FEL-PRO INSTALLATION TIPS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

CLEAN MATING SURFACES. Use a degreaser.

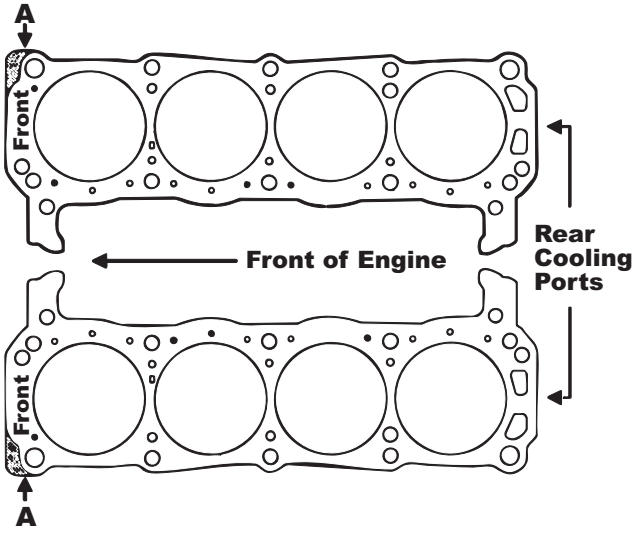
CLEAN THREADS of bolts/studs; for nuts/threaded holes use a bottoming tap.

BOLT PREPARATION: Those **entering** coolant passages require a pliable non-hardening sealer on threads and underside of bolt heads. Those **not entering** coolant passages require oil on threads and underside of bolt heads. **Exhaust Assembly:** Apply a high temperature anti-seize lubricant to threadings.

CHECK CASTINGS for flatness. Straighten, resurface or replace if needed. **CYLINDER HEAD AND BLOCK:** Refer to OEM manual to determine flatness tolerances and resurfacing limitations.

FINAL ASSEMBLY: Torque all fasteners to OEM specifications unless noted. CYLINDER HEAD torquing is critical; we recommend that you confirm with OEM.

HEAD GASKET



TO INSURE PROPER COOLANT CIRCULATION, the word FRONT is stamped on both sides of the gasket and must always be installed towards the front of the engine.

After engine assembly, the head gaskets are properly installed when corner "A" of the each head gasket protrudes from under the FRONT of each cylinder head (see shaded area of illustration).

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S).

VALVE STEM SEALS

POSITIVE GUIDE SEAL:
Use plastic installation sleeve(s), to prevent damage to lip of seal. Trim plastic sleeve so it extends 1/16" below keeper groove. Place sleeve on stem. Carefully start valve stem seal over sleeve. Remove and reuse plastic sleeve. **FOR RUBBER JACKET SEALS:** Push seal over valve guide until it bottoms. **FOR SOLID/METAL JACKET SEALS:** Use of OEM service tool is recommended. If tool is unavailable, use deep socket or rigid tube of appropriate diameter. Center tool over shoulder of seal and tap seal down over guide until it bottoms.

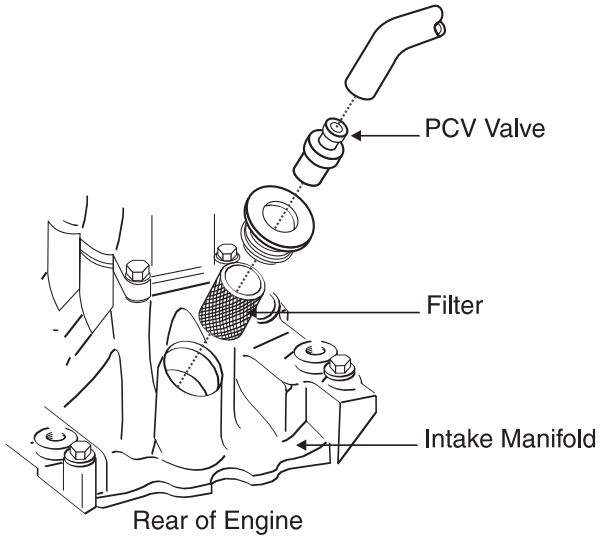
UMBRELLA TYPE SEAL

Start valve stem seal over valve stem; push seal down on seal body until it touches top of valve stem guide. Seal will find its proper position on stem once engine starts.

VALVE COVER/PUSH ROD COVER

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

INTAKE MANIFOLD GASKET



IMPORTANT: 1986 and later Ford 5.0L applications, require the replacement of the crankcase breather filter, located under the PCV Valve. If the filter is not replaced the filter can get clogged with carbon and sludge resulting in increased crankcase pressure, intake manifold end seal leakage, timing cover or rear main seal leakage.

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S) TO CYLINDER HEAD(S). Apply a quick-drying adhesive sparingly in several places on the cylinder heads. Mount gasket(s) on cylinder head(s). **Allow time for adhesive to set.** Test for slippage with light pressure. If gasket moves, allow more time.

ATTACH AND ALIGN END SEALS:

Molded rubber silicone end seals: Must be installed **DRY** without any chemical adhesive.

Cork rubber end seals: Apply a quic-drying adhesive sparingly to cylinder block. Mount end seals. **Allow time for adhesive to set.** Test for slippage with light pressure. If seals move, allow more time.

PRIOR TO REINSTALLING INTAKE MANIFOLD apply a small dab of silicone sealer to the 4 corner intersections between the end seals and gaskets.

EXHAUST MANIFOLD GASKET

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

MISCELLANEOUS FLUID SEALING GASKET(S)/SEAL(S)

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S)/SEAL(S): If supplementary sealer is desired, apply a thin coat of gasket sealer to both sides of gasket(s). However, molded rubber gasket(s) or those with colored Printoseal® sealing beads, install **DRY.**

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TIMING COVER SEAL

This set contains 2 timing cover seals. Identify and install as indicated.

1979 and later engines - use seal with flange
1978 and earlier engines - use seal without flange

SEAL WITH FLANGE is properly installed from the outside of the timing cover with metal flange bottomed against the face of the timing cover.

SEAL WITHOUT FLANGE is properly installed from the inside of the timing cover with rubber face bottomed into the counterbored hole of the timing cover.

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 an anaerobic sealant to mating surfaces of cap or block. **AVOID** sealant on ends of seals.

OIL PAN GASKET

ATTACH AND ALIGN GASKET(S). Apply a 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.

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