

# FORD 6R140 ZIP KIT®

PART NUMBER 6R140-ZIP

QUICK GUIDE

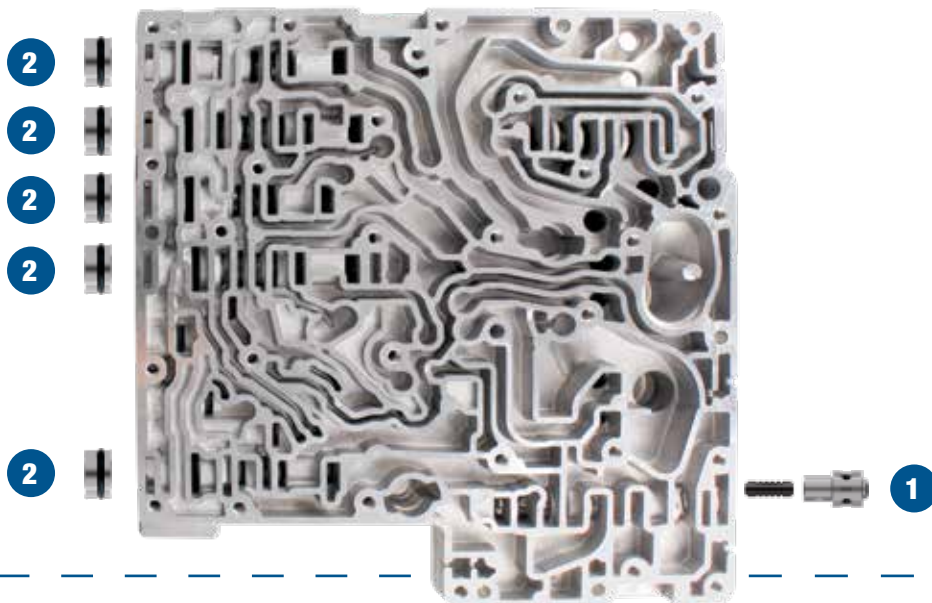
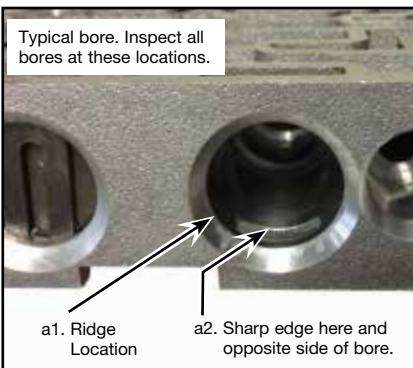
Parts are labeled here in order of installation. See other side of sheet for details on kit contents.

## INSTALLATION DIAGRAM

### Upper Valve Body



**WARNING:** If ridge and sharp edges are not eliminated, O-ring will be damaged upon insertion into bore.



### Lower Valve Body

2011–2016 lineup with OE thermal bypass valve

5a

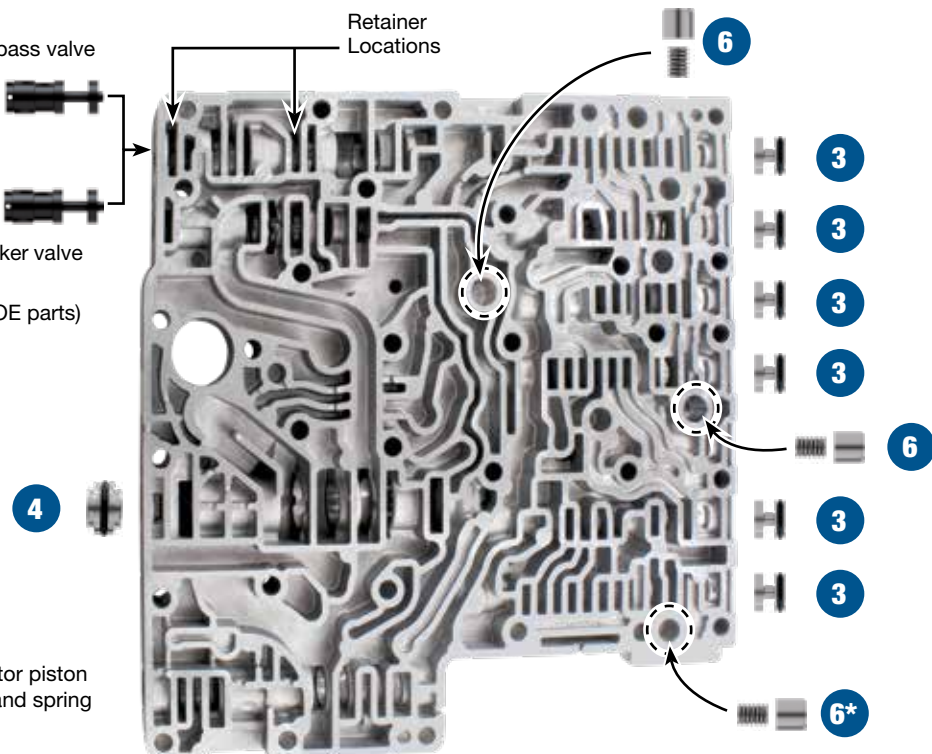


5b

2017–Later lineup with OE with bypass blocker valve



**NOTE:** See full lineup for 5A and 5B (including OE parts) on Figure 13, page 8 of 6R140-ZIP booklet.



**\*NOTE:** Some late units may have an accumulator piston at this location. Do NOT install Sonnax piston and spring unless originally equipped.

In addition to general rebuilding tips and technical information, the technical booklet included in this kit contains vacuum testing and additional repair options for higher mileage units or for repairing specific complaints which are beyond the scope of this kit.

## Kit Contents & Installation Steps

### Step 1 Replace OE TCC Apply Boost Valve Assembly

#### Packaging Pocket 1

- Boost Valve • Sleeve

### Step 2 Replace OE Regulator End Plugs

Place O-ring into end plug groove. Lubricate with Sonnax Slippery Stick O-LUBE and roll on bench to size.

- Inspect each bore that will receive an O-ringed end plug for sharp edges. There are three locations where an O-ring may be damaged during installation (Inset Page 1):

- Many valve bodies will have a small sharp ridge at bore entry. The ridge is difficult to see but can be located by carefully dragging a pick down the chamfer into the entry.

- The inboard edges of the two openings (top and bottom) just inside the bores where the end plug retainers install are often sharp.

- Remove valve train to facilitate bore cleaning after ridge removal and breaking of sharp edges.

- Recommend using 3/8" diameter flap wheel chucked in miniature die grinder, but any method that removes ridges and breaks sharp edges without damaging bore is acceptable.



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#### Packaging Pocket 2

- End Plugs (5) • O-Rings (8) 3 Extra

### Step 3 Replace OE Internal End Plugs

Place O-rings into end plug grooves. Lubricate with Sonnax Slippery Stick O-LUBE and roll on bench to size.

Apply slight pressure and rotate end plug back and forth into bore in small, incremental steps. This action allows a well-lubed O-ring to compress into bore. Alternately, a small flat-bladed screwdriver inserted through the retainer port cavity may be used to help gently squeeze O-ring into bore.

#### Packaging Pocket 3

- Internal End Plugs (6) • O-Rings (10) 4 Extra

### Step 4 Replace OE LPC End Plug

Place O-ring into end plug groove. Lubricate with Sonnax Slippery Stick O-LUBE and roll on bench to size.

#### Packaging Pocket 4

- End Plug
- O-Rings (2) 1 Extra

### Replace OE Converter Limit Valve

#### Step 5a If 2011-2016 valve body with a thermal bypass valve:

- Remove OE outboard retaining clip, plug, cooler bypass valve, thermal valve, and spring. Set aside for reuse. Remove OE inboard retaining clip and set aside for reuse. Remove and discard OE inboard plug, spring, and converter limit valve.
- Remove Sonnax valve from sleeve. Install Sonnax spring into valve pocket then insert both components back into sleeve, spring end first. Install complete sleeve assembly (valve end first) into bore. Install inboard OE retaining clip into Sonnax sleeve groove.
- Return OE spring, thermal bypass valve, cooler bypass valve, end plug and retaining clip to bore.

#### Step 5b If 2017-later valve body with bypass blocker valve:

- Remove OE retainer, outboard blocker valve, spring, and inboard converter limit valve. Discard all parts except the retainer, which will be reused.
- Remove Sonnax valve from sleeve. Install Sonnax spring into valve pocket then insert both components back into sleeve, spring end first. Install complete sleeve assembly (valve end first) into bore. Install OE retaining clip into Sonnax sleeve groove.
- Install Sonnax blocker valve into bore, small diameter first. Push far enough inboard to secure in place using Sonnax flat steel retainer in the outboard groove location.

#### Packaging Pocket 5

- Converter Limit Valve & Sleeve Assembly
- Spring • Flat Steel Retainer
- Bypass Blocker Valve

### Step 6 Replace OE Accumulator Pistons

#### Packaging Pocket 6

- Accumulator Pistons (3)
- Matching Springs (3)

**NOTE:** 2015-Later models have three accumulator pistons.



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INSTALLATION & TESTING BOOKLET

## Torque Specifications

<b>Oil Pan to Case</b> 9Nm/80 in-lb <b>Note:</b> Pan gasket is reusable	<b>Valve Body Assembly to Case</b> 11Nm/97 in-lb
<b>Valve Body Halves</b> 11Nm/97 in-lb	<b>Sump Filter to Case</b> 11Nm/97 in-lb
<b>Solenoid Retaining Bracket</b> 11Nm/97 in-lb	<b>Feed Tube Bracket to Case</b> 11Nm/97 in-lb

## Fluid

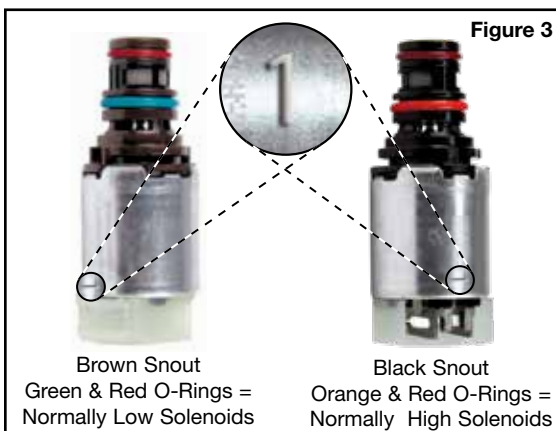
<b>Ford Fluid</b> Mercon LV	<b>Check at</b> 170-190°
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**Note:** Various pan configurations between Gas/Diesel and early/late configurations require different capacities.

**Approximate Dry Fill** 16-19 qts. See service manual.

## Drive-Cycle Relearn

- Using a capable scan tool, clear the TCM KAM (Keep Alive Memory).
- Make certain transmission temperature is between 180°F and 200°F (82°C to 93°C).
- With engine running and brakes applied, move selector lever in the following sequence pausing between each position for 4 seconds beginning in neutral as follows: **N-R-N-D-R-D-N**. Repeat this sequence two more times, for a total of three.
- Accelerate at moderate throttle so each shift occurs around 2000 rpm for gas engines and 1500 rpm for diesel engines up to 6 mph (105k/mh). Brake moderately to a stop, repeat this sequence two more times, for a total of three.
- Accelerate at moderate throttle so each shift occurs around 3000 rpm for gas engines and 2250 rpm for diesel engines up to 65 mph (105 k/mh). Repeat this sequence two more times, for a total of three.
- Come to a complete stop.
- With the engine running and the brakes applied, move the selector lever in the following sequence pausing between each position for 4 seconds beginning in neutral as follows: **N-R-N-D-R-D-N**. Repeat this sequence two more times, for a total of three.



## Valve Body ID & Tech Tips

### Solenoid Strategy Tags

Both the valve body and the transmission case have a solenoid strategy number on a tag. The numbers (**Figures 1 & 2**) should match on both interior and exterior tags. It is possible to program the TCM with a new strategy number if components have been changed.

### Solenoid Information

Solenoids are location specific and have a band number that is barely legible (**Figures 3 & 4**). It may be necessary to take solenoid outside and look at it at an angle in the location shown. Solenoid ohm value is approximately 5 to 5.5.

**WARNING:** Band number on solenoid (1-5) corresponds to solenoid calibration. Band number of replacement solenoid MUST match that of OE solenoid, or shift calibration concerns will result.

In addition, solenoid calibration (Normally High or Normally Low) must match.



Figure 1



Figure 2

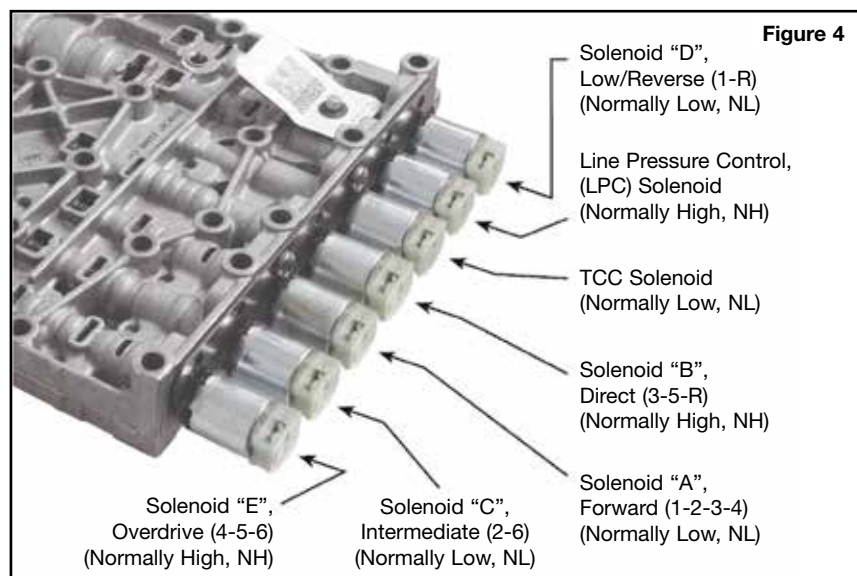


Figure 4



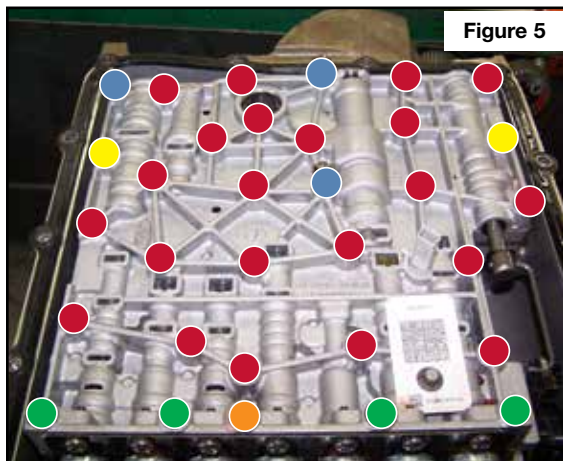


Figure 5

## Zip Kit Instructions

### 1. Valve Body Removal from Case

- Remove wiring harness connectors from the solenoids.
- Remove three bolts securing the filter to valve body (yellow & orange), then remove filter (**Figure 5**).
- Remove three valve body-to-case bolts (blue) (**Figure 5**).
- Remove four (green) valve body half retaining bolts (**Figure 5**).
- Remove three tube bracket-to-case bolts (purple) (**Figures 6**).
- Remove valve body from case. Keep track of case passage plugs, as these may stick to valve body (**Figure 7**).
- Remove tube assemblies from valve body and tube assembly plugs from case (**Figure 6 & 7**).

### 6R140 Disassembly & Reassembly Bolts

Bolt Color Code	Bolt Length	Torque
Purple	97mm	97 in-lb
Red	48mm	
Green	63mm	
Blue	68mm	
Yellow	68.5mm	
Orange	90mm	

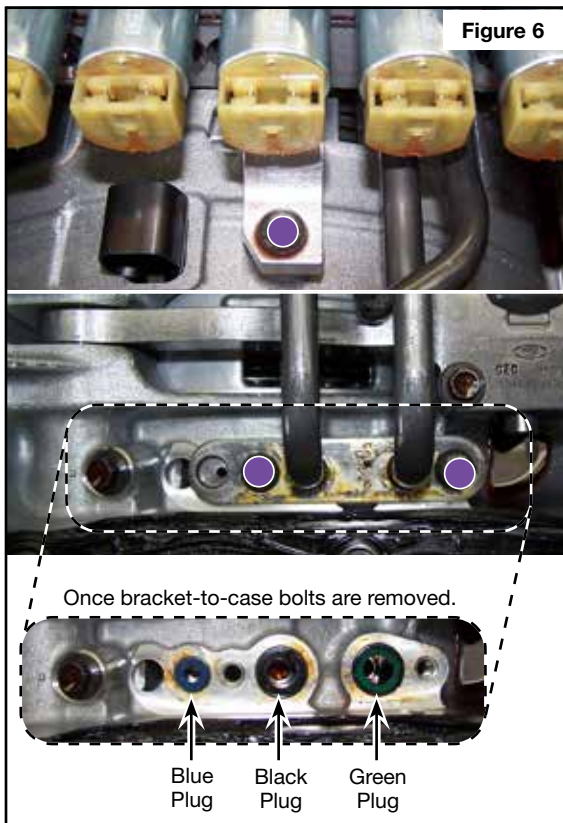


Figure 6

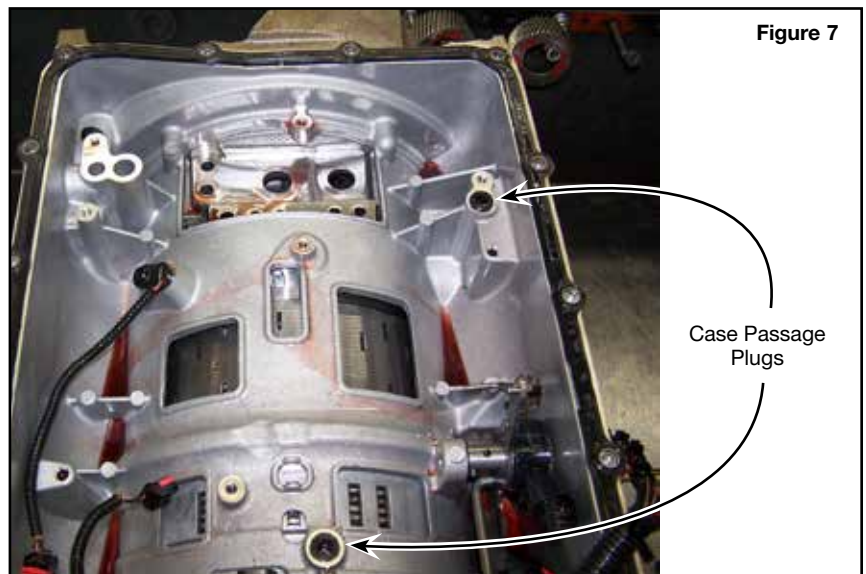


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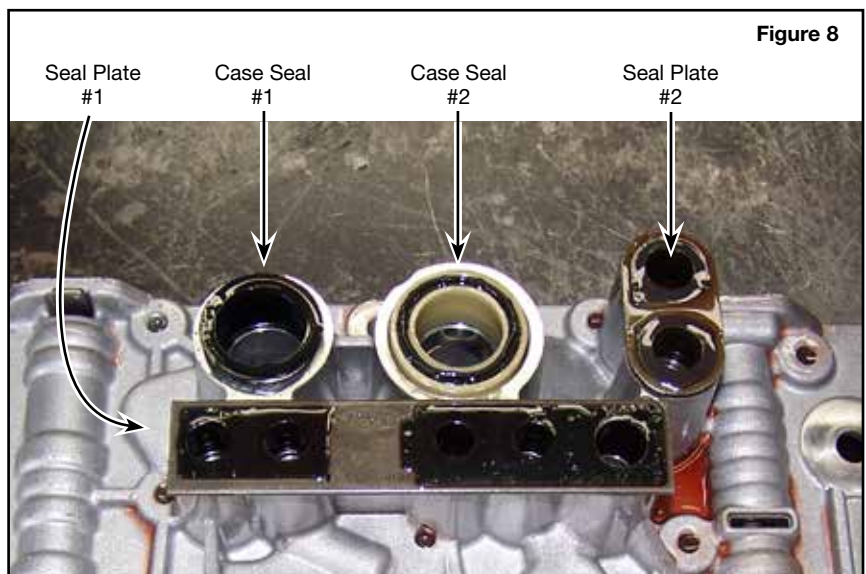


Figure 8



## 2. Valve Body Disassembly

- Remove valve body-to-case seals (**Figure 8**).
- Remove 22 red valve body bolts (**Figure 5**). The valve body halves may now be separated, using two pry points (**Figures 9**).
- Remove two separator plate bolts from upper valve body casting (**Figure 10**).
- Remove all valve body “small parts” (not valve retainers) and set aside (**Figures 10 & 11**).  
**NOTE:** Pump inlet nozzle may stick to separator plate. Ensure installation back into valve body before reassembling the two valve body halves.
- Remove solenoids (see page 1, **Figures 3 & 4**). For more solenoid information see chart (page 8 **Figure 12**).

## 3. Installation

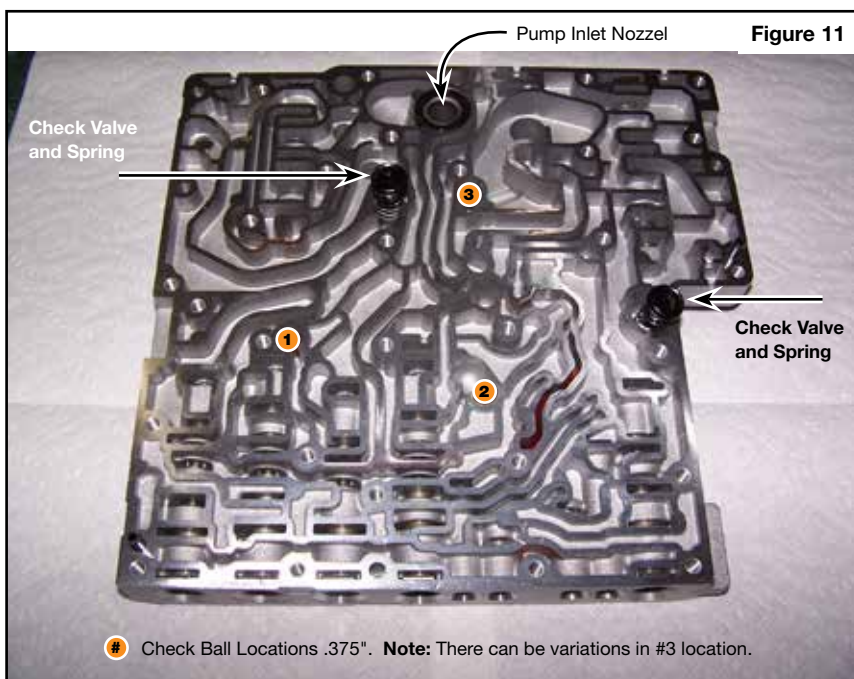
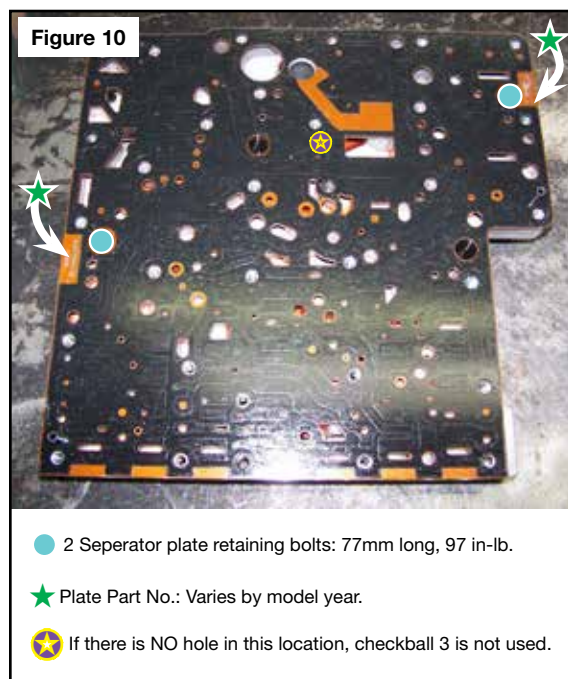
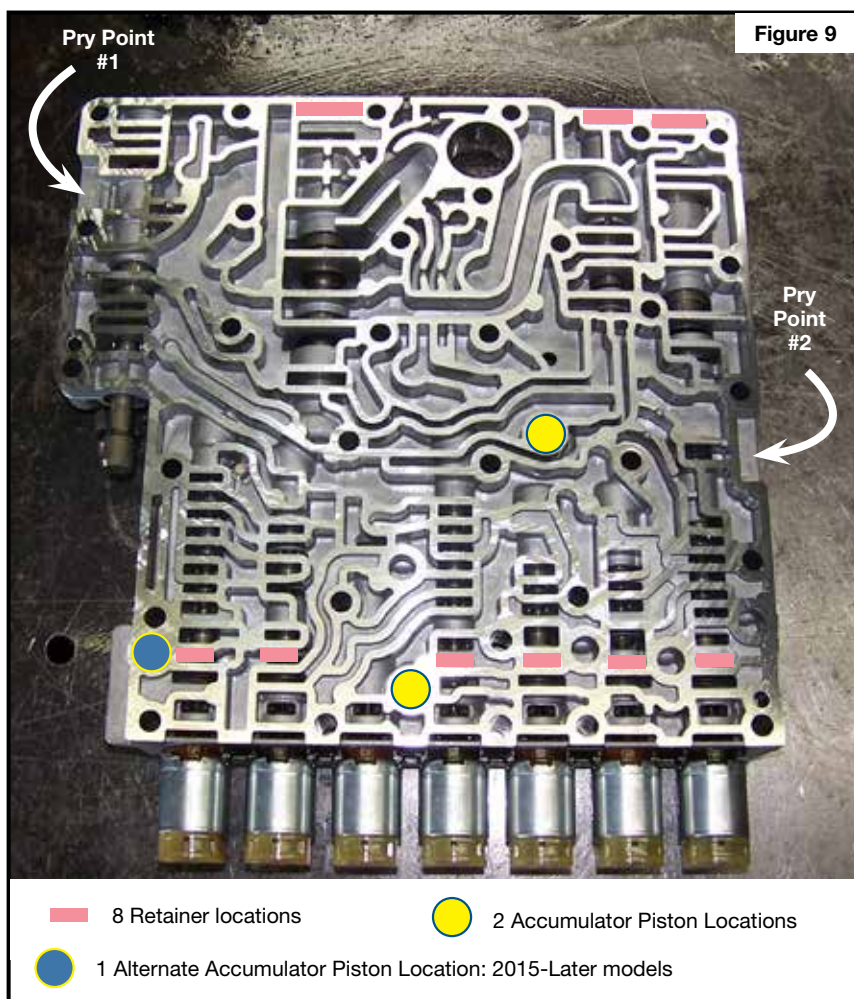
Install Zip Kit parts as shown on diagram of separate quick guide sheet included in this Zip Kit. Sonnax recommends vacuum testing critical wear areas not covered by this kit to determine whether additional Sonnax parts are required (see pages 4 & 5).

## 4. Valve Body Reassembly

- Reverse order of above directions.

## 5. Valve Body Reinstall to Case

- Reverse order of above directions.

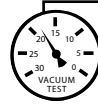


# Critical Wear Areas & Vacuum Test Locations

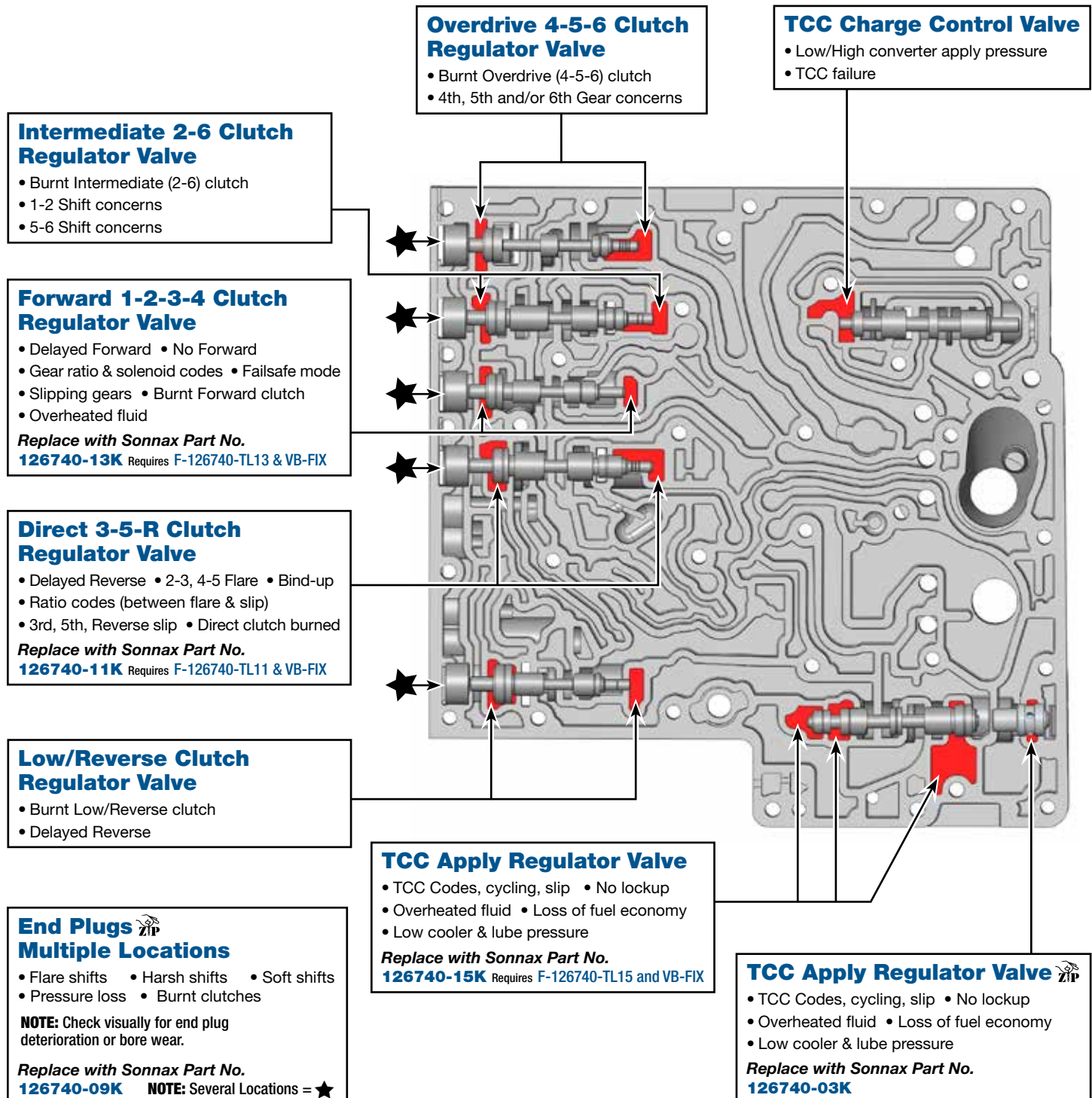

 Drop-In Zip Valve™  
Parts Available

**NOTE:** OE valves are shown in rest position and should be tested in rest position unless otherwise indicated. Test locations are pointed to with an arrow. Springs are not shown for visual clarity. Low vacuum reading indicates wear and Sonnax parts are noted for replacement.

## Upper Valve Body



For specific vacuum test information, refer to individual part instructions included in kits and available at [www.sonnax.com](http://www.sonnax.com).



\*Part numbers with an asterisk (\*) are included in this Zip Kit.



## Lower Valve Body

### Converter Limit (Inboard) Valve

- Excess TCC slip • TCC Codes
- Reduced clutch life • TCC apply & release concerns
- Lube failures • Low converter & lube flow

Replace with Sonnax Part No.

**126740-19K** (2011-2016 Only) Requires **F-126740-TL19 & VB-FIX**

### TCC Charge Limit Valve

- Engine stall • No TCC release • TCC codes • Low/High TCC release pressure
- Low converter & lube flow • Overheated fluid • TCC lining failure

Replace with Sonnax Part No.

**126740-01K** Requires **F-126740-TL & VB-FIX**

### Overdrive 4-5-6 Clutch Latch Valve

- Burnt Overdrive (4-5-6) clutch
- 4th, 5th, 6th Gear concerns

### Intermediate 2-6 Clutch Latch Valve

- Burnt Intermediate (2-6) clutch
- 1-2, 5-6 Shift concerns

### Forward 1-2-3-4 Clutch Latch Valve

- Shift quality is not load sensitive
- Delayed engagement • Harsh shifts
- Gear ratio & solenoid codes
- Burnt Forward clutch • Overheated fluid

Replace with Sonnax Part No.

**126740-06K** Requires **F-126740-TL6 & VB-FIX**

### Direct 3-5-R Clutch Latch Valve

- Burnt Direct (3-5-R) clutch
- 3rd, 5th, Reverse shift concerns

### Solenoid Feed Pressure Regulator Valve

- Solenoid codes
- Ratio codes
- Shift concerns

### Low/Reverse Clutch Latch Valve

- Burnt Low/Reverse clutch
- Delayed Reverse

### Cooler Bypass Valve End Plug

- Transmission overheat

### Line Pressure Control (LPC) Valve

- Poor shift quality • Burnt clutches
- TCC apply & release concerns
- Erratic line pressure • Overheating
- Low converter & lube flow

Replace with Sonnax Part No.

**126740-08K** Requires **F-126740-TL8 & VB-FIX**

### Internal O-Ringed End Plug Kit

- Flare Shifts • Harsh shifts
- Soft shifts • Pressure loss
- Burnt clutches

**NOTE:** Check visually for end plug deterioration or bore wear.

Replace with Sonnax Part No.

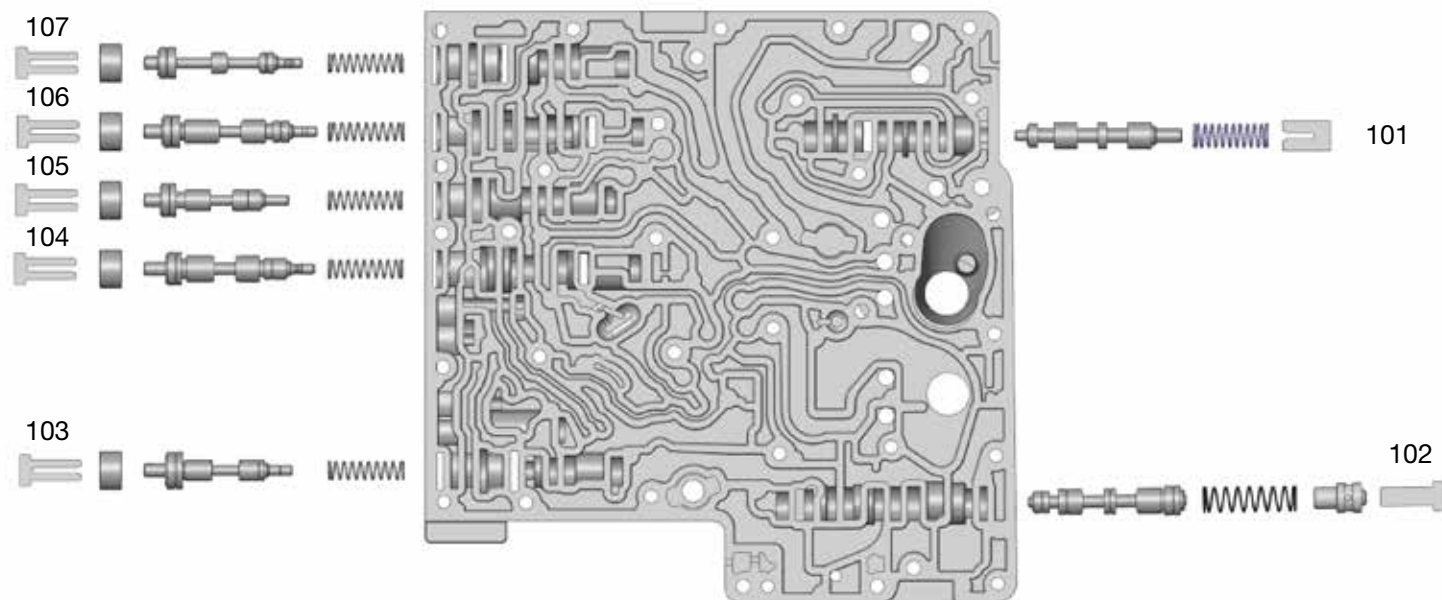
**126740-05K**

**NOTE:** Several Locations = ★

## OE Exploded View

### Upper Valve Body

**NOTE:** Depending upon vehicle application, the OE springs shown may not be present.

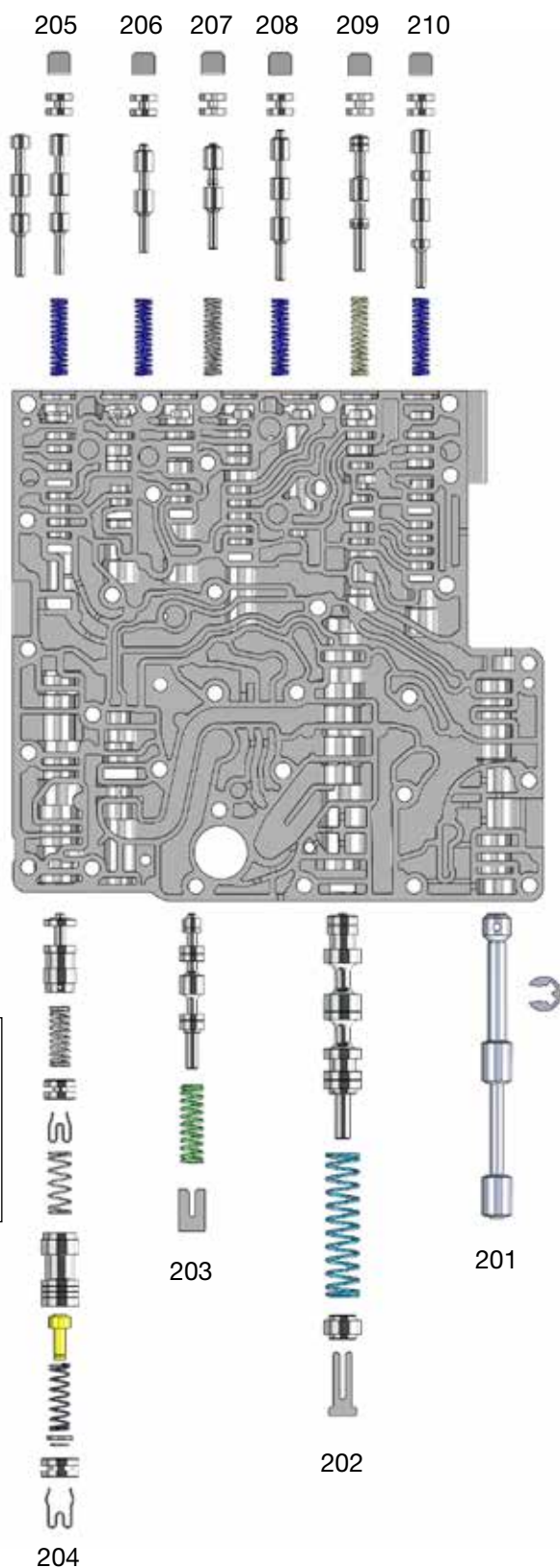


#### Upper Valve Body Descriptions

I.D. No.	Description
101	TCC Charge Control Valve
102	TCC Apply Regulator Valve
103	Low/Reverse Clutch Regulator Valve
104	Direct 3-5-R Clutch Regulator Valve
105	Forward 1-2-3-4 Clutch Regulator Valve
106	Intermediate 2-6 Clutch Regulator Valve
107	Overdrive 4-5-6 Clutch Regulator Valve



## Lower Valve Body



### Lower Valve Body Descriptions

I.D. No	Description
201	Manual Valve
202	Line Pressure Control (LPC) Valve
203	TCC Charge Limit Valve
204	Converter Limit Valve (Inboard) Cooler Bypass and Thermal Valve (Outboard, 2011-2016) Cooler Bypass Blocker Valve (2017-Later)
205	Overdrive 4-5-6 Clutch Latch Valve
206	Intermediate 2-6 Clutch Latch Valve
207	Forward 1-2-3-4 Clutch Latch Valve
208	Direct 3-5-R Clutch Latch Valve
209	Solenoid Feed Pressure Regulator Valve
210	Low/Reverse Clutch Latch Valve

## Solenoid Chart

Figure 12

Band	OE Part Number	Sonnax Part Number
<b>Normally Low Solenoids</b>		
Band Number 1	BC3Z-7G383-R	126421-NLR
Band Number 2	BC3Z-7G383-S	
Band Number 3	BC3Z-7G383-T	
Band Number 4	BC3Z-7G383-U	
Band Number 5	BC3Z-7G383-V	126425-NLV
<b>Normally High Solenoids</b>		
Band Number 1	BC3Z-7G383-J	126421-NHJ
Band Number 2	BC3Z-7G383-K	126422-NHK
Band Number 3	BC3Z-7G383-L	
Band Number 4	BC3Z-7G383-M	
Band Number 5	BC3Z-7G383-N	126425-NHN

## Technical Tips for Steps 5a and 5b from the Quick Guide

Figure 13

Install converter limit valve lineup as shown below depending on which years your rebuild requires.

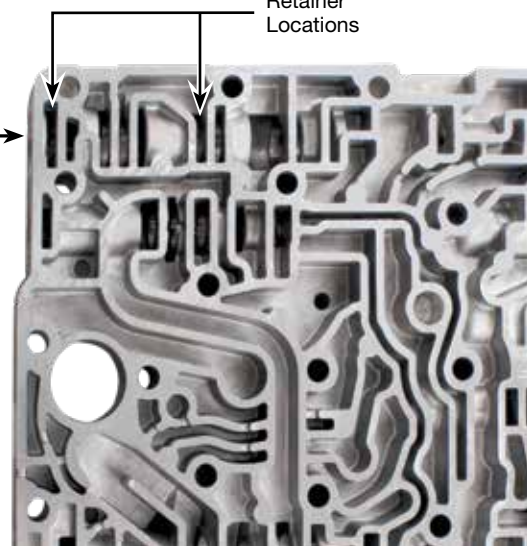
- 2011–2016 Lineup with OE thermal bypass valve



- 2017-Later Lineup with OE with bypass blocker valve

6R140 Lower Valve Body

Retainer Locations



**NOTE:** Red box outline indicates parts which are OE.  
All other parts shown are Sonnax parts included in **6R140-ZIP**.