

2.5 LITER 4 CYLINDER

IDENTIFICATION CODING

ENGINE IDENTIFICATION

Engine can be identified by the fourth letter of the Vehicle Identification Number, located on the left front of the instrument panel. Engines are also marked with an engine code stamping, located on pad at left rear of cylinder block below cylinder head. In addition, engines built for sale in Georgia and Tennessee have a non-repeating number stamped into the rear block flange.

Engine	Engine Code	Code
2.5L (151")	B

ENGINE REMOVAL

See *Engine Removal* at end of ENGINE Section.

CYLINDER HEAD & MANIFOLDS

INTAKE MANIFOLD

Removal – 1) Remove air cleaner and PCV valve. Drain cooling systems. Disconnect fuel lines, vacuum lines and electrical connections at carburetor and carburetor spacer.

2) Disconnect throttle linkage. Remove bellcrank and throttle linkage brackets and move to one side. Remove heater hose at intake manifold.

3) Remove alternator or air conditioning compressor, if equipped. Remove manifold-to-cylinder head bolts and remove manifold.

Installation – 1) Install manifold and gasket on cylinder head. Start all bolts and finger tighten only.

2) Torque manifold-to-cylinder head bolts using torque sequence shown in Fig. 1. Reverse removal procedure to complete installation.

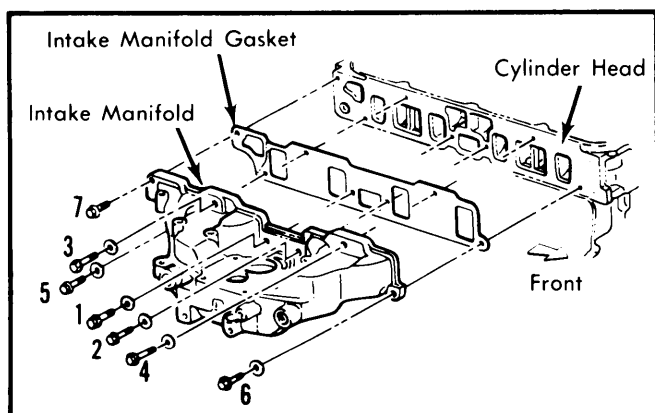


Fig. 1 Intake Manifold Tightening Sequence

EXHAUST MANIFOLD

Removal – Remove air cleaner and carburetor preheat tube. Remove dipstick tube attaching bolt. Raise vehicle and disconnect exhaust pipe from manifold. Remove exhaust manifold bolts and remove manifold.

Installation – 1) Install manifold and gasket on cylinder head. Start all bolts and finger tighten only.

2) Torque manifold-to-cylinder head bolts using torque sequence shown in Fig. 2. Reverse removal procedure to complete installation.

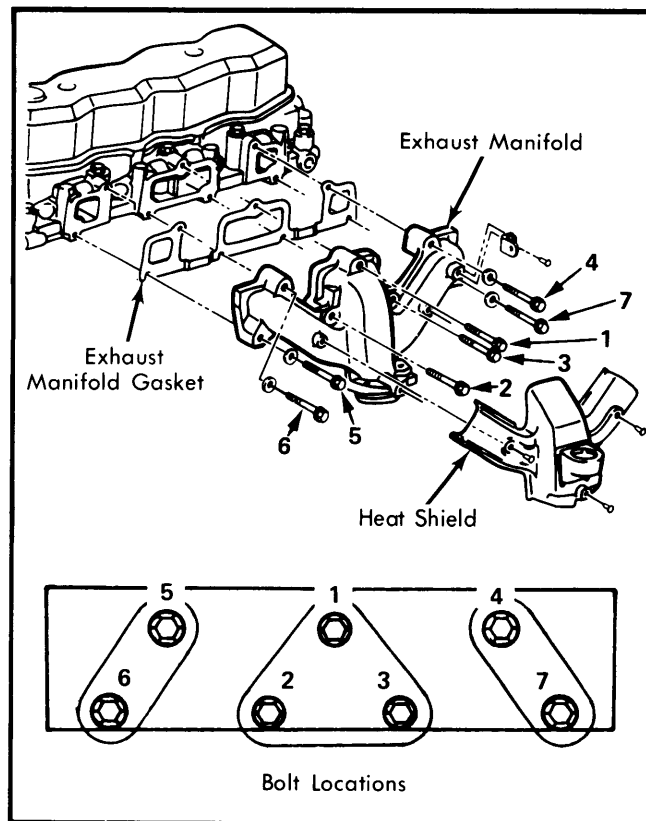


Fig. 2 Exhaust Manifold Tightening Sequence

CYLINDER HEAD

Removal – 1) Disconnect negative battery cable. Drain cooling system and remove air cleaner. Remove intake and exhaust manifolds as previously outlined.

2) Remove alternator, A/C and power steering units. Disconnect all hoses and electrical connections at cylinder head and identify for reinstallation.

3) Disconnect spark plug wires and remove spark plugs. Remove rocker arm cover and back off rocker arm nuts, then pivot rocker arms to clear push rods and remove push rods.

4) Remove cylinder head bolts and remove cylinder head; place on two blocks of wood to prevent damage.

Installation – 1) Make sure gasket surfaces are clean of foreign matter and free of nicks. Install new gasket in position over dowel pins on cylinder block. Carefully install cylinder head over dowel pins and gasket.

NOTE – Make sure all cylinder head bolt threads are clean and oiled. (If the threads are dirty correct torque cannot be achieved).

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2) Coat heads and threads of cylinder bolts with sealing compound and install into cylinder head finger tight. Gradually tighten bolts as shown in sequence in Fig. 3. Reverse removal procedure for remaining components.

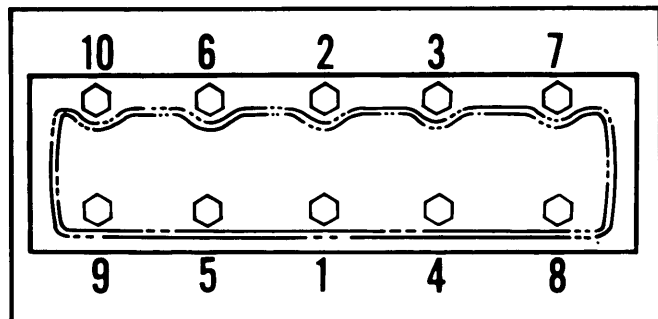


Fig. 3 Cylinder Head Tightening Sequence

VALVES

VALVE ARRANGEMENT

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VALVE GUIDE SERVICING

Valve guides are an integral part of the cylinder head. If valve guide-to-stem clearance is excessive (see engine specifications) guides should be reamed and new oversize valves should be installed.

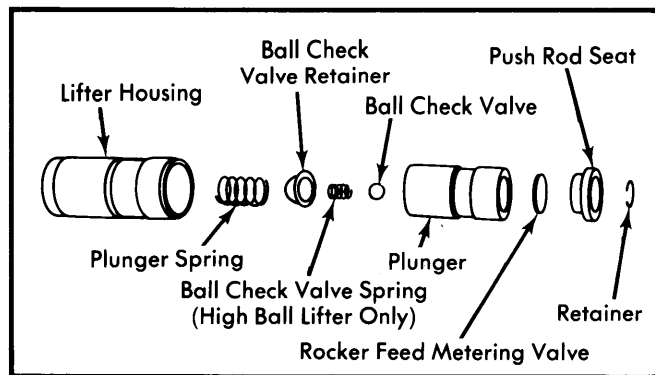


Fig. 4 Hydraulic Valve Lifter Assembly

VALVE STEM OIL SEALS

Oil seals are used on all valve stems and should be replaced whenever valve spring is removed or valve service is performed.

VALVE SPRINGS

1) Remove rocker arm cover. Remove rocker arms on cylinder to be serviced, also remove spark plugs. Install air hose adapter to spark plug hole and apply air pressure.

2) With rocker arm removed, install rocker arm nut loosely on stud. Using spring compressor (J-5892-1 or equivalent), compress valve spring and remove valve locks. Remove tool, retainer, cup shield, spring and oil seal.

Installation — Reverse procedure used in removal to complete assembly.

NOTE — Valve spring installation height is 1.69". Test valve spring tension with tester while removed. Springs should be compressed to 1.66" without internal dampner. Proper tension is 78-86 lbs. at this height.

HYDRAULIC VALVE LIFTERS

Valve lifters are serviced as complete units. Parts are not interchangeable between lifters. If lifter shows signs of wear or is noisy, it should be replaced.

Check cam mating surface for wear and if present, inspect camshaft. Replace parts as necessary. See Fig. 4.

PISTONS, PINS & RINGS

OIL PAN

See Oil Pan Removal at end of ENGINE Section.

PISTON & ROD ASSEMBLY

NOTE — New pistons must be installed in same cylinders for which they were fitted. Install used pistons in same cylinders from which they were removed.

Removal — 1) With cylinder head and oil pan removed, use a ridge reamer to remove any ridge or deposits from upper end of cylinder bore.

NOTE — Piston should be at bottom of stroke and covered with a cloth to collect cuttings.

2) Check connecting rod and piston for proper identification and mark if necessary. Remove bearing cap. Remove piston and rod assembly through top of cylinder block, taking care not to damage cylinder wall or crankshaft journal.

Installation — 1) Install connecting rod bolt guide set tool (J-6305-11) on connecting rod bolts. Using piston ring installer tool (J-5569), insert rod and piston assembly into cylinder so that notch in top of piston faces toward front of engine.

2) From beneath engine, position connecting rod with upper bearing insert into place against journal. Remove guide set and install lower insert and cap. Tighten cap nuts to 30 ft. lbs. Reverse removal procedure for remaining components.

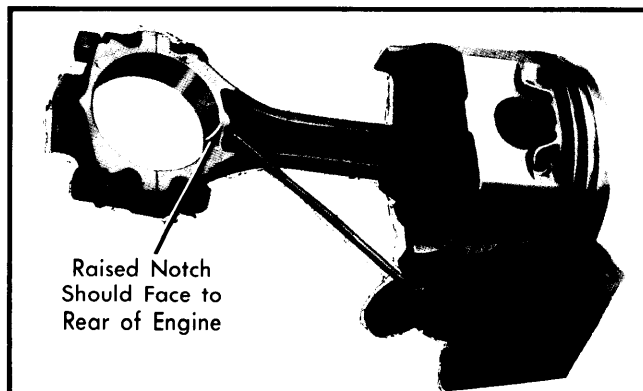


Fig. 5 Piston and Rod Installation

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NOTE — Notch in top of piston faces front of engine, raised notch on side of rod at bearing end should be opposite notch in piston when installed. See Fig. 5.

FITTING PISTONS

Measure cylinder bore $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from top of bore. Measure piston diameter at a point perpendicular to piston pin and $1\frac{13}{16}$ " from top of piston. Pistons are available in standard, .010", .020" and .030" oversize. Selective fitting of each piston is required. Once proper piston has been selected, mark the piston with the cylinder number it was fitted for.

NOTE — Measure cylinder bore and pistons at room temperature, otherwise improper fit will result.

PISTON PINS

Pins are press fit in piston. Oversize pins are available, piston and rod must be reamed for correct fit. Remove and install piston pins using arbor press and suitable adapters.

CRANKSHAFT & ROD BEARINGS

MAIN & CONNECTING ROD BEARINGS

Connecting Rod Bearings — 1) Remove oil pan. Turn crankshaft and rod to be serviced to bottom of stroke. Remove bearing cap and lower shell.

2) Push piston and rod assembly up far enough to remove upper bearing shell.

3) Check clearances using Plastigage method and replace bearings as necessary. Bearings are available in standard, .001", .002" and .010" undersize.

4) Rotate crankshaft after installation of new bearing to insure crankshaft is not binding. Reverse removal steps to complete assembly.

Main Bearings — 1) Replace main bearings in pairs. Do not shim or mix bearing size and do not use a new bearing with an old bearing.

2) Remove oil pan, oil sump and spark plugs. Remove cap on bearing requiring replacement and remove lower bearing insert from cap. Using suitable tool, rotate crankshaft clockwise, as viewed from front, this will roll upper bearing insert out of block.

3) Check clearances using Plastigage method and replace bearings as necessary. Bearings are available in standard, .001", .002", and .010" undersize.

4) With new bearings lightly oiled and installed, rotate crankshaft to check for excessive drag.

THRUST BEARING ALIGNMENT

Measure crankshaft end play (see specifications) by first tapping the crankshaft with a rubber mallet rearward, then forward to center the thrust bearing. With main bearing caps tightened, measure crankshaft end play at front of crankshaft with feeler gauge. If not within specifications, replace thrust bearing.

REAR MAIN BEARING OIL SEAL

Removal — 1) Remove transmission, clutch housing and flywheel.

2) Remove rear main bearing oil seal by prying it out with a screwdriver taking care not to scratch crankshaft.

Installation — 1) Coat new seal with engine oil and install with lip toward engine. Ensure that seal is firmly in place.

2) Install flywheel, clutch housing and transmission.

CAMSHAFT

ENGINE FRONT COVER

Removal — 1) Disconnect negative battery cable. Remove center hub and slide pulley and hub from crankshaft. Remove alternator and air conditioning compressor bracket, if equipped.

2) Remove fan and shroud screws. Loosen belts and remove fan and shroud. Remove oil pan-to-timing gear cover screws. Pull cover slightly forward only enough to permit cutting of oil pan front seal.

3) Using a sharp knife, cut oil pan front seal flush with cylinder block at both sides of cover. Remove cover and attached portion of oil pan front seal. Remove cover gasket.

Installation — 1) Clean mating surfaces of engine block and front cover. Cut tabs off new oil pan front seal, and install seal on front cover, pressing tips into holes provided in cover. Coat gasket with gasket sealer and place in position. Apply RTV sealant to joint of oil pan and cylinder block.

2) Install centering tool (J-23042 or equivalent) in front cover seal. Install front cover to block, install and partially tighten 2 oil pan-to-front cover screws.

3) Install cover-to-block screws, tighten all screws. Remove centering tool. Reverse steps to complete installation.

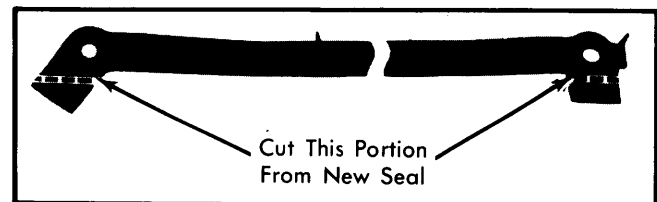


Fig. 6 Oil Pan Front Seal Modification

FRONT COVER OIL SEAL

Removal & Installation — 1) Remove oil seal from front cover using care not to damage front cover.

2) Position new seal with lip toward rear of engine. Drive into cover using installer (J-23042 or equivalent).

3) Lightly coat oil seal contact area of balancer with engine oil. Position balancer on crankshaft and push it onto the crankshaft until it bottoms, install center bolt and torque. Reverse removal procedure to complete installation.

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CAMSHAFT & TIMING GEAR

NOTE — Support camshaft carefully when removing to prevent damaging the camshaft bearings.

Removal — 1) Drain cooling system. Remove timing gear cover. Disconnect oil cooler lines (if equipped) and remove radiator. If equipped with air conditioning, remove condenser and compressor.

2) Remove 2 camshaft thrust plate screws through holes in camshaft gear. Remove valve tappets. Remove distributor, oil pump drive and fuel pump. Remove camshaft and gear assembly by pulling out through front of block.

NOTE — Camshaft timing gear is pressed onto camshaft. When removing, ensure that Woodruff key does not damage camshaft.

Installation — 1) Firmly support camshaft at back of front journal in arbor press using press plate and adapter. Install gear spacer ring and thrust plate over end of camshaft and install Woodruff key in shaft keyway.

2) Install camshaft gear and press it onto camshaft until it bottoms against spacer ring. Measure the end clearance of thrust plate, it should be .0015-.0050". If less than .0015", spacer ring must be replaced. If more than .0050", thrust plate must be replaced.

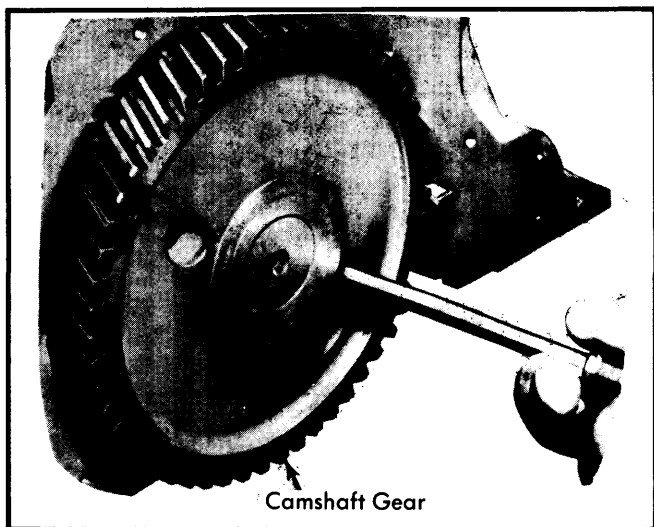


Fig. 7 Removing Thrust Plate Screw with Screwdriver Inserted Through Timing Gear

3) Coat camshaft journals with engine oil and install camshaft in engine block being careful not to damage camshaft bearings. Align timing marks by rotating camshaft and crankshaft until valve timing marks on gear teeth will line up. Engine is now timed in the number 4 cylinder firing position.

4) Install 2 camshaft thrust screws and torque to 7 ft. lbs. Reverse removal procedure to complete assembly.

CAMSHAFT BEARINGS

Removal — 1) Remove engine and place on suitable stand. Remove camshaft and flywheel, drive out expansion plug from rear camshaft bearing by driving from inside out.

2) Using bearing remover tool (J-21473-1), drive out front bearing toward rear and rear bearing toward front. Install extension (J-21054-1) and drive center bearing out toward rear.

Installation — 1) Install bearings using reverse procedure, ensuring that oil holes line up in camshaft and engine block.

2) Install front camshaft bearing so that bearing is recessed about 1/8" into engine block. This will allow for lubrication of timing gears. Reverse removal procedure to complete installation.

ENGINE OILING

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Crankcase Capacity — 3 quarts without oil filter.

Oil Filter — Full flow type. Change oil filter at every oil change.

Normal Oil Pressure — 36-41 psi. @2000 RPM.

Pressure Regulator Valve — Located in oil pump body. Not adjustable.

ENGINE OILING SYSTEM

Engine lubrication is accomplished through a gear type pump which picks up oil from the oil pan sump, pumps it through the full flow oil filter and into oil passage which runs along the

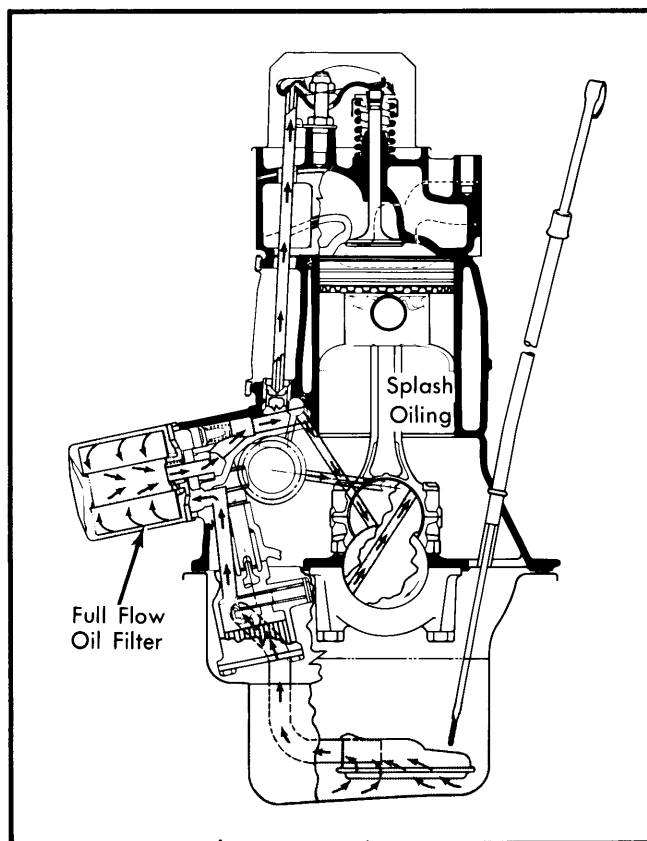


Fig. 8 Engine Oiling System

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right side of the block and intersects the lifter bosses. Oil is then routed to the camshaft and crankshaft bearings through smaller drilled passages. Oil is supplied to the rocker arms through the hydraulic lifters which feed oil up the push rod tubes to the rocker arms. Bypass valves are located in the oil filter mounting and the oil pump to allow for any clogged or restricted conditions. Many internal parts have no direct oil feed and rely on gravity or splash oiling from other direct feed components. Oil returns to the oil sump through oil return holes in cylinder head and block. See Fig. 8.

OIL PUMP

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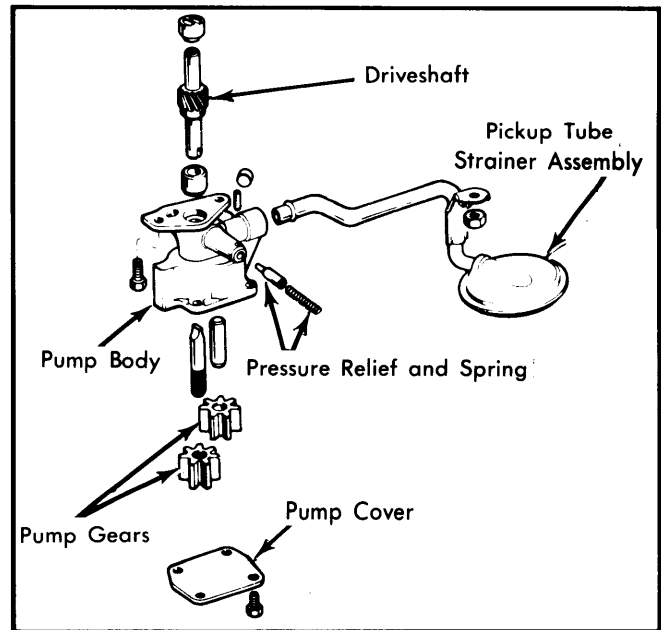


Fig. 9 Exploded View of Engine Oil Pump Assembly

ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS						
Engine	Net HP at RPM	Torque (Ft. Lbs. at RPM)	Compr. Ratio	Bore	Stroke	Displ. Cu. Ins.
151"	86@4000	128@2800	8.24:1	4.00"	3.00"	151"

VALVES							
Engine & Valve	Head Diam.	Face Angle	Seat Angle	Seat Width	Stem Diameter	Stem Clearance	Valve Lift
151"							
Int.	1.72"	45°	46°	.353-.747"	.3418-.3425"	.0010-.0027"
Exh.	1.50"	45°	46°	.058-.097"	.3418-.3425"	.0010-.0027"①

① — Measured at top of guide. Bottom is .0020-.0037".

PISTONS, PINS, RINGS						
Engine	PISTONS	PINS		RINGS		
	Clearance	Piston Fit	Rod Fit	Rings	End Gap	Side Clearance
151"	.0025-.0033"	.0003-.0005"	Press Fit	1	.010-.022"	.003"
				2	.010-.028"	.003"
				3	.015-.055"	.003"

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ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS (Cont.)

CRANKSHAFT MAIN & CONNECTING ROD BEARINGS							
Engine	MAIN BEARINGS				CONNECTING ROD BEARINGS		
	Journal Diam.	Clearance	Thrust Bearing	Crankshaft End Play	Journal Diam.	Clearance	Side Play
151"	2.2988"	.0005-.0022"	No. 5	.0035-.0085"	2.000"	.0005"-.0026"	.017"

CAMSHAFT			
Engine	Journal Diam.	Clearance [ⓐ]	Lobe Lift
151"	1.869"	.0007-.0027"	.406"

[ⓐ] — End play is .0015-.0050".

VALVE TIMING				
Engine	INTAKE		EXHAUST	
	Open (BTDC)	Close (ABDC)	Open (BBDC)	Close (ATDC)
151"	33°	79°	74°	38°

TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Ft. Lbs.
Cylinder Head	ⓐ92
Flywheel-to-Crankshaft	68
Cam Thrust Plate-to-Block	7
Connecting Rod	30
Harmonic Balancer	160
Engine Front Cover	4
Intake Manifold-to-Cyl. Head	37
Exhaust Manifold-to-Cyl. Head	37
Main Bearings	65
Oil Pan-to-Block	4
Oil Pump-to-Block	18
Water Pump	17
Thermostat Housing	22
Carburetor-to-Manifold	13
Rocker Arm-to-Stud	20

[ⓐ] — Requires thread sealer.