



7541 STANDARD GM V-6 *X-CELerator*

INTAKE MANIFOLD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

This instruction sheet is designed to cover a wide variety of vehicle applications. If your vehicle is not equipped with the items referred to in these instructions (EGR, transmission kick-down linkage, air conditioning, power brakes), proceed to the next step.

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IMPORTANT: Although all WEIAND parts pass several inspections, it is imperative that the installer personally inspects the part before installation. Run a stiff wire through passages while shining a bright light into it. Also, wash the part using a mild soap and water solution. Check the fit on all bolt holes for proper alignment and thread any fittings in first by hand. Failure to perform these simple checks could result in engine damage and may void your warranty.

APPLICATION: The WEIAND P/N 7541 has been designed to fit the following GM engines:

C.I.D.	LITERS	YEAR PRODUCED
196"	3.2	1978-79 GM
198"	3.2	1962-63 BUICK ODD FIRE
225"	3.7	STROKED 198"
231"	3.8	1975-88 GM
252"	4.1	1980-84 GM

Slight manifold porting may be required. WEIAND's 7541 **WILL NOT FIT:** Chevrolet's 60° 173" engines or Chevrolet's 90° 229"/262" V-6 engines. The 7541 manifold was designed for street use and will accept most stock hardware, such as coolant and vacuum lines, coil, choke, and brackets with little or no modifications. This manifold is taller than stock, so hood clearance will have to be checked.

NOTE: It may be necessary to purchase some of the parts listed below (or their equivalents) in order to properly complete the manifold installation. Determination of equivalency is the responsibility of the consumer. WEIAND does not assume that responsibility.

PARTS REQUIRED:

- A. Intake manifold gasket set, such as Fel-Pro P/N 1200.
- B. Thermostat housing gasket, such as GM P/N 22547855.
- C. EGR gasket
- D. Oil-resistant, silicone based sealant, such as Permatex Silicone "Form-A-Gasket", Dow Corning Silastic, or equivalent.
- E. Spray gasket adhesive, such as Fel-Pro's "Spray Tack", P/N 220.
- F. Pipe plugs, if needed.
- G. Carburetor base gasket (usually supplied with the carburetor).
- H. Teflon tape.

NOTE: Never install tapered (pipe) fittings in an aluminum manifold without Teflon tape or thread damage will likely occur.

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- A. Socket wrench set – 3/8" drive ratchet and extensions
- B. Open end wrenches – 3/8" to 1"
- C. Box end/flare wrenches (optional)
- D. 10" adjustable wrench (crescent)
- E. Ignition wrench set
- F. Screwdrivers – standard and Phillips, various lengths
- G. Gasket scraper
- H. Needle nose pliers
- I. Drain bucket
- J. Timing light
- K. Torque wrench
- L. File
- M. 5/16" x 18NC tap (for cleaning bolt holes)

The driver's side front bolt on some newer models requires a special tool. Some part numbers for these tools are: Snap-On (FTX45), PROTO (494STX), KENT MORE (J24394).

MANIFOLD REMOVAL PROCEDURE

1. Disconnect the ground cable from the battery.
2. Identify the vacuum and crankcase ventilation hoses (if any) leading to air cleaner and note routing and connection points. Remove the air cleaner.
3. Prior to removing any other vacuum lines, identify the routing of the lines. Mark and remove the vacuum lines from the carburetor and/or intake manifold.
4. Drain the radiator. (It may be necessary to remove the bottom radiator hose if there is no drain plug in the radiator).

WARNING: Hot water and steam may be present if the engine is still warm.

5. Disconnect the throttle linkage, transmission kick-down linkage (auto trans. only), and choke rod from the carburetor, (if applicable).

6. Loosen the gas cap to relieve pressure from the fuel system. Disconnect the fuel line at the carburetor using flare wrenches. Plug the end of the fuel line to prevent fuel leakage. Remove the carburetor.
7. Tag and disconnect the ignition coil and sensor wires. Remove the ignition coil bracket and the coil.
8. Remove the radiator hose, thermostat housing, and the thermostat.
9. Remove all water and vacuum fittings from the manifold.
10. Remove all remaining brackets (if any) from the manifold.
11. Loosen and remove valve covers to assist in the manifold removal and the new manifold instructions.

IGNITION REMOVAL PROCEDURES

NOTE: In some applications, removal of your distributor is not necessary. If so, move on to step 6 below.

CAUTION: FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY, AS SERIOUS DAMAGE CAN OCCUR WHEN THE IGNITION IS NOT RE-INSTALLED CORRECTLY.

1. Remove the distributor cap.
2. Note the position of the rotor and make a mark on the distributor case in line with the rotor tip.
3. Note the position of the distributor vacuum canister and place some type of reference mark on a convenient surface.
4. Note the position of the points, if open, how much; if closed, note the distance from the point block to the cam lobe.
5. Remove the distributor. **DO NOT** rotate the engine after removing the distributor.
6. Remove the 12 intake manifold-to-cylinder head bolts.
7. Remove the intake manifold.

BEFORE INSTALLATION: If the vehicle is equipped with EGR (Exhaust Gas Recirculation) equipment, the EGR valve should be mounted on the pad at the rear of the manifold. Be sure to use a new gasket to prevent any vacuum leaks. If no EGR valve is used, two cap plugs are provided to seal the EGR passages. These should be carefully pressed into each of the two EGR holes, so that the top edge of the cap plug is flush with the EGR pad.

INSTALLING YOUR NEW WEIAND MANIFOLD

1. To prevent gasket pieces from falling into ports and valleys when cleaning old gaskets from head surfaces, lay rags into all ports and valleys. When clean, remove the stuffing carefully. Make sure that all particles that fell on the rags are completely removed. Wipe surfaces with rags soaked in lacquer thinner or alcohol to remove any oils or grease. This is a must for proper manifold/gasket sealing.
2. Apply a thin coat of spray adhesive to the cylinder head side of the intake gasket surface. Lay the manifold gaskets in place.
3. Ford changed the design of the water outlets in the heads throughout the years. WEIAND manifolds will work on any year heads, provided that the correct gasket is used. Due to their superior sealing qualities, WEIAND recommends using a high performance style intake manifold gasket set, such as Fel-Pro's P/N 1250.
4. Apply a 1/4" wide bead of oil-resistant RTV-silicone sealant to the front and rear block-sealing surfaces, making sure to overlap manifold gaskets at all four corners. Do not use cork or rubber seals.

NOTE: Thread sealant should be used on all bolt threads.

5. Carefully, lay your WEIAND intake manifold in place. If the manifold must be moved, re-check the gaskets. Install the intake bolts initially torquing to 10 ft./lbs., then 15 ft./lbs., following the factory GM sequence, and finally torque to 25 ft./lbs.
6. Install the thermostat, gasket, and housing (using silicone sealant on both sides of the gasket). Be sure that the thermostat housing has been cleaned of any old gasket material.
7. Install the heater and radiator hoses.
8. If you had to remove your distributor, install it at this time. Make sure that your distributor engages the oil pump drive shaft.
9. Check the location of the rotor and distributor body, making sure your reference marks line up. Refer to ignition removal section (steps 2, 3, & 4). Tighten the distributor body just enough, so that it can still be rotated by hand.
10. Install all water sensors and vacuum fittings into the manifold.

NOTE: Use Teflon tape or pipe dope on all pipe threads.

11. Plug all unused water and vacuum ports in the manifold.
12. Install your four carburetor studs in the manifold. Place the carburetor gasket on the clean carburetor pad. Do not use any type of sealant on the carburetor gasket.
13. Install the carburetor. Connect all linkage and throttle springs.
14. Connect all vacuum and fuel lines. Refer to your tags or drawings for correct placement.
15. Automatic transmissions only: Adjust kick-down or throttle pressure linkage for proper shift points. Check all linkages, making sure that there are no obstructions in function.
16. If required, reinstall valve covers and new gaskets.
17. Install the A/C and coil brackets, coil, wires, and all brackets that were removed from the manifold.
18. Close the drain and fill the radiator to the proper level with coolant.
19. Retighten the gas cap and connect the battery cable.
20. Hook up the timing light and start the engine. Set the timing to factory specs. Tighten the distributor.
21. Check for possible fuel, oil, or coolant leaks and for proper choke operation.
22. Install the air cleaner.

CAUTION: Check to be sure that there is adequate clearance for the throttle and choke linkages through their range of travel.

IMPORTANT: Check for adequate hood clearance before closing the hood.

23. Operate the engine for 30 minutes. Allow the engine to cool and retorque the manifold bolts following step 4 above.

YOUR MANIFOLD INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED. NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO CHANGE YOUR OIL AND FILTER.