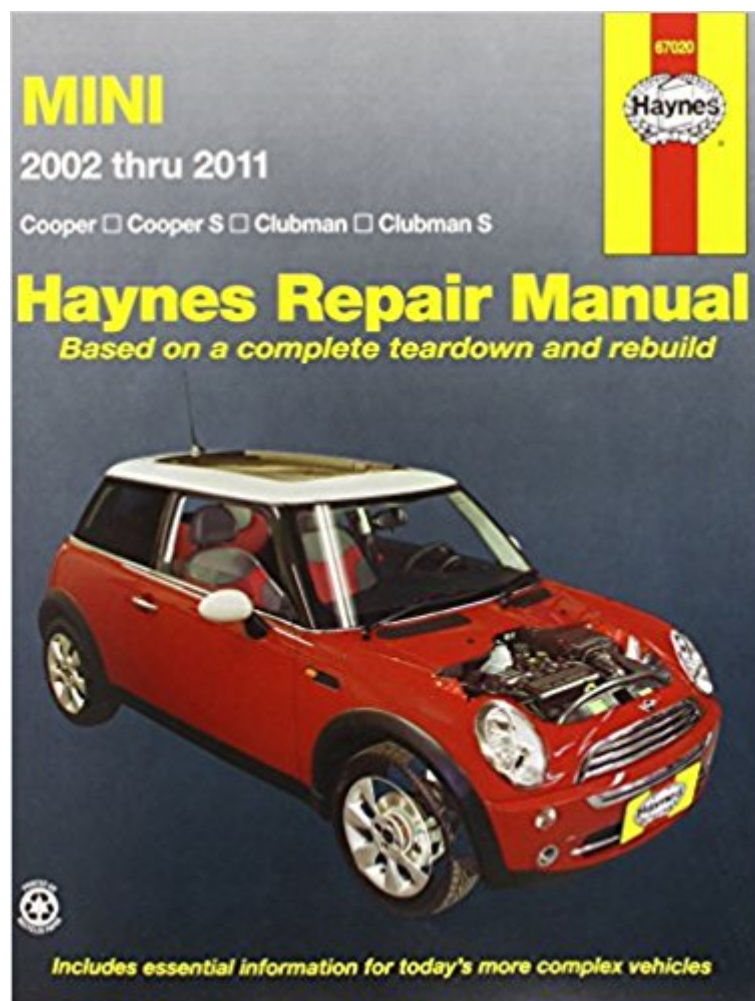




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Customer Reviews

I had to have the AC compressor replaced on my 2003 Mini Cooper. A local shop which specializes in BMWs and Minis priced the job at \$1650 plus. At the Mini dealership the price would have probably exceeded \$2000. One reason for the high price was that the OEM AC compressor was \$1200, and the shop would only use this part. On line I found a new OEM compressor, clutch, evaporator and other required parts for \$400. I then found a local shop which does not specialize in Mini repair. They would only do the work if I removed the modular front end from the Mini which was required for an AC compressor replacement. I read the Haynes manual and removed the modular front end in less than 3 hours. I then took the car to the local non specialty shop. They replaced everything , but the parts did cost \$450, which included recharging the system with Freon and oil. The labor was \$200, so I saved at least \$1000 for ,4-6 hours of my own labor. I am somewhat

mechanically inclined but could not evacuate the Freon or test the electrical systems, so I left this to the professionals, but my labor saved me at least \$1000; and I could never have figured out how to remove the modular front end of the Mini without the Haynes Manual.

This manual is useful and inexpensive, but NOT the best, more detailed or most complete. In places, it is pretty generic. I strongly recommend the manual from Bentley (publisher), as it is considerably more complete. Yea, the Bentley manual costs more, but if you are doing something more complex than a brake job (which you could probably do without the manual), the additional detail is very helpful. So, rather than buy this manual, and then decide that you do not like it and finally wind up buying the manual from Bentley, just get the manual from Bentley in the first place.

Very disappointed in this Haynes manual for the Mini. My first exposure to a Haynes manual was as a teen when I had my old PoS Triumph Spitfire. That manual was my bible. EVERY part of that car was taken apart and rebuilt, with copious images to guide you. I got this manual hoping to do some basic service (not a rebuild) on the CVT transmission on my son's PoS Mini. The section for the CVT is less than a page, vaguely worded, and has not one single image. The entire auto trans section, mostly on the 6-speed, is a whole three pages. It was completely useless for my immediate needs. I would imagine the other parts of the manual are ok, but they sure wanted nothing to do with the automatics in this one. You buy a manual to fix things yourself, and I ended up having to take it somewhere. In hindsight, there is better information on this on internet forums. My next project was to try to adjust the headlights since they seemed to be pointing right at the ground in front of the car, and that section outright said to take it to a Mini dealer. A dealer...for headlight adjustments... So I went outside and had a look, and within about 60 seconds had located two large, very obvious, plastic adjusting screws on each headlight pod. One was marked L-R and the other U-D on each pod. I guess Haynes writers couldn't decipher what those letters meant. You could even adjust them with your bare hands. It just required a lot of lowering and raising the hood to check the adjustments, but even a monkey could have figured that out.

I've owned about 10 Haynes manuals since the 80's, mostly for motorcycles, and didn't hesitate to order this one because, from past experience, they were top notch when compared to others. Total let-down for the Haynes Mini manual. The pictures are so bad most of them look like black blobs and the ones that aren't are of different non-Mini vehicles. Too many things are generalized and don't relate to the specific model. The organization is such that you have to waste valuable time and

energy accidentally reading info that does not apply, especially for a 2007 or newer. The wiring diagrams are a joke. You can tell Haynes just doesn't care anymore and went the way of Chilton's.

The book itself is just fine. Be warned it's an exact copy of Chilton's mini cooper repair manual. If you were hoping to get two different books to cover more ground you're out of luck.

Typical Haynes manual. It helps if you are a mechanic. Maybe OK for the shade tree mechanic. I make it a point to have a repair manual for my cars. Good reference book even if you won't be doing the work yourself. It will make you understand the cost of vehicle maintenance. Priced well. I have to update my review (6/17/14). This is a basic book. I would not recommend this book if you are going to do any in dept repairs. Basic repairs maybe. The pictures are of poor quality. The electrical diagrams have dead links. I am an ASE Master Tech. I purchased the larger repair manual with better diagrams and clearer photos. Remember your time is money, so the added cost of a more detailed manual is worth it, if you are going to do anything other than basic repairs.

The big stuff - I let the dealership deal with as I dont have a hoist & been living in apts with no garages - but small everyday maintenance items I'll gladly jump on - manuals like this are great to have around as a quick reference.

I was not aware that Haynes or anyone else had put out a book on Mini Coopers. I was purchasing oil filters and this showed up. It is essential for any Mini owner as the manufacturer will tell you nothing except take it to a dealer where they will scalp you.

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