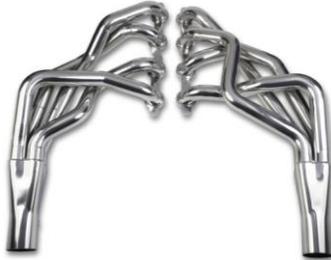




1967-69 GM F-BODY/1968-74 GM X-BODY LT SWAP FULL-LENGTH HEADERS

FOR STOCK SUBFRAME EQUIPPED VEHICLES ONLY

70101352-RHKR (304ss) – 1-7/8"



Thank you for choosing to use Hooker Blackheart headers as part of your LT swap project. Hooker Blackheart headers are designed with optimized bend geometry to ensure the highest level of fit and performance. Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting installation of these components.

PRE-INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS:

Check that the hardware package includes the following:

Qty.	Description
10	M8 x 1.25 header bolts

If you are missing any hardware, please contact Technical Service at 1-866-464-6553 or 270-781-9741.

These headers were specifically designed to be installed with Hooker Blackheart LT swap engine and transmission mounting components and exhaust systems for this same application. Attempts to install these headers with any other type or combination of engine and transmission mounting components will cause them to no longer be bolt-in compatible with the mentioned Hooker Blackheart exhaust systems.

NOTE: For best fitment and overall component clearances, Hooker Blackheart headers and mounting components for this LT swap application are designed with a chassis-centered engine and transmission location, which varies only slightly from the original minor passenger's side offset used by GM. The engine and transmission have also been positioned to enable hassle-free installation and to promote good vehicle handling performance. The unique geometry of these headers requires the use of Hooker Blackheart **71221012HKR** engine mounting brackets, which utilize Hooker/Holley **71221004HKR** clamshell mounts and **71221014HKR** (black) or **71221015HKR** (red) poly inserts to achieve as-designed vehicle component (stock steering box, steering linkage, etc.) and ground clearances. Use of the stock frame stands/mounts with typical swap plates will not provide the engine positioning necessary to achieve the intended fitment of these headers.

NOTE: Will not work with factory column shift linkage. Aftermarket column linkage or cable kits such as those offered by Lokar™ and others will have to be used if you wish to keep a column shifted set-up in your vehicle.

NOTE: Compatibility of these headers with a stock, unmodified, A/C evaporator case is not expected.

NOTE: These headers are installable with half-height body mounts but collector-to-floor clearances should be expected to be tight and roughly half of the intended 1" clearance designed into the headers if you intended to use a Hooker Blackheart transmission crossmember to provide transmission support, maximum exhaust routing clearance and an optimized engine inclination angle. Note that the use of a Hooker Blackheart transmission crossmember with half-height body mounts is not possible without raising the height of the stock floor pockets located above the exhaust-hump arches of the crossmember.

NOTE: Due to the ¾" to 1" forward re-location of the stock engine/transmission mating plane required for proper fitment of these headers, it may be necessary to lengthen any driveshaft to be reinstalled from a previous stock transmission location installation. This presents an opportunity to increase the size of your driveshaft to 3" or 3.5" diameter for increased strength and RPM capabilities.

NOTE: These headers are designed for use with GM LT engine exhaust manifold gaskets only.

The instructions contained in this document assume you have already installed the engine and transmission in the vehicle with the above mentioned Hooker Blackheart mounting components per their instructions.

An automotive lift or a jack and jack stands will be required to safely raise and support the vehicle. **CAUTION! WORK ONLY ON A LEVEL SURFACE. USE JACKS /JACK STANDS OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SUPPORT YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER WORK UNDER A VEHICLE SUPPORTED BY A FLOOR OR BUMPER JACK.**

INSTALLATION:

1. Disconnect the negative cable from the vehicle battery, if connected.
2. Remove spark plugs wires from the spark plugs. Removing the spark plugs is also recommended as a precaution, but may not be absolutely required.
3. Remove the engine oil dipstick tube.
4. Using an automotive lift or floor jack, lift the entire vehicle or front of the vehicle a minimum of 12" to 15" off the ground.
5. Starting with the driver's side header assembly, maneuver it into place between the engine and subframe through the bottom of the vehicle. To accomplish this, you will need to raise the front of the engine with a hoist, or jack the engine over to the right side with a floor jack. If using the floor jack method, remove the right side valve cover to prevent damage to the A/C evaporator housing, if present.
6. Maneuver the passenger's side header into position between the engine and subframe through the bottom of the vehicle; no engine lifting or jacking is required for this step.
7. Reinstall engine oil dipstick tube, spark plugs and spark plug wires, as needed.
8. Reconnect battery if previously disconnected.

COMPATIBILITY INFORMATION:

These headers were designed and verified to produce the highest level of component compatibility of any currently available long-tube headers for this application. Compatibility with the following components is assured:

- **HOOKER™: 71221012HKR** 1st-gen F-body LT engine brackets, **71221004HKR** clamshell mounts, **71221014HKR** (black) or **71221015HKR** (red) poly inserts and Hooker Blackheart transmission crossmembers and exhaust systems for this application. These headers are directly connectable to the Hooker Blackheart **70501319-RHKR** 3" exhaust system and can be installed with the **70501318-RHKR** 2.5" exhaust system by using a **70701325-RHKR** adapter tube kit, which is sold separately. The **70501319-RHKR** and **70501318-RHKR** exhaust kits are designed specifically to fit 1967-69 F-body vehicles and are not intended for installation on 1968-74 X-body cars, which have a higher floor pan contour and 3" longer wheelbase.
- **Holley®: 302-20** LT swap oil pan, EFI fuel control systems, fuel filters, fuel pumps and plumbing hose/fittings (www.holley.com).
- **Stock/Other:** Stock GM 1972-up SB clamshell engine mounts (when using Hooker Blackheart mounting brackets), Quicktime™ T56 bellhousing (hydraulic clutch only), factory AC evaporator case, straight boot spark plug wires, OE power steering box, multiple GM/Tremec™ transmissions: Powerglide, TH350, TH400, 700R4, 2004R, 4L60-4L70 automatics and T56 (4th-gen F-body)/ T56 Magnum manual transmissions. Installation with a 4L80/4L85 automatic transmission will require slight grinding/clearancing of the transmission bellhousing.

NOTE: These headers are not intended to fit with original engine frame stands and flat-plate style engine mount adapters, or with any non-OE subframe or steering/suspension components.

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