



# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Lakewood Safety Bellhousing

Chevrolet Applications

**#15000, #15003, #15010, #15015, #15020, #15050, #15060, #15080**

**NOTICE:** This safety bellhousing meets S.F.I. (Safety Foundation Institute) specification 6.1 when used with the enclosed engine block plate and maximum containment fasteners supplied. It is highly recommended that an S.F.I. approved flywheel and clutch assembly be used in conjunction with this bellhousing for additional safety precautions.

### WORK SAFELY!

Installation of this safety bellhousing requires working underneath vehicle. **USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN WORKING UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE.** Never get near or underneath the vehicle until you are confident that it is safely supported and will not move or fall from its raised position. **DO NOT USE A BUMPER JACK!**

### PREPARATION FOR INSTALLATION

1. Place the vehicle on a solid, level surface such as a garage floor to ensure safe installation.
2. Raise the vehicle using appropriate lifting device and support it using automotive approved support stands having adequate load capacity.
3. Disconnect the negative (-) cable from the battery.

**CAUTION: DO NOT BEGIN THIS INSTALLATION UNTIL YOU ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE VEHICLE IS SECURE AND SAFELY SUPPORTED!**

### Installation Instructions

1. Remove driveshaft, starter motor, transmission and stock bellhousing.
2. Remove pressure plate and clutch disc from flywheel.
3. At this point, we recommend that you check your Lakewood Safety Bellhousing for proper alignment with the crankshaft. This is not a difficult procedure. A detailed instruction sheet outlining the necessary steps along with recommendations for correcting any misalignment is included. Please refer to this sheet now.

**Note:** Check pilot bearing and replace if worn. Use Lakewood #15976 bronze (factory type) or #15977 roller pilot bearing.

4. After checking and correcting bellhousing alignment, remove flywheel and prepare blockplate for installation. On all applications using a block mounted starter, you must remove the knockout in the starter hole of the blockplate (see illustration and instructions for correct procedure). If an early style bellhousing mounted starter is used, **DO NOT** remove the knockout. Use blockplate as is (the round hole in the blockplate will correctly locate the starter nose assuring proper alignment). Install blockplate over the crankshaft flange and place over dowel pins in the block.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to comply and meet S.F.I. bellhousing specification 6.1, it is mandatory that the safety blockplate be installed with this bellhousing and all containment fasteners supplied be used in their correct location (see illustration).

5. Reinstall flywheel and clutch assembly. Be sure to tighten fasteners using manufacturers recommended torque specifications.

**Note:** We recommend the use of Mr. Gasket Ultra-Seal premium fasteners for clutch and flywheel installation.

Flywheel bolts            Mr. Gasket #912  
Pressure plate bolts    Mr. Gasket #910

**IMPORTANT:** Do not reuse the factory cast iron flywheel! A high performance quality billet flywheel that meets S.F.I. specifications is recommended for safety purposes. Hays offers a complete line of high performance clutches and flywheels to meet safety requirements.

6. Remove clutch release bearing fork and pivot ball from stock bellhousing. Reinstall the pivot ball into the Lakewood bellhousing and attach fork clip onto the pivot ball. **Note:** It is recommended to use Lakewood #15501 Adjustable Pivot Ball in order to obtain the proper fork geometry. A Heavy-Duty Clutch Fork #15500 is also available to fit most applications.

7. Position your Lakewood Bellhousing over the flywheel/clutch assembly and slide onto dowel pins in engine block. Fasten the bellhousing to the engine block using the 3/8"-16 x 1" grade 8 bolts supplied. Secure the blockplate to the bellhousing using the supplied grade 8 fasteners installed in the order shown on the illustration.

**IMPORTANT:** All fasteners must be used in their proper location for the bellhousing to meet S.F.I. specification 6.1

**Special Note:** Bellhousing #15003 includes a mounting kit for installation in 1955-57 Chevrolets to adapt the housing to existing rear frame mounts.

8. Replace starter motor, transmission and driveshaft. Attach clutch linkage and check for proper adjustment.
9. Reconnect battery cable.

**RETAIN THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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