



**1997-2000 C5 CORVETTE 5.7L-V8, Manual / Automatic Transmission
304SS Try-Y Headers 1-7/8" Primary - 3" Collector**

70101355-RHKR

Installation Instructions



Thank you for making HOOKER HEADERS your choice in a high-performance exhaust system. Extensive dyno/track testing has enabled HOOKER to offer the most advanced design in exhaust systems. The installation, while not complex, will take a certain amount of time. However, the additional horsepower and improved performance will more than justify your efforts. Proper installation and maintenance will ensure long life and maximum performance from your HOOKER HEADER exhaust system.

WARNING: This product is not street legal and may only be used on Racing Vehicles. Racing Vehicles must be used exclusively for racing or other forms of competition. Racing vehicles must not be registered and must never be used on the street. It is illegal to install this product on a registered vehicle and use it on the street.

NOTE: Hooker Blackheart Long Tube headers WILL NOT connect to the factory H-PIPE. The following components are available to connect your Hooker Blackheart Headers to the factory mufflers.

- 70801309-RHKR – X-Pipe with Cats to OEM mufflers
- 70801310-RHKR – X-Pipe without Cats to OEM mufflers

70101353-RHKR and 70101354-RHKR are not equipped with air injection manifolds and will require the use of a tuner to prevent the check engine light from illuminating, and the air injection pump be disabled.

70101355-RHKR headers are equipped with air injection provisions and the OEM Air Injection system can be used.

BEFORE STARTING:

Your vehicle must be raised a minimum of 18 inches. A floor hoist is ideal. If no hoist is available, we strongly urge the use of axle stands as a safety measure. **Please read and understand these instructions and disclaimer in their entirety before attempting installation.**

CAUTION! WORK ONLY ON A LEVEL SURFACE. USE JACKS /JACKSTANDS OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SUPPORT YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER WORK UNDER A VEHICLE SUPPORTED BY A FLOOR OR BUMPER JACK.

INCLUDED HARDWARE:

Accessory Pack Contents:		
P/N	Qty.	Description
505R21	12	8mm x 1.25 x 25mm header bolts
217R4	6	Cable ties
599R94	2	Decal

Check the hardware package. If anything is missing, please contact Technical Service at 1-866-464-6553 or 270-781-9741.

PARTS LIST:
1 - Left Header Assembly
1 - Right Header Assembly
1 - Accessory Kit

TOOLS NEEDED:		
3/8 Drive Metric Socket Set	O2 Sensor Socket or Wrench	10mm Deep Socket
3" 3/8 Drive Extension	Utility Knife	18mm Socket
12" 3/8 Drive Extension	Spray Lube (WD-40®)	5/8" Spark Plug Socket
3/8 Drive Universal	Anti-Seize	

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PRE-INSTALLATION:

1. Place vehicle on flat solid surface set parking brake and block front wheels.
2. **Disconnect the negative terminal of the battery.**
3. Lift the vehicle and support with jack stands.
4. Soak studs on catalytic converters with penetrating oil or WD-40®.

Please visit the Holley website @ www.holley.com for a full line of Hooker Blackheart Exhaust products available for the C5 Corvette.

REMOVAL OF OEM EXHAUST MANIFOLDS & CATALYTIC CONVERTERS:

1. Remove the (x6) 15mm nuts on the exhaust manifold flanges that connect the down pipes to the catalytic converters on the OEM H-pipe.
2. Un-plug the left and right pre catalyst and post catalyst O2 sensors.
3. Remove the (x2) 15mm bolts at the H-pipe hanger bracket on the transmission.
4. Remove the (x4) bolts at the flanges connecting the OEM mufflers to the H-Pipe.
5. Support the H-pipe, remove the (x2) 13mm bolts at the spring hangers and remove the OEM H-Pipe and catalytic converters.
6. Remove the decorative engine cover on both side of the engine.
7. Remove the (x8) spark plug wires and spark plugs.
8. Remove the ignition coil bracket hold down bolts and lay the coil pack assemblies on to the intake manifold.
9. Remove the air injection tubes from the Left and Right exhaust manifold and disconnect the air supply hoses on the driver's side air injection tube. Be careful not to damage the gaskets you will be reusing them later.
10. Remove the accessory drive belt and remove the alternator.
11. Remove the 10mm bolt securing the dipstick tube to the right side manifold, remove the dipstick.
12. Remove the (x6) bolts that attach **EACH** exhaust manifold to the cylinder head. Carefully remove the manifold out from the top of the engine bay. Be careful not to damage the coolant temperature sensor on the driver's side.

INSTALLATION OF 70101355-RHKR TRI-Y HEADERS:

1. Clean the exhaust port sealing surface to remove any dirt or gasket material that may affect the sealing performance of the gasket and cause leaks. **Repair any damaged threads or broken bolts.**

NOTE: The factory exhaust manifold gasket will be re-used, inspect the gasket for damage and replace if necessary.

2. Remove the O2 sensors from the exhaust manifolds and apply a small amount of anti-seize to the threads of each **pre-catalyst** O2 sensor. Install the O2 sensor into the Left and Right header collector. Be sure to use the O2 sensors that were installed in the OEM manifolds.
3. Trim the plastic cover at the starter using a utility knife (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1

4. Install the Right (passenger's) side header into position from the top of the engine compartment. Position the OEM gasket with the correct orientation and install the (x6) header bolts provided. Tighten the bolts from the center out towards the ends of the flange to 25-28 ft/lbs. Repeat the sequence several times.
5. Remove the 15mm bolt on the driver's side of the engine connecting the ground wires to rear of the block. (**Figure 2**).

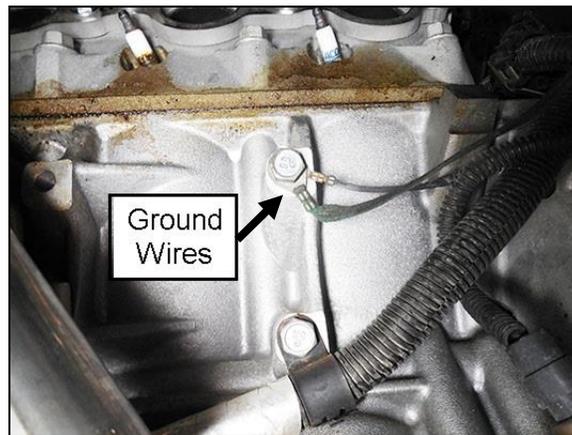


Figure 2

6. Install the left side header into the vehicle from the bottom. Be careful not to damage the wiring harness as the header is installed. Re-connect the ground wire before the header is bolted to the engine.
7. Position the OEM gasket with the correct bolt orientation and install the (x6) header bolts provided. Tighten the bolts from the center out towards the ends of the flange to 25-28 ft/lbs. Repeat the sequence several times.
8. Connect the O2 sensors to the vehicle harness.
9. Use the supplied cable ties to secure any wires away from the headers to prevent them from being damaged by hot exhaust pipes.
10. Install the spark plugs.
11. Install the coil packs and spark plug wires.
12. Inspect the O-ring on the dipstick tube and replace if necessary. Install the dipstick tube making sure the O-ring is fully seated into the engine block and install the 10 mm bolt in to the bracket (some adjustment of the bracket may be necessary). Install the dipstick.
13. Install the Right air injection tube using the factory gasket (replace if necessary).
14. Install the Left air injection tube using the factory gasket (replace if necessary). Install the air supply hoses and clamps.
15. Install the alternator and accessory drive belt.
16. Refer to the installation instructions for the Blackheart Header back exhaust system.

17. Recheck your work. Verify all connections and hardware are properly installed and tight.
18. Connect the battery, start the engine, and check for leaks. Re-check your work before lowering the car.
19. Install the decorative engine covers.
20. After 150 miles recheck all connections, clamps and hardware.

Hooker Blackheart Headers are intended for **Racing Use Only** and will cause the check engine light to illuminate. The use of a tuner is recommended to prevent this condition and to realize the full performance potential of your Hooker Blackheart Headers. Diablosport Tuners are recommended.

NOTE: It is normal for your new Blackheart exhaust system to emit smoke for the first few minutes of operation.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY – DISCLAIMER:

The regulation of emissions production, noise levels, and safety standards is undertaken by the federal government, each of the fifty state legislatures, and by many local municipalities, towns, and counties.

HOOKER™ makes no warranties of merchantability, of fitness for particular purpose, or that its products are approved for general use, or that its products comply with laws, regulations, or ordinances in the state where they may be sold to the ultimate purchaser, the consumer.

Unless expressly stated to the contrary in the catalog, instruction sheet; or price list, the entire risk as to the conformity of any company product in any such state and as to repair should the product prove to be defective or non-conforming, is on the retail purchaser, the buyer, the ultimate consumer, of such product and it is not upon the seller, distributor, or manufacturer.

In this connection, the retail purchaser, the buyer, the ultimate consumer assumes the burden of the entire cost of any and all necessary service, alterations, or repair.

THE FOREGOING STATEMENT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE MANUFACTURER.

California vehicle code, sections 27156 and 38391, prohibits the advertising, offering for sale, or installation of any device, which modifies a vehicle's emission control system, unless exempted, unless otherwise noted. HOOKER™ Headers that have not received an Executive Order (E.O.) exemption from these code sections are not legal for sale or use in California on vehicles originally equipped with catalytic converters, except for racing vehicles, which may never be driven upon a highway. Check with your local authorities to determine if these headers are legal for use in your particular area.

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