



# 79540 & 79546 INSTRUCTION SHEET 5.2 - 5.9L 1/2 - 1 TON P/U 2 & 4WD DODGE DAKOTA, DURANGO & RAM

**CAUTION!** This is a custom designed exhaust header system, designed for this particular application (s). Do not bend, bang, cut, dent, drill or heat any portion of this header! Any alteration other than those suggested in this instruction sheet will void the Hedman Lifetime Guarantee!  
To prevent leaks, install your headers using Hedman Hedderts exhaust gaskets ONLY and a spray copper gasket sealant.

## BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION:

It is necessary to raise the vehicle at least 36 inches from the ground. A floor hoist is recommended, if not available, use a hydraulic floor jack with jack stands. **DO NOT USE A BUMPER JACK!**

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

### DISASSEMBLY:

1. Disconnect the negative cable from battery.
2. Use penetrating oil on all nuts & bolts to be removed. This will prevent the possibility of broken or stripped nuts & bolts.
3. Unbolt stock Y-pipe and move as far to the rear as possible.

### LEFT SIDE:

1. Remove stock exhaust manifold, and the dipstick tube. Remove #4 stud from the front and replace with hedder bolt (header bolts included).
2. Using hedder gasket supplied, install the left side header from above. Fasten the header to the engine using the flat washers (supplied) and the stock nuts. Install dipstick tube back into its original position (It may be necessary to bend tube slightly). Secure the header at this time.

### RIGHT SIDE:

1. Remove stock exhaust manifold, and use stock studs if desired (header bolts have been supplied).
2. Using header gasket supplied, install the right side header from above. Install 5/16" washers (supplied), replace stock nuts and tighten.

### EXHAUST SYSTEM STOCK Y-PIPE ASSEMBLY

1. Carefully move system forward into position. Using long bolts, nuts and washers, attach right and left sides center and tighten system.
2. Start engine, test drive vehicle, allowing engine to gain normal operating temperature. Check for leaks and new or unusual noises. After test drive, re-tighten all header bolts.

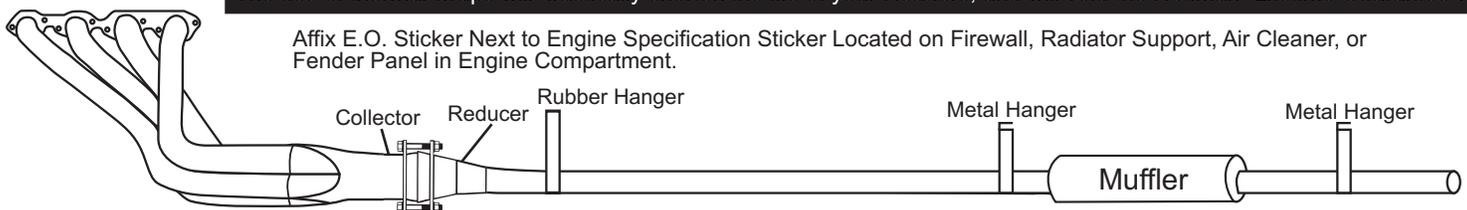
**ENJOY YOUR HEADERS WHILE COMBINING INCREASED FUEL ECONOMY WITH BETTER PERFORMANCE.**

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS!

After installing your headers it is very important that your exhaust system be suspended properly. As indicated in the drawing below you must place hangers as close to the header collector as possible. Rubber hangers should be used to allow the front of the system to flex with the engine torque. A hanger is needed before and after the muffler (s). When your exhaust system is unbolted from the header collector, it should remain suspended all by itself. Your Headers Are Not designed to support your exhaust system. Failure to follow these instructions will most likely result in cracks around the area where your primary tubes and collector are welded together, and will nullify your "Lifetime Guarantee".

### DO NOT WRAP YOUR NEW HEADERS!

The use of thermal wraps will drastically shorten the life of your Headers, and will void the Hedman "Lifetime Guarantee".



**WARNING:** Removal of catalytic converters and other factory air pollution control devices is illegal. We recommend you adhere to your state's local laws. Our testing indicates performance is not significantly affected by these devices.