



# TECH EXCHANGE

**Subject: All Yamaha Models Produced January 2016 and Later – Lower Unit Drain and Oil Level Screw Gaskets**

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New types of gaskets are being used on lower unit drain and oil level screws for all Yamaha outboard models beginning with January 2016 production. Yamaha is also supplying these new gaskets as replacement parts for all current and previous models; the previous part number supersedes to the new one.

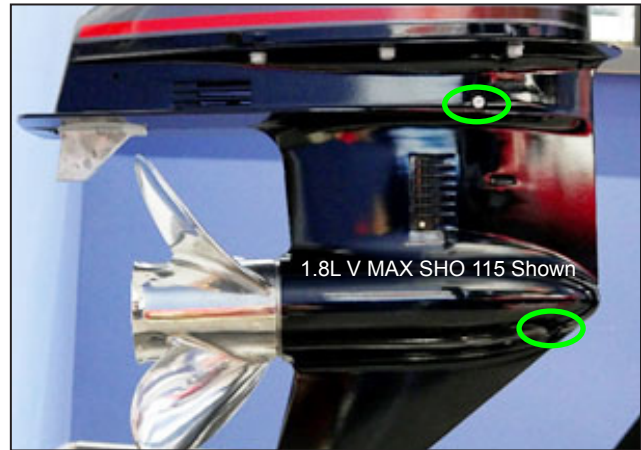
**IMPORTANT:** These new-type black gaskets have a different installation and torque procedure than the previous type:

- Apply clean oil to the screw threads and both gasket surfaces. Install the drain or oil level screw.
- Tighten just until seated and then turn the screw an additional 45 degrees to achieve the proper torque or tighten to  $7 \pm 1$  Nm ( $0.7 \pm 0.1$  m-kgf,  $5.2 \pm 0.7$  lb-ft)

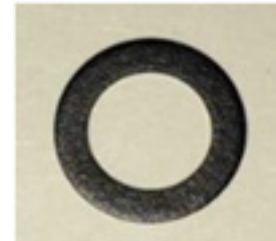
**NOTICE:**

**Excessive torque and/or lack of oil on the threads and gasket surfaces could damage the gasket, resulting in an oil leak and/or water entering the lower unit.**

In addition to notifying all technicians about this change, alert your dealership's Parts Department so they can inform any customers buying these gaskets. The Owner's Manual provides installation procedures for the previous-style gasket.



Previous  
90430-08020-00  
Reddish-Brown Color



New  
90430-08003-00  
Black Color