Tech Tips:

***PRODUCT ALERT***

CR172 – Chrome Bolt, Gas Tank End Panel, T-Series

This is a product alert on the installation of this item. Please be cautious when installing this item as over tightening the bolt may cause it to break.

Background: The bolt that is currently being offered by FTFU and other major suppliers comes from the same source. So this problem is seen as to be a universal concern for all buyers for this item. This bolt threads into a captive nut welded onto the end of the gas tank. The captive nut is only about ¼” deep.

Problem: The bolt has been manufactured to be slightly longer than the original bolt to accommodate the addition of a chrome washer to be placed under the domed head. Additionally, the gas tank end panels normally have felt packing installed under them as per original production. Therefore, if either of these items is missing or if you over tighten the bolt, it will bottom out and then break. It should also be noted that the bolt is made of brass which makes it even less resistant to torque.

Solution:
1. Check the threads in the captive nuts to make sure that they are clean. Use a ¼ BSP tap or “poor man’s” alternative is to run a 1/4BSP steel bolt in with some penetrating oil.
2. Once clean, use a 1/4BSP x 3/8” bolt to test fit panels with item #WAP0408C, chrome washer and item SUN060, end panel packing.
3. Make the final install using the specialty domed headed chrome bolts. Do not force or over tighten and only snug the bolts.

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