



## 1996-2004 Ford Mustang GT X-Pipe 70803305-RHKR (304SS) & 70803405-RHKR (409SS) 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 BLACKHEART exhaust system.

### **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 /JACK STANDS 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
556R22	2	2.5" Band Clamp
599R94	1	Blackheart Decal
505R44	4	1/4"-20 x .75" Flange Bolt
539R18	4	1/4"-20 Flange Nut

Parts List:	
Qty.	Description
1	X-Pipe Assembly
1	Driver's Link Pipe
1	Passenger's Link Pipe

### **INSTALLATION:**

**IMPORTANT: Inspect your accessory pack: BEFORE YOU START!**

1. Place the vehicle on flat a surface, set the parking brake, and block the front wheels.
2. Disconnect the battery.
3. Lift the vehicle and support with jack stands.

**WARNING! Never support a vehicle with a floor or bumper jack.**

### **REMOVING THE OEM EXHAUST:**

1. Loosen the (x4) bolts and nuts holding the OEM mid pipe to the muffler assemblies.
2. Unplug the (x4) O2 sensors in the OEM mid pipe.

3. Loosen the (x4) hardware attaching the OEM mid pipe to the exhaust manifolds. Remove the gasket on the passenger's side. It can be reused if in good shape.
4. Slide the exhaust hanger brackets from the rubber isolators, and remove the OEM mid pipe from out under the car. The driver's side isolator will need to be removed for installation of the Hooker Blackheart X-pipe.
5. Remove the O2 Sensors from the OEM mid pipe.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE BLACKHEART CAT-BACK EXHAUST:**

1. Inspect the gasket. If in good shape it can be reused. If not, we recommend a Ford XR3Z-9450-AA gasket.
2. Put the O2 Sensors from the OEM mid pipe in the O2 bungs for the Blackheart X-pipe.
3. Slide the 2.5" band clamps onto the X-pipe section, sliding the two link pipes into the X-pipe. Loosely tighten the 2.5" band clamps.
4. Lift the X-pipe into place. Using the OEM passenger's side hanger, hang the X-pipe assembly.
5. Place the gasket on the passenger's side, and attach the X-pipe to the OEM manifolds using the hardware removed earlier.
6. Align the muffler assembly ball and sockets. Using the supplied hardware, attach the mufflers to the X-pipe.
7. Plug the O2 sensors into the vehicle harness.
8. Tighten all the hardware & clamps to lock the X-pipe in position, starting at the manifold flanges and working your way to the muffler assembly connection.
9. Raise the car, remove the jack stands, and lower vehicle to the ground.
10. Start the vehicle and check for leaks and loose hardware.
11. Check all hardware again after the first 150 miles of driving.

### **Enjoy your Blackheart Exhaust!**

**NOTE: It is normal for the Blackheart Exhaust to emit smoke for the first few minutes during break-in period.**

**NOTE: By removing the Catalytic Converters the CEL will turn on. On 96-04 cars MIL Eliminators will turn the CEL off, or 98-04 cars a tune can turn the CEL off and get maximum power out of your new exhaust.**

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY – DISCLAIMER:**

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### **THE FOREGOING STATEMENT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE MANUFACTURER.**

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