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8.2 Litre Performance Parts
Albuquerque, New Mexico

MID-LENGTH HEADERS '73-'87 CHEVY / GMC TRUCK

- ⊕ Observe all standard automotive repair safety precautions. These can be found in the front of any service manual.
- ⊕ Recommended installation supplies: Gaskets, 16 header bolts ~1" long bolts recommended~ (NOT original manifold bolts), collector bolts ~6 ea 3/8" bolts and lock nuts (NOT Nylock nuts), header gaskets ~NOT silicone~, and collector gaskets ~usually provided by the exhaust shop, but check with them before showing up~
- ⊕ Unless you have the facilities for bending / welding exhaust at the location the headers are being installed at, plan to have the car towed to a facility where the exhaust will be hooked up.
- ⊕ Remove the stock exhaust manifolds, and extract any bolts that break off. Soaking them with a good penetrating oil several times over several days is recommended to reduce this hassle. Chase all of the threads (preferably with a thread chaser instead of a tap). Note that 1 bolt hole per port is open on the back side, and 1 is a blind hole which backs up to a head bolt - be careful not to damage the head bolts.
- ⊕ Cut back the exhaust far enough it is out of the way.
- ⊕ Check your starter heat shield. If it is missing, install one.
- ⊕ Install the headers. Nothing fancy, on 1/2 ton trucks.
- ⊕ On 3/4 ton and larger trucks, the frame rails are actually wider, and header clearance is tighter. You may or may not have to cut / grind / trim the inner edge of the top of the frame rail slightly for clearance. Just like BB Chevy headers require, only less trimming is required.
- ⊕ Hook up the exhaust, and enjoy. Warning: running the car with open headers / open manifolds / open heads could start a fire. Our local exhaust guy has had several customers cars totaled because they tried to drive to his shop with open exhaust. Also, running the engine with nothing bolted to the exhaust ports can cause engine damage in some cases.
- ⊕ If you purchased ceramic coated headers, or have them coated yourself, the coating will dull / tarnish over time. Most coating companies recommend using an aluminum polish, such as that marketed by Mothers, to bring back the shine. If you are using uncoated headers, we do NOT recommend header wrap, as it will usually cause the headers to rust out.
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