

# 12564FLT—FLOWTECH I STANDARD HEADERS 32564FLT—FLOWTECH II CERAMIC HEADERS

1974-79 Ford F250/350 Pickups 2WD (429-460)

**NOTE:** Must modify stock exhaust to retain catalytic converters.

**NOTE:** Collector is non-flanged integral reducer type.

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. FLOWTECH™ recommends using cast iron exhaust manifolds or old headers to break in new engines to avoid coating damage. Please call tech service at 270-781-9741 for additional information regarding ceramic-coated exhaust products.

We realize that you had many choices when you chose your headers, and we thank you for purchasing FLOWTECH™. At FLOWTECH™, we put many years of performance exhaust experience into every product we build. We feel and know that you will agree. FLOWTECH™ headers are the best you can buy at any price.

As a result of restricted room available in some engine compartments, you may experience a close fit to some body and chassis components. This is a normal condition. If this is the first time installing a set of headers, it may be timing consuming. While not complex, stick with it. As soon as you start your engine, the reward of the additional horsepower and performance will be well worth your efforts. Proper installation and periodic maintenance will result in the maximum performance and life of your FLOWTECH™ headers.

#### **READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING:**

For the ease of installation, your vehicle must be raised a minimum of 36". **Warning:** Should you decide to install any exhaust product yourself, be warned that the original equipment jack that came with the vehicle is intended for emergency use only. The use of a frame jack, in conjunction with a floor jack, as the main support is highly recommended to minimize the accidental dropping of a vehicle while the installation proceeds. Never go under a vehicle that is supported by only a bumper jack!

### A. PREPARE THE VEHICLE FOR INSTALLATION:

- 1. Disconnect the battery to prevent accidental damage to the electrical system. Remove the starter.
- 2. Remove the stock exhaust manifolds, center crossmember, starter, and anti-sway bar (Figure A).
- 3. Remove the headpipes from the mufflers and set aside.

B. CHECK CONDITION OF ENGINE MOUNTS: It is recommended that new engine mounts be installed before installing the headers.

## **C. HEADER INSTALLATION:**

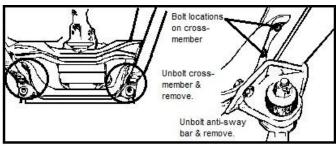
- 1. Remove the right side motor mount bolt and nut. Place a floor jack under the engine and raise the right side of the engine. **NOTE:** You must use a flat board between the oil pan and the jack to prevent damage to the oil pan.
- 2. Starting from below, work the right side header into position.
- 3. Starting from below, work the left side header into position.
- 4. Replace the motor mount nut and bolt.
- 5. Remove the transmission crossmember mount bolt and jack up the transmission. **NOTE:** You must use a flat board between the oil pan and the jack to prevent damage to the oil pan.
- 6. Cut the center crossmember, as shown in Figure B.
- 7. Holding the header collectors against the floor board of the truck, work the right side of the center crossmember up and over the mounting bracket into position. **NOTE:** Use caution not to smash or cut any lines or wiring.
- 8. Lower the transmission into position and replace all transmission, crossmember, and center crossmember bolts.
- 9. Reinstall the starter.
- 10. Place the gasket into position and start all mounting bolts (most restricted ones first).
- 11. Reroute the starter cable, so it will not come in contact with the header.
- 12. Reinstall the anti-sway bar and reconnect the battery.
- 13. Tighten all bolts.

#### D. AFTER HEADERS ARE IN PLACE:

1. Inspect all points with limited clearance. Relocate any points that have direct contact with the headers. Make sure there is adequate clearance around all lines (transmission, brake, fuel, and electrical wires). Reroute, as necessary. **Before installing your exhaust system, replace any fluids that you might have removed or lost.** 

#### **E. CONNECT THE EXHAUST SYSTEM:**

- 1. Bolt the reducer adapters and gaskets to the header collectors.
- 2. Attach the exhaust system by either welding or clamping the exhaust pipes to the reducer adapters.



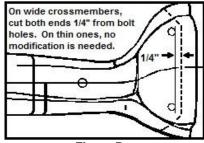


Figure A

Figure B

When you have finished installing your FLOWTECH™ headers, take the vehicle for a road test. Listen carefully for any exhaust leaks or other strange noises and make corrections. When the vehicle has been driven for a few days, retighten the header bolts. We find that periodically checking the bolts will prevent the flange from warping and the header gaskets from burning out.

How did we do? Your questions and comments are always welcome at FLOWTECH™ Our technical service department is open Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Central Time. We can be reached at:

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