



# FORGED PISTONS

## Installation Instruction

### CALCULATING TOP RING END GAP

Top Ring Example - Street  
Normally Aspirated 4.000" bore x  
.004" gap factor = .016" total top  
ring end gap.

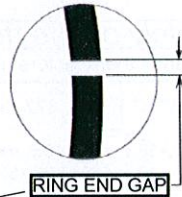
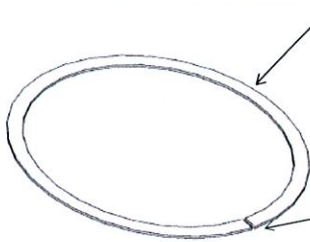
**Second Ring:** Set second ring  
end gap at .004 per inch of bore  
minimum.

TOP RING END  
GAP FACTORS  
FOR ALL APPLI-  
CATIONS LOCATED  
ON PAGE 2.

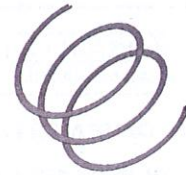
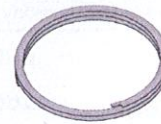
### SPIRAL LOCKRING INSTALLATION

RETAINER COMES UNSPRUNG. WE  
SUGGEST SPRINGING THE RETAINER  
ABOUT 1/2" TO 3/4" TO MAKE INSTAL-  
LATION EASIER. DO NOT OVER SPRING  
RETAINER. DO NOT USE LOCKS WHEN  
PRESS FITTING THE PIN.

### TOP COMPRESSION RING



### SPIRAL LOCKRING



### PISTON PIN CIL

OFFSET  
TO THRUST SIDE

### LUBE PIN HOLE

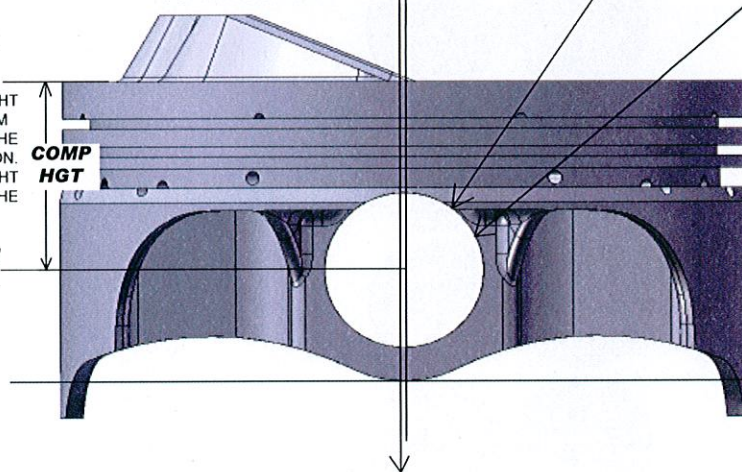
1. USE HIGH QUALITY OIL OR SUPPLIED  
LUBE. NEVER USE GREASE
2. PRESS FIT, USE ROD HEATER.
3. DO NOT USE LOCKS WHEN  
PRESS FITTING THE PIN.

### TOP OF PISTON

COMPRESSION HEIGHT  
IS THE DISTANCE FROM  
PIN CENTER LINE TO THE  
TOP OF THE PISTON.  
COMPRESSION HEIGHT  
DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
DISH OR THE DOME.

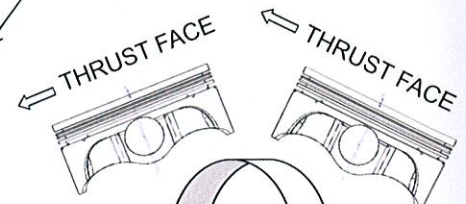
### COMP HGT

### PISTON PIN CIL



### DIAL POINT

MEASURE PISTON MAJOR  
AXIS (DIAMETER) HERE



ENGINE ROTATION  
clockwise

### PISTONS WITH OFFSET PIN

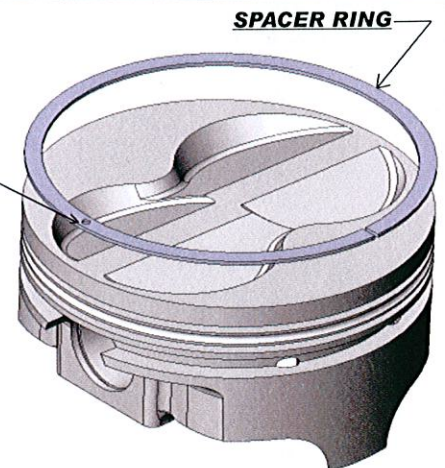
SOME ICON PISTONS ARE MANUFACTURED WITH OFFSET PIN  
BORES. OFFSET PIN BORES ARE DESIGNED TO QUIET YOUR  
ENGINE. THE OFFSET MUST ALWAYS BE TOWARDS THE THRUST  
FACE SIDE OF THE ENGINE. PISTONS WITH OFFSET PIN BORES WILL  
HAVE A MARK ON THE TOP WHICH SHOULD POINT TO THE FRONT OF  
THE ENGINE.

### SPACER RING

THE SPACER RING SUPPORTS THE OIL  
RAIL ON LONG ROD APPLICATIONS WHEN  
THE WRIST PIN IS INTERSECTING THE OIL  
GROOVE. THE SPACER RING SHOULD BE  
LOCATED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE OIL  
GROOVE. TO INSTALL, SPIRAL THE RING INTO  
THE OIL GROOVE. TAKE CARE NOT TO  
DISTORT OR BEND THE SPACER RING.

### DIMPLE

DIMPLE SHOULD BE PLACED  
OVER THE OPENING FORMED  
BY THE PIN INTERSECTING  
THE OIL GROOVE. THE  
RAISED SECTION SHOULD BE  
PLACED FACING DOWN.



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# General Clearance Guidelines

APPLICATION	RING END GAP FACTOR	PISTON TO WALL CLEARANCE	
		2618 Alloy 3.5" TO 4.1"	4.1" AND UP
STREET NORMALLY ASPIRATED	0.0040	.0035-.0045	.0045-.0055
STREET TOWING	0.0045	.0040-.0050	.0050-.0060
STREET NITROUS OR SUPER CHARGED	0.0050	.0045-.0055	.0055-.0065
CIRCLE TRACK 2 BBL / RESTRICTOR	0.0040	.0040-.0050	.0055-.0065
CIRCLE TRACK UNRESTRICTED	0.0040	.0045-.0065	.0055-.0075
CIRCLE TRACK ALCOHOL INJECTION	0.0040	.0045-.0065	.0055-.0075
CIRCLE TRACK ALCOHOL CARB	0.0045	.0050-.0070	.0060-.0080
DRAG GASOLINE	0.0040	.0050-.0070	.0060-.0080
DRAG ALCOHOL	0.0040	.0040-.0070	.0050-.0080
DRAG SUPERCHARGED OR NITROS	0.0050	.0060-.0090	.0070-.0100
DRAG SUPERCHARGED ALCOHOL	0.0050	.0050-.0070	.0060-.0080
MARINE NORMALLY ASPIRATED	0.0040	.0045-.0060	.0055-.0070
MARINE SUPERCHARGED	0.0045	.0055-.0070	.0065-.0080

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**Final piston clearance should be based solely on the demands of your application.**

Factors such as fuel type, altitude, outside temp., humidity, tune up, and many others factors need to be taken into account for your final clearance.

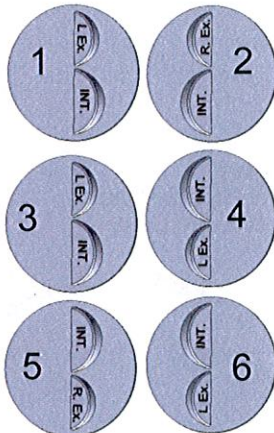
## PISTON ORIENTATION



**QUENCH AREA (YELLOW):** Quench is the area behind the valves. This area should match the flat area on your cylinder head. Proper quench promotes cooling of the piston and can be effective in reducing detonation.

CHEVY V-6 262 4 LEFTS AND 2 RIGHTS

FRONT



**FORD** 390FE, 406FE, 410FE, 427FE, 428FE, 438FE, 452FE, 455FE, 482FE

FRONT



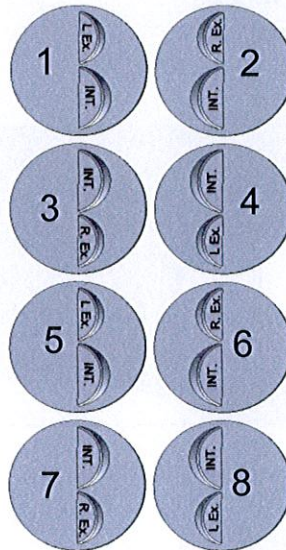
**CHEVY** 302, 305, 327, 334, 350, 377, 383, 400, 434

**CHRY** 318, 340, 360, 383, 400, 408, 440, 450, 463, 468, 493, 498, 505, 520

**OLDS** 403, 455 **BUICK** 455

**PONTIAC** 389, 400, 428, 455

FRONT



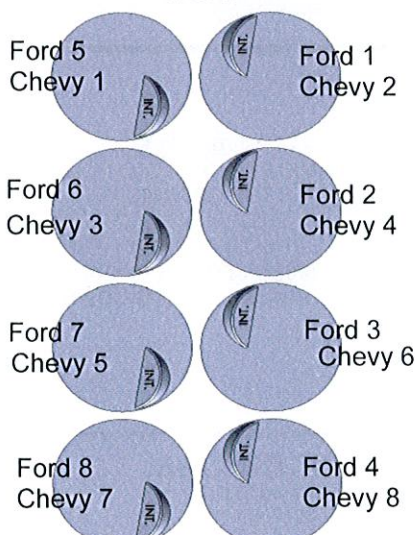
**FORD CLEV** 351C&W/C, 377C, 387C, 402C

**FORD BB** 429, 460, 502, 520, 545

**CHEVY BB** 396/402, 427, 454, 489, 502,

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FRONT



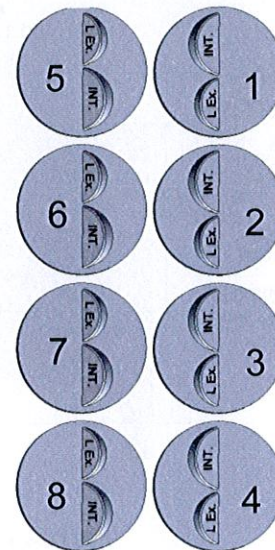
**CHECKING CYLINDER HEADS:** WE THE MANUFACTURER SUGGEST CHECKING CYLINDER HEADS WITH CLAY OR SOME OTHER METHOD BEFORE FINAL ASSEMBLY TO ASSURE PROPER PISTON TO HEAD CLEARANCE.

**FORD** 289, 302, 331, 347, 351W, 372W,

383W, 393W, 408W, 416W, 418W

**CHEVY LS SERIES**

FRONT



**TOYOTA** 22R YRS 1985 AND NEWER

FRONT

