WHAT IS AN FSR FORGING?

FSR (Forged Side Relief) forging designs feature a reduced skirt width and shorter wrist pin when compared to traditional “full round” style forgings. The narrow skirt helps minimize piston contact with the cylinder wall that can cause friction and power loss while the shortened wrist pins reduces the overall weight.

Some FSR forgings feature internal and external bracing to provide a more rigid construction while minimizing overall weight. With thousands of race miles logged in the most demanding applications like NASCAR, NHRA Pro Stock and IRL, these pistons provide the ultimate combination of low-friction, lightweight design with increased stability and strength. (Tech note: In extreme horsepower applications the use of oil squirtsers may be required)
A. The thermal barrier crown coating is applied to the top of the piston and is designed to reflect heat into the combustion chamber, thereby increasing exhaust gas velocity and greatly improving scavenging potential. The .0015" thick coating can also assist in extending piston life by decreasing the rate of thermal transfer.

B. Skirt Coating, This is a “break-in” coating applied to the skirt of the piston only, designed to show wear. This coating is a .0003" to .0005" thick spray-on dry film that will help reduce friction and inhibit galling. No manufacturing allowance is required as this application is made to wear in to the cylinder wall.

C. Tuff Skirt is a JE Pistons' trademark coating that is a lubricating, anti-friction / anti-wear coating applied to the piston skirt only. Unlike our standard Skirt Coating, Tuff Skirt will not wear and is designed to withstand many different types of endurance applications, similar to those commonly found in NASCAR. Buildup is .0005" per surface and finished diameter of skirt should include the coating buildup.

D. Top groove hard anodize, this coating has proven to increase power output by allowing for extremely tight ring clearances. Available exclusively to top-level racing teams until now, this top ring groove coating creates a hard mating surface which virtually eliminates microwelding while decreasing ring groove wear. Buildup is .00025" per surface and clearance must be added during manufacturing to accommodate the change.

E*. Anodize option B, also a ring groove coating, Offers twice the buildup of the standard process (.0005" per surface). Through extensive R & D and field-testing, the Option B process has shown to be more durable in maximum effort, high endurance applications. Appropriate manufacturing allowances apply.

F*. Anodize Option C, This coating is the same material as the Anodize Option B except is applied to the wrist pin bore instead of the top ring groove. This coating provides increased lubricity, smoother oil transfer, and better wear in the pin bore. The wrist pin hole must be honed both before and after anodizing.

G. KoolKote is an aerospace quality hard anodize applied to all surfaces of the piston with a buildup of .001". This coating is designed for use in nitro-methane engines such as Top Fuel Drag Racing to endure the corrosive effects of this fuel type. It will withstand greater temperatures and will not flake, chip or peel. This coating does alter the heat transfer and expansion characteristics of the piston. Consult the JE Pistons technical department for specific applications. Manufacturing allowances are required on all surfaces.

H. Oil Shed coating, this coating is applied to the underside of the piston. It is intended to reduce the reciprocating weight by repelling oil quicker than an untreated part. No additional manufacturing is required.
CUSTOM PISTONS

Custom pistons do not come with pins, locks or rings. Please see the components section of this catalog to find the proper parts you need to complete your order.

STANDARD CUSTOM PISTON FEATURES

- Fully CNC Machined Piston
- Precision Machined CNC Ring Grooves
- 2618 Low-Silicon or optional 4032 High Silicon Material Available on some applications
- Diamond Turned Skirts
- Radiused Valve Reliefs
- Single Forced Pin Oilers
- Pick Lock Grooves (for use with wire locks)
- Machined Side Reliefs on full round forgings
- Lock Grooves Machined for Carbon Steel Spiro Locks (other options available)

Ultra Crown Dome Ultra Crown Inverted Dome: The Ultra Crown machining process allows incredibly precise dome to cylinder head tolerances. By mapping the exact shape of a piston or cylinder head, optimum compression and quench characteristics can be achieved.

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Vertical Gas Ports: Vertical holes in the deck of the piston, allows combustion pressure to directly enter behind the top ring on the power stroke, thus pressurizing the area behind the top ring for greater ring to cylinder wall seal. During the rest of the cycle, the ring has normal tension for reduced friction. (Most commonly used for drag race applications).

Lateral Gas Ports: This process mills slots into the top of the top ring groove and provides a pathway for combustion pressure to get behind the top ring. This process helps to increase ring seal and is most common in circle track applications.

Ultra Groove: Ultra Groove is a special ring groove machining process that provides near perfect groove flatness and surface finish. Tolerances are held to millionths of an inch.

Spin Boss & Window Milling: In certain applications window milling will remove a significant amount of weight from the skirt of the piston while maintaining its strength and integrity. Spin Boss refers to machining on the bottom of the pin boss, which removes weight where it is not needed for strength.

Contact Reduction Grooves: The purpose of machining these grooves is to reduce the amount of contact area against the cylinder wall when the piston “rocks over”. Contact reduction also serves to disrupt the flame travel into the crevice area thus helping to reduce detonation.

Accumulator Grooves: An accumulator groove is machined into the land between the top and second ring. It provides additional volume where residual combustion gases that have “blown by” the top ring can collect. This additional volume helps to reduce pressure between the top & second ring, thus aiding in top ring seal and minimizing ring flutter.

Oil Squirt Notch: Notching can be done on pistons for motors with oil squitters, or to avoid contact between pistons and/or pistons and crankshaft.

Bottom Oilers: This process machines one or two holes into the bottom of the pin boss to assist in splash pin lubrication.

Tulip Valve Pockets: Most commonly used on Hemi and motorcycle engines, this process leaves a raised area on plunged valve pockets to achieve maximum compression.
BEFORE BALANCING, installing pins, rods, or locks, please check the part number and description on box label to be sure you have the correct components. Shelf pistons that are altered, scratched or damaged are not returnable. Custom Pistons are returnable only for manufacturing defects.

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Side View

Ring Gap Orientation Diagram
Sample Cylinder Head Requirements

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3. Please verify that all samples and components are clearly tagged and, if possible, marked with a permanent marker with the customer name and account number.

Surface contamination reduces accuracy of measurements!

BAD

GOOD
COMBUSTION CHAMBER MOLD MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

JE recommends using a rigid mold compound such as Auto Body Dent Filler or equivalent. Do not use flexible or brittle materials such as latex, modeling clay, or plaster because they cannot be scribed or measured accurately.

The following molds are examples of chamber molds not accepted by JE.

Different resin based materials are available, but be careful as they may readily bond with metal surfaces and can be difficult to separate once cured.

There are two common procedures for mold making:

Procedure 1:

The combustion chamber and valves must be clean and free of carbon deposits. Casting flash or tooling marks should be removed or reasonably smoothed.

Apply a release agent, such as WD-40, to the chamber and bore surfaces before pouring the mold compound.

Install the dowel pins in the block and then install the valves and spark plug in the cylinder head. A rubber electrode cover on the spark plug will help the mold separate easier. This cover can be made from tool dip, which can be purchased at hardware stores such as Home Depot. See picture below.
With the block fastened to an engine stand, bolt the head to the block and rotate it until the deck of the block is level with the floor and upside down. The bottom of the mold must be flat and parallel to the deck, so it is essential that the deck is level and horizontal.

Pour the mold compound through the crankcase. The more "liquid" or "fluid" the molding compound, the better it will conform and allow bubbles to rise away from the chamber. Thicker compounds may need some pressure to ensure it conforms completely (an old piston works well for this). Allow the molding compound to extend into the bore ½" - 2"

Once the compound has cured, rotate the assembly right side up and remove the cylinder head. Using the dowel pins and a straight edge, scribe a line across the base of the mold. This scribed line must be parallel to the pin axis as shown in picture below.

Note: Centerline doesn't have to be on center of the chamber mold, but it is critical that it is parallel to the wrist pin axis.
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Drill three or four holes (1/8" - 3/8" dia) through the top of an old piston and assemble it on a connecting rod (rings and pin locks are not necessary).

Install the piston/rod assembly on the crankshaft with the main bearings in place.

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Plug reliefs and/or flame slots can either be put in place with clay beforehand or cut out of the finished mold.

Note: The position of the mold in relation to the bore and wrist pin centerline is critical! Please mark it on the mold with a thin, sharp scribed line. Lines made with Sharpie markers are not accurate enough to be used.

Note: Allow molding compound to completely cure before disassembly!

Note: Do not send press fit piston/rod assemblies as we cannot press them apart at our plant!
WRIST PIN OFFSET EXAMPLE
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**Shelf Piston Part #** : A 6-digit number beginning with P/N indicates an off-the-shelf, catalog item. Use this number to re-order off-the-shelf pistons. Custom pistons will not have this number.

**Forging #** : This number ONLY identifies the raw forging that was used to manufacture the piston. A large variety of bore sizes, compression heights and other design features can be applied to a single forging.
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