



**P/N 2850HKR (painted) & 2850-1HKR (ceramic)**  
1 5/8" Primary Tubes  
**P/N 2851HKR (painted) & 2851-1HKR (ceramic)**  
1 3/4" Primary Tubes  
99-05 Chevy / GM 2WD 4.8/5.3/6.0L

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 HEADER exhaust system.

**WARNING! Breaking in an engine with ceramic-coated headers WILL result in damage to the coating and will VOID all warranties. Ceramic-coated headers require several heat cycles to fully cure before they will withstand extreme heat. HOOKER recommends using a cast-iron exhaust manifold or an old header to break in new engines to avoid coating damage.**

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**BEFORE STARTING**

Your vehicle must be raised a minimum of 36 inches. A floor hoist is ideal. If no hoist is available, we strongly urge the use of axle stands as a safety measure.

**CAUTION! YOUR CAR SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED ON A BUMPER JACK.**

**INSTALLATION PROCEDURE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Disconnect the battery. Remove the spark plugs, spark plug heat shields, and spark plug wires.
2. Remove the Y-pipe from the exhaust manifolds to the muffler flange.

**RIGHT SIDE**

1. Remove the oil dipstick tube, air injection tube, and exhaust manifold.
2. Starting from below, work the header up into position. Start the header bolts with the gasket in place.
3. Reinstall the dipstick tube using the stock bolt.
4. Install the air injection tube on the header.
5. Remove the oxygen sensor from the stock exhaust manifold and install it in the fitting on the right side header.
6. Tighten all header bolts evenly, most restricted first.

**LEFT SIDE**

1. Remove the exhaust manifold.
2. Remove the steering shaft cross bolt. Slide the shaft down and lean it forward.

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3. Starting from above, work the header down into position. Start the header bolts with the gasket in place.
4. Replace the steering shaft and cross bolt.
5. Tighten all header bolts evenly, most restricted first.
6. Install the air injection manifold in the fittings on the header, bending the tubes as necessary to fit.
7. Remove the oxygen sensor from the stock exhaust manifold and install it in the fitting on the left side header.
8. Install the spark plugs and spark plug wires (both sides).

9. Install the factory Y-pipe. Tighten all the connections to factory torque specifications.
10. Connect the battery, start the vehicle, and check for leaks. Make sure all brake lines, fuel lines, and electrical wires have sufficient clearance.
11. When finished, give your vehicle a test drive, checking carefully for any new noises. After several days of driving, retighten all the bolts.