



FEL-PRO INSTALLATION TIPS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

CLEAN MATING SURFACES of all foreign material. Use a degreaser.

CLEAN THREADS of bolts/studs using a wire brush; all nuts/threaded holes use a bottoming tap.

Determine Which Bolts extend into the coolant passages. Those **entering** the coolant passages require a pliable non-hardening sealer on the bolt threads and the underside of bolt head. Those **not entering** the coolant passages require oil on the bolt threads and underside of the bolt head.

Exhaust Assembly: Apply a high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the threadings.

CHECK ALL CASTINGS for flatness; straighten, resurface or replace if out of flat conditions exists.

CYLINDER HEAD AND BLOCK: refer to OEM manual to determine flatness tolerances and resurfacing limitations.

Attach and align gasket(s) following any directional markings shown on the gasket. If no markings exist, simply install the gasket by matching the gasket to engine deck surface.

Fiber Faced Gasket(s) are to be installed dry. **Metal Faced Gasket(s)** require a thin even coat of sealer, to be applied to the metal side(s) of the gasket.

FINAL ASSEMBLY always requires torquing of fasteners according to OEM specifications. For certain assemblies we have provided specific torquing specifications.

NOTE: CYLINDER HEAD torquing procedures are critical and therefore we recommend to double-check with OEM.

Some procedures may be repeated with additional specific information for your application.

VALVE STEM SEALS

INSERT VALVES INTO GUIDES of cylinder head assembly. Place assembly on a flat covered surface to prevent damage to valve heads and cylinder head gasket surface.

SUPPORT OR PROP UP EACH VALVE HEAD with a wood block or other resilient material prior to installing seals.

NYLON TYPE SEAL: Place directly on valve stem seal

TAP SEAL DOWN gently using provided plastic tube placed over stem. Move seal down approximately halfway on stem. The seal will find its proper position on the stem once the engine starts.

REPLACE VALVE SPRING ASSEMBLIES. Compress springs just enough to install keepers. **IMPORTANT:** Excessive compression can result in spring retainer damaging valve stem seal. Release spring carefully.

VALVE COVER/PUSH ROD COVER

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S): Use quick-drying adhesive, applied sparingly. If gasket has installation tabs, adhesive is not required. **IMPORTANT:** If gasket is rubber, install dry.

INTAKE MANIFOLD GASKET

V-TYPE ENGINES - FIBER SIDE GASKET(S) ALONG WITH FRONT AND REAR END SEAL(S): Attach and align gasket(s) and end seal(s) using quick-drying adhesive sparingly. **PRIOR TO INSTALLING INTAKE MANIFOLD** apply a small dab of silicone sealer where all gaskets and seal meet.

INLINE ENGINES: Attach and align gaskets to cylinder heads.

IMPORTANT: WHEN INSTALLING STEEL SHIM GASKET(S): Apply sealer around intake port on both sides. If gasket(s) have water ports, apply a 1/8" continuous bead of silicone sealer around each water port on both sides. While RTV is wet, install intake manifold.

EXHAUST MANIFOLD GASKET

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S): if gasket has only one steel faced side, install steel faced side towards manifold.

ROTATING SHAFT SEALS

RUBBER SEAL(S): Install seal with its largest raised sealing lip toward the engine. Two-piece rubber seals may be installed using a "shoehorn" installation aid placed underneath seals to protect them from sharp edges.

ROPE SEALS: Install seals into grooves of cap and block by firmly pressing packing into grooves with a "packing tool." Ensure that ends of seals protrude above face of cap and block.

IMPORTANT: Final interference of rope packing seals against crankshaft is critical. To achieve proper interference, it is best to install packings using correct Packing Tool for your engine. With "packing tool" in position, cut protruded ends of seals flush with cap and block.

LUBRICATE SEALING LIPS AND CRANKSHAFT with motor oil or grease. If engine will not be started within several days, grease is recommended.

IMPORTANT: Never install any seal without break-in lubricant protection.

REAR MAIN BEARING CAP: Prior to installation, apply anaerobic sealant to mating surfaces of cap and block. **AVOID** sealant on ends of seals.

OIL PAN GASKET

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S). Apply quick-drying adhesive sparingly. Mount gasket and/or seals. **PRIOR TO INSTALLING OIL PAN** apply a dab of silicone sealer where all gaskets and seals meet.

TEST RUN ENGINE. Check all mating areas to determine that all seals hold during operation.



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