ENGINE PROPER

1. Cylinder Head Cover

- The cylinder head cover is made of plastic to reduce weight and noise.
- Acrylic rubber, which excels in heat resistance and reliability, is used for the cylinder head cover gasket.
- Baffle plates made of plastic are provided inside the cylinder head cover to reduce the consumption of engine oil through blow-by gas. The baffle plates are welded onto the cylinder head cover, and cannot be removed.

2. Cylinder Head Gasket

A steel-laminate type cylinder head gasket is used. A shim is used around the cylinder bore side of the gasket to help enhance sealing performance and durability.
3. Cylinder Head

- The cylinder head, which is made of aluminum alloy, contains a pentroof-type combustion chamber. The spark plug has been located in the center of the combustion chamber in order to improve the engine’s anti-knocking performance.
- A cross-flow intake and exhaust layout is used to improve intake and exhaust efficiency.
- A taper squish combustion chamber is used to improve anti-knocking performance and intake efficiency. In addition, engine performance and fuel economy have been improved.
- The cylinder head bolt employs plastic region tightening bolts.
- Long nozzle type injectors are installed in the cylinder head to reduce the distance from injector to intake valve, thus it prevents the fuel from adhering to the intake port walls, and reduce exhaust emissions.
- The routing of the water jacket in the cylinder head is optimized to achieve higher cooling performance.
- An air injection port, which directs the air from the air pump to the exhaust port of each cylinder, has been provided on top of the exhaust port on the model with the air injection system.
4. Cylinder Block

- The cylinder block is made of cast iron, with the rib shape of each part optimized to increase rigidity while reducing vibration and noise.
- Water passages have been provided between the cylinder bores. By allowing the engine coolant to flow between the cylinder bores, this construction enables the temperature of the cylinder walls to be kept uniform.
5. Balance Shaft

- For 2TR-FE engine, the main cause of vibration is imbalanced inertial force of reciprocating parts such as the pistons and connecting rods. This engine vibration is reduced by using 2 balance shafts to cancel the imbalanced inertial force, thereby reducing engine noise (booming noise).

- 2 balance shafts are built into the cylinder block. Using a chain and idler gear, both balance shafts rotate at twice the speed of the crankshaft with each balance shaft rotating in the opposite direction of the other.

- The chain tensioner uses a spring and oil pressure to maintain proper chain tension at all times. A ratchet type non-return mechanism is also included.
6. Piston

- The piston is made of aluminum alloy.
- The piston head portion uses a taper squish shape to improve fuel combustion efficiency.
- The piston skirt is coated with resin to reduce the friction loss.
- The groove of the top ring is coated with anodic oxide to improve wear resistance and rust resistance.
- A PVD (Physical Vapor Deposition) coating is applied on the surface of the No.1 compression ring, and the surface of the No. 2 compression ring is chrome-plated to improve their wear resistance.

7. Connecting Rod and Connecting Rod Bearing

- The connecting rods that have been forged for high strength are used for weight reduction.
- Knock pins are used at the mating surfaces of the bearing caps of the connecting rod to minimize the shifting of the bearing caps during assembly.
- Nutless-type plastic region tightening bolts are used on the connecting rods for a lighter design.
- The lining surface of the connecting rod bearing has been micro-grooved to realize an optimal amount of oil clearance. As a result, cold-engine cranking performance has been improved and engine vibrations have been reduced.
8. Crankshaft and Crankshaft Bearing

- The crankshaft has 5 journals and 8 balance weights.
- All pin and journal fillets are roll-finished to maintain adequate strength.
- The crankshaft bearing is made of aluminum alloy.
- The crankshaft bearing caps are tightened using 2 plastic-region tightening bolts for each journal.
- Similar to the connecting rod bearings, the lining surface of the crankshaft bearings is micro-grooved to realize an optimal amount of oil clearance. As a result, cold-engine cranking performance is improved and engine vibrations are reduced.
- The upper main bearing has an oil groove around its inside circumference.

9. Crankshaft Pulley

The rigidity of the crankshaft pulley with its built-in torsional damper rubber reduces noise.
10. Oil Pan

- The oil pan No.1 material is made of aluminum alloy.
- The oil pan No.2 material is made of steel.
- The oil pan No.1 is secured to the cylinder block and the transmission is increasing rigidity.