

Fitting instructions for XPAG side cover metal replacement gasket

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I recommend using a good quality gasket sealant such as red Hermetite or Loctite SI 5980 Gasket Sealant Paste*. Put a thin coat on one side of one of the cork gaskets then press it onto the steel plate.



Put a thin coat of gasket sealant onto the exposed side of that cork gasket and offer the steel plate up to the cover, using two of the three fastening bolts to locate it.

You can then put a thin coat of sealant on one face of the final cork gasket face and put it onto the steel plate. Coat the final face and offer the cover and steel plate up to the engine, using the fastening bolts to keep everything aligned.

It's probably easier than fitting the original cork gasket.

Please be aware it's not a magic fix to the oil leaks, it just helps to reduce them."

* Other brands are available such as 3M.

Note from Paul Barrow

I found it easier to fix the gasket to one side of the plate and let it set off before fixing the gasket to the other side. When both sides had set off I then put the gasket sealer to the outside of both sides. I then offered it up to the outer cover plate locating it on the fastening bolts, then secured it to the engine with the fastening bolts. This way the gaskets stayed in place and did not slide or droop.