

## **Service Info**



## **LuK Double Disc Clutches**

## Transport damage due to incorrect handling

Vehicle manufacturer: Mercedes Benz Volvo Models: Mercedes Benz: Actros Actros MP 2/3 Axor Axor Axor 2 Volvo: FH, FH II, FH 12, FH 16 FM, FM 12

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Continuous quality testing and experience from the market indicate that double disc clutches are often damaged during transportation due to incorrect handling.

FMX, FMX II W

The main cause of this damage is lateral impact loads that result from improper loading methods or inadequate securing of the load.

In most cases, these impact loads cause cam breaks at the fixtures of the tangential leaf springs (Fig. 1), which then lead to problems disconnecting the clutch. Furthermore, fragments of the cam or parts of the tangential leaf spring can suddenly work loose even at low speeds and cause serious damage to the bell housing. For this reason, a damaged pressure plate must not be installed under any circumstances because very high consequential costs can be expected.



Image 1: Cam break at the fixture of the tangential leaf spring

In such cases, note the following points:

- The condition of the clutch packaging on arrival must be more or less damage free. If the packaging has been damaged during transportation, conduct a detailed visual inspection on the clutch to check for the damage mentioned above
- Any impact loads on the clutch, especially lateral impact loads, must be prevented
- As the clutch is relatively heavy, it is worth using a suitable lifting device to handle the component

Please observe the vehicle manufacturer specifications!

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