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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BIG BLOCK CHEVY ALUMINUM HEADS

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AFR would like to congratulate you on your purchase of the highest flowing and strongest castings currently offered in a “production” style BB Chevrolet cylinder head. These heads, when properly installed and maintained, will generate impressive power figures and provide you with years of trouble free service. The following instructions and guidelines are meant to assist you in the proper installation and set-up of your new cylinder heads. It is important that you read through all of this information before attempting installation!

INSPECTION: Check all machined surfaces for nicks, burrs, etc. that might have occurred during shipping or storage. If necessary, carefully dress with a file, or sandpaper supported flat by a straightedge. This is especially important on the head deck and intake manifold flange to have an effective trouble-free gasket seal.

VALVE SPRINGS: It is the customer’s responsibility to check and make sure that spring pressures are correct for his/her camshaft application. We recommend a minimum of .060” clearance from coil bind at full valve lift.

VALVE GUIDE CLEARANCE: Our typical valve guide clearances are .0013”-.0016”. In some severe applications (nitrous, marine endurance racing, supercharged or turbo) looser guides might be required. Check with your engine builder.

Important: Apply anti-seize to all bolts and spark plugs to ensure long thread life.

PISTON DOME CLEARANCE: Piston dome to combustion chamber clearance MUST be checked prior to final engine assembly. This is especially important for pistons that have a .700” + dome height which are common on high compression 427-511 based engine configurations. Pay special attention to the crest in the chamber directly across from the spark plug. Consider .040” minimum clearance with 7000 rpm or less. Slightly more would be required for motors that are turned higher.

ENGINE BUILDER’S TIP: With some domed aftermarket pistons, it may be necessary to slightly clear or modify the piston due to our more modern (efficient) heart shaped combustion chamber design. Most of the newer manufacturer’s dome profiles will clear. Note that usually less than 1cc of aluminum is removed which only equates to a weight reduction in the piston of one to two grams.

If your rotating assembly is already balanced, this is a non-event and creates a VERY slight overbalance which in theory brings your engine into a better balance at slightly higher RPM. While some of you might be inclined to remove the material from the actual cylinder head note that all of the combustion chamber shapes are very critical to flow and altering the cylinder head can and will effect flow and power production. The easiest way to check for this is by turning the engine over slowly with the cylinder head installed without the head gasket. See web site for more details.

PISTON TO VALVE CLEARANCE: It is your responsibility to check and make sure you have adequate piston to valve clearance before final engine assembly. Don’t forget to check radial (side) clearance as well.

SPARK PLUG CLEARANCE: In the event your engine has extremely tall piston domes, it might be necessary to index the plug electrodes and/or slightly clearance your piston domes to provide a minimum of .060” from piston dome to electrode tip. Do not use projected tip plugs with extremely tall dome designs (unless you are certain you have enough clearance).

NOTE: While on the subject of clearance, it is vital that you check clearance of ALL moving parts due to the vast array of rocker arms, lifters, cams, springs, etc. Don’t forget to check pushrod to head clearance as well as any potential interference from your rocker arms and spring assemblies prior to final engine assembly.

ROCKER STUDS: AFR BB Chevy heads require two different length rocker studs. The (8) shorter studs (referring to the coarse thread length that screws into the head) must be installed on the intake side with a small amount of teflon or some other non-hardening thread sealer. Without thread sealer oil is drawn into the intake port under
BBC Installation Instructions

vacuum and will cause excessive smoking. Conventional bolt thread
lubricant can be used on the longer (8) exhaust studs. Never use a
shorter stud on the exhaust side.

NOTE: Torque Rocker Studs to 55 – 60 ft./lbs.

ROCKER ARMS: Verify that your rocker arm has a minimum of .015
clearance to the retainer. For proper geometry we recommend AFR
#6043 stud mount rockers. Other brands will yield improper wipe
pattern that is too wide and not centered properly. On shaft mount
rockers we recommend Crower, Jesel “Pro Series” or T&D.

VALVE SEATS: Both intake and exhaust valve seats are heat treated
ductile iron and are compatible with unleaded fuels.

GUIDE PLATES: Only AFR guide plates will properly fit our AFR Big
Block Chevy cylinder heads. We carry them in stock under AFR part
#6109. The Comp Cams part # is 4806.

PUSHRODS: All AFR heads will require pushrods that are longer than
stock length. The most common lengths are a +.200” to a +.250”;
however, due to a large number of variables (deck height, cam base
circle, lifter height, etc.) ALL pushrod lengths must be physically
checked to achieve proper valve train geometry. See website under
FAQ for detailed information on pushrod length.

STUD GIRDLE: All of our BB Chevy cylinder heads have been designed
with valve angles rolled over two degrees from stock location to
provide better flow characteristics. Stud girdles produced for stock
Chevy castings as well as other aftermarket pieces that have standard
valve angles will not fit properly. We stock a high quality girdle in a
convenient two piece design that will fit our heads correctly.

HEAD STUDS/BOLTS: AFR BB heads take one inch longer fasteners
along the exhaust port (bottom) side of the cylinder head. AFR stocks
complete kits or partial kits (studs or bolts) for the eight additional
longer fasteners.

NOTE: We recommend the use of studs due to the higher clamping
load they place on the cylinder heads. Blown, turbo, or nitrous
engines should always use studs due to the much higher cylinder
pressures they create.

RECOMMENDED GASKETS:

HEAD GASKETS:

Mark IV Block 4.540” Bore Felpro 1017-1
NOTE: 1017-2 is .051” compressed thickness
Mark IV Block 4.630” bore Felpro 1057
Mark IV Block 4.625” bore Felpro 1093
NOTE: 0-ring perfectly round, .051” thick,
Typical “pro-stock” style gasket
Mark V-VI 4.540” bore Felpro 1047 or 17048
Mark V-VI 4.630” bore Felpro 17049

INTAKE GASKETS: (For best fit)
AFR #6855 for 305, 315, 325, 335cc Felpro #1275
AFR #6856 for 345,357cc Mr gasket #121

NOTE: Only use AFR's gaskets for port matching. Most other
gaskets have a slightly larger entrance. You will see NO
PERFORMANCE GAIN by opening your heads or intake manifold
to the larger gasket opening. Use gasket cinch to adhere and
center gasket and port openings.

EXHAUST GASKET: AFR #6858.

SPARK PLUG RECOMMENDATION:
(Flat seat with gasket, .750” long reach, 5/8” hex head) Do not
use a tapered seat plug.

Autolite #3932 Std. Tip, Race Application
Champion #C59C Std. Tip, Race Application
Champion #C59YC Projected tip, Race application
Champion #RC12YC Projected tip, Street Application

NOTE: Other Spark plug manufacturers offer plugs that will also
cross-reference and fit our AFR BBC castings. Always consult with
the manufacturer for the heat range that best fits your application.

HEAD BOLT TORQUE: All AFR BB Chevy heads should be torqued to
75 ft/lbs. This should be done in the proper General Motors sequence
in 15 lb. increments beginning at 30 ft/lbs. Moly lube should be applied
between fasteners, washers, threads, and areas around head bolt to
prevent galling and improper torque values. Sealer should be applied to
all thread areas of fasteners that enter into block water jackets. Sealer
is unnecessary with blocks that have “blind holes” in the deck surface
and do not go into water.

HEAD FASTENER RE-TORQUE: If using ARP fastener’s re torque
is not necessary as long as you follow ARP instructions. However, it
may be necessary under certain circumstances if the head gasket
manufacturer’s instruction require it. In particular if a fire ring has been
installed.

VALVE LENGTH: Intake Valve 5.500” (+.250) Exhaust Valve 5.450”
(+.100)

IMPORTANT: Apply anti-seize to all bolts and sparkplug threads to
ensure long thread life.

COOLANT: It is important to maintain 50/50 mix of antifreeze in the
cooling system to prevent corrosion of aluminum heads. Do not use
tap water. Use distilled water instead. Most supermarkets sell purified
or distilled water. Check labeling to verify purified through deionization.

VALVE LASH: Be aware that an aluminum headed/iron block
combination usually requires approximately .006 tighter lash when it is
cold. An all aluminum engine could be as much as .010 – .020 tighter
when the motor is cold. Every motor is different, but these guidelines
should get you in the ballpark.

VALVE TIPS: Do not grind your valve tips. Some AFR heads have
harden stellite tips which cannot be re ground. If ground, the tip will
mushroom over causing severe damage. If your valve tips are magnetic,
you can grind a maximum of .015 from the tip.

TITANIUM VALVES: If you have upgraded to AFR Titanium valves in SB
Chevy, SB Ford or BB Chevy applications they are coated with Chrome
Nitrate (CrN) on the stem and seat area for longevity purposes. This is
the same coating GM uses in the LS7 ZO6 applications and is designed
to last 50,000 plus miles. YOU CANNOT GRIND, REFACE OR LAP IN
THE 45 DEGREE SEAT AREA! If you grind or lap in the valve, the coating
is removed and the seating area on the valve seat will wear prematurely
reducing the service life substantially.
Valve Spring Specifications - 9/26/2018

All springs that come standard with AFR Cylinder Heads are made of high quality spring wire and are sufficient for most general applications when following the below recommendations. Keep in mind that forced induction, Nitrous, high RPM, and even modest RPM with aggressively designed (faster) cam lobes require additional spring pressure and higher quality spring wire. AFR offers various upgrades over standard valve springs; if you’re questioning the spring requirement for your particular application, we advise you contact AFR directly. It is always better to run a higher quality spring than you need, resulting in greater spring life, and more importantly, a higher level of reliability while doing so.

Valve spring pressures may vary plus or minus 5%. It is the customer’s responsibility to verify springs are correct for their application. Failure to do so could result in engine damage.

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<td>AFR-8000 Solid Roller Orange Stripe</td>
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*Titanium Retainers Recommended
†Endurance Valve Spring

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Returned Merchandise
Returned merchandise will not be accepted without prior permission from an authorized agent at Air Flow Research, Inc. Call your AFR sales rep for a RMA number; without a RMA number we will refuse delivery on parts. Return freight charges must be prepaid and include a copy of the original invoice. A 20% restocking charge is levied on all returned merchandise except warranty returns due to Air Flow Research's error. Inventory exchange with approved authorization only. Once merchandise has been installed or used, no returns are allowed.

Cylinder Head & Aluminum Manifold Limited Lifetime Warranty
Effective on purchases on or after January 1st, 2010 to the original purchaser, AFR warranties the aluminum cylinder head casting for the lifetime of the product with proof of purchase. All returns must have a RMA number in order to be returned, call for a RMA number. Parts must be returned prepaid freight by the original purchaser. When it has been determined that the product does indeed have a warrantable problem from workmanship, materials, or an undetermined cause (mystery failure) AFR will repair at no charge and reimburse UPS ground freight and return UPS ground freight. AFR will repair or replace the casting at its option. This warranty does not cover fitness for purpose and/or merchantability on any product sold by AFR.

Proposition 65 Warning
This product may contain one or more substances or chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

This warranty does not cover the following:
1. Failure due to improper installation or maintenance, abuse, misuse, unauthorized repairs, modifications, or alterations. If your machine shop, engine builder, or installer performs any unauthorized repairs, AFR’s warranty is voided and AFR will not reimburse any cost you incurred.
2. Removal, replacement cost, or materials.
3. Costs incurred due to down time of the vehicle.
4. Damage to related components.
5. Marine salt water corrosion.
6. Corrosion from not using/refreshing antifreeze.
7. Running heads without water.
8. Fitness for purpose or merchantability.

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This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties and/or representations, express or implied, including, without limitations, warranties of merchantability and fitness for purpose, and all other liabilities, including special or consequential damages, in connection with the sale or use of any Air Flow Research product. Any warranties implied by law are limited in duration to the duration of this warranty, except in those states where prohibited by law.

Warning
Speed kills—please drive responsibly and enjoy our hobby at the racetrack only, as this is the designed application of AFR products. AFR products are not intended for street racing and AFR only promotes safe habits at your local track. With this additional performance AFR suggests you consider upgrading your brakes for better stopping performance.