

INSTRUCTIONS

COMP Cams[®] LS Timing Sets

Part Numbers: 3154, 3158KT, 3167KT, 3172KT, 3173KT, 7102, 7105, 7106, 7106-5, 7107, 9158KT, 9167KT, 9172KT, 9672T3, 9658T3, 9658T9, 9667T3, 9672T3, 9672T9, 9673T3, 9673T9

Thank you for choosing COMP Cams[®] products; we are proud to be your manufacturer of choice. Please read this instruction sheet carefully before beginning installation, and also take a moment to review the included limited warranty information.

We recommend the chain and sprockets be pre-assembled before final assembly of the motor to check for any interference between the block and the timing set. During installation again observe for any interference between the timing set and the engine block, if found, remove or grind until adequate clearance is obtained. Also, look for any interference between the timing chain cover and oil pump upon reinstallation. Some aftermarket oil pumps and double roller timing chain setups will require timing chain cover clearance for proper fitment.

<u>Check the following points to ensure the proper timing chain has been selected for your application:</u>

1. Number of camshaft bolts – There are single bolt camshafts and three bolt camshafts. Refer to pages 186-187 of the COMP Cams 2010 Master Catalog if you do not know which style your application requires.



COMP Cams[®] 3406 Democrat Rd. Memphis, TN 38118 Phone: 901.795.2400 Camshaft positioning sensor reluctor is correct – There are three styles of cam position sensors, 1X on early Gen IV engines and 4X on later version Gen IV engines which can not be interchanged. <u>Note:</u> Gen III (LS1/LS6) engines will not be affected by camshaft timing gear, as they use a rear camshaft sensor built into the camshaft.





Installation:

- 1. Prepare for installation disassembling the front of your LS engine by removing the water pump, timing cover. Then roll your engine over until your engine is at TDC using the markings on your current timing set. This can easily be done by using COMP Cams® LS crank turning socket #4914.
- 2. Remove loosen or remove the oil pan, and remove the oil pump by first carefully removing the oil pickup tube bolt, ensuring it does not drop into your oil pan. Next, remove the four bolts holing the oil pump to the engine block and remove the oil pump assembly.
- 3. Loosen your camshaft bolt(s) and remove the camshaft timing gear.
- **4.** Loosen your rocker arms to allow the camshaft to rotate freely. Rotate 360 degrees to capture the lifters in the guides.
- 5. Using a proper puller, remove the existing crank gear and oil pump drive.
- 6. Make sure to clean the mounting surfaces on the clock and your new COMP Cams® timing sets, failure to do so may reduce chain and bearing life
- 7. Select the desired crankshaft keyway and install the crankshaft sprocket until fully seated, using a sleeve to protect the sprocket. Make sure your corresponding timing mark is correct and pointing in the 12:00 position. Use a marker to mark your selected timing mark as this may help you remember later which of the timing marks is the one you have selected to use.

Notes: There are various demarcations depending on which timing set you have selected to use. (Refer to pages 4-5 to see your specific timing chain options.)

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- If your timing set uses a Hex-A-Just, insert the Hex-A-Just offset timing bushing into the camshaft sprocket hub. If it does not, skip to #10. Using a ¼" hex wrench, rotate it so the timing mark on the bushing points outward and away from the center of the hub.
- **9.** Install the camshaft thrust bearing. <u>Install so</u> that the black side of the bearing is toward the block! This is extremely important and improper installation will cause sever wear. Note that billet timing sets have the thrust bearing pre-installed.
- **10.** Mount the camshaft sprocket by first looping the timing chain over the camshaft sprocket, with the Hex-A-Just bushing installed, if included. Next align the camshaft and crankshaft timing marks and loop the chain around the crankshaft sprocket and install over the camshaft timing pin. Loosely install the camshaft bolt(s) to hold the camshaft sprocket in place.
- **11.** If using a Hex-A-Just style timing chain set now is the time to adjust the camshaft timing. If not using a Hex-A-Just style timing chain skip to the next step. To adjust you must ensure the rocker arms have all been loosened so there is no load on the camshaft. Failure to



do so will split the Hex-A-Just bushing! Ensure that your camshaft bolt(s) is (are) still loose. Adjust the Hex-A-Just bushing to the desired timing setting.

- 12. It is highly recommend that you use a degree wheel to ensure your camshaft is installed correctly! Failure to properly install your camshaft correctly may cause catastrophic engine failure, as the pistons and valves may crash. Once you are sure your intake centerline is where you desire it, it is recommended you also check your piston to valve clearance, especially if also installing a new camshaft.
- **13.** Torque camshaft bolts to 26lb./ft. for three bolt camshafts, using loctite. Single bolt camshafts are torque to yield and must be replaced with a new bolt. Using a new bolt first torque to 55lb./ft. and add an additional 50 degrees, using Loctite.

- **14.** Recheck that your selected timing marks are aligned "dot to dot" at 6:00 on the camshaft gear and 12:00 on the crankshaft gear.
- **15.** Lubricate the timing set with fresh engine oil. Also ensure the engine oil has a clear path to the timing set through the lifter valley oil drain back holes.
- **16.** Install oil pump drive, if it is separate from your crankshaft gear, by aligning the crankshaft keyway and install until fully seated against the timing gear. Again using a sleeve to protect the oil pump drive while seating it on the crankshaft.
- 17. If using a double roller chain, make sure to install the supplied spacers while installing the oil pump. The driver's side space <u>MUST</u> be installed correctly. Check for proper alignment by ensuring the hole for oil flow is proper aligned and isn't restricting oil flow before final installation, as an improper installation will cut off oil flow and could damage your engine.
- **18.** Reinstall the oil pump, remembering to make sure the pickup tube is reattached and the o-ring is properly seated.
- **19.** Reinstall your oil pan, timing cover (ensuring no interferences are found), and water pump.



Its critical to ensure correct port alignment and spacer orientation for proper oil flow



Crankshaft Timing Gear Options:

COMP Cams[®] Billet Steel 9 Keyway Timing Sets are the most reliable units available. They give the installer the ability to finetune the powerband of the cam by allowing the cam to be positioned from 0 to 8-degrees advanced or retarded, in 2-degree increments. The "A" crankshaft keyways are to be used when intending to <u>advance</u> the cam and by how many degrees desired. Likewise the "R" labeled crankshaft keyways are to <u>retard</u> the camshaft, and by how many degrees desired. Remember to use the corresponding timing mark on the crank gear. **Note: The camshaft will correspondingly advance or retard 1, 2, 3 or 4degrees.** For example, to advance the cam 1° use the "A2" crankshaft keyway, remembering you now must use the "A2" timing mark to line up your cam and crank gears.



COMP Cams[®] 3406 Democrat Rd. Memphis, TN 38118 Phone: 901.795.2400 COMP Cams[®] 3-keyway adjustable crank sprocket timing sets allow crankshaft timing adjustment by \pm 4 degrees. Remembering the camshaft angle is half of the crankshaft angle, therefore the camshaft will advance or retard by \pm 2 degrees. **Note:** Notice the **shape** of the internal crankshaft keyways. They are shaped to coincide with the timing marks to be used. They have a round, rectangular and square at the top of the crankshaft keyway to help you position the crank gear as desired.

To keep factory timing use the "O" crankshaft keyway and timing mark.

To **<u>advance</u>** timing use the " \triangle " crankshaft keyway and timing mark.

To **<u>retard</u>** timing use the " \Box " crankshaft keyway and timing mark.

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