

# **COMP Cams® GM Three Bolt LS Camshaft Installation (54 Series)**

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# COMP Cams® GM LS Camshaft Parts List

1) Camshaft

#### **Required Extra Parts**

- 1) COMP Cams<sup>®</sup> matched valve springs required
- 2) Crankshaft bolt (Part number dependent on your specific application)

#### **Specialty Tools Required**

- 1) 24mm socket
- 2) Torque angle gauge

#### **Optional Tools**

- 1) COMP Cams® LS Valve Spring Compressor #5462 (Pictured, not included)
- 2) COMP Cams® LS Crankshaft Turning Socket #4914

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# **Before you start**

Order your crankshaft pulley bolt for your respective engine from your local dealership.

# **Camshaft Removal Preparation**

- 1) Prepare a clean work area and assemble the tools needed for the camshaft installation. It is suggested to use an automotive manual to help determine which items must be removed from the engine in order to expose, remove, and reinstall the timing chain and camshaft. A good, complete automotive manual will save time and frustration during the installation.
- 2) Disconnect the negative post of your battery.
- 3) Remove any coil covers from the engine.
- 4) Disconnect any PCV connection and emission equipment, make sure to label, or take pictures, of their respective positioning to help during reinstallation.
- 5) Remove coil packs from the engine.
- 6) Remove the valve covers from both sides of the engine.
- 7) Remove rocker arms, stands, and pushrods from both sides of the engine.
- 8) Remove all eight spark plugs, this will ease rotation of the engine later.
- 9) Remove water pump, front drive accessories, and timing chain cover.

# Comp Cams ® LS Valve Spring Compressor (LS1/LS2/LS3/LS6/LS7/L99/L92)

The easy-to-use, custom design of the new COMP Cams<sup>®</sup> Valve Spring Compressor for LS Engines enables the effortless removal of either one or two valve springs at a time, without the hassle of first having to remove the rocker stand or any of the other installed rockers. The tool works on all GM Gen III/IV LS-type engines, both with cylinder heads installed or with the cylinder heads off.

The simple design facilitates easy usage in vehicles where other tools are incapable of reaching the tight spaces. This innovative Valve Spring Compressor is a must have for all LS engine builders and enthusiasts.



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#### **Camshaft Removal**

- 10) Rotate the engine so the crankshaft gear is timing marker is pointing to the twelve o'clock position and the camshaft gear timing marker is pointing to six o'clock. This is also known as dot to dot. (COMP Cams<sup>®</sup> LS crank turning socket #4914 makes this step easy)
- 11) Remove the camshaft bolts and remove the camshaft timing gear.
- 12) Rotate the camshaft 360° a few times so the lifters are captured in their lifter trays. Make sure all the lifters are captured before you remove the camshaft.
- 13) Remove the camshaft retaining plate.
- 14) Remove the camshaft.

# **Camshaft Installation**

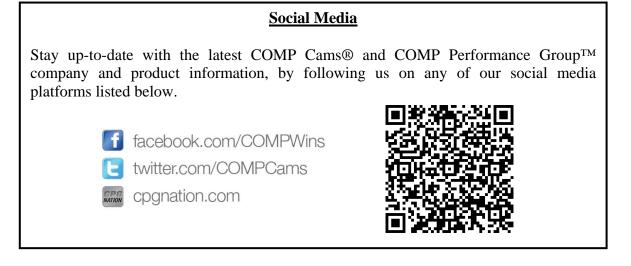
- 15) Lube your new camshaft with COMP Cams® #103 Cam & Lifter Installation Lube.
- 16) Carefully install your new COMP Cams® camshaft.
- 17) Reinstall the camshaft raining plate, ensuring the O-ring is facing the back. Torque the bolts to 18 lb\*ft.
- 18) Without using the timing chain, align the camshaft pin to the camshaft timing gear. Rotate the camshaft and camshaft timing gear until the timing marker is pointing to six o'clock. Since we have not rotated the crankshaft you should now be lined up dot to dot once again.
- 19) Slide the timing chain on to the camshaft timing chain gear. Reinstall the gear and chain to the camshaft.
- 20) Critical Check: Make sure that your cam and crankshaft gears are aligned "dot-to-dot".
- 21) Re-install the three camshaft bolts and torque to 26 lb\*ft, using medium strength thread locker.
- 22) Install proper matching COMP Cams® valve springs, if it has not been done already.
- 23) Reinstall spark plugs.
- 24) Reinstall pushrods and rocker arms following the OEM procedure. Final torque is 22-24 lb\*ft on the rocker arms.
- 25) Reinstall valve covers, coil packs, etc.
- 26) Start reassembling the engine starting with the timing chain cover and crankshaft pulley. Seat your crankshaft pulley using your old bolt and torque to 250lb\*ft and remove bolt once again.
- 27) Install new crankshaft pulley bolt, it must be tightened in two steps;

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Step 1: Torque to 37 lb\*ftStep 2: Tighten an additional 140 degrees, using a torque angle gauge.

- 28) Reinstall the front accessory drive system including the water pump, belts, etc.
- 29) Reinstall PCV, emissions equipment, battery cables, or anything else removed during teardown for the cam swap.



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