

2010-2015 Camaro SS / ZL1 / Z28 Header Installation Instructions



Do not attempt this installation if proper safety equipment isn't available to you. Seek the assistance of a professional installer.

Read and understand all instructions before beginning.

To install this system the following tools are suggested:

-Vehicle Lift or Jack and 4 Jack Stands
-Ratchet Set (¹/₄" & ³/₈" Drive)
-Metric Socket Set (¹/₄" & ³/₈" Drive)
-Extensions (¹/₄" & ³/₈" Drive)
- Pry Bar Set
-⁷/₈" O2 Socket (⁷/₈" Wrench)
-Gasket Scraper
-Metric Wrench Set

-Standard Screwdriver Set -Safety Glasses -Paint Pen or Marker -Vehicle Service Manual -Thread Locker -WD-40 (Penetrating Oil) -Anti-seize -Zip Ties



VEHICLE PREPARATION

Raise and Support Vehicle (Refer to Owner's Manual for specified jacking points) *Always disconnect the negative battery terminal before performing this type of work on any vehicle*

STOCK MANIFOLD AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER REMOVAL PROCESS

It is a good idea to spray WD-40 on the rusted hardware before you start to help loosen them. While the lube is doing its job, you can start the install.

STEP 1. Battery

- Disconnect the negative and positive battery terminal.
- **STEP 2.** Spark Plugs and Spark Plug Wires
 - Remove the engine cover, if so equipped.
 - Disconnect spark plug wires.
 - Remove spark plugs.
- STEP 3. O2 Sensors
 - Note and mark the position of each O2 sensor.
 - Disconnect all O2 sensors from wiring harness.
 - Remove O2 sensors $(^{7}/_{8})$ wrench or O2 socket).
- **STEP 4.** Dip Stick Tube
 - Note the routing and orientation of the dip stick tube before removal.
 - Remove dip stick tube.
- STEP 5. Factory Catalytic Convertors
 - Unbolt Factory Clamps connecting convertors to cat back system
 - Slide pipes apart and separate them

STEP 6. Exhaust Manifolds

- Remove factory exhaust manifold heat shields.
- Remove factory exhaust manifolds.



KOOKS HEADER AND CONNECTION PIPE INSTALLATION PROCESS

All hardware should be tightened to factory specifications

- **STEP 1.** Cleaning.
 - Before installing your new Kooks Headers, make sure all gasket surfaces are clean and oil free.
- **STEP 2.** Kooks Headers (Drivers Side and Passenger Side)
 - Install headers into engine compartment, from the top or bottom.
 - Align supplied gasket and start at least two of the header bolts.
 - Align header and start remaining header bolts.
 - Tighten headers to factory exhaust manifold torque specs using factory torque spec sequence.
- **STEP 3.** Starter Power Wire
 - Check for clearance around starter power wire. If needed follow below steps.
 - Unclip wire in connector from factory frame location.
 - Reinstall wire using zip ties, routing it for maximum clearance around the header
- **STEP 4.** Dip Stick Tube
 - Reinstall dip stick tube.
- **STEP 2.** Steering Shaft
 - Remove steering shaft rubber boot cover if necessary for header clearance.
- STEP 5. Kooks Connection Pipes
 - Loosely install connection pipes on vehicle using supplied hardware.
 - Align system for maximum clearance.
 - Tighten system from rear to front of the vehicle.
- STEP 6. O2 Sensors
 - Apply anti seize to the threads of all O2 sensors.
 - Install O2 sensors noting their original location.
 - Install supplied O2 extensions on front O2 sensors.



- **STEP 7.** Spark Plugs and Spark Plug Wires
 - Reinstall spark plugs.
 - Reinstall spark plug wires
 - For 2" Headers we do recommend using wires with 45° or 90° boots for clearance. We also recommend using heat sleeves for added protection.
 - Reinstall the engine cover, if so equipped

STEP 8. Battery

- Ensure all above steps have been completed.
- Reconnect the positive then the negative battery terminal.

STEP 9. Inspection

- Start engine and check for any exhaust leaks.
- Allow vehicle to complete one heat cycle (Heat to temp and allow for cooling).
- Re-torque header bolts and header hardware.