#### **Assembly Check List, Pontiac V-8**

This procedure was written to aid the assembly of a motor, and to serve as a future reference to what was, or was not, done and what parts were used. It is primarily directed towards the Pontiac V-8, but may be of use towards other makes as well. The steps are arranged in an order that I find logical, but by no means should the order presented be taken to be the only proper order.

No torque values or any other specifications have been provided. Some builders may have personal specifics. Others will need to obtain specifications from some other reference material, I strongly suggest that ALL specs be verified by a second, unrelated, reference.

All blanks may not be applicable to your specific engine. I suggest that *no blanks be left*, but to enter "*N/A*" for "not applicable", "*N/M*" for "not measured", and "?" for anything you are unsure of. If more than one person is doing the assembly, it would be beneficial if each person *initialed* the steps they complete in lieu of simply "checking off".

Steps/measurements that are needed for calculating compression ratio have been positively identified by a "\*\*\*". For ease of calculation, I recommend using the "Compression Calculator" that can be found on the "Restoration" page of the "Classical Pontiac" website at www.classicalpontiac.com.

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Machine shop used:	Name:
	Address:
	Phone Number:
Head work by:	Name:
•	Address:
	Phone Number:
Engine assembled by:	Name:
Ç	Address:
	Phone Number:
Reference documents:	

#### **Block Prep**

Block line-honed	[Y/N]
Amount block decked: drvr	_; pssgr
Edges filed off of sharp edges	
All boltholes thread chased	[Y/N]
Oil passages rifle-brushed	[Y/N]
Block washed times with	(cleaner)
Oil galley plugs installed	[Y/N]
NOTE! Double check to make	ke sure passenger side,
rear-most lifter supply galley	plug was installed. This
is NOT the plug at the back o	f the block, rather
accessed BY the plug at the b	ack of the block.
Cam bearings installed	[Y/N]
Brand Part #	
Freeze Plugs: Brass Steel	Sealant (if any)
Install dipstick tube (middle piece,	in block) [Y/N]
Deck Plate used for bore/hone	[Y/N]
Date section completed:	
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nk Prep	
Oil holes chamfered	[ Y / N ]
Cross-drilled	[Y/N]
Journals turned: main; ro	od
Bearing part #'s: main;	
Journals and oil holes cleaned	[Y/N]
Turned" on main, and	
***Offset ground [ Y / N ] by	

# **Crank Prep cont.**

Bearing prep (if any)	
Assembly lube used on crank/bearings	
Rear seal lubricated [Y/N] with	
Lube used on main cap bolts (or studs)	
Main [bolts/studs],	
Main caps [ 2 / 4 ]-bolt brand/part#//	
Main bearing clearances:	
1; 2; 3; 4; 5	
Main cap torque steps,,,,	
NOTE: rotate crank at end of each step to verify	y th
there is no binding.	
Main cap final torques: 1-4; rear	
Source(s) for torque specs	_
Final torque double check:	
Front 2 thrust 4 Rear	
pass. side	
drvr. side	
Crankshaft endplay measurement: "	
Test fit windage tray, and turn crank one full turn to as	sur
there is no interference [Y/N]	
Data saction completed.	
Date section completed:	

# **Pistons and Rods**

	*Piston valve relief/dish/dome volumecc's ston prep (pins fitted, polishing, coatings, etc.):
— Dia	ameters: piston/ <i>bore</i> (enter "N/C" if not checked)
	/ 3/ 5/ 7/
-	/ 4/ 6/ 8/
**:	*Average amount bored over"
	ds: brand/type
	Shot peened [Y/N]; Polished [Y/N]
Ro	d bolts: brand/part #/
	Bolts [ torqued / stretched ] tofor rod
	resizing. If torqued, bolts lubricated with
	•
	(check here if rods NOT resized)
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# Pistons and Rods, cont.

Rod bearing prep:
Lube used on rod bearings:
<b>NOTE:</b> remember protective caps for rod bolts
during piston/rod installation.
Rod bolts tightened to:
a final stretch of; or
a final torque of, using as lube.
Rod bearing final clearances:
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8
2 4 6 8
Rotate crankshaft after each journal pair of rods/pistons are completed to verify nothing is binding, and measure side clearance.
1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
***Final deck heights:
1 5 7
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8
Test fit windage tray, turn crank one full revolution to verify there is no interference - [ Y / N ]
Oil pump: brand/part #/
NOTE: remember to install driveshaft with pump

if tabs are not ground off.

# Pistons and Rods, cont.

Any oil pump prep (blueprinting, etc.)	
Pick up screen: pressed on, [welded / brazed] on clearance to oil pan	
Oil pump bolts torqued to	
Install windage tray, and lower dipstick tube. Test fit dipstick to assure proper installation.	
Locking compound used on windage tray bolts - [ Y / N ]	
Piston to valve clearances [ not checked]  1/ 3/ 5/ 7/ 2/ 4/ 8/  Date section completed:  Notes:	

#### **Camshaft**

Bran	d Grind #
Spec	s: Duration (gross)/ (0.050")/ Lift/_ Lobe separation angle Advance/Retard (circle one) ground into cam° Advance/Retard (circle one) as installed°
Lifte	rs: brand part #
Timi	ng chain: brand part #
Туре	e of lube applied to cam lobes
Cam	shaft retaining plate bolts torqued to  Locking compound used? [Y/N]
Insta	Il timing gears/chain, and degree cam now Degreeing info:° at 0.050" before max intake lift+° at 0.050" after max intake lift=  ÷ 2 = = intake centerline
Fuel	pump eccentric: new or used
Cam	bolt torqued to Type of locking compound used
	section completed:s:

# **Heads & Valvetrain**

Casting # Date codes dr	vr/pssgr/
Ported by refm at " valve lift cfm at " valve lift	
Surfaced/milled" In ***Chamber volumes:  1 3 5 2 4 6	
Pushrod holes enlarged for 1.65 re	ocker arms: [Y/N]
Exhaust crossover filled [ Y / N ]	with
Valve job angles (int) valve (exh) valve	seat seat
Valve guides [iron / bronze] [nev	v / old] [honed / knurled]
Valve seals: intake; ex	xhaust
Valve springs, brand/part #: int installed height (int/exh) Pressures: seat/ Max safe valve lift/_ Coil bind at / : Re	open/

#### Heads & Valvetrain cont.

Retainers: brand/part #;	material
Locks: brand/part #/	_ [ 7° / 10° ]
Rocker arms: brand; part #	; ratio
Rocker studs: brand; part # torqued to with locking of	
Adjusting nuts: brand; part #	
Pushrods: brand; part #	; length
Head fasteners [bolts/studs]: brand if studs used, installed with locking of Head gasket: brand; part # check for imperfections - drvr[ Y / N *** Head gasket compressed thickness 0.0 Block deck cleaned with solvent [ Y / N ] Cylinder deck cleaned with solvent [ Y / N ]	compound [ Y / N ]
Lube used on head fastener threads	
Head bolts torqued in steps of,, to a final torque of Refere sequence is	ence for torque
Date section completed:Notes:	

#### **Buttoning it up**

Install new seal on timing cover. Seal part #
Seal lubricated with
Timing cover installed. Anti-seize on bolts [ Y / N ]
Inspect harmonic damper for damage (i.e. cracks
around keyway, rubber deterioration, etc.)
Damper (brand/part#/)torqued to
SFI approved [ Y / N ]
Test fit oil pan
Install oil pan & gaskets. Sealant used
(Flywheel / flexplate) brand/part #/
SFI approved [ Y / N ]
bolts torqued to
Locking compound used [ Y / N ]
<b>NOTE</b> : installation with motor on engine stand may
not be possible with all stands.
Install lifters, pre-lubed [ Y / N ] with
Install pushrods & rocker arm assemblies
Rocker arm ( lash / preload ) adjusted to
Install valley pan. New PCV grommet used [ Y / N ]
Date section completed:
Notes:

At this point, I consider the engine "built". Intake, distributor, exhaust manifold and the remaining installations are rather straight forward, and do not fall in the scope of this procedure.

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