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ALUMINUM STUD GIRDLE INSTALLATION

COMPONENTS	QTY
STUD GIRDLE FOR EACH CYLINDER HEAD (EITHER SPLIT DESIGN OR ONE PIECE)	1
STUD GIRDLE POLY LOCK FOR EACH VALVE	16

INSTALLATION:

Step 1

Clean and inspect all parts.

Step 2

Back the set screw in the rocker arm adjuster (RockerLoc) all the way to the top of the hex end. This will provide the proper room to set the lash on the valve.

NOTE: All rocker arm adjusters must be checked for proper clearance between the “base” or “shank” of the RockerLocs and the inside of the upper rocker arm pivot slot. Clearance between the “base” or lower portion of the rocker arm adjuster and the inside radius of the upper rocker arm pivot slot is critical to the proper operation of the valve train. Rockers must maintain full range of motion without any binding or interference between the rocker body and rocker arm adjusters.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: Before installing this aluminum stud girdle, please check to confirm that the “base” of the stud girdle rocker arm “adjusters” (poly locks included with this product) fit inside the upper rocker arm pivot “slot” and move “freely” in your rocker arm. If there is little or no clearance, you may need to contact PRW to exchange these “adjusters” for an alternative design. Please contact PRW Customer Service directly at 888-377-9779 or email info@PRWnetwork.com.

Step 3

Pontiac, Small Block Chevy, & Small Block Ford

After all rocker arms are in place, check to be sure that the flat side of the rocker arm trunion is facing up for the poly lock to sit on. Screw the RockerLocs down onto the rockers leaving them finger tight and do not adjust the screw.

Canted Valve Engines – Big Block Chevy & 429-460 Ford

Due to the complex valve arrangement, the installation procedure is a little different. After all rocker arms are in place, check to be sure that the flat side of the rocker arm trunion is facing up for the Poly lock to sit on. The BB Chevy (BBC) design requires patience to install (particularly during the first installation); so please follow the instructions carefully.

At this point, install only two Poly locks in the center stud locations on the top row of BBC rocker arm studs. These are the studs for the intake and require the longer poly locks. Depending upon the cylinder heads, Ford 429-460 may or may not use the same length studs; but do use the same length poly locks.

Step 4

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Slide the stud girdle onto the Poly locks (Make sure the machined side is facing up). It may be necessary to wiggle the stud girdle to line up all of the Poly locks, but do not force it.

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Without using force, slide the stud girdle onto two of the top row of Poly locks (Make sure the machined side is facing up). Move the stud girdle down until the bottom row of studs is centered in the bottom row of holes. Then slide the remaining poly locks through the bottom holes and thread them onto the studs.

Note that the angled holes in the stud girdle may require movement of the stud girdle up and down so that the lower row of poly locks will line up with their corresponding studs. Once the bottom row of poly lock threads are started, install the remaining two intake poly locks to complete the installation. At this point it may be necessary to wiggle the stud girdle to line up all of the poly locks. Using this technique, they should all start and go on correctly.

Step 5

With all of the poly locks installed and hand tight on the rocker arm, gently move the stud girdle up or down to make sure it is centered on the Poly locks. When this is done, lightly snug up the through bolts that are located on the sides of the stud girdles.

Step 6

Next, you must check the clearances between the rocker arms, stud girdle, and poly locks. With an eye on the pushrod side of the rockers, rotate the engine through at least two complete revolutions to make sure the stud girdle is not too far down on the poly locks. The rocker arm must never come in contact with the bottom side of the stud girdle. It is also recommended that you check the slot in the top of the rocker arms to ensure there is no contact between the rocker arms and the sides of the poly locks.

Step 7

Check your camshaft installation instructions to obtain the specified setting for your valve lash and adjust accordingly. (Note that the stud girdle is not meant to keep the Poly locks from rotating. It is designed to minimize rocker stud flexing. It is imperative that the Poly locks and set screws are properly installed. If not, they will not stay tight and the end result will be improper adjustment.)

Step 8

Finally, check the valve cover and stud girdle clearance. The stud girdle should not interfere with the valve cover. If you find any contact between these two parts, call your local PRW distributor for a suitable valve cover replacement.