

PATRIOT

EXHAUST PRODUCTS

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Installation Instructions & Warranty Information

H8426 ~ 65-70 Mustang, 67-70 Cougar ~ 260-302

NOTE: Power Steering requires bracket part #H7609



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PERTRONIX PERFORMANCE BRANDS EMISSIONS CODES

This Product is considered a Replacement Part per CARB and EPA regulations for emissions compliance and is legal for sale and use on specified vehicles in all 50 states as stated in Manufacturer's Application Guide and Installation Instructions.

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⚠ WARNING:

This product can expose you to chemicals including Lead, Nickel, Cadmium and Chromium which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

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PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

PerTronix® thanks you for choosing a Patriot Exhaust Product. To realize the potential of Patriot's engineering and excellent fit, Please Read and Understand these instructions completely prior to starting the installation.

Check that you received all the parts listed on the parts list, if you have any concerns, please contact PerTronix before continuing. Headers will have the part number stamped in the flange.

Work Smart – Work Safe! Most Header and Exhaust Installation are best performed on a lift. If a lift is not available, raise the vehicle and support on quality Jack Stands on level ground. Do not rely on a jack!

Many factors affect the installation of exhaust headers, including worn or aftermarket motor mounts, previous accident damage, aftermarket cylinder heads that may have relocated port or spark plug locations, suspension and steering changes, sagging of original unibody structures due to age.

Coating Notes: Coatings can be marred during installation if you are not careful. If you are breaking in a new motor, the extreme heat can alter the appearance of the coating and this is not a warranty issue. We recommend breaking in new motors with stock manifolds or an old set of headers.

We use sealing beads on all our headers. The raised bead creates a better seal virtually eliminating leaks if installed properly. It is important to install all header bolts lightly snug and then tighten to factory torque specs starting in the center and working outward.

Before starting, allow the vehicle to cool, disconnect the battery, and spray a penetrating oil on all hardware and fittings that will need to be removed. Once you remove your manifold, clean the sealing surface on the head of any old gasket debris or carbon build up.

DISASSEMBLY

1. Remove and mark all spark plug wires and then remove all spark plugs..
2. Disconnect the head pipes from the exhaust manifolds and remove the manifolds.
3. Remove the clutch linkage (if manual transmission)
4. Remove the power steering ram from the frame.
5. 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.

ASSEMBLY

1. Start the left header from below and work it up through the chassis into position over the exhaust ports.
2. With the header loose, replace the clutch linkage (if removed).
3. Start all the header bolts and tighten evenly.
4. Tighten all the header bolts evenly to a final torque of approximately 35 ft. lbs.
5. Reinstall the power steering ram with a purchased bracket P/N H7609. It may be necessary to reroute the power steering lines for header clearance.
6. 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.
7. Replace the spark plugs. When you install the spark plugs, apply a small amount of anti-seize to the threads.
8. Start the right header from below and work it up through the chassis into position over the exhaust ports.
9. Start all the header bolts and tighten evenly
 - a. Note: It may be necessary to reroute the automatic transmission cooling lines and/or starter cables for adequate header clearance.
10. Tighten all the header bolts evenly to a final torque of approximately 35 ft. lbs.
11. Replace the spark plugs. When you install the spark plugs, apply a small amount of anti-seize to the threads.
12. If the collector contacts the emergency brake cable, the bracket must be relocated so the cable will clear. See Illustration.
13. Use the supplied reducers to connect the collectors to your stock exhaust system.
14. Connect the negative battery cable.

FIGURE A

(VIEW FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE)

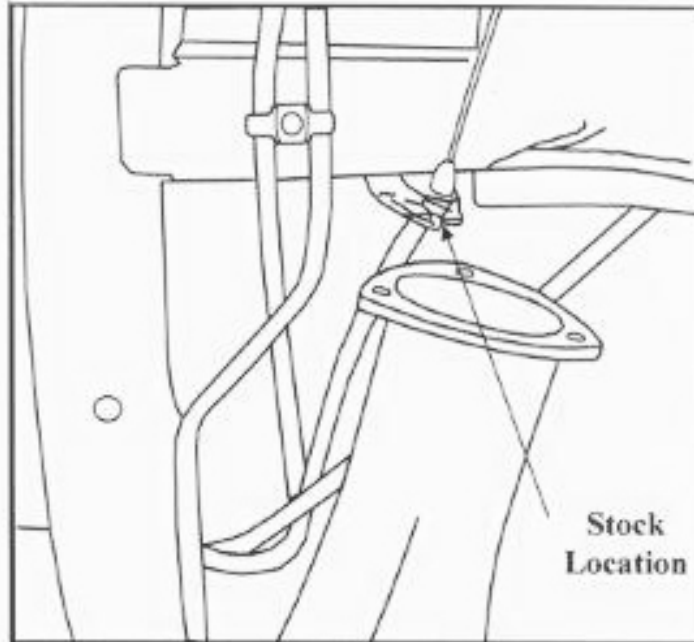
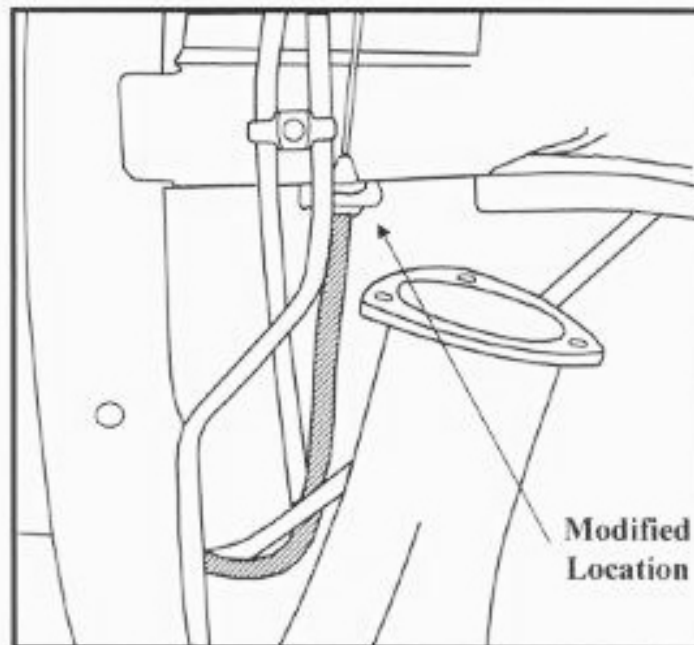


FIGURE B

(VIEW FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE)



IMPORTANT CHECK LIST

- Be sure that all brake lines, transmission 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.

START THE ENGINE

Start the engine and allow it to warm up to operating temperature. Check for any unusual noises or exhaust leaks. If everything 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

Parts List

1 Left side header	1	Right side header
2 Reducers	2	Header gaskets
2 3" reducer 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

PATRIOT EXHAUST LIMITED WARRANTY

All Patriot Headers and Exhaust products are guaranteed, to the original purchaser, to be free of defects in material and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. This warranty covers the replacement or repair of the product and does not cover the cost of removal and installation, customer applied coatings, or Any discoloration or corrosion of finished surfaces.

Damage or product failure resulting from collision, improper installation, off road use, road hazards, the use of exhaust insulating wrap, or rust occurring after installation is not covered by the warranty. This warranty extends only to the original purchaser.

Should a part be deemed defective, it should be returned to the original selling retailer and must be accompanied by the sales receipt. If there is no retailer in your area, contact PerTronix direct for a return authorization and return the part prepaid to the factory for inspection. PerTronix reserves the right to replace or repair the alleged defective part and return the part freight collect.