

Ballistic Clutch Run-In Procedure for Track Only Use

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Important Notice

The most effective method of bedding in any new EXEDY Ballistic clutch is through approximately 1,000 – 1,500 km of normal road driving. As track-only vehicles cannot complete this process, the following procedure is provided as an alternative. While this method significantly reduces the risk of improper bedding, it cannot guarantee 100% correct break-in in all cases. Failures remain possible, though extremely rare, and this procedure is still strongly recommended over running a new clutch with no bedding process at all.

1. Preparation

- Ensure the Ballistic clutch has been installed entirely free from contamination (Refer EXEDY Tech Note 015).
- Once clutch installation is complete, roll the vehicle off the hoist and run engine at idle speed until it reaches normal operating temperature.

2. Initial Bed in (Controlled Slip Method)

- Engage 2nd gear with the vehicle stationary.
- Apply light to moderate throttle input (max 25% throttle) and slowly engage the clutch allowing it to slip for a maximum of 3-4 seconds before placing back into neutral.
- Turn off the engine and allow to cool down for 3-4 minutes before repetitions.
- Repeat the above procedure 8-10 times and allow the vehicle to cool for 30 min – 1 hour following the final slipping process.

Caution: Launches, dumping of the clutch or high torque loadings due to harsh acceleration and deceleration must be avoided during the above initial bed-in process. Failure to do this will greatly increase the likelihood of irreparable glazing of the friction material resulting in premature slipping clutch failure.

3. Recommended First Track Use

- Only use 50-70% acceleration during first run track use (If possible, run engine on reduced output/low boost tune via ECU).
- Avoid dumping of the clutch.
- Gradually ramp up launches during following runs.
- If burning clutch smell is detected, stop the run and allow vehicle to cool completely.