

'Ask Hanip'



Blue Smoke Problem

Q : Dear Hanip, I have a toyota starlet that churns out a lot of smoke upon ignition and if i'm sitting in idle a few minutes and drive off...it's clearer if i accelerate but goes away when driving in a constant speed. How do i know whether the valve seals, piston rings or other area are the cause for this bluish smoke? Lim Choon Soo



A : Choon Soo, blue smoke is from burning oil. The fault could be worn valve stem guides or seals, worn piston rings or cylinder bores. Please do a compression test and cylinder leakdown test to determine if its the piston rings or valve problems. Usually, lots of smoke at startup and lesser smoke while driving indicates valve seals leaking oil.