

# **Installation Instructions for 300130**

## **Coated Header**

**For: 1964-73 MUSTANG/COUGAR 260-302W**

**1967-73 MUSTANG/FARILANE/COUGAR 351W,**

**1966-73 FALCON/FAIRLANE/TORINO/RANCHERO/CYCLONE & MONTEGO 260-302W,**

**1966-69 COMET 260-302W**

**1970-77 MAVERICK 260-302W**

Please read and understand these instructions completely prior to starting work.

CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVED THE PROPER PARTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION. IF YOU ARE UNSURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE PROPER PARTS, CALL BEFORE YOU START WORK.

**BE SURE TO WORK SAFE!** WHENEVER YOU WORK UNDER THE VEHICLE BE SURE THAT IT IS LOCATED ON LEVEL, SOLID GROUND AND IS SUPPORTED BY ADEQUATE SAFETY STANDS!

**REMEMBER: HOT ASPHALT WILL NOT SUPPORT MOST JACK STANDS!**

Many factors affect the installation of headers, some of which are broken or aftermarket motor mounts, accidents that impact the configuration of the frame, and/or the installation of different engines or aftermarket cylinder heads. Most installations require some welding. If you are uncomfortable with welding operations, we recommend that you contact a professional exhaust system specialist to install your new headers.

**Attention Customers breaking in new engines:** Due to the extreme heat generated during the break-in process, the appearance of the ceramic coating may be altered in certain areas. The protection characteristics and thermal barrier properties of the coating is never compromised. It is recommended that a cast iron manifold or old set of headers be used for this process.

**Notice:** The coating of these headers can be marred or scratched during installation. Please use the ceramic header installation kit that is included with this kit. This will reduce the possibility of getting scratches, nicks or discoloration of the headers while installing them.

### **DISASSEMBLY**

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable from the battery.
2. If a car lift is not available, raise the vehicle 2 feet or higher and support it with adequate safety stands. Make sure the vehicle is on a flat solid surface and is stable.
3. Apply penetrating oil to all nuts and bolts to be removed.
4. Remove and mark all spark plug wires and then remove all spark plugs.  
**NOTE:** Grasp the spark plug boot, not the wire, and use a twisting motion while pulling the wire from the plug.
5. Disconnect the head pipes from the exhaust manifolds and remove the manifolds.
6. Replace the spark plugs finger tight so debris will not get into the cylinders during the cleaning operation.
7. Remove the clutch linkage (if manual transmission)
8. Remove the power steering ram from the frame.
9. Remove any gasket material or any carbon deposits that remain on the head surface. The use of a gasket removal agent will ease the removal of any gasket material. We recommend the use of a sharp gasket scraper to remove the bulk of material and to finish the operation with a sanding block to provide a clean flat sealing surface.
10. After cleaning is complete remove the spark plugs again.

### **ASSEMBLY**

1. Apply a **THIN** film of Ultra Copper Hi-Temp Sensor-Safe Silicone Sealer to each side of the header flange gaskets around each of the exhaust port openings and let set up for a couple of minutes.
2. Stick the gaskets onto the headers. Small pieces of masking tape can be used to help hold the gasket to the header.
3. Apply a small amount of anti-seize to the header bolts supplied with the headers.



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4. Start the left header from below and work it up through the chassis into position over the exhaust ports.
  - a. Note: Mavericks / Comets require the removal of the center motor mount bolt and raising the engine approximately 2". USE A BOARD BETWEEN THE OIL PAN AND JACK.
5. With the header loose, replace the clutch linkage (if removed).
6. Start all the header bolts and tighten evenly.
  - a. Note: Engines with a Cobra oil pan may require denting the header tubes for adequate clearance of the pan.
  - b. Note: Some vehicles may require trimming the motor mount if it contacts the header tube.
  - c. Note: 1969 models may require denting the firewall for clearance if the L-4 tube makes contact.
7. Tighten all the header bolts evenly to a final torque of approximately 35 ft. lbs.
8. Reinstall the power steering ram with a purchased bracket # 555-30781. It may be necessary to reroute the power steering lines for header clearance.
  - a. Note: Mavericks / Comets: Check header for clearance of power steering ram. Dent tube (s) as needed for clearance.
9. Automatic Transmission: Check the kickdown linkage. It may be necessary to bend the linkage towards the engine until it will work properly. Check the steering lockout rod, which may also require bending (to fit) or removal. If removed, the linkage to which it was attached must be wired in place to prevent steering from locking while the vehicle is moving.
10. Replace the spark plugs. When you install the spark plugs, apply a **small** amount of anti-seize to the threads.
11. Start the right header from below and work it up through the chassis into position over the exhaust ports.
12. Start all the header bolts and tighten evenly
  - a. Note: 1976 Mavericks / Comets: The vacuum canister must be moved at least ½" sideways (to clear #4 tube) and remounted.
  - b. Note: It may be necessary to reroute the automatic transmission cooling lines and/or starter cables for adequate header clearance.
13. Tighten all the header bolts evenly to a final torque of approximately 35 ft. lbs.
14. Replace the spark plugs. When you install the spark plugs, apply a **small** amount of anti-seize to the threads.
15. If the collector contacts the emergency brake cable, the bracket must be relocated so the cable will clear. See Figures A & B on Page 4.
16. Use the supplied reducers to connect the collectors to your stock exhaust system.
17. Connect the negative battery cable.
18. Check over the installation to make sure that all wires, lines, hoses. etc. are connected and have adequate clearance to protect them from the heat generated by the headers.

### **START THE ENGINE**

Start the engine and allow it to warm up to operating temperature. Check for any unusual noises or exhaust leaks. If every thing is OK, stop the engine and tighten all bolts while the engine is still warm.

**NOTE:** Check the bolts periodically to make sure they have not loosened. Re-tighten after the first 500 miles and then again at 1000 miles.

### **IMPORTANT CHECK LIST**

- **Be sure that all brake lines and fuel lines are clear of headers and/or connector pipes.**
- **All spark plug wires, battery cables, or other electrical components should be clear of headers and/or connector pipes.**
- **If dipstick tube was removed, make sure it is installed properly and that the dipstick has been replaced.**
- **Double-check the tightness of all bolts including brackets and accessories.**

### **PARTS LIST**

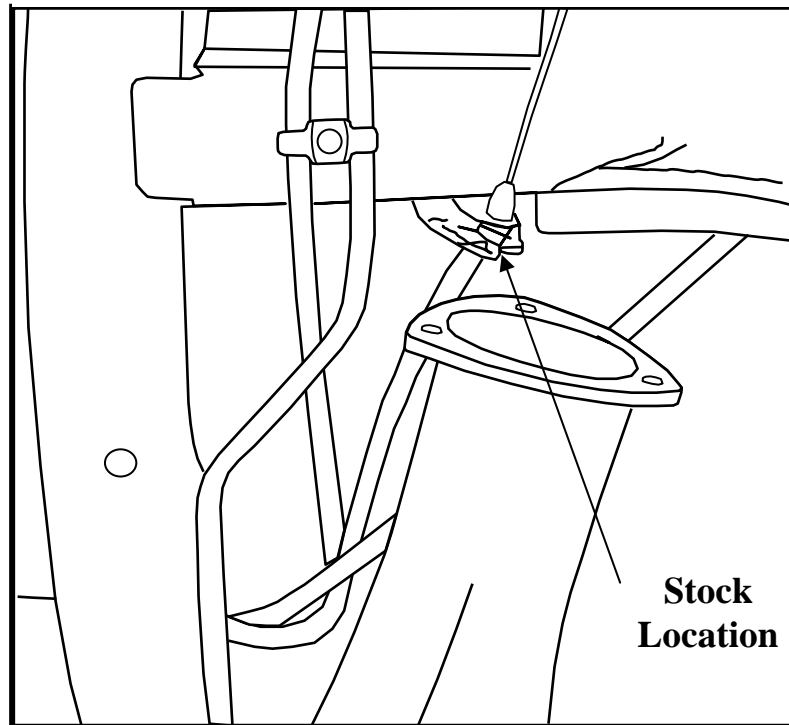
<b>Qty</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Left side header
1	Right side header
2	Reducers
2	Header gaskets
2	3" flat gaskets
16	3/8"-16 x 3/4" header bolts
6	3/8"-16 x 1" hex head cap screws
6	3/8"-16 hex nuts



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# FIGURE A

(VIEW FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE)



# FIGURE B

(VIEW FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE)

