



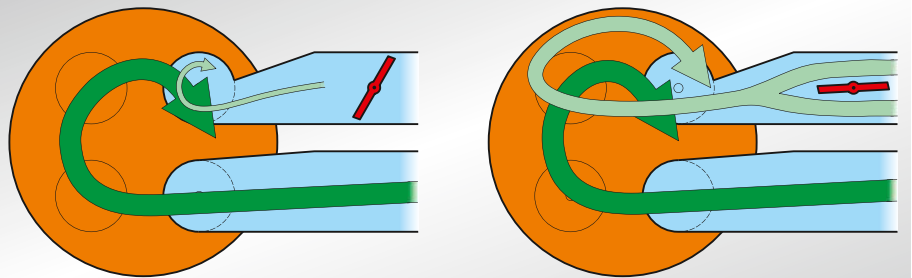
Operation of the Tumble Flaps

So that the fuel/air mixture is combusted in the CDTi engine as quickly as possible and as best as possible, the air entering through two separate intake channels for each cylinder is provided with a swirl. One of these intake channels in each case is equipped in addition with an adjustable tumble flap which is actuated through a lever arrangement by the electric drive module.

Through the position of the tumble flaps, swirling of the fresh air in the cylinder can be adapted to the specific load conditions of the engine.

In this way the quantity of emitted pollutants and the power can be optimally set up depending on the specific load conditions.

Operating principle of the tumble flap



*Low speed:
Tumble flap closed,
strong swirl*

*High-speed
Tumble flap open,
high volume flow*



Intake manifold 7.00373.12.0 with drive module 7.00521.14.0

Electric Drive Module EAM-i

EAM-i stands for **Elektrisches Antriebs-Modul** (electric drive module) with integrated "intelligence".

It permits an adjustment to any point within the operating angle range.

An integrated angle sensor acquires the actual position. In case a deviation with respect to the setpoint position is detected, this is then indicated as an error to the engine controller.

The position of the tumble flaps in the intake manifold itself is not acquired. This can only be performed indirectly through the angle position of the drive module. For this reason malfunctions at the tumble flaps or at the lever the arrangement are sometimes attributed to the drive module.



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Diagnosis information

The cause for these malfunctions are often stiff or sticking tumble flaps. Deposits or sticking tumble flaps can be caused by very oily intake or charging air. There are many reasons for this.

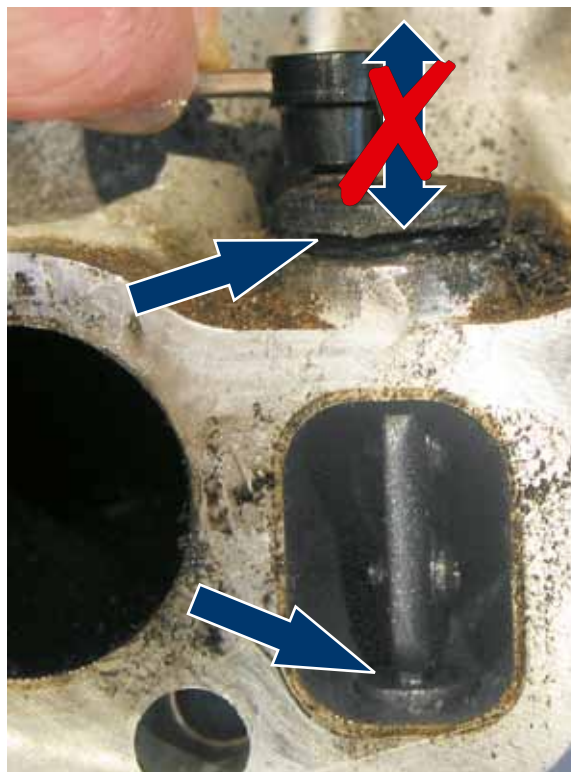
- Bad, dirty combustion
- Faults in the engine management
- Incorrect software revision of the engine controller
- Frequent short-run operation
- Malfunctions in the crankcase vent

When the faulty intake manifold remains in the vehicle and only the drive module is changed, this error will reappear quite quickly.

- Perform an actuator diagnosis (according to manufacturer’s information for the diagnosis unit) of the drive module: if the drive module switches, power supply and drive module are electrically in order.
- Check to ensure that there is a proper link (“lever arrangement”) between the drive module and the tumble flaps.
- Check to ensure that the tumble flaps can move freely. The actuating lever must, after being deflected, return to its initial position within a period of 1 to 2 seconds.
- It must not be possible to move the tumble flaps in the axial direction (see figure).



Lever arrangement at the intake manifold in the Opel Vectra (top emphasised in red and detailed view)



Worn out bearings at the tumble flaps



- In the case of constantly open tumble flaps, the soot levels in the exhaust gas increase at low engine speeds.
- In the case of constantly closed tumble flaps, the soot levels increase at high engine speeds.