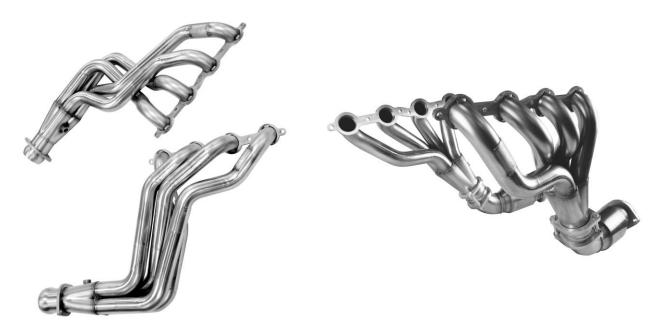


# Pontiac G8, G8 Super Street and Chevrolet SS Header Installation Instructions



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

Kooks Headers install from underneath the vehicle

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 (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" & <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Drive)
-Metric Socket Set (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" & <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Drive)
-Extensions (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" & <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Drive)
- Pry Bar Set
-<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" O<sup>2</sup> Socket (<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" 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 any 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 battery terminal.
- **STEP 2.** Air Box
  - Remove air intake tube and air box lid together.
  - Remove air filter and air box base.

#### STEP 3. Engine

- Remove engine covers.
- Remove spark plug wires and spark plugs.
- Note the routing of the dip stick tube and remove.
- **STEP 4.** Steering Shaft
  - Assure steering is locked.
  - Mark the relationship of the lower steering knuckle to the steering shaft.
  - Remove 13mm bolt from the lower knuckle of the steering shaft and disconnect steering shaft from rack and pinion input shaft (move steering shaft to the side).
- **STEP 5.**  $O^2$  Sensors
  - Note the position of each O<sup>2</sup> sensor.
  - Disconnect all four O<sup>2</sup> sensors from wiring harness.
  - Remove all four  $O^2$  sensors (<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" wrench or  $O^2$  socket).

#### **STEP 6.** Factory Exhaust

- Support factory front catted connections.
- Remove catted connection hardware and remove catted connection.
- Remove exhaust manifold heat shields.
- Remove exhaust manifolds.

\*\*If installing a Kooks Full Exhaust system refer to the instructions provided with the Kooks Exhaust System for Factory Exhaust removal.\*\*



# 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 Long Tube & Shorty Header (Drivers Side and Passenger Side)
  - Install headers into engine compartment, from underneath the vehicle.
  - Align supplied gasket with Kooks Header and start header bolts.
  - Tighten headers to factory exhaust manifold torque specs using factory torque spec sequence.

\*Kooks Shorty Header continue with STEP 3\*

\*\* Kooks Long Tube Headers to Factory Connection skip ahead to instillation STEP 4\*\* \*\*\*Kooks Long Tube Header w/ 3" outlet skip ahead to instillation STEP 5\*\*\*

## **STEP 3.** Kooks Shorty Header with Catted or Off-road Connection Pipe

- Install Kooks catted / off-road connection pipe with header and factory exhaust.
- Align connection pipe for best fitment and snug all hardware.
- Tighten hardware starting with connection points closest to engine and working towards the rear of the vehicle.

\*\*Skip STEP 4\*\*

**STEP 4.** Kooks Long Tube Headers to Factory Connection

• Connect factory exhaust to headers and tighten hardware.

\*\*Kooks Long Tube Headers to factory connection do not the use of the rear O<sup>2</sup>'s

Contact Kooks Headers and Exhaust if you wish to weld in rear O<sup>2</sup> bungs to your application. \*\*

## **STEP 5.** $O^2$ Sensors

- Apply anti seize to the threads of all O<sup>2</sup> sensors.
- Install O<sup>2</sup> sensors noting their original location.
- Install supplied  $O^2$  extensions where needed.

## STEP 7. Engine

- Reinstall spark plug wires and spark plugs.
- Reinstall dip stick tube noting original routing using dip stick spacer supplied. (Not all applications require the use of a dip stick spacer).
- Reinstall engine covers.



## **STEP 8.** Steering Shaft

- Note the original orientation of steering shaft.
- Align steering shaft with previously made marks.
- Apply thread locker to steering shaft bolt.
- Install steering shaft bolt and tighten.

## STEP 6. Air Box

- Install air box base.
- Install filter and air box lid w/ air intake tube.

### **STEP 7.** 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.

Thank you for your purchase, we appreciate your business. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Kooks Custom Headers Toll free at 1-866-586-KOOK or contact your local dealer.