

HEADER ARMOR™

Product Installation Sheet



Required Equipment

- Heavy duty scissors or utility knife
- Dust Mask, Safety Glasses, Gloves
- Long Sleeves (optional)
- Diagonal pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Poster board or cardboard for template



PROP 65 WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including chromium, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.



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Installation Tips

If you are not going to cover the collector on the header, you must stop the Header Armor 6 inches from the collector. Heatshield Products Strongly recommends you cover one entire side of your header or manifold including the collector. Failure to do so will cause some portions to cool more quickly than others. This can result in separations at the welds on the collector. Covering one entire side (collector included) of the header will ensure long header life and should remain in compliance with most manufacturer's warranty policies.

Paintable - Header Armor™ can be painted with any engine paint.

Installation Steps

1. Put on safety glasses, gloves, and dust mask before handling Header Armor™
2. Header Armor™ can only be installed on a clean exhaust system. Exhaust system components must be degreased and cleaned so that no debris or chemicals remain on the pipes. Failure to do so may result in debris or chemical combustion.
3. Patience is key. Going slow and taking your time will help to make Armor fit snug and secure. Be careful, you will be working in tight areas, swear words are not recommended, but in some cases they are necessary.
4. Make a template out of butcher paper, cardboard, or poster board. This saves money and prevents problems.
5. Fit the paper template so it covers the top half and sides of your header runners/pipes. You must also cover the collector. It may be necessary to make multiple pieces for one header. Also take note if you need to make accommodations for spark plug boots and wires. Make sure it does not come in contact with any live electrical circuits or wires as the Header Armor is electrically conductive (Images 1-3).
6. For tight 90° bends, cut wedges (Image 3) into your template to eliminate buckling of Header Armor.
7. Be sure to make your template 1/4" or 1/2" bigger (depending on the thickness of your Header Armor) on all sides than the actual desired size. This allows you to give your Header Armor a finished edge.
8. Cut out template, then do a test fit. If it doesn't fit go, back to Step 2. If it does fit trace onto Header Armor (Image 4).
9. Carefully cut the Header Armor with your heavy duty scissors.
10. Make another test fit on the header. Make any necessary cuts or adjustments to the Header Armor at this time.
11. Use utility knife to trim either 1/4" or 1/2" (depending on thickness of Header Armor) of the insulation only back from the edge. Do not cut through to the aluminum (Images 5 & 6).
12. OPTIONAL - Use an engine paint to color match your Header Armor before installing on pipe.
13. Fold the aluminum layer, down to cover the edge of the insulation (Images 7 & 8).
14. Locate the exhaust pipe, and note its location on the outer aluminum side of the Header Armor™. At the point closest to the cylinder head. Take the included wire and make a "U" Shape. Use one end of the wire to pierce the outer aluminum layer on one side of the exhaust pipe. Use the other end of the wire to make another hole on the other side of the exhaust pipe (Image 9).
15. The two ends of the wire should meet on the opposite side of the exhaust pipe.
16. Use needle nose pliers to twist and tighten the wire. Use diagonal pliers to cut off excess wire (Image 10).
17. Tuck the twisted wire up under the Header Armor™, with the tips facing toward the insulation. Make sure it is positioned so that hands will not accidentally be poked if working on the vehicles at a later date (Images 11 & 12).
18. Repeat steps 7 through 10 as often as needed for a secure fit. Be sure to have at least 1" minimum space between wire fastening points.
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Images

Images 1-4: Make template, trace onto Armor



Images 5-8: Trim 1/4" or 1/2" of insulation from the edge



Images 9-12: Install on header



Finished samples:



PLEASE NOTE:

Header Armor may smoke after installation; it will eventually stop. Smoke is a normal by product of the curing process; your Header Armor™ will not burst into flames.

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