

AMERICAN THUNDER™

SYSTEM #17234

1986-91 CHEVROLET CAMARO/PONTIAC FIREBIRD 5.0L AND 5.7L LOW OUTPUT ENGINES WITH SINGLE CAT.

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Removal:

- 1) Raise the rear of the vehicle and support with jack stands.
- 2) Support the stock muffler with a stand. Then using a hacksaw or sawsall, cut the over-axle pipe where it enters the muffler case. Also unbolt the left side tailpipe hanger from the rubber mount and remove the muffler/tailpipe assembly from under the vehicle.
- 3) Cut the exhaust pipe in front of the axle. (See figure A.) Then remove the two screws that secure the over-axle pipe hanger to the frame. Save the two screws and the rubber hanger for reuse with the Flowmaster system. Remove the over-axle pipe from the axle.
- 4) Disconnect the remaining section of the system by removing the two bolts at the flanged connection behind the catalytic converter. Remove this section from under the vehicle.

Installation:

- 1) Using the stock bolts connect converter pipe #16014 to the back of the catalytic converter.
- 2) Slip intermediate pipe #26103 onto the rear of converter pipe #16014 and support with a stand. Clamp lightly with one of the clamps provided.
- Place the stock hanger removed in step three above onto the hanger welded to the over axle pipe #26088. Slide the pipe over the axle from the rear and onto pipe #26103, reconnect the hanger to the frame using the stock screws.
- 4) Place the inlet of muffler #530831 onto the end of pipe #26088. Then install the left tailpipe #26102 by sliding the tailpipe into the muffler outlet, then attaching the hanger to the rubber hanger using the 5/16" bolt, nut and washers. Install a 3" clamp onto the inlet and outlet connections and tighten enough to hold in place but still allow for adjustment.
- 5) Install the right tailpipe # 26097 by sliding the pipe into the muffler outlet. Install a 3" clamp, tighten enough to hold in place but still allow for adjustment.
- Adjust the position of the pipes and the muffler to provide a satisfactory fit. Now all the connections can be tightened down securely. Try to keep at least ³/₄" clearance around all parts of the system to avoid any rattles. Also keep suspension travel in mind.

NOTE: FLOWMASTER RECOMMENDS WELDING ALL SLIP FIT CONNECTIONS.

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