

# 2009-2015 Cadillac CTS-V Blackheart 1 7/8" Shorty Headers, 304SS 70301316-RHKR Installation Instructions



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.

## **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. Please read these instructions in their entirety before attempting installation.

CAUTION! WORK ONLY ON A LEVEL SURFACE. USE JACKS /JACK STANDS OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SUPPORT YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER WORK UNDER A VEHICLE SUPPORTED BY A FLOOR OR BUMPER JACK.

HOOKER BLACKHEART RECOMMENDS SHORTY HEADERS WITH THE USE OF 45 DEGREE SPARK PLUG WIRE SET P/N 561-100, 561-101 OR 561-102. PLUG WIRE SETS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

#### **INCLUDED HARDWARE:**

| Qty. | Description                            |
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| 12   | Bolt, Flanged Head M8 x 1.25 x 25 Zinc |
| 4    | 10 x 1.50 x 40mm Flange Bolt           |
| 4    | 10 x 1.50 Flange Nut                   |
| 2    | Decal – Blackheart 4" x 2"             |

Check the hardware package. If anything is missing, please contact Technical Service at 1-866-464-6553 or 270-781-9741.

#### **INSTALLATION:**

- 1. Disconnect the negative cable from the vehicle battery.
- 2. Lift the vehicle and secure on jack stands.
- 3. Remove the 4-piece plastic engine cover off the rubber grommets.
- 4. Remove the center cross brace under the OE exhaust.
- 5. Remove (x4) 15mm head nuts securing the OE exhaust to the left and right side catalytic converters.
- 6. Slide the OE exhaust system off the rubber isolation mounts and remove OE exhaust.

- 7. Remove (x2) 18mm head bolts and (x2) 18mm head nuts securing the front upper strut tower bar.
- 8. Remove (x8) spark plug wires (these will not be re-used) and (x8) coil packs. We also recommend removing all (x8) spark plugs to help with the removal/install.
- 9. Remove (x1) 15mm head bolt securing the engine oil dipstick to the engine. Carefully remove engine oil dipstick.
- 10. Remove the (x4) left and right side oxygen sensors.
- 11. Remove (x4) 15mm head nuts securing the left and right side primary catalytic converters to the OE exhaust manifolds.
- 12. Remove (x12) 13mm head bolts securing the left and right side OE exhaust manifolds to the engine.
- 13. Using (x12) supplied M8 bolts and original gaskets (replace if necessary), install the left and right side BlackHeart Shorty Headers and tighten starting with the middle bolt and working your way out.
- 14. Using (x4) supplied nuts and bolts and original gaskets (replace if necessary), secure the catalytic converters onto the BlackHeart Shorty Headers and tighten.
- 15. Install the (x4) oxygen sensors and tighten.
- 16. Using the original hardware from step 9, install the engine oil dipstick and tighten.
- 17. Install the (x8) coil packs and spark plugs removed from step 8 and the recommended 45 degree spark plug wires (not included).
- 18. Install the 4-piece plastic engine cover removed from step 3.
- 19. Install the front upper strut tower bar removed from step 7 using the original hardware and tighten.
- 20. Re-install the OE exhaust system back onto the rubber isolation mounts and use the original hardware removed from step 5 and tighten.
- 21. Install the center cross brace removed from step 4 using the original hardware and tighten.
- 22. Connect the battery, start the engine, and check for leaks.
- 23. Re-check your work.
- 24. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle.
- 25. After 150 miles, re-check and tighten all bolts and clamps.

### NOTE: It is normal for the Blackheart Shorty Headers to emit smoke for the first few minutes during break-in period.

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY - DISCLAIMER:

The regulation of emissions production, noise levels, and safety standards is undertaken by the federal government, each of the fifty state legislatures, and by many local municipalities, towns, and counties.

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