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## **RIVA Kawasaki 1.5L Valve Train Upgrade Kit** **PART# - RK19085-VTU**

**APPLICATION(S):** Kawasaki Ultra 2007+, STX-15F, SXR 1500

### **Please read the following completely prior to beginning installation.**

A service manual is recommended when performing this installation. The following instructions were written based on using our Valve Compression Tool (Part# RY19040-VCT). This tool allows you to install our Valve Train Upgrade Kit without removing the cylinder head.

#### **Required tools**

RIVA Valve Compression Tool  
Air Pressure Regulator  
OEM Service Manual

#### **Part#**

RY19040-VCT  
N/A  
N/A

#### **Recommended tools**

Magnetic Pick-up Tool

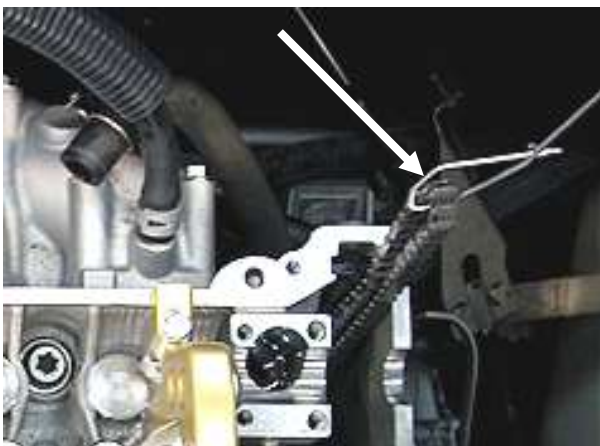
#### **Part#**

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## **- INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS -**

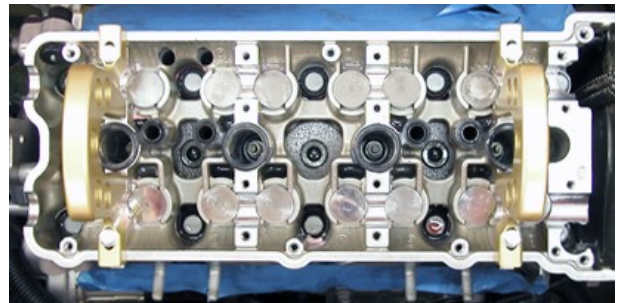
Follow steps outlined in your OEM Service Manual for removal of the following top end engine components: Valve Cover, Camshaft Caps, Timing Chain Tensioner and Timing Chain Guide.

Carefully remove camshafts making sure to keep tension on timing chain so it does not fall off of crankshaft gear.



**TIP:** Using a coat hanger or heavy gauge welding rod wrap one end around left hand grip and the other through timing chain to keep adequate tension during tool installation.

Install compression rod supports (2) over front and rear spark plug holes using supplied hardware.



Use supplied hardware applicable to your brand watercraft to secure supports to cylinder head. **NOTE: Do not over tighten bolts.**

Remove spark plug and install supplied airline into spark plug receiver for cylinder being serviced.

Using a metered airline, pressurize cylinder to **80psi maximum**.

Remove bucket only from valve being serviced.

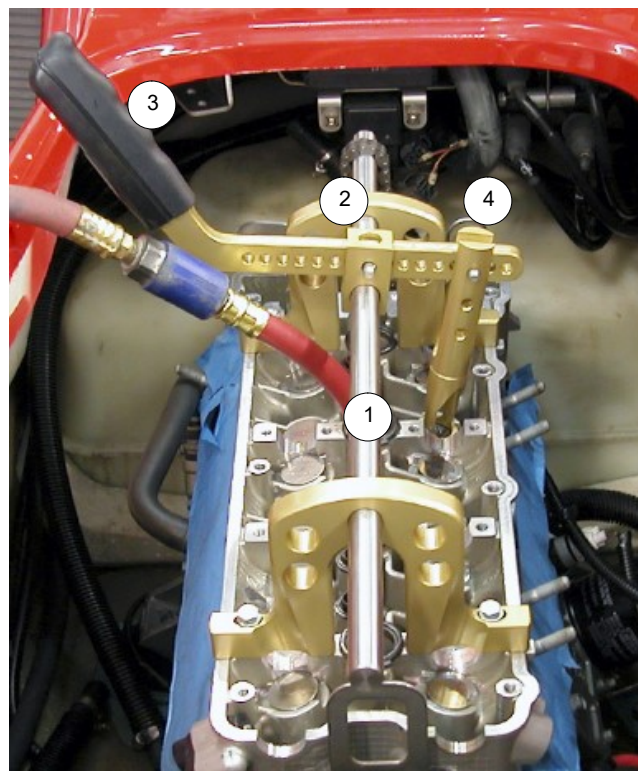


Use a magnet to remove bucket. Make contact at center. This will remove bucket shim at same time.



Flip bucket over to verify shim was removed with bucket. Do not lose shim!

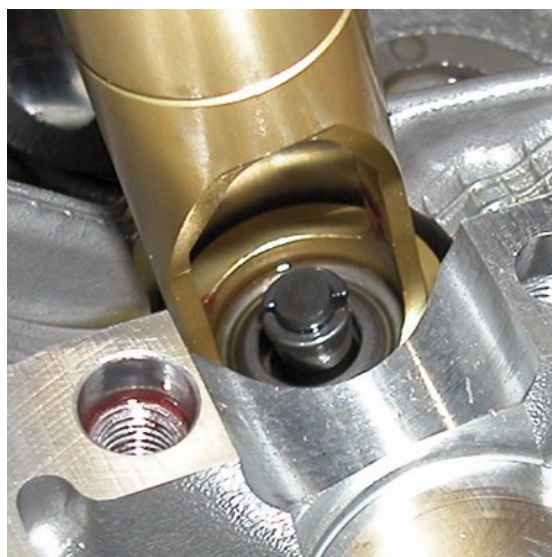
Install supplied stainless steel compression rod 1, compression arm receiver 2, compression arm 3, and compression adapter 4 onto supports. Refer to illustration below.



**NOTE:**

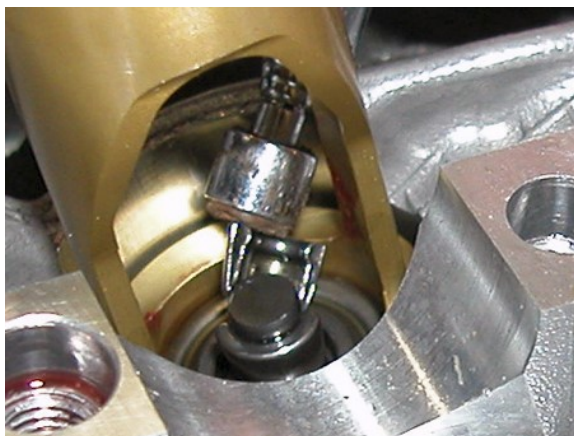
- Compression arm handle should be on opposite side of motor as valve being serviced.
- Secure arm to receiver at # 9. Secure cup rod to arm at # 3.
- Use supplied compression adapter applicable to your brand watercraft.
- Hang timing chain on end of compression rod.

Center cup over retainer. Apply pressure to handle on compression arm forcing retainer down until keepers are exposed.





Use a magnet to remove keepers.



Slowly relieve pressure on compression arm.

Flip compression arm handle up and over to access valve.

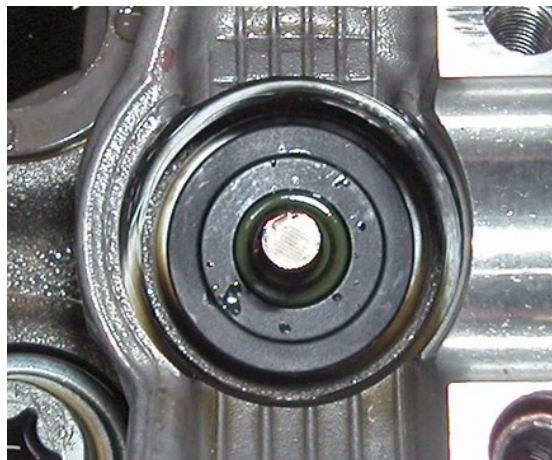
Remove stock retainer, stock valve spring(s) and stock base spacer.

Thoroughly clean supplied Valve Train Upgrade kit components with a non-residual cleaner.



RIVA Valve Train Upgrade Kit components

Install one base washer (profile side up) over valve stem and seat against cylinder head. **NOTE: Intake and exhaust base washers are packaged separately. The thinner washers go on the exhaust. The thicker washers with a groove are for the intake valves.**



Install one spring set (inner & outer combined) over valve stem.

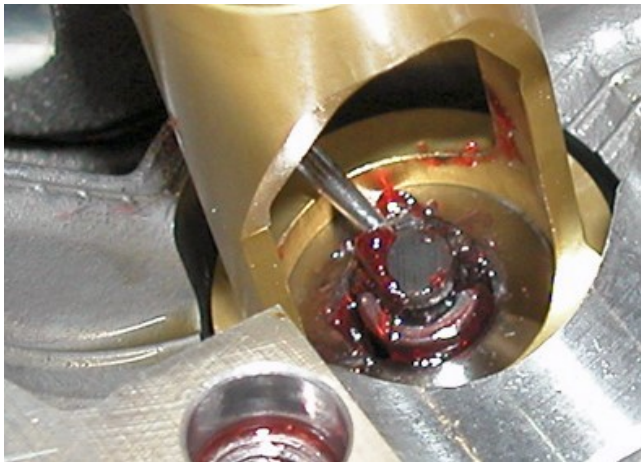
Apply grease to stock keepers and install into center of supplied valve retainer. Add more grease.



Place retainer on top of spring set (profile side towards spring set).

Flip compression arm handle over and center cup over retainer.

Center cup over retainer. Slowly apply pressure to handle on compression arm until keepers begin to move. Use a non-magnetic tool to guide keepers into place on valve stem.



Once keepers are properly seated on valve stem slowly relieve pressure on compression arm until retainer locks in place.

Slightly compress retainer several times to ensure keepers are properly locked into place.

Flip compression arm handle up and over to access valve.

Visually inspect to ensure retainer is properly locked in place.



If retainer does not appear to be locked in place repeat process.

Thoroughly clean stock bucket and shim. Do not remove grease from retainer.

Place shim in center of retainer (on top of keepers) number side up making sure it is seated evenly.

Replace bucket.

Repeat above steps for remaining valves working on only one at a time only. Move to next cylinder and repeat entire process.

Carefully follow steps outlined in your OEM Service Manual for replacement of the following top end engine components: Valve Cover, Camshaft Caps, Timing Chain Tensioner and Timing Chain Guide.

***Remember, the water belongs to everyone.  
Please ride responsibly and respect the environment!***

### **Technical Support**

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Warranted replacement parts will be returned freight collect.