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Chapter 1 : Engines: Street Recipes

*High Performance Chrysler Engines (Best of Hot Rod Series) [Frank Adkins] on blog.quintoapp.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. This information-packed guide contains material from the The Best of Hot Rod Magazine providing detailed information on high performance Chrysler engines.*

We liked it, and we liked it quite a lot, actually. Most of them are pretty tame, if you ask us. So while we think Jalopnik did a great job on their selection of engines you can buy today, the entire Hooniversal Brain Trust sat down last night and discussed this. In concept, the H makes perfect sense. As such, it gives you all the benefits of a large, powerful cylinder engine with the cost-savings of being able to use parts from a common V8 engine. Unfortunately, in the case of the BRM H16, classic British attention to detail appears to have been its downfall. The designers claim that their engine specifications were never followed correctly, and as a result the castings ended up far thicker than they needed to be. See if you can follow me here. The Rootes TS3 is a high-speed, two-stroke, three-cylinder, six-piston diesel engine. It uses two horizontally opposed pistons to generate compression and ignition in each cylinder. The cylinders are on rockers, like a standard pushrod engine uses for their valves, but much, much bigger. The rockers then connect to the crankshaft. You know what, just go here. They explain it better than I can. Those are respectable numbersâ€ but hardly groundbreaking, so the engine is stuck here at position nine. Thanks Braff, and Ray, and mom, and the Academy, and all the little people I spent forever looking for a photo of this engine. Some guys named Ray Wert and Jeff Glucker found photos in like a minute. Now, the name V16T is meant to imply a V16 engine, Transversely mounted. In fairness, however, it is not. A central gearbox, with a V8 on either side of it, all in a common block. Jeebus, my head hurts just trying to understand it. However, for all its mind-blowing awesomeness, it produced performance that was still around the same as any other supercar. If the only other car with specs that rival yours is the Veyron, in fairness, you should be able to run with the Veyron. JRL Choppers decided to take one and put it in a motorcycle. And in fairness, at a casual glance, it sure as hell looks like it. In the interests of interchangeability, it uses two V6 exhaust manifolds for each cylinder bank, and two V6 valve-covers, two distributors, and so on. Anything Used by Blastolene Suggested by Braff, indirectly. Low horsepower ratings, poor reliability, and heavy weights served as limiting factors until they were heavily re-worked by the aftermarket. Does that make them awesome? Wellâ€ in the hands of a company like Blastolene, yes. Just go look at what they do. Batshit insanity, and the usage of engines wholly inappropriate for road-going vehicles gets them an automatic spot at number five. Similar in concept to the H16 engine above, instead of using two flat-eights mounted horizontally, the Bugatti engine uses two straight-eights mounted side-by-side and vertically, all in a common block. When this engine came out, the straight-eight was seen as the epitome of power, style and all-around awesomeness. Bugatti capitalized on this hype by using two of them! Simple, effective, elegant, and over-the-top insane, just as all proper Bugattis always have been. Unfortunately for us, this engine, a 24L behemoth, never really found a proper application. It was attempted as a tank motor, an aircraft motor, and after WWI, as a concept-car motor. It seems people thought it was fun to drive in circles around a banked track; presumably you go as fast as you can until you get dizzy and vomit, and the last person to vomit wins. They started with the best engine they had, the FE side-oiler, and set to work improving it however they could. They looked at every high-performance engine available, whether it was from Chrysler or Ferrari, and adapted its best piece of technology to be added to the Cammer. Single overhead cams, exotic high-temperature valves, factory porting and polishing, hemispherical combustion chambers, tunnelport high-rise intakes, and a complex series of idler pullies to idealize the valve timing; all the tricks your average backyard mechanic would use to get more power out of an engine were already employed at the factory. In addition, Ford told the Cammer owners tricks they had learned of how to get more power. Most had significantly more. The Merlin engine was actually only the original, supercharged V12 engine, but it was used in many different forms under many different names. Simply removing the

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superchargers, or changing the crank, or swapping out the heads, or using different pistons, each resulted in a different name designation, but for all intents and purposes, it was still the original Merlin engine. Merlin was intended to be one in a rather large series of engines from Rolls-Royce, ranging in displacements from about 10L all the way up to almost 50L. As it turned out, the Merlin hit that sweet-spot between all of them, with the small footprint they needed for the smaller engines and the high horsepower they needed from the larger engines. It is versatile, powerful, and for an aircraft engine relatively lightweight. Got a favourite Merlin-powered hot-rod? Post it in the comments, let us all drool about it. Constructed out of five of the Plymouth flathead sixes, it was designed to be adaptable and durable, and available in the shortest time possible. Simply put, America was going to war finally, and they needed engines to power their Sherman tanks. Chrysler claimed that the Multibank would still be able to power the Sherman even if two full banks out of the five were disabled and not functioning. Good to know that even back then, Chrysler was planning their products around poor reliability. So, dear readers, what did we miss? What horrendous errors have we made? Fire away in the comments, maybe we can do a followup post. Or, someone else can, that was a lot of bloody work. There is a lot more Star Wars than Arleigh Burke. There are a number of photos of its V16 diesel available here: [The Cammer makes me unable to go to lunch](#). PowerTryp Holy damn you have no idea how bad I want one of those "Cammer" engine. Nothing screams awesome like a 7 foot timing chain.

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Chapter 2 : LA - Chrysler small block V8 engines

As a kid growing up in the 60s & 70s in Detroit you had to love cars period, muscle cars were everywhere, and Chrysler was in your system weather you liked a Ford, Chevy or AMC, You knew of Chryslers great engines from s to the Wedge motors to the HEMI's, Best of Hot Rods Chrysler Engines reminds you just why!

And the cars that harbored V8s beneath their hoods during the late s were about as appealing to performance enthusiasts as the front-wheel driven vehicles that replaced them. The "LA" family of small blocks emerged in when a cid model was introduced. And this particular engine over the years has generated much confusion. Very few parts are interchangeable between the old "A" engines and the newer "LA" powerplants. Few performance parts are available for the old "A" series engines, primarily because nobody cares. Chrysler "LA" blocks are easy to distinguish from one another because displacement is clearly noted on most castings. Although all blocks are virtually identical in physical appearance, and cid versions accept a different left-side motor mount than their and cid counterparts. All production "LA" blocks have two-bolt main bearing caps, and although kits are available to convert these blocks to a four-bolt main configuration, they should be avoided. If four-bolt mains are required, so is additional block strength. All production blocks were cast using a thinwall process and, as such, a. Some older blocks cast before may tolerate up to a. You may find, especially with later blocks, that. With a small block Chrysler, standard high performance block preparation is no different than with any other engine. As a general rule, high performance small blocks should be machined to yield a zero deck clearance between the piston top the flat portion, not the dome and the block when the former is at TDC. A "zero deck" improves power output and also makes the engine less likely to detonate. However, many "LA" cylinder heads have completely round combustion chambers, so the only way to achieve a "zero deck" is to have the pistons actually stick out of the block. Regardless of the desired deck clearance, take the time required to assure proper machining of the deck surfaces. Small block Chrysler engines have only two rows of head bolts so the block and head mating surfaces must be absolutely flat if the head gasket is to enjoy a long and successful life. Suggested torque for head bolts on high performance Mopar small blocks is lbs. Without question, honing the cylinders with torque plates in position is an essential part of machining any high performance engine. Grimes typically hones at least. Crankshafts All "LA" engines produced prior to were equipped with forged steel crankshafts. Since , and small blocks all have the same stroke and main journal diameter, crankshafts are interchangeable between these engines. Production engines, however, were never blessed with a forged crank and since they have 2. When interchanging crankshafts, keep in mind that the balance factor will vary considerably depending on the connecting rods and pistons used in the original configuration. The addition or removal of an excessive amount of material may be required when using a crank in an engine with a bore size different from the one to which the crank was originally mated. Therefore, the most efficient approach is to use a crankshaft that was originally installed in an engine of the same displacement as the one being rebuilt. The crankshaft numbers of interest are: Although a forged crankshaft is obviously stronger than one manufactured of cast iron, crankshaft strength is rarely a problem in a high performance street engine. However, when selecting components, be aware that cast iron crankshafts are externally balanced, while "LA" forged cranks are internally balanced. Consequently, the vibration damper and flywheel or torque converter designed for a cast crank must not be installed on a forged crank, and vice versa. The vibration dampers installed on crankshafts are unique and are not suitable for other assemblies. Another option is to install a viscous vibration damper. Install top quality parts. Main bearings with a grooved upper half and full width lower half are recommended by most high performance Mopar specialists. When fitting the upper halves, make sure that the oil hole in the bearing is aligned with and is as large as the oil supply hole in the bearing saddle. Bearing clearances are typically. Oiling system In years past, high pressure and high volume oil pumps have been standard issue for high performance engines. But metallurgy and lubricating technology have come a long way, eliminating the need for extremely wide bearing clearances.

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Tighter clearances eliminate the need to flood an engine with oil to compensate for internal leakage. If a small block Chrysler is assembled properly, and all recommended clearances maintained, a standard oil pump will provide more than adequate pressure and volume. The old guideline of 10 psi for every 1,000 rpm is entirely applicable to Chrysler small blocks. If at all possible, install a windage tray. Keep in mind that oil pan selection for a Chrysler small block engine is dependent upon the chassis into which the engine will be installed. Vans require a front sump pan, passenger cars call for the sump to be in the middle, and trucks require a pan with a rear sump. Connecting rods Chrysler small block connecting rods are essentially all the same. And, Mopar connecting rods do have a good bit of integrity. Both part numbers have full-floating wrist pins. All small block rods have a 6:1 ratio. This is one area in which attention to detail is critical. The compression distance of replacement small block Chrysler pistons can vary from 1.1 to 1.3. That being the case, some pistons will yield a deck clearance of .001 to .002. Be sure that the pistons selected are compatible with the cylinder heads and will provide the desired amount of deck clearance. Also note that 4. Consequently, if a is bored. To avoid problems, verify piston compression distance as early in the building process as possible. It will also be necessary to determine combustion chamber volume so pistons can be selected to provide the desired compression ratio. Most performance pistons are of the flat top persuasion, with either two valve reliefs, a trough, or a dish. With the large combustion chambers found in many late model heads, compression ratio will be well below 9. Depending on camshaft duration, most street performance engines should have a compression ratio between 9. Most forged pistons require. As far as cylinder wall finish, simply follow the recommendation of the ring manufacturer. The love affair many race engine builders had with exotic stones, mirror finishes and other "tricks" evaporated years ago. High performance engines tend to build more heat than their grunt-and-groan counterparts, so ring end gap is more critical. Common practice is to use "file-to-fit" rings. Minimum end gap dimensions are. The advantage is that heat trapped above the piston can be converted to power; heat transferred through the piston is lost. The additional heat retained in the ring area requires end gaps of. For best ring seal, make sure that vertical clearance between each ring and its groove is tight. Every gearhead loves the sound of an engine that harbors a long duration camshaft. High compression and short cam duration lead to detonation. Low compression and long cam duration zaps cylinder pressure, which in turn zaps power output. Competition engines that are fueled by high octane racing gas should register about 200 psi. Compared to a stock camshaft, a high performance grind typically increases horsepower by holding the valves open longer and raising them higher. Cam lobes designed within the past few years open and close valves at higher velocities so the valves reach full lift sooner, stay there longer and close quicker. That translates into increased air flow potential which leads to more power, all other things being equal. However, current camshaft designs deliver this increased power while still maintaining strong low speed torque, good drivability and acceptable idle quality. What about mechanical lifters? They require extra maintenance and also increase maximum potential engine speed. Hydraulic lifters are hard pressed to deliver much more than 5,000 rpm and that safety valve will serve you well – especially with customers having more money than sense. Selecting cylinder heads for a high performance Chrysler small block is relatively easy. The best choice for and high performance engines is a large port casting with 2. In , intake valve diameter was decreased to 1. These heads were never installed on a production engine, so the chance of finding a pair through normal rebuilder channels is pretty slim. However, they are still available from Mopar Performance and can frequently be found at Chrysler-oriented swap meets. Under no circumstances should you sink the valves. If the seats are worn excessively, install new ones which is often necessary with older castings not originally designed for use with unleaded fuels or oversized valves, which improve performance in two ways. A larger diameter not only increases air flow potential, it also moves the valves higher in the chamber, thereby unshrouding them. As a general rule, best performance is achieved when the distance from the valve seat to the short turn radius is at least. Installation of oversized valves makes it easier to achieve this dimension. The goal here is to smooth and blend the areas where the machined and as-cast surfaces meet, and minimize any obvious flow restrictions. Extensive porting and polishing are not required for street performance engines,

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though most customers will expect the port openings to be matched to the gasket size. Except in extreme cases, the effect on performance is marginal. Installation of valve springs is part of any cylinder head reconditioning, but spring usage is dictated by the camshaft. Most of the milder performance cams require nothing more than a decent quality stock diameter valve spring – provided that spring offers a minimum of lbs. More radical camshafts typically require stiffer dual valve springs which require spring seat machining because of their larger OD 1. The heads should also be fitted with premium quality valves.

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Chapter 3 : Build a Hot-Running Mopar for Street and Strip | AxleAddict

During the last 44 years, Chrysler Corporation has cranked out small-block V-8s in numerous forms, the latest of which is the Magnum. In its earliest A-series incarnation, the degree.

Sign in or sign up and post using a HubPages Network account. Comments are not for promoting your articles or other sites. MR Reposting this original one that I thought I had deleted! Do you have any thoughts. Can anyone chime in. Are these heads the same as the ? D 17 months ago David Skaggs I have had all 3 of big company small blocks I love the sound they make Brian 2 years ago I understand the idea of using the magnum heads Valentin 3 years ago Hello, awesome info what you post here. What would happen if you cant get the heads and you have to go with the standar ones? What things would you change of what you do and what you bought for your ? Im asking because i live in a country that is almost impossible to get a v8 and obviously impossible to get the heads. I would be very grateful if you could help me, thanks a lot. To ensure that the balancer is locked in position, ARP has developed these ultra strong , psi bolts that let you exert maximum clamping force. Actually, I take ALL magazine dyno test results with a grain of salt: I agree that duration on the intake side is a little too much for street running. I have a light car 66 Barracuda with a 5 speed, not sure what the rear gear ratio is. What runs well on a dino may be a miserable street engine because the dino is always running higher rpm. It will take a steep gear set not to bog at every street light. Iforgeiron 5 years ago I love Mopar. In school the classic argument always lost to cubic inches. Chrysler put a big block in just about everything just like the Chevy small block.. This lens was a refreshing twist on the Mopar small block. I enjoyed reading the lens and agree with the tech stuff. Mopar or no car! I was wanting to put a in it and was wondering if it will fit? I am not up on these veh. I just wanted say is in my opinion is a great motor. I have a 69 barracuda notchback with a with a cam and I put the magnum heads on it. I would for shure build a over a just because it is an internally balacend engine and you Can spin one high if built right. I do have a 69 I plan on building took me along time too get the block from a friend of mine he has a 69 dart had the extra block. I paid a lot just for the block. All can say for shure if have a build it for performance and it will run with the best of them. It has a with an Auo Trans. This is my first attempt to rebuild one myself, so I very much apprecait e your expertise and willingness to share. If you had it bored. I like the KB pistons. I bought a charger and had it bored. What size of piston would I need to buy then? I also bought a set of swirl port heads; what would be the best piston combination? Thanks PickupTrucksFan1 Makes me want to start looking for a block. But then again who really needs more than hp? Poly performance parts actually are readily available with the exception of an aftermarket performance intake. Let me know if you ever want poly parts and i can set you up with the guy who knows the poly like nobody else. Thanks for sharing your info! HomeDecorKnight Good lens, informative lens, I like this. Its a mindset and if you hear someones opion spelt that wrong long enough you begin to get brainwashed. A car with a in it will always get more money if the person sells it because on the image and reputation, the is mopars best motor in my opion but because chrysler never meant it to be a high performance engine, everyone buys into the mind set. The if you corrrrect it 3 major concerns which is cam, compression and flow heads and carb it BEATS THE hands down because it has the same stroke as the And with the performance comp. Crane has the perfect cam for this build.. Svdharma LM 6 years ago I found this article very interesting. I have been writing a serries of articles about engine rebuilding check it out: With high gas prices, I was trying to figure out a way to convert it to Port Fuel Injection. Therefore I would get performance stability and fuel economy. Is there something intake manifold, etc I can get at the junkyard to build a system myself. Which manifold would you recommend? It urns 14 sec quarter and gets 16 mpg.

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Chapter 4 : Official Mopar Site | Service, Parts, Accessories & More

Street Recipes - From High Performance Chrysler Engines (Best of Hot Rod Series) Below, excerpted from an article that originally appeared in Hot Rod Magazine, are the dynamometer (dyno) results from a baseline test of a stock engine, and the horsepower gains recorded after various modifications.

The spark advance on these cars was also modified. Lean Burn was also set for a late launch on the except in California. Around this time, some blocks were cast by International Harvester; they had the IH logo on the casting. In , Chrysler noted with regard to the and The heat valve in the right exhaust manifold diverts hot gases to the floor of the intake manifold to vaporize the fuel mixture when the engine is cold. During warm-up, a thermostatic spring allows the heat valve to open to the exhaust pipe so gas flow through the intake manifold crossover passage is decreased. All Chrysler V-8 and 6-cylinder engines have an adaptor to receive a magnetic probe for timing the ignition magnetically you can still set the ignition with a timing light. The engines had a second-generation Electronic Lean-Burn System for spark control, hydraulic valve lifters to avoid periodic adjustments, and cast iron cranks. This means a solid, continuous stream of fuel is fed to the primary discharge nozzles by the metering system. The fuel is mixed with air upon entering the nozzles. The solid-fuel metering produces precise carburetion for good driveability with lean fuel-air mixtures. In California and some high-altitude locations, cars with the had a Thermoquad four-barrel to boost performance in the face of primitive emissions systems; starting in , the four barrel was available in trucks regardless of location. The system was something of a rush job, without enough testing. It used a single continuous-flow spray bar, and fuel flow was controlled by changing the fuel pressure. This caused the fuel system to go rich at partial throttle and affected drivability. More successful was an attempt to replace the with the on model-year cars, essentially by using a four-barrel carburetor. The four-barrel, used on police pursuit and other cars, produced hp and lb-ft of torque. The two barrel was, by now, down to a mere hp and lb-ft of torque. Electronic fuel injection finally came to the and the 3. In this year, oil capacity was reduced to five quarts, including filter. See memories on the transition to fuel injection. The basic casting of the heads was the same, but the fine points were not; Chrysler added swirl intake ports to take advantage of the fuel injection. Since the pushrod angle was slightly changed by the taller lifters, the push rod guide holes were changed from roughly 0. The push rods became shorter, and their diameter shrunk from 0. Then they wanted to integrate the two groups, so they picked five guys from the Chrysler side and five guys from the AMC side, and moved me to Highland Park and some of the Chrysler Highland Park guys to the Plymouth Road facility. We were all kind of like fish out of water. The new engines came out on the Dodge Ram, Dodge Dakota, and vans. This was controlled by a single-board computer, and fed by a returnless fuel supply with a higher-powered pump aiming at a 90 psi fuel pressure. As with other Chrysler systems, the computer used signals from MAP manifold pressure sensor rather than a MAF mass air-flow sensor, calculating as needed. The Hall Effect crankshaft position sensor remained. Horsepower shot up dramatically, from to hp, and the lb-ft of torque stayed constant. The had to wait a year, gaining Magnum power in the trucks and vans. The boss is there if you need to use the old style heads. It had high-flow heads, big ports, a two-level intake manifold, and a six-barrel option three two-barrel carbs. See the full page on the There were many differences between the and apart from the bored, which made the far more powerful than the everyday The six-barrel version of the had extra material in the bulkheads for strength, allowing the use of 4 bolt main caps; it also had a different cam and heads. That version was to form the basis of the most potent LA engines ever: The Willem Weertman wrote that Chrysler wanted a low-cost engine between the and like the B-series ; the result was the , which debuted in early It had a cast crank and external balancing, and was the only LA engine without a 3. Raising the block decks would have been extremely expensive in tooling and time, so they cut the height of the piston to allow a little extra movement; and changed the radius of the crankshaft counterweights, so there would be more room at the bottom. To regain balance, they had to add weights to both ends of the crankshaft assembly, which

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meant redesigning the torque converter flex plate and flywheel, and adding an offset weight to the vibration damper on the front of the crank. There were numerous changes to the block, including movement of the core holes and higher-diameter main journals. The replaced the as the optional engine in the Dodge Polara and Plymouth Fury, and the base engine in the Chrysler Newport. For the Dodge line, a new variation of the was made with a four-barrel carburetor, resulting in hp and lb. This brought power levels back up to hp, net, and lb-ft of torque. The model year brought up different issues; and another variant with a four-barrel was produced for California, with hp and lb-ft, and all emissions controls. The four barrel had smaller primaries. Another version was produced for the Duster and Dart, with hp and lb-ft of torque. As with the , all s had hydraulic lifters. In , the gained dual concentric throttle return springs in addition to a torsion throttle spring.

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Chapter 5 : Chevrolet Engines

- Hot Rod Magazine We leave it to our readers this month to give their personal opinions on the top 20 V8s of all time. Don't judge us too harshly, this is completely and utterly fan voted and we.

After-market support for the is great, and with the right parts it can easily make horsepower and still have great street manners. Why Build a Mopar ? If you want an affordable high performance small-block Mopar, the small block is your best choice. Why is the the best choice for a high performance small-block Mopar? The is a great engine, but it gives up too many cubic inches in a purely performance application. That leaves the The does have a better performance reputation, but the is actually a pretty good choice too. It offers 10 more cubic inches than the popular Chevy, along with shaft-mounted rocker arms and a better rod ratio. Parts availability is almost as good as the small-block Chevy, if a little more expensive. With the right modifications, you can get up to HP on pump gas without nitrous or other power adders. In the past, this could be very expensive. However with the proliferation of low-cost, semi-custom parts, this is no longer always true. Or maybe your stock crank is OK, but you want to upgrade to a forged crank. In both cases, the stock stroke 3. Besides the extra 48 cubic inches, the longer stroke pushes the pin further up on the piston. This gives you a couple of advantages. First, it reduces piston rock. This makes your engine quieter at start-up and helps reduce friction, making your engine last longer and helping it produce more power. This is dependent on application, in some instances the difference is substantially more. About the only extra work you need to do to gain these advantages is a little block clearancing on the bottom end. Any competent machine shop should be able to do this for you. This book tells you everything you need to know. If built to the same specs though, the will make at least as much power as the at a lower RPM. The is also easier and a lot cheaper to find. For racing, the has more potential, but for street use the is a better choice. Hotrodding the Like most American V8 engines, the Mopar can make decent power using mostly stock parts. Scat lightweight crankshaft Source Forged Crankshaft The stock Chrysler crankshaft is cast iron and externally balanced. Both Eagle and Scat make reasonably priced forged crankshafts for the the Scat cranks are slightly more expensive but a better reputation for quality. Besides being stronger than the factory crankshaft, the aftermarket pieces are internally balanced so make sure to get the correct harmonic balancer and torque converter or flywheel to go with it. Scat connecting rods small block Mopar Connecting Rods The stock connecting rods are OK for street use if have them Magnafluxed and checked for straightness, replace the rod bolts, and have them resized. Up to around horsepower the I beam rods are better cheaper and lighter. Pistons and Rings The Mopar never came from the factory in a high compression version. Factory pistons were cast and could have as much as For a performance build, you should go with after market pistons with close to zero deck height. Use hypereutectic or forged, depending on intended power level. Lunati VooDoo cams Camshaft There are almost as many opinions on camshaft selection as there are engine builders. Make sure to work with an engine builder or cam grinder who is knowledgeable about what works best with the small block Chryslers. No matter what cam you run, you should upgrade to adjustable rocker arms. After market adjustable rocker arms have a true 1. This is important even with a hydraulic can so that you can properly adjust lifter preload. It works great with a Holley vacuum secondary carburetor with secondary metering block installed. The only downsides is the weight - cast iron is a lot heavier than aluminum. Also, tuning parts for the factory Thermoquad can be hard to find. In spite of being over 40 years old, the Six Pack runs almost as strong as the performer RPM and looks a lot better. Back in the s, Bob Lambeck was running 12 seconds in a Duster equipped with the stock intake. The only downsides are the extra weight of the stock cast iron intake manifold and the difficulty of finding a decent Thermoquad carburetor. The Final Word The Mopar can make an excellent performance engine. It was introduced with a 2-bbl carburetor in Not intended as a performance engine, it also featured a cast crankshaft and low compression ratio 8. When the was discontinued in , the 4 barrel induction was transferred to the but the cast crank and low compression ratio remained. Quality control was also not exemplary during this time

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frame. That, combined with overly large main journals caused the to gain a reputation for spinning bearings. In spite of this rocky start, the can be built into an excellent street engine. All you need is attention to detail and proper selection of parts.

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Chapter 6 : Chrysler / A-Series Crate Engine - Hot Rod Network

Chrysler's original engine, which was produced between and , bore the "A" series family designation and was a larger displacement version of the and engines.

Since their debut in , all Mopar little-motors have been fitted with 6. Assembled in a , these gram forgings produce an advantageous 1. That allows the effective combustion chambers with the piston crown acting as the chamber floor to remain smaller for a longer period of time. In turn, that means higher cylinder pressures during a greater number of degrees of crank travel, which translates directly into more power. A long rod produces smaller angles in relation to the bore center of the cylinder, and this straight-line application of force is a more efficient way to transmit power. Conversely, the greater the angularity of the rod, the harder it shoves the piston against the cylinder wall. Smaller rod angles reduce friction and wear, and promote durable and more effective ring-to-wall sealing. The intake and exhaust valves are located on the longitudinal bore centerlines at the widest point of each bank of cylinders. This advantageous layout positions the valves away from the adjacent bore walls to unshroud them and promote free breathing. It also enables the A-engines to accommodate larger valves within the same bore size than other small-blocks can. In addition, all production small-block valves are inclined 18 degrees off the bore centerline toward the intake side of the cylinder head. That allows for a straight mixture flow from the manifold into the combustion chambers. With its vertical position, the valve opens more toward the center of its cylinder and away from the shrouding of the bore wall. When performance-oriented replacement heads are cast for these engines, they typically employ the more vertical Mopar-like valve arrangements known to enhance mixture flow in most cam lift spans. As an element of turbulence, swirl refers to the spiral-like path the charge takes around the long axis of a chambered cylinder. The theory is that the activity of the mixture promotes atomization of the fuel. Where port, chamber, and dome contours impart the initial swirl on the intake stroke, the piston dome can be configured to maintain swirl on the compression and power strokes. The more mixture activity that occurs, the better the fuel remains in suspension and the better the mixture burns. The faster a fuel burns, the less ignition timing is required to produce equal power. Uniform fuel dispersion throughout the charge permits an engine to run leaner mixtures, while simultaneously reducing peak cylinder pressures and taming sharp pressure spikes. This means that a high-swirl engine can run more static compression with less chance of detonation under load. On the downside, the same flow energy that generates swirl is also the energy that creates velocity. So when charge energy is used to impart and maintain swirl, less is available to fill the cylinders. In a production application, flow volume is usually compromised in favor of optimum swirl for minimized emissions. Generating high levels of swirl flow in an intake charge involves some creative contouring of the ports and combustion chambers, in conjunction with a compatible piston crown. Functionally, the approach segment of a high-swirl intake port immediately downstream of its mouth straightens the relatively low speed flow from the manifold runner. Then a length of the port floor is raised on one side, while an adjacent wall is filled and tilted. Here, velocity increases through the valve seat area before the charge enters the chamber in a swirling stream. Inside the combustion chamber, the wall opposite the spark plug typically extends into the chamber where it forms the top of the heart shape to mask the valves and increase swirl in the inbound mix. As a result of all this robust swirl and tumble, OE Magnums are assembled with higher static-compression ratios than their earlier counterparts. Combined with multipoint fuel injection and computers, Magnum motors need no emissions assists from an air-injection pump or exhaust-heat passages in the cylinder heads or manifolds.

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