

Headers Question

Posted by 944sracer - 05 Sep 2011 20:53

I am re-reading the rules and I noticed something odd. according to the rules regarding headers:

12.7.1 The stock genuine Porsche OE exhaust manifold (header) is required. The stock header consists of two separate manifolds, one connecting cylinders 1 and 4 and the other connecting cylinders 2 and 3. Headers may be welded to repair cracks and headers may be wrapped with appropriate materials so long as the wrap is removable. Headers may not be coated or painted inside or outside.

Why is it that we allow for header wrap but not header coating? If I am not mistaken the wrap can open the door to exhaust headers rotting if they aren't installed correctly or the special sealant is not used. Also aren't the advantages the same when comparing one to the other?

Can some one enlighten me please? I am I missing something?

TIA

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Re: Headers Question

Posted by 944sracer - 07 Sep 2011 21:27

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or

B. Some more info on the coating

or

C. Some general thoughts or guidance for the test

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Re: Headers Question

Posted by Bamf3000 - 08 Sep 2011 00:27

Here are a few different discussions on the matter of wrap vs coating if anyone is interested.

www.sccaforums.com/forums/forumid/23/postid/25349/scope/posts

www.thirdgen.org/techboard/aftermarket-p...wrap-vs-ceramic.html

www.fordmuscleforums.com/all-ford-techbo...-vs-header-wrap.html

www.350z-tech.com/wiki/index.php/Header_wrap_vs_Header_coating

The more I think about it, if we don't allow a coating it's fine. However, I'd prefer to be able to wrap the header if I feel that it will reduce engine bay temps.

So my position has changed and I say we leave the rule alone. Good discussion though.

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Re: Headers Question

Posted by JerryW - 08 Sep 2011 07:09

Certainly I was curious, just didn't see why we needed to change the rules. When I decided to join the class I looked at the rules and accepted their conditions, as written. If they were OK for all the existing cars I could accept them too (and I joined the class just as the big Header/Chip change came in for reference).

I just don't know why people keep wanting to change a rule set that IS WORKING

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Re: Headers Question

Posted by JerryW - 08 Sep 2011 07:12

My previous reply might come off as knocking what you guys were asking - and that isn't my position. It's more lets NOT change things that exist unless there is a really GOOD reason.

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Re: Headers Question

Posted by rd7839 - 08 Sep 2011 14:45

Having had a little experience with coatings I can offer my opinion as to why coatings shouldn't be allowed while wraps should. To get any benefit from a coating, you need a quality job done by someone who knows what they are doing. It will help a little but will cost a not so insignificant amount and despite what is said it is not permanent so it will have to be redone occasionally. Wraps on the other hand can be bought at Kragens or even Walmart I beleive, are cheap and easy to do and might not really do much.

I'm still running the original header with no problems and don't often hear about too many failed headers and only have heat issues when something else is wrong, otherwise water and oil temps are pretty good for most of us and beleive it or not, it does get hot here in Norcal.

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