



FEL-PRO INSTALLATION TIPS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

CLEAN MATING SURFACES Use a degreaser.

CLEAN THREADS of all bolts/studs; for nuts/threads 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

Follow any directional markings shown on gasket(s). If no markings exist, install gasket(s) **Fiber Faced Gasket(s)**. Install dry. **Metal Faced Gasket(s):** Requires a thin even coat of sealer applied to the metal side(s) of gasket.

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.

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.

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 a quick drying adhesive sparingly. **PRIOR TO INSTALLING INTAKE MANIFOLD** apply a 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 a gasket sealer around intake ports 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 silicone sealer is wet, install intake manifold.

EXHAUST MANIFOLD GASKET

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

WATER OUTLET GASKET

TO ASSIST ALIGNMENT AND SEALING DURING ASSEMBLY, apply a thin coat of gasket sealer, to both sides of gasket(s).