System solutions for the valve train

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The function of the valve train

An internal combustion engine must be cyclically supplied with fresh air, and exhaust gas must be cyclically discharged. The task of the valve train is to open and close the intake and outlet channels to allow this charge change process to be carried out as efficiently as possible. Depending on the engine design, a distinction is made between valve trains according to the number of valves they activate, and the number and location of the camshafts driven by them.

Due to its function, the valve train is exposed to high accelerations and decelerations. In addition, the exhaust valves have to withstand extreme temperatures coming from the hot exhaust gases. To be able to work correctly under these conditions, valve train components should therefore:

- Exhibit a high level of strength
- Produce low amounts of friction
- Ensure sufficient heat dissipation from the valves

In order to guarantee proper functionality, it is also crucial to exclude valve lash and keep the performance characteristics of the engine stable throughout its service life.

What can you expect from INA?

INA is the leading producer of all types of valve train components. As a technology leader, our focus is on the highest precision in production and assembly throughout our range, which also includes switchable products, for example. Our first-class components in the valve train withstand rising temperatures and high pressures on ever-smaller engines. With a wide range of repair solutions, INA is also ideally positioned in the aftermarket, allowing valve trains to be repaired professionally and efficiently.
INA as a technology leader – a success story

The reliable product quality of the Schaeffler brand INA is extremely well accepted, both in Europe and the rest of the world – a result that we are proud of, and see as an incentive and a commitment for the future.
Our range is the market leader when it comes to valve trains

As the leading provider in the field of valve trains, INA offers a range that leaves nothing to be desired. But diversity is only one aspect of the intelligent repair solutions from INA. Our valve train components are equipped with all the necessary accessories for ensuring efficient and sustainable installation and are also perfectly compatible with one another.

The INA range includes both hydraulic and electric variable camshaft timers and valves. With the help of these products, control times can be adjusted variably, which in turn increases the efficiency. Bucket tappets, finger followers and swing arms are also included in the range, as well as rocker arms and rocker arm bridges. Other innovations from INA include INA camshaft KITs, as well as camshaft KITs with variable camshaft timers.

At [www.rexpert.com](http://www.rexpert.com) INA also offers you a comprehensive range of services, more detailed product information, and concrete work aids, such as training sessions.
The INA valve train range:
1. Camshafts and camshaft KITs
2. Variable camshaft timer for chain drives (hydraulic & electric)
3. Variable camshaft timer for belt drives
4. Central valve
5. Control valve
6. Roller-type finger follower
7. Tilt/swing arm
8. Hydraulic pivot element
9. Bucket tappet
Our focus during development

INA is leading the way when it comes to technical developments, and will also influence and shape them significantly in the future.

The current development objectives in the engine sector are the main focus. These include, for example:

- Reducing CO₂ emissions
- Reducing frictional losses
- Increasing efficiency

We give some examples below of the kind of INA valve train systems and products that enable these objectives to be achieved.

UniAir
Using the first electro-hydraulic system worldwide to allow fully variable control of the inlet valves in petrol and diesel engines enables the engine to always operate at optimum efficiency. This causes fuel consumption to be reduced by up to 10 %, performance to be increased by 10 %, and torque in the lower engine speed range to be increased by up to 15 %.

Switchable roller-type finger follower
In conjunction with the hydraulic valve lash compensation elements, this provides a permanent and constant valve lash. Contact with the cam is provided by a roller with rolling bearings. By using cam rollers, the low-wear and maintenance-free roller-type finger follower causes much less friction loss in comparison to bucket tappets.

Electromechanical camshaft phasing unit (ECP)
The ECP developed and produced by Schaeffler enables the camshaft to be adjusted faster and more accurately to the prevailing engine operating conditions. This reduces the fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions, as well as leading to increased driving dynamics, particularly in the lower speed range. Of interest when starting the engine: In contrast to a hydraulic timer, on the ECP it is possible to turn the camshaft while the engine is stopped.
Cross-system repair solutions

INA is the first provider in the aftermarket to offer cross-system repair solutions covering several key engine systems. As the individual subsystems are technically linked to each other, such repair solutions are very useful. After all, integrated maintenance is particularly efficient and ensures the smooth and sustainable functionality of all key systems.

An example of such a repair solution: The kit for Opel 1.2 L & 1.4 L (A12/A14). This solution combines components from both the chain drive and the valve train in a single box:

- Timing chain, tensioner, sprocket wheels, rails
- Variable camshaft timer and valves
- Various seal rings and seals (oil sump, cover for timing drive, water pump, variable camshaft timer)