# HEDMAN HEDDERS 

PART \# 58070, 58076 \& 58078 INSTRUCTION SHEET OLDSMOBILE 1978-87 260-403 ENGINES

> 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 Hedders 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!

## PRE-INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Disconnect battery, air cleaner, head pipes and exhaust manifolds.
2. Remove head pipes, exhaust manifolds and oil filter housing.
3. Bend the right motor mount heat shield down around the back side of the motor mount, relocate fuel line attached to the back right side of the front crossmember.
4. Remove dipstick tube, clutch linkage (If equipped), starter and starter motor brace. Note: Starter motor brace will not be used due to restricted clearance.

5. Bend the left motor mount heat shield down around the back side of the motor mount.
6. Heat shield on starter must be removed due to restricted clearances. On vehicles equipped with the alternator mounted on the left side of the engine, header flange must be notched to provide clearance. See Illustration Abpve.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

## RIGHT SIDE:

1. Starting from below, with gasket in place, work header up into position. Start all header bolts. DO NOT TIGHTEN!
2. Replace oil filter housing, (Using a new gasket) and oil filter. NOTE: An oil filter PF-24 or equivalent must be used in place of the stock oil filter to provide adequate clearance.
3. Tighten all Header bolts evenly.

LEFT SIDE:

1. Starting from below, work header up into position, before starting any bolts, replace starter.
2. With gasket in place, start all header bolts and tighten evenly.
3. Re-install dipstick tube and clutch (If removed).
4. Make sure all brake lines, fuel lines and electrical wires have sufficient clearance.
5. Hook-up exhaust system to your Hedman Hedders.
6. Start engine, test drive vehicle, allowing engine to gain normal operating temperature. Check for leaks and new or unusual noises and 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.

