

Vauxhall/Opel Gearbox Identification

The question often arises as to how to identify the gearbox types on Vauxhall/Opel vehicles to ascertain correct clutch and CSC (Concentric Slave Cylinder) application as there is no means of identification by using the vehicle VIN number.

The primary problem is identifying the difference between the F17/18 gearbox and the F23 box.

The following information is provided to give an accurate means of identifying the types.

F17/18 Gearbox

- Reverse gear selection is away from the driver
- The gear change is operated via rods
- The gearbox type is indicated on top of the gearbox casing (see fig 1)



F23 Gearbox

- Reverse gear selection is towards the driver
- The gear change is operated via cables
- The gearbox type is indicated on top of the gearbox casing (see fig 2)