



## P/N 1203HKR (Painted) & 1203-1HKR (Ceramic-Coated) SUPER COMPETITION FULL LENGTH CAR HEADERS 1968-72 Buick Skylark, Gran Sport, Wagons

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 exhaust system.

**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. HOOKER recommends using a cast-iron exhaust manifold or an old header to break in new engines to avoid coating damage.**

### **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.

**CAUTION! YOUR CAR SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED ON A BUMPER JACK.**

### **INSTALLATION PROCEDURE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

#### **LEFT SIDE:**

1. Disconnect the battery cable to prevent damage to the electrical system.
2. Remove the headpipe, exhaust manifold, dipstick, and dipstick tube.
3. On standard transmission models, remove the clutch cross-shaft.
4. Remove the center bolt from the motor mount and raise the engine approximately 2 inches. Be sure to use a board between the pan and the jack.
5. Starting from below, work the header up through the chassis into position. Lower the engine and replace the motor mount bolt.
6. Install the gasket and start all header bolts (most restricted first). Tighten all bolts evenly.
7. Replace the dipstick tube, dipstick, and (if std. trans.) clutch cross-shaft.

#### **RIGHT SIDE:**

1. Remove the exhaust manifold and starter.
2. Starting from below, work the header up through the chassis into position.
3. Install the gasket and start all header bolts, but do not tighten at this time.
4. Reinstall the starter, then tighten all header bolts (most restricted first).
5. To connect headers to the exhaust system, use Hooker Header Reducer kit, P/N 11030HKR.

**NOTE:** A dual exhaust system can be fabricated using either Hooker Super Comp Turbo Mufflers (21104HKR, 21105HKR, or 21106HKR); Hooker Comp Turbos (21004HKR, 21005HKR, or 21006HKR) and Universal tailpipe (16215HKR).

6. Connect the battery, start the engine, and check for any leaks. Be sure all brake lines, fuel lines, and electrical wires have sufficient clearance. Reroute, as necessary.
7. When finished, give your car a test drive, checking carefully for any new noises. After several days of driving, retighten all bolts.

Any questions? Please contact Technical Service: 1-866-GOHOLLEY or 270-781-9741. For online help, please refer to the website: [www.holley.com](http://www.holley.com).

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