General Installation Notes:

Please read these instructions completely before beginning the installation. If you have any questions, please call.

Before beginning the installation, disconnect the negative battery cable and use wheel chocks to block the vehicle’s wheels. Make sure the engine, transmission, body and frame are properly grounded.

Refer to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 for the component names.

Intake Manifold Disassembly

Step 1: Remove the decorative copper fuel injector lines.

Step 2: Disconnect the four ends of the black -4 AN fuel hard lines from each of the four fuel rails.

Step 3: Using the 3/16” T-handle wrench, remove the 1/4”-20 x 3/4” socket head bolts that attach each fuel rail bracket to the lower manifold. Note the position of each of the fuel rails as each one has to go back in its original location.

Step 4: Remove the ten 1/4”-20 x 3/4” hex head bolts from the manifold lid. Remove the manifold lid, and store in a safe place to prevent damage.

Step 5: Remove the six 3/8”-16 flange nuts from the studs on the lower manifold, and remove the upper manifold. Be careful to not disturb the position of the studs, as they are set at a specific height and permanently installed with thread locking compound.

Step 6: Remove the two black -4 AN fuel hard lines from the center of the lower manifold.
Intake Manifold Test Fit

Step 1: If you are installing an LS Classic Valley Plate and/or Distributor and Plug Wire Set, install them before installing the Intake Manifold. Install the distributor cap so that the metal points adjustment window is facing the firewall. Leave the distributor mounting bolts loose and slide the distributor back towards the firewall as far as possible.

Step 2: Before installing the lower manifold, make sure the cylinder head surface is clean and completely free of any debris or residue.

Step 3: If you are using our Cathedral Port Head To LS3 Intake Adapters, they must be placed on the cylinder heads before installing the lower manifold. Install the lower manifold without the O-rings, with the notch in Fig. 3 to the rear of the engine. Make sure that the lifter valley plate does not interfere and prevent the lower manifold from sitting flat against the cylinder heads (or Intake Adapters, if applicable).

Step 4: Check the alignment of the port openings in the lower manifold and cylinder head. Install the ten M6-1.0 socket head bolts through the lower manifold and thread them into the cylinder heads. Make sure that the bolts do not bind or bottom out in the cylinder head.

Step 5: Set the upper manifold into place, and thread on a couple of the 3/8"-16 flange nuts finger tight. Install the throttle body adapter using the 1/4"-20 x 7/8" socket head bolts. Lightly snug down the bolts using the 3/16" T-handle wrench.

Step 6: Install the manifold lid, and thread in two of the 1/4"-20 x 3/4" hex head bolts finger-tight.

Step 7: Install the throttle body (not included) using the 1/4"-20 x 1-1/2" socket head bolts, lightly snugging the bolts down with the 3/16" T-handle wrench. Lastly, install the air cleaner to ensure there are not any fitment issues. Check for possible interference with your vehicle's master cylinder and/or power booster, firewall, and hood closing position.

Once you have confirmed the fit of the Intake Manifold, disassemble and remove everything back down to the bare cylinder heads.

Installation

Step 1: Install the Cathedral Port Head To LS3 Intake Adapters with their O-rings, if applicable. Install eight LS3 intake manifold O-rings (not included) in the grooves on the lower manifold. If the O-rings will not stay in the grooves, apply a light coat of grease to the O-rings to help them stay in place.

Step 2: Place the lower manifold on the cylinder head (or Intake Adapter) mounting surfaces, with the notch in Fig. 3 to the rear of the engine. Take extra care to make sure that all of the O-rings remain installed in the grooves.

Step 3: Apply a drop or two of engine oil to the threads of the lower manifold mounting bolts. Install the mounting bolts and washers through the lower manifold and thread them into the cylinder heads. Following the tightening sequence diagram in Fig. 4, snug the bolts down lightly, just until the O-rings are slightly compressed. **NOTE:** The threads in the aluminum cylinder head will fail if the bolts are over-torqued. Make sure that your bolts are the correct length, and carefully follow the procedure below when tightening the lower manifold mounting bolts.

Step 4: Torque the lower manifold bolts in two steps. Following the sequence in Fig. 4, tighten all of the mounting bolts to 50 lb.-in. (4.2 lb.-ft.). Then, follow the sequence in Fig. 4 again to tighten the bolts to 106 lb.-in. (8.8 lb.-ft.).

Step 5: Place the long stud spacers onto the long studs in the center of the lower manifold, one on each side. Fig. 5

Step 6: Install eight (8) upper to lower manifold O-rings into the grooves on the lower manifold. Fig. 5

Step 7: Place the two black -4 AN fuel hard lines in the center of the lower manifold, with the nuts pointing out towards the fuel rail position. Fig. 6

Step 8: Install the upper manifold onto the lower manifold. Make sure that all of the upper to lower manifold O-rings stay in place, and that the -4 AN fuel hard lines remain in position and are not pinched or damaged. Figs. 7, 8 and 9. If you are using the LS Classic Distributor and Plug Wire Set, make sure that you have enough clearance and do not damage the distributor cap.
Step 9: Install the six 3/8"-16 flange nuts (9/16" wrench size) onto the manifold. Tighten the two center nuts to 20 lb.-ft. Then, tighten the corners in a crisscross pattern to 20 lb.-ft. Figs. 10 and 11

Step 10: Install the manifold lid gasket into the groove in the underside of the manifold lid. Fig. 12 Place the manifold lid into position on top of the upper manifold. Apply thread sealant to each of the ten 1/4"-20 x 3/4" hex head bolts, and thread them in finger tight. Then, starting with the two center bolt holes, tighten the bolts using a crisscross pattern in two steps, 7 lb.-ft. for the first step and 12-15 lb.-ft. for the second step. Fig. 13

Step 11: If you have installed the LS Classic Distributor and Plug Wire Set, slide the distributor into the desired position and tighten the mounting bolts.

Step 12: Install one of the large O-rings into the groove on the oval side of the throttle body adapter. Place a 1/4"-20 x 7/8" socket head bolt into each of the four flange holes on the oval end of the throttle body adapter. Fig. 14
**Step 13:** Note that one edge of the throttle body side of the throttle body adapter flange is wider than the other edge. The wider edge goes towards the top. Install the throttle body adapter onto the upper manifold. Tighten the socket head bolts using a crisscross pattern in two steps, 7 lb.-ft. for the first step and 12-15 lb.-ft. for the second step. **Figs. 14 and 15**

**NOTE:** The LS Classic 63 Fuelie Intake Manifold is designed to work with the stock, short GM, LS3/LS7 EV6 fuel injectors which are **NOT** included with the kit and must be purchased separately. The intake manifold **WILL NOT work with any other style of fuel injectors!**

**Step 14:** Remove the bottom O-ring from each of the fuel injectors. Install one of the provided injector O-rings onto the bottom of each injector.

**Step 15:** Determine the correct position of the four fuel rails on the lower manifold. Note that the driver side rear and passenger side rear fuel rails (with the -6 AN fittings on the ends) will be installed with the -6 AN fittings pointing towards the rear of the engine. Two of the fuel rails are “notched” in one corner to provide clearance for the throttle body adapter and will be installed on the driver side of the manifold. **Fig. 16**

**Step 16:** Apply a silicone lubricant to the O-ring on the inlet end of the fuel injectors, and insert the fuel injectors into the ports in each fuel rail. To insert the injector without tearing the O-ring, gently rock the injector in the inlet of the port while applying pressure to the injector.

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Step 17: Position the injectors to properly orient the wiring plugs. Apply silicone lubricant to the bottom injector O-rings, and insert the injectors into the injector bosses in the lower manifold by applying gentle downward pressure on the fuel rail. Fig. 18 Do this for all four fuel rails.

Step 18: Once all of the injectors are inserted into the lower manifold, loosely attach the -4AN fuel hard lines to the fuel rails. Install each fuel rail bracket onto the lower manifold using the 1/4”-20 x 3/4” socket head bolts. Snug the bolts down, but do not fully tighten the bolts at this time.

Step 19: Make sure the fuel injectors are properly positioned. Ensure the injectors are “floating” on the O-rings. Rotate each injector back and forth to confirm that there is no load on the injector bodies. The injectors should have 0.020-0.040” of end play and the O-ring seals must stay in the O-ring seal counter bores.

Step 20: Tighten the 1/4”-20 x 3/4” socket head bolts holding the fuel rail brackets in two steps. Tighten to 7 lb.-ft. for the first step, and to 12-15 lb.-ft. for the second step. Then, tighten the -4 AN fuel hard line nuts. Figs. 17, 18, 19, and 20

Step 21: Once the fasteners are tightened, re-check and ensure the injectors are “floating” on the O-rings. Rotate the injectors back and forth to confirm that there is no load on the injector bodies.

NOTE: Fuel injectors that are not installed correctly can cause a fuel leak! Carefully inspect for leaks when fuel is initially pressurized, and before attempting to start the engine.

Step 22: Connect the fuel feed lines to the -6 AN fittings on the rear fuel rails.

Step 23: Reinstall the four decorative copper fuel injector lines. Figs. 21 and 22 Make sure that you do not over tighten the brass nuts. There will be no fuel in the copper fuel injector lines, and they cannot leak.

Step 24: Install the remaining large O-ring into the groove in the throttle body adapter. Fig. 23 Install the throttle body (not included) using the 1/4”-20 x 1-1/2” socket head bolts. Consult the throttle body manufacturer’s installation instructions for proper installation and torquing procedures.

Step 25: With the throttle body mounted on the throttle body adapter, check to be sure that all wiring, fuel lines, and vacuum lines have adequate clearance from the intake manifold and each other.

Step 26: Before starting the engine, run the fuel pump to build fuel pressure. Confirm that there are no fuel leaks and that the fuel pressure is correct! Always have a fuel-rated (Class B) fire extinguisher handy when you start an engine after working on the fuel system.

Step 27: Start the engine, and again confirm that there are no fuel leaks. In the event that you do find a fuel leak, immediately turn the engine off, and repair the source of the leak before restarting the engine.