

Avoid Damaging Heater Valves with Air and Power Tools

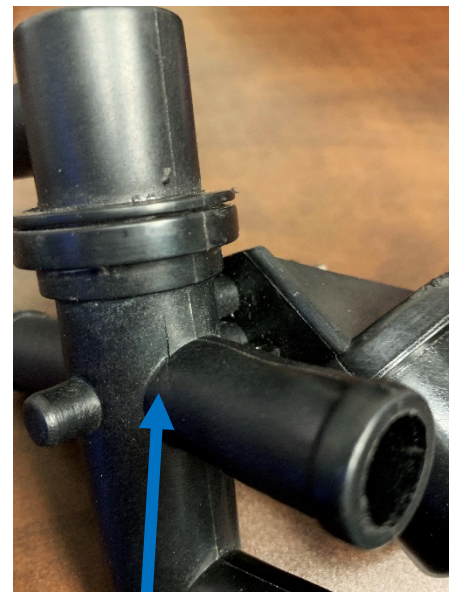
In most cases, air and power tools help get the job done faster. When it comes to tightening the hose clamp on heater valves, these high-powered tools can cause damage and costly repairs.

THE PROBLEM

Using air and power tools on hose clamps to tighten up heater valves may cause damage to the heater valve pipe. Often these powerful tools put too much pressure on the pipes, causing them to bend, snap, or leak.



Notice the bend in the heater valve. Here a power tool used too much torque causing the pipe to



Excess torque has caused the pipe to bend and split from the main housing.

When replacing heater valves, it is best practice to refer the manufacturers specifications and use appropriate tools.

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