

## Hi-Tech<sup>™</sup> Belt Drive Systems Small Block Chevrolet #6500, 6502, 6504, 6506 & 6507 Big Block Chevrolet #6200 and 6300

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.



COMP Cams® belt drives represent the ultimate in cam timing systems. Our belt drives are designed to absorb a significant amount of crankshaft harmonics, which will affect valve motion if they reach the valve train. COMP Cams® belt drives require less power to operate than conventional belt drives. Last but not least, our belt drives have proven to be more durable than either gear or chain drives.

- Excellent for all NASCAR and NHRA applications
- Unique camshaft thrust adjustment system does not require the use of shims to set end play
- Belt idler reduces belt "flap"
- High performance belt
- Idlers available in different diameters for align bored blocks
- Adjustable camshaft timing with simple Vernier sprocket
- Double lip oil seals ensure maximum crankcase vacuum

## **Installation Instructions**:

NOTE: The COMP Cams<sup>®</sup> Chevrolet belt drive system can be installed on an assembled engine. However, the installing mechanic should be prepared to remove the camshaft for the purpose of drive hub installation and end play adjustment.



Step 1: Disassemble the unit. It comes from the factory with several components assembled for protection during shipping. Unbolt the camshaft pulley from the drive flange and separate the flange from the cam hub. This is done by removing three 5/16 cap screw head bolts and using a drift punch or driver to separate the flange and hub (fig. 1). Remove the belt tensioner from the rear belt cover. Also, remove the camshaft endplay adjustment housing (three Allen bolts)

**Step 2:** Trial fit front cover to make sure it clears the block. Much detail has been given to fitment and most covers will not require modification. If required, use a die grinder or mill to remove excess material from cover and/or block. Take steps to prevent removed material from contaminating engine.

Step 3: Install front cover on engine using supplied gaskets and fasteners. Torque the front cover bolts to 7-10 ft lbs of torque.





Step 4: Install crank pulley on crankshaft snout. Lubricate the bore and seal area of the crank pulley with COMP

Cams® pro cam lube, part #152. Use COMP® part #4789 crank gear installation tool and #4920 harmonic balancer installation tool to press pulley onto snout or a section of 2-1/4" o.d. x .375" wall aluminum tubing (fig. 2) as a driver. Caution: Be certain that the crankshaft snout is not marred and that the crank hub seats squarely on the crank's shoulder step.

**Step 5:** Ensure that the front face of the camshaft is clean and free of surface burrs. Any minor imperfections may be removed with a fine grit knife sharpening stone. Install cam hub on camshaft (you may need to tap into place using a plastic mallet, etc.). If needed, brace the camshaft by its bearing journals in a vise, being sure to pad the jaws with wood or plastic to prevent damage to the camshaft. Use supplied 5/16" x 1" cap screws to secure hub. Add a small amount of medium strength thread locking adhesive and tighten bolts to 18-22 ft lbs of torque (fig. 3).





Step 6: Lubricate roller thrust bearing with engine oil and install on backside of cam hub. You can slide the bearing over the camshaft. Be sure that black-colored side of the thrust bearing seats on the cam hub (fig. 4).

Step 7: Install camshaft in engine and place other roller thrust bearing on front side of the hub (with black surface of bearing contacting the hub).





Step 9: Remove o-ring from camshaft end play adjustment housing, install housing on the cam hub and make sure seal is properly seated. Rotate housing clockwise until it bottoms out on ramp. Gradually rotate housing counterclockwise until desired camshaft endplay is achieved. An endplay range of .002" to .007" is suggested. However, this is ultimately left to the discretion of the installing mechanic (fig. 5). The assembly is designed so that each adjustment point during rotation (where bolt holes line up) is equal to



.005". Once the desired endplay has been achieved, mark the housing and front cover at the appropriate bolt hole with a felt tip pen as an indicator for reassembly (fig. 6). A scribe may also be used to mark the housing and front



cover, but the permanent mark made by a scribe may complicate future installations. **NOTE: On some aftermarket blocks and refaced OEM blocks, it may be necessary to alter the position of the timing cover by adding or subtracting front cover gaskets.** 

**Step 10:** Replace o-ring on backside of endplay adjustment housing and attach housing to front cover using the three supplied  $1/4-20 \ge 1/2$ " button head cap screws. Place a small drop of low strength thread locking compound on the cap screws and torque them to 10-12 lbs/ft.



**Step 11:** Install cam drive flange onto cam hub. Rotate flange 180 degrees if required to align three holes in flange with threaded holes in hub. Use supplied  $5/16-24 \times 7/8"$  Torx<sup>TM</sup> head cap screws. Make sure bolts don't bottom out. Apply a drop of low strength thread locking compound and torque bolts to 18-20 lbs/ft (fig. 7). Use screwdriver to hold flange.

**Step 12:** Rotate crankshaft so that the alignment mark on crankshaft pulley is straight up (12:00 position) and turn camshaft until "0" mark on drive flange is pointed straight down (6:00 position).

**Step 13:** Place belt in position with teeth engaged on bottom pulley and upper portion laying flat against cover (fig. 8).



**Step 14:** Position red cam pulley over drive flange with degree markings on bottom (at 6:00 position). Wiggle pulley (if required) and push over studs (fig. 9). Install the supplied stainless steel washers and 5/16-24 flange nuts finger tight.

**Step 15:** Rotate engine a minimum of two revolutions to get belt properly seated and on centerline (fig. 10).



**Step 16:** Install belt tensioner pulley on mounting stud with snap ring toward cover (fig. 11). You may have to push the belt and wiggle the pulley to get it started. Attach pulley with supplied 3/8-24 12-pt nut. Apply a drop of low strength thread sealer and torque nut to 25-30 lbs/ft (fig. 12).

**Step 17:** The cam is now ready to be degreed per your requirements. If the engine is in the short block stage, you can set the No. 1 piston to Top Dead Center, and degree the camshaft as you would with any other timing set. Note that some engine builders prefer to advance cam an additional 1 to 1-1/2 degrees in order to compensate for belt stretch. When the degreeing process is performed on a long block, there is generally enough tension on the valve train to facilitate a direct setting.







Note: The pulley is designed to provide up to 10 degrees of advance or retard. Should more than 10 degrees be required to properly phase the cam, you must move the belt one tooth on the bottom (crank pulley) to bring belt drive system into the next window of adjustment.

**Step 18:** When camshaft is degreed as desired, torque the cam pulley nuts to 18-22 lbs/ft of torque using low strength thread locking compound.



## Additional installation notes:

**1.** Included **only in the small block kit** is a 2" diameter washer and **left hand thread**, **7/16**", **12 pt bolt** (torque to 30 ft lbs) for use with a MSD, etc. cam driven distributor. This must be installed on the drive to prevent any leaks.

**2.** Included **only in the big block kit** is an oversized belt tensioner pulley (black anodized) that can be used on those applications where the cam-to-crank centerline distance has been reduced due to line boring the engine block, or the belt has become stretched. Simply remove the belt tensioner bearing and assembly from the red anodized unit, install it in the black housing, and use the black anodized idler pulley in place of the red one (fig. 11).

**3.** Also included **only in the big block kit** is a pair of water pump spacers and gaskets that must be used to position an OEM pump for proper clearance.

**4.** A pilot tool included **only in the big block kit**, designed to facilitate installation of the cam pulley/flange assembly, is supplied for use in dynamometer environments, where numerous cam changes are desired (fig. 13).

**5.** The unit is designed for use in a paved, on-road environment. Make sure that rocks and debris are prevented from getting into the assembly. Keep clean of dirt and oil. It is possible to use this drive in a dirt track application, provided that a cover is fabricated to isolate the drive from contamination by dirt and debris.



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