Conversion, 4.185" O.D., 2.152" I.D., .750" Tall, Aluminum
	Allison® 1000/2000/2400, 2006-Later	AL-ST-1K	Stator with Outer Stator Race & Stator Cap Kit	Improved performance, Deeper spline coupling
	6R60, 6R75W	FD-DA-23P	Piston Plate	Improved design, Stronger tabs
	6F50/6F55, GM 6T70/6T75	GMFD-HT-1HS	Turbine Hub	27-Tooth hardened internal spline
_		GMFD-RV-1	Turbine Hub Rivet	Solid, Flat head, .380" Length, .238" Shank dia., .380" Head dia., 100/Bag
Ford	6R140	FD-N-15	Thrust Bearing	Enclosed, Impeller & turbine side, 3.771" O.D., 2.673" I.D., .288" Thick.
	6F35	FD-WS-38	Stator Cap	Turbine side, 3.740" O.D., 1.650" I.D., .079" Thick., 2 O.D. Tabs
	6R80, 260mm (Late), 6R80, 280mm (Late)	FD-RV-11	Captive Clutch Rivet	Solid, Flat head, .375" Length, .310" Shank dia., .470" Head dia., 100/Bag
	Chrysler 45RFE, 545RFE	CH-HT-28HSK	Turbine Hub	Two-piece version, 29-Tooth internal hardened spline, 8-Tooth external spline includes retaining ring
	Aisin AW TR-60SN (VW 09D),	VW-HT-5HS	Turbine Hub	24-Tooth hardened spline
	Captive Clutch	VW-RV-4	Rivet	Solid, Flat head, .380" Length, .238" Shank dia., .430" Head dia., 100/Bag
		AS-WA-1	Stator Cap	Impeller side, 4.180" O.D., 1.810" I.D., .620" Thick., 2 O.D. Tabs, Aluminum
	Aisin Seiki A465, AS68RC	AS-PI-1	Front Cover Pilot	2.119" Pilot dia., Flanged, Thicker stem for increased strength, Weld-In
		JA-WB-3	Front Cover Thrust Washer	Bronze, 1.650" O.D., 1.060" I.D., .170" Thick.
	Jatco/Nissan JF011E (RE0F10A)	JA-N-16	Thrust Bearing	Impeller side, Fully enclosed, 3.150" O.D., 2.126" I.D., .213" Thick., 4 Round O.D. tangs
	Mercedes 722.9 (Late)	MB-CP-14S	Steel Clutch Plate	36-Tooth internal spline, 7.383" I.D., 5.587" I.D., .071" Thick.
		MB-CP-15S	Steel Clutch Plate	36-Tooth internal spline, 7.383" I.D., 5.587" I.D., .079" Thick.
	Mitsubishi F4/R4A51, F5/R5A51, V4A51, W4A51	MT-90-8G	Flanged Impeller Hub	Flats, 1.692" Journal dia., 1.629" Assembled height, 1.800" Overall height
	U760E (TM-60LS)	TO-N-18	Thrust Bearing	Impeller side, Partially enclosed, 3.474" O.D., 2.487" I.D., .169" Thick.
		TO-N-19	Bearing Race	Impeller side, 3.585" O.D., 1.559" I.D., .059" Thick.
SII		TO-N-20	Thrust Bearing	Turbine side, Partially enclosed, 2.993" O.D., 2.293" I.D., .149" Thick.
Toyota/Lexus		T0-N-21	Bearing Race	Turbine side, 3.251" O.D., 1.457" I.D., .031" Thick.
ota/	U660E	T0-N-22	Thrust Bearing	Impeller side, Partially enclosed, 3.494" O.D., 2.602" I.D., .150" Thick.
Το		TO-N-23	Thrust Bearing	Turbine side, Partially enclosed, 3.279" O.D., 2.408" I.D., .150" Thick.
		T0-N-24	Bearing Race	Impeller side, 3.811" O.D., 1.594" I.D., .059" Thick.
		TO-N-25	Bearing Race	Turbine side, 3.487" O.D., 1.500" I.D., .079" Thick., 4 O.D. Tangs
	VW/Audi 09D, (TR-60SN)	VW-HT-5HS	Turbine Hub	24-Tooth hardened spline
	Captive Clutch	VW-RV-4	Rivet	Solid, Flat head, .380" Length, .238" Shank dia., .430" Head dia., 100/Bag
	ZF6HP21, 245mm (Luk)	ZF-CP-12	Clutch Plate w/Frictions Bonded	8.670" O.D., 4.240" I.D., .138" Thick., 4 I.D. Tabs, 4.975" Bolt circle dia.
ZF	ZF6HP19, 245mm (Luk)	ZF-CP-13	Clutch Plate w/Frictions Bonded	8.670" O.D., 6.300" I.D., .138" Thick., Internal spline
	ZF8HP45, ZF8HP55	ZF-0-2	Compound Finger Joint Seal	1.722" O.D., .094" Width, Torlon®
Multi-Application	GM 400 (3L80), Allison® AT-540, Chrysler 68RFE & 68RFE with Multi-Plate Clutch Kit, BW 310mm LU (A618, 47RH/RE, 48RE), BW 310mm LU (A618, 47RH/RE, 48RE) with Multi-Plate Clutch Kit, BW 310mm NLU, Buick 350	GM-RS-1HPK	Heavy Duty Spring Retainer Kit	Improved design, Includes shim GM-WS-43
	GM 6L80, 6L90 (300mm)	B45750HTE	Friction Ring	11.120" X 9.840" X .066", HTE
Friction Rings		B66750HTE	Friction Ring	11.120" X 9.840" X .066", HTE
	Ford 6R80, 280mm (Late)	B45955HTE	Friction Ring	Cut-outs, 10.400" X 9.200" X .045", HTE
	Ford 6R80, 260mm (Late)	B45950HTE	Friction Ring	Cut-outs, 9.880" X 8.750" X .045", HTE
	. , ,	B45870HTE	Friction Ring	10.727" X 9.732" X .045", HTE
	Various Applications		Friction Ring	10.727" X 9.732" X .066", HTE

Introducing the Evolution of the Legendary Sonnax Input Shaft

Smart-Tech® High Capacity Input Shaft & Piston Kit

20% More Direct Clutch Torque Capacity, No Modifications Required

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- Thinner billet aluminum direct piston
- Longer direct (front) clutch hub
- Holds one extra, OE-thickness friction plate

Part No. 22121B-02K





The longer hub on the Smart-Tech® input shaft combined with the custom piston holds one extra, OE-thickness direct friction plate to handle increased torque capacity.

This kit installs as easily as OE and is more effective than relying on thinner steels or part modifications.

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The Website Built for YOU

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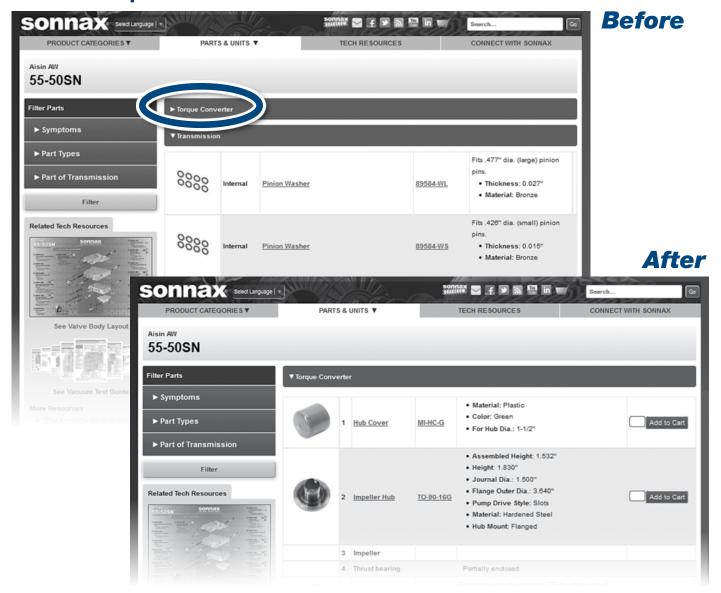
If you haven't given the website a try, check it out and let Sonnax know what you think! Your sales rep is available to help answer questions, and your comments and suggestions for improving the website are always welcome.



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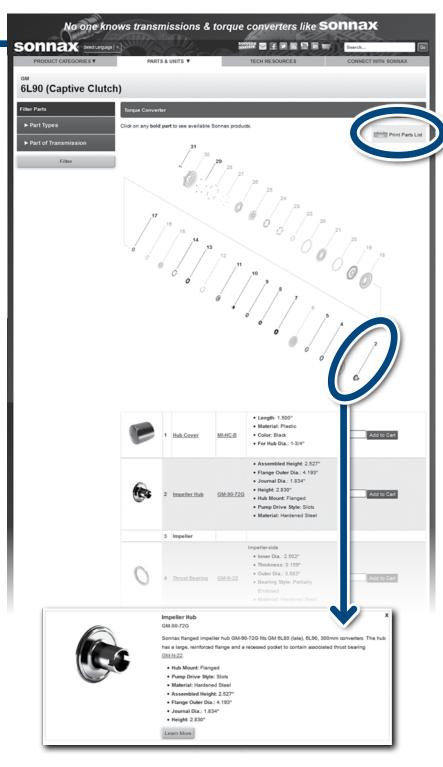


Print the exploded view & parts chart.

Use the "Print Parts List" button to add new unit pages to your Sonnax torque converter catalog.

You'll get the full exploded view and parts listing printed out in a catalog-friendly format. More than 30 exploded images and hundreds of new parts can be printed to update your catalog:

- Chrysler 68RFE with Multi-Plate Clutch Kit
- Aisin AW TF-60SN (VW 09G)
- Aisin AW TF-80SC
- Aisin AW TR-60SN (VW 09D), Captive Clutch
- Allison° LCT 1000, 2010-Later
- Ford 5R110W, 6-Stud with Multi-Plate Clutch Kit
- Ford 5R110W, 8-Stud
- Ford 5R110W, 8-Stud with Multi-Plate Clutch Kit
- Ford 6F35
- Ford 6F50
- Ford 6R140
- Ford 6R60
- Ford 6R80, 260mm (Late)
- Ford 6R80, 280mm (Early)
- Ford 6R80, 280mm (Late)
- GM 6L80, 6L90 (300mm)
- GM 6L90 (Captive Clutch)
- GM 6T40/6T45, 236mm
- GM 6T70/75
- Honda/Acura MT4A, MDX
- Jatco/Nissan F011E (RE0F10A)
- Mitsubishi F4/R4A51, F5/R5A51 F4A51
- Saturn VTi-CVT
- Toyota U440E (Aisin AW 80/81-40LE)
- Toyota/Lexus U660E
- ZF4HP16
- ZF6HP26
- ZF6HP26, 255mm
- ZF8HP55



Use the exploded view to check part details.

Click on any **bold** part in the exploded view to see details about available parts.

For example, clicking the image identified as "number 2" in the exploded view will open the pop-up window shown above. If there is more than one "number 2" part, all those parts will appear in this pop up.

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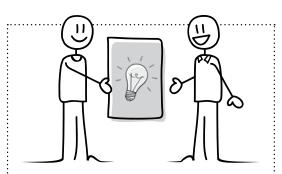


Helping Sonnax Develop New Products Helps YOU

Hundreds of new Sonnax converter parts are released each year, many brought to market thanks to the insight and ideas shared by rebuilders.

Unlike your shop, Sonnax does not see a constant flow of converters coming through the door. When you cut cores open and examine the components to determine exactly what parts are needed for a quality rebuild, that is valuable information always of interest to Sonnax. It's particularly critical when you're working on a late-model units for which aftermarket products aren't as widely available. Sonnax wants to help you obtain these parts.

Communicating product ideas to your sales representative lets Sonnax know there's a component gap to fill. If you've made a request, but haven't seen the part for sale, don't be afraid to ask again! You could learn that it's already in development, and knowing there is customer demand helps Sonnax prioritize bringing that part to market.



It's Easy to Be Part of Sonnax Product Development

Pass along new product requests to your sales representative.

Your feedback is always welcome and communicated promptly to the Sonnax product development team.

Contact Sonnax Torque Converter Product Line Manager John Sackevich

John works one-on-one with rebuilders to continually expand Sonnax's full-line catalog of converter components.
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