

Brake Caliper, Disc and Pads Installation Instructions



CIR15 Front Brake Kit
Dodge RAM 1500 TRX
BKF1559AX75



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Notes and disclaimers concerning application

Important: Read these instructions carefully before fitment.

Alcon has engineered the brake kit to replace the original brake calipers and discs. Where there is doubt about the suitability of the product (on armoured applications for example), Alcon can run individual brake system calculations



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Installation and clearance

These parts have been designed using information available at the time of design. There may be fitment issues on specific issues due to:-

- Model year change over.
- Regional vehicle specification variations.
- Non-standard wheel profiles.

Alcon brake kits have been test installed on vehicles with a variety of specific wheels fitted. Alcon is unable to test install with every available wheel. The customer is responsible for ensuring sufficient wheel clearance. 1:1 radial profile templates are available at the end of this document to assess if sufficient clearance to the wheel is available. Templates come with full instructions on how to use them. It is very important that templates are printed accurately to scale. Due to differences in profile, it cannot be assumed that a larger diameter wheel will fit where a smaller one may not. Vehicle production tolerances may exceed those that the kit will accommodate, and the points in this document must be carefully observed during installation to ensure that the correct clearances are maintained.

Wheel Spacers

The use of wheel spacers will widen the track width of the vehicle. This should be kept to a minimum. It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure that this falls within the requirements for air transportation where applicable. Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for any issues of any sort arising through the fitting of wheel spacers.

Pad and disc life

Alcon brake kits are designed to give increased pad area and disc thermal capacity. This will give improved disc and pad life when compared to the original brake system if used at the armoured weight.

Depending upon the environment and use, brake pad and disc wear can vary considerably from one vehicle to another. Potential reasons for accelerated wear are as follows:-

1, Environment

Some driving environments generate an aggressive paste between disc and pad that continually grinds the pad and disc when the brakes are not being applied. Typical environments where this may occur include quarries and desert conditions.

2, Driving style

Brake pad life is not directly related to distance travelled. The number of brake applications and their severity vary significantly. If a driver is continually making heavy braking events then they are not only wearing the pads by the number of applications but accelerating the wear by running the brakes at a higher temperature. Brake pads wear more quickly at higher temperatures.

3, Brake drag

If, for any reason, the pad is continually in contact with the disc the pad and disc will wear more quickly due to friction and temperature. This could be from some sort of locked pressure, seized piston, seized pad, etc.

Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for accelerated rate of pad or disc wear howsoever caused.

Brake noise

Alcon have made every effort to ensure a quiet brake. Brake noise is generated by vibrations in the whole vehicle corner. A brake kit may be quiet on one vehicle make and have noise present on another.

To maintain good performance on higher performance vehicles, Alcon use higher than normal friction pad materials. These materials can be more prone to brake squeal.

Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for any brake noise howsoever caused.

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Vibration

Alcon brake discs are manufactured by a methods that keep run-out and thickness variation to a minimum. They are also balanced to strict tolerances. Where a two-piece disc is supplied, the disc is finish-machined and balanced as a full assembly.

Vibration can become present should pads and discs:-

- Not be installed correctly
- Not be correctly bedded-in
- Be subject to extreme abuse

Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for vibrations caused by incorrect installation, improper bedding –in or extreme use.

Paint damage

Brake fluid will damage most painted surfaces. Always try to contain or catch brake fluid during removal or fitting of brake components.

Immediately clean any brake fluid spilled onto any painted surface with clean water.

Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for any damage to paintwork resulting from spilled brake fluid.

Heat Soak

After heavy use, do not rest your foot on the brake pedal while the vehicle is stationary. This practice will cause heat to 'soak' from the disc to the caliper and so to the brake fluid.

In extreme cases the fluid may boil, leading to very poor braking performance.

In addition, maintaining contact between pads and discs when stationary can cause pad material to adhere to the disc face and give rise to vibration.

It is good practice to always use the handbrake rather than the footbrake when the vehicle is stationary.

General modifications

Do not make any modifications to the parts supplied in the brake kit.

Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for the consequences of using brake products that have been modified without its express written approval.

Keep this document with your Owners Handbook for reference.

Every effort has been made during the preparation of this literature to ensure that the information provided is correct. However, Alcon reserves the right to change information without notice.

CIR15 Caliper Assemblies

Kit AX75 Painted Red, White logo

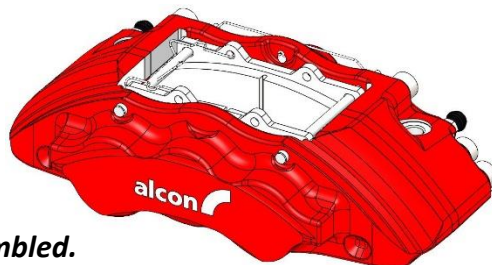
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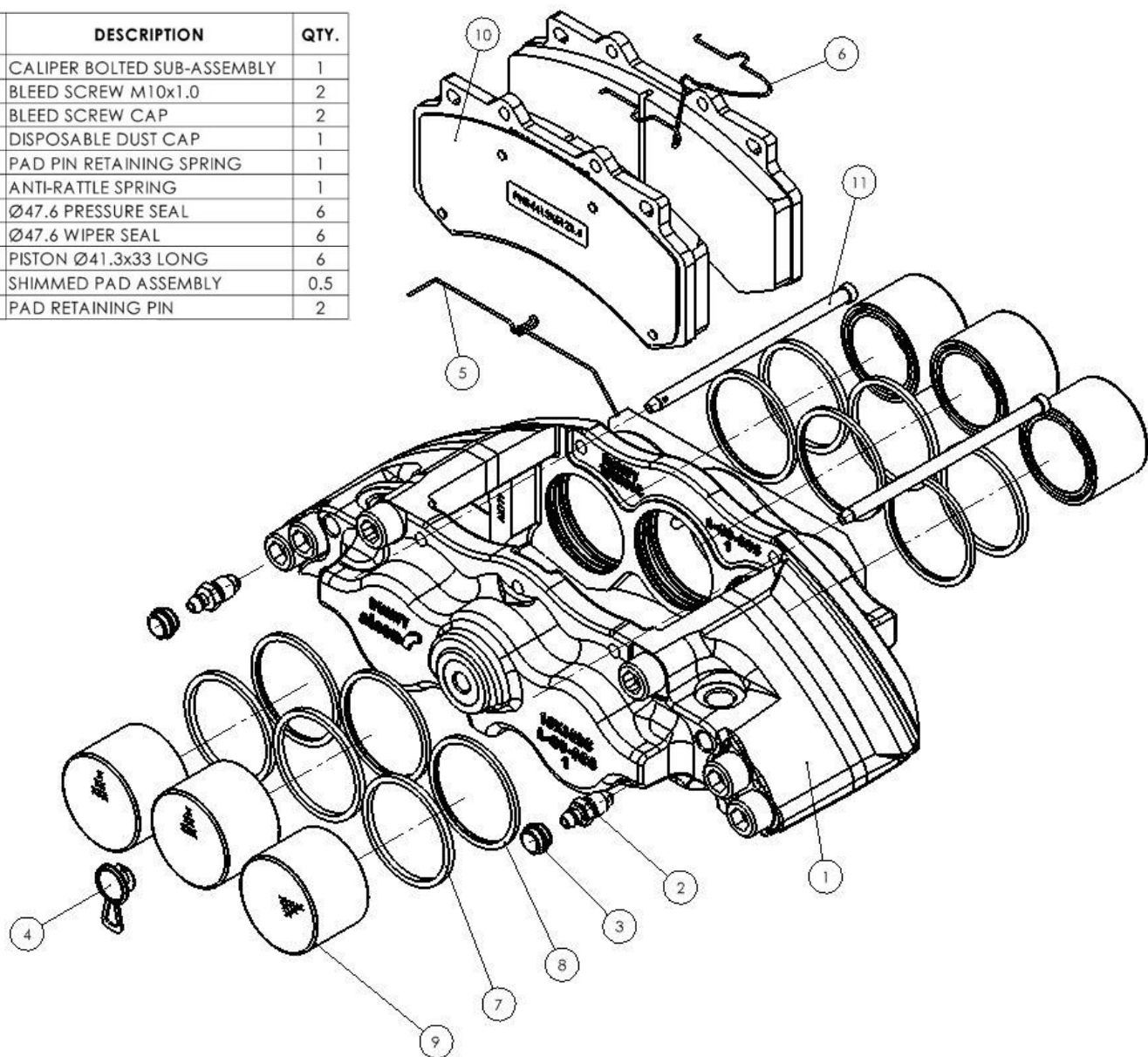
Important: The caliper housing must not be split by removing and refitting the bridge bolts. Doing so may effect the strength and safety of the caliper.



Alcon accepts no liability whatsoever for brake components that have been de-assembled.

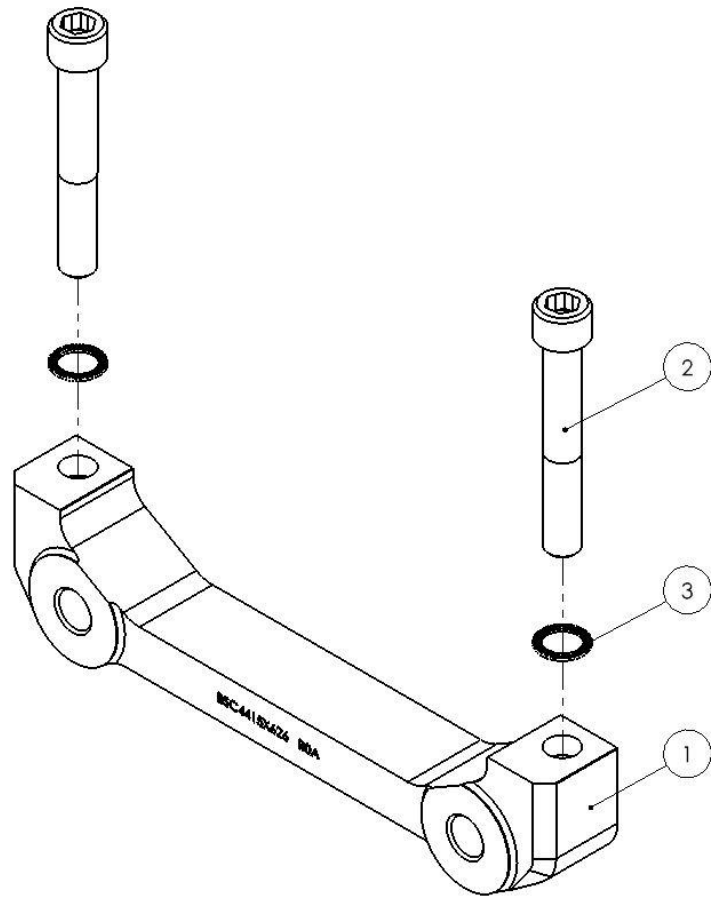


ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	CALIPER BOLTED SUB-ASSEMBLY	1
2	BLEED SCREW M10x1.0	2
3	BLEED SCREW CAP	2
4	DISPOSABLE DUST CAP	1
5	PAD PIN RETAINING SPRING	1
6	ANTI-RATTLE SPRING	1
7	Ø47.6 PRESSURE SEAL	6
8	Ø47.6 WIPER SEAL	6
9	PISTON Ø41.3x33 LONG	6
10	SHIMMED PAD ASSEMBLY	0.5
11	PAD RETAINING PIN	2

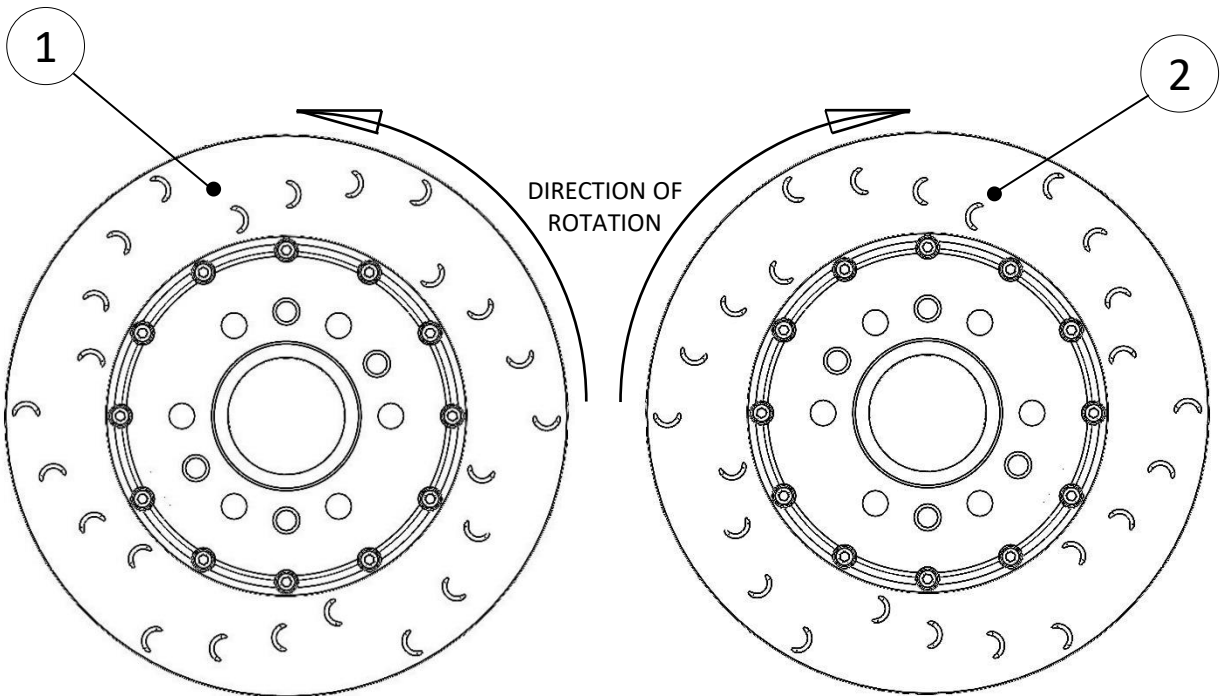


BSK4415X626 Front Bracket Kit

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	MOUNTING BRACKET	1
2	M12x1.75x80 LONG CAP HEAD	2
3	SPRING WASHER	2



DIA2146X296C24L & C24R Front Brake discs



ITEM No	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	VENTED DISC LH	1
2	VENTED DISC RH	1

Installation instructions

- If applicable, apply the parking brake.
- Raise the vehicle on suitable lift or axle stands.



Caution:- If using a jack - ensure the vehicle is standing on a hard, level and clean surface. Do not leave the vehicle supported using only the jack. Always use axle stands.

Fit the new front bracket kit

- Position the bracket to the correct mounting face on the vehicle hub
Note- that the face of the bracket marked 'DISC' should be towards the disc.
- Secure using the supplied bracket mounting bolts
- Torque these bolts to the manufacturer's recommended setting.



Fit the new front discs

- Ensure that the hub flange is completely flat and clean.
- Note that any 'bruising' or out of flatness will cause brake vibration.
- If necessary, prepare the hub face to remove any high spots prior to fitting the brake disc. The brake discs are handed by the direction of the grooves cut into the disc friction surfaces. They must be fitted to the correct side of the vehicle. Direction of rotation is marked on the outside diameter of the disc. This is also shown in the image (right).
- Fit the disc to the hub.
- With the disc assembled to the hub, check that there is a minimum of 5mm clearance between the disc inner face and the lower suspension/steering joint.
- Discs should always be changed in axle sets.



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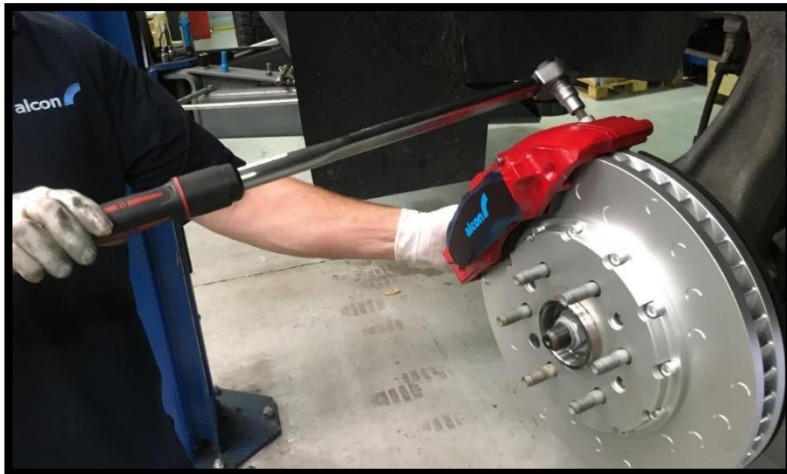
Fit the new front caliper

Ensure that the brake pads, pad retaining pins and anti-rattle spring are fitted to the caliper.

- Position the caliper over the disc and secure to the bracket using the supplied caliper to bracket mounting bolts x2 (**BSS0080X102D M12x1.75x80 Cap heads**).
Ensure washers are fitted and do not fully torque the bolts at this stage.

The caliper has been designed specifically for the application and clearances have been checked so the caliper should fit without clearance issues. In case there are any variations in vehicle specification – please check the following:

- To prevent overheating, radial clearance between the disc and caliper will not be less than 2mm in all directions.
- When the pads are fitted, the top edge of the pads will be around 0.8mm below the disc outside diameter.
- The disc must be central in the caliper within +/- 0.5mm.
- Check that the clearance between the outer diameter of the bell and the inner radius of the pad back-plate is at least 1.5mm. Use the 0.5mm shims provided to lift the caliper on the bracket or to adjust the bracket position until the caliper is correctly positioned. Fit an equal quantity of shims to each end of the bracket as required.
- Fit the road wheel to check there is a minimum of 2.5mm clearance between the wheel and caliper in all directions.
- Remove the road wheel.
- Torque the caliper to mounting bracket bolts (x2) to 150 Nm.
- Check that new pads move freely in the caliper.



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Installation instructions (Cont'd)

Re-fit the brake hoses

- Connect the hose to the caliper. Ensure copper gaskets are fitted either side of the banjo (between banjo and caliper housing; between banjo bolt head and banjo).
- Copper Washers must be replaced whenever the Banjo Bolt is removed after being correctly torqued up.
- Torque the banjo bolt to the manufacturer's recommended setting.
- Ensuring hose is not twisted, re-connect it to the vehicle, including the original fastenings to the original manufacturer's recommended torque settings.
- Check that the brake hose length allows for all combinations of steering lock and suspension movement and that the hose does not come into contact with any suspension component, the wheel or the tyre in any position.
- Do not apply any twist into the brake hose.



Installation instructions (Cont'd)

Fit new pads

- Pads should always be changed in axle sets.

Bleed the brakes

- Bleed the brakes in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use **DOT 3** brake fluid.
- The caliper bleed screws must be tightened to 18Nm (cold).
- To prevent damage to any painted surface, remove any spilled brake fluid immediately with clean cold water.
- Remove any fluid in the area around the bleed screw thread and in the end of each bleed screw.
- Check the complete hydraulic system for leaks before driving the vehicle.



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Installation instructions (Cont'd)

Re-fit the road wheels

- When the brake system has been sufficiently bled and a firm brake pedal has been achieved, replace the road wheels.
- Torque the wheel nuts to the original manufacturer's specification.
- The brakes should now be checked for correct operation by driving the vehicle, making a few light brake applications from low speed in a safe location. Stopping performance of a newly fitted brake kit will be low initially, as all friction materials require a period of bedding in before optimum performance is achieved.

Bedding new pads and discs

Purpose: The two main reasons for bedding discs and pads in Alcon high performance brake kits are:-

- To thermally condition the discs by raising the temperature gradually, thus reducing thermal shock and preventing pad material from depositing unevenly on the disc surface.
- To wear material from the pad surfaces until there is full-face contact with the disc. This may take longer to achieve than the duration of the bedding procedure but pad area contact will increase during normal driving.

Procedure:

- Drive the vehicle to a road that allows the following procedure to be carried out safely and within the law.
- From any speed between 60 and 100 km/h, apply light to moderate pedal effort to reduce speed by about 50km/h. Avoid coming to a complete stop if possible and accelerate back to speed. After approximately ten applications, allow the brakes to cool by driving without further brake applications. It will take approximately 200 km of urban driving to complete bed-in of the pads.



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Servicing and maintenance instructions (Cont'd)

Routine Servicing

Vehicle braking system servicing must always be carried out strictly in accordance with the vehicle manufacturers instructions.

In order that vehicle braking systems remain in good working order and provide the essential safety and reliability, periodic checks and replacement of certain components is necessary.

Every month or 1500km

1, Check fluid levels in reservoirs and top up if necessary with **DOT 3** brake fluid

Every 6 months or 10,000km

1, Check the brake pads for wear. Replace pads when less than 2mm of friction material remains anywhere over the surface.

2, Check the brake discs for wear and damage. Discs must be replaced before the total thickness has worn below **40mm**. This figure is marked on the outside rim of the disc.

If a disc shows any sign of cracking, which may occur after heavy usage, it must be replaced.

Every 18 months or 30,000km

1, Completely drain the braking system and renew the hydraulic fluid (this period may be more frequent in high humidity territories). Copper Washers must be replaced whenever the Banjo Bolt is removed after being correctly torqued up.

2, Remove brake pads and check their condition particularly between the friction material and metal backing plate. If this is present, renew pads regardless of their state of wear.

3, Visually examine all hydraulic units for signs of fluid leakage. Replace or overhaul if necessary.

Every 3 years or 150,000km

1, All hydraulic assemblies should be replaced or overhauled.



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Spare parts

Front Kit (BKF1559AX52 – Painted Red Caliper, Cast Alcon Logo)

Caliper assembly LT	CIR1559AX52HZL021A01
Caliper assembly RT	CIR1559AX52HZR021A01
Bracket kit	BSK4415X626
Brake disc LH	DIA2146X296C24L
Brake Disc RH	DIA2146X296C24R
Pads (Axle set)	PNS4415X512S.4
Bleed screw	03.3518-0066.1
Pad retainer kit	PKR4415X627KS
Caliper seal kit	CSK484848EW761
Ø 47.6 Piston x1	PSS4833X501
Banjo Bolt (2 required)	BSH3430X1150
Copper Washer (4 required)	FCG0080X994

Shelf life of spare parts

All spare parts should be stored in cool, dry conditions in their original packaging. With the exception of those listed below, parts should not have a limit to their shelf life.

The condition of parts should be inspected should their packaging be damaged and before use.

Caliper assembly (no pads)

Calipers have a very long shelf life due to the method in which they are built. The seals are assembled after being soaked in an assembly oil so it should be similar to it's as fitted condition.

It is recommended, that if calipers have been stored for over 10 years, then the condition of the pressure seals should be checked and replaced if necessary.

Caliper Seal kit

Caliper seals have a 10 year shelf life. After this, parts should be disposed of and replaced.



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