JIMS NEW & IMPROVED MINI VALVE SPRING TESTER 0 TO 1000 P.S.I. GAUGE

This easy to use spring tester may be used in either a bench vice, arbor, hydraulic, screw, or drill press. This tool will fit any dual rate or conical valve spring with O.D. no larger than 1.6” diameter. Cylinder body and piston are manufactured from 6061-T6 aluminum. Steel spring plates and mandrel will provide years of service. We have topped off this tool with a precision pressure gauge covered with a protective rubber boot, reducing shock to gauge during handling and use.

**Note:** JIMS No. 1090 Mini Valve Spring Tester is designed to measure valve springs for service technicians and racers. It is used for sorting springs, setting valve height, and determining when a spring is no longer serviceable. The accuracy is within +/- 5%. The only way to achieve an exact measurement is via a load cell costing thousands of dollars.

**NOTE:** PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE PERFORMING ANY WORK! IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING, DO NOT DO IT! ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES OR OTHER FACE AND EYE PROTECTION SUCH AS FULL FACE SHIELD. JIMS® IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR THE QUALITY AND SAFETY OF YOUR WORK.

Perform all work per service manual for appropriate year and model motorcycle you will be repairing. See JIMS® catalog for a complete listing of all engine and transmission tools.

**JIMS Tools recommended for performing this service:**
- No. 96600-36B, JIMS valve spring compressor tool.
- No. 988, JIMS conical valve spring collar tool, (use with tool 96600-36B.)
- No. 1762 vice soft jaws

**OTHER TOOLS RECOMMENDED FOR USE WITH THIS TOOL:**
- Dial calipers or scale. Both used to measure spring height.
- Safety glasses
- Service Manual for stock valve spring specifications or
  Valve spring specifications from spring manufacturer.

**SETTING UP SPRING TESTER FOR USE WITH A BENCH VICE**

**Note:** For use in bench vise, remove mandrel from spring plate.

1. When using the tester in a horizontal position to compress spring, care should be taken to center the tester and spring to the vise jaws. This prevents any possibility of the spring taking flight. Install your vice
soft jaws, open vice jaws enough so Spring Tool and the spring you will be testing can fit safely between them. **See Fig 1**

2. Slowly close vice jaws down and use dial calipers or scale set at the amount specified for the spring you’re checking. View gauge, checking to see if the spring is within serviceable wear limits. See Measuring Instructions below. **See Fig 1**

**Note:** Let the spring set in collapsed position for 10 seconds before recording pressure reading.

**Caution:** Apply and release pressure to vice very slowly to prevent indicator needle from bouncing.

**SETTING UP SPRING TESTER FOR USE WITH A PRESS**

1. This will be performed the same way as in a vice, only place the spring test tool on the press table for a better view of gauge.
2. Perform all the steps outlined above.

**SETTING UP SPRING TESTER FOR USE WITH A DRILL PRESS**

1. This will be performed the same way as a vice, only place the spring test tool on the drill press table for a better view of gauge.
2. Perform all the steps as outlined above.

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**Measuring Instructions**

To measure spring length, measure distance between inside edges of No. 1090-3 plates. Add variable as determined in below examples to get actual valve spring length.

1. **Non Tapered Spring:** If your spring rating is 515 LBS at 1.280, your spring will locate in first step of two plates. Variable = .200"

   **Example:**
   
   \[1.080" + .200" = 1.280"\]

2. **Tapered Spring:** If your spring rating is 480 LBS at 1.250, large end will locate in first step of plate 1 and small end will locate in second step of plate 2. Variable = .300"

   **Example:**
   
   \[.950" + .300" = 1.250"\]