DART Small Block Chevy - Technical Notes

Deck Height ....................................... 9.025  9.325
Bore ............................................. 4.000  4.125
Main Bearing Size ................................. 350 (2.45)  400 (2.65)
Weight ............................................ 210 lbs

Largest Recommended Bore  .................... 4.185
Largest Recommended Crank Stroke  .......... 4.125
Camshaft Bearing Diameter ..................... SBC - 2.00", BBC - 2.120"
Camshaft Position Raised ....................... .391 w/ optional .434"

Cylinder Wall Thickness, min. .................. .275" @ 4.185"
Deck Thickness, min ............................. .625 (5/8)

Torque Specs - Main Caps
3/8" bolts 40 ft lbs w/ CMD # 3 high pressure lube.
7/16" studs 75 ft lbs w/ CMD # 3 high pressure lube.
7/16" bolts 65 ft lbs w/ CMD # 3 high pressure lube.
1/2" studs 100 ft lbs w/ CMD # 3 high pressure lube.

Actual deck height can be .002" - .005" taller for additional machining requirements.
With BBC cam diameter, camshaft snout must be machined to SBC size for gear or sprocket.
Special Timing gear is required for raised camshaft.
Cam bearing OD should be deburred before installation.
When initially removing main caps, the caps & block should be deburred before reinstalling. This will insure that correct main size is maintained.
Pan rails are spread .800" total, requiring a WIDE oil pan and gasket PN## 1839 FelPro.
Additional rod clearance may be necessary at bottom of cylinders.
Head stud holes are blind. They do not go into the water jacket.
Locktite # 620 is recommended when installing the head and main studs into the block.
Studs should never be torqued into block. They should only be lightly snugged.

Note: The tapered portion of the stud body should never contact the deck or bolt hole counter bore. If the stud body does thread to deep and makes contact with the deck surface then you should use a small ball bearing in the bottom of the bolt hole to space up the stud accordingly.

Press-in freeze plugs are provided.
Press-in cam plug dia = 2 3/8" PN# 32510000
When a mechanical fuel pump is used, a +.200 SBC push rod is required (5.950" OA) Dart PN# PR200FP
When a wet sump oiling system is used, a BBC oil pump driveshaft is needed.

Note: Be sure to check distributor to oil pump shaft clearance with distributor, intake manifold and oil pump installed on block.
When using a wet sump you must plumb oil into inlets at front or rear of block. (1/2" NPT)

Note: With some intake manifolds the distributor will not fit into the block. The distributor hole is at 5 degrees instead of the stock 4 degrees for extra clearance for the larger oil pump driveshaft.

Solution: Machine hole in manifold, then re-machine top surface to match. Use collar on distributor if possible. Do not use o-ring on distributor to seal it. Always remove the o-ring.

Note: Make sure that distributor groove is lined up with lifter supply hole. If distributor is too high or too low it will expose the oil galley at the bottom.

DRY SUMP
If a dry sump oiling system is used you must plug the oil inlet hole in the rear main cap or in the block, underneath the
rear main cap. (1/4" NPT)

Block has provisions for dry sump scavenge in the valley area. If no scavenge is used at this location or a wet sump is used a minimum 9/16” drain hole, centered in the rear of the valley, must be drilled to insure sufficient oil return. In some cases additional holes may be needed.

**NOTE:** The fuel pump pushrod bore is machined for a .500” rod. Be sure to check the clearance because of the inconsistencies in the diameters of push rods.

**PRIORITY MAIN OIL SYSTEM**

Oil feed can be directed through the front or the rear oil inlet.

Oil is directed to the main bearings first, then to the cam bearings.

If lifter oiling is restricted, restrictors must be installed in the front and rear lifter galleys to prevent oil from bypassing and feeding from opposite end.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE DIAGRAM ON BACK**

**NOTE:** Due to variations in lifter sizes and clearance preferences, most of our Engine Builder customers prefer the lifter bores sized on the small end of the specification. Sometimes these bores will need to be lightly honed.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** With a multitude of different crank, rod and piston combinations available it is important to check clearance of all moving parts (especially crankshaft counterweight to block) before attempting any type of assembly.

**IT IS GOOD ENGINE BUILDING PRACTICE TO ALWAYS CHECK THE FIT OF THE DISTRIBUTOR BEFORE ANY MACHINING OR CLEANING IS COMPLETED.**

**NOTE:** If you are using aftermarket cam profiles you must use the correct components for the application.

We Carry Stock Parts that are Unique to this Block:

- Timing Chain Set 67110002
- Gear Drive assembly 67130002
- Head Stud Sets (specify cylinder head type) Call for PN#
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<th><strong>Part#</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Material:</strong></td>
<td>Special RMR alloy</td>
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<td><strong>Bore:</strong></td>
<td>4.00&quot; &amp; 4.125&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Bore &amp; stroke:</strong></td>
<td>4.185&quot; x 4.125&quot; max recommended</td>
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<td><strong>Cam bearing bore ID:</strong></td>
<td>SBC - 2.00&quot; BBC - 2.120&quot; 50mm Roller Brg – 2.2819&quot;- 2.2831&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Cam bearings:</strong></td>
<td>Special coated, grooved, w/3 oil holes</td>
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<td><strong>Cam Bearing O.S.:</strong></td>
<td>+ .010&quot;, +.020&quot;&quot;, +.030&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Cam bearing press:</strong></td>
<td>.002&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Camshaft to Crank Ø:</strong></td>
<td>4.912&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Cam Drive:</strong></td>
<td>Timing chain, Gear drive &amp; Belt drive for raised cam</td>
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<td><strong>Cam Plug:</strong></td>
<td>2.375&quot; dia. Cup plug Dart PN# 3251000</td>
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<td><strong>Cubic inch:</strong></td>
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<td>+ .200&quot; long 5.950&quot; OA Dart PN# PR200FP</td>
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<td><strong>Freeze Plugs:</strong></td>
<td>Press in cup plugs 1 - 5/8&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Lifter Bores:</strong></td>
<td>SBC .8427&quot; - .8437&quot;</td>
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<td>2.450&quot; (350) 2.650&quot; (400)</td>
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<td>(350) 2.6401&quot; / -.001&quot; (400) 2.8401&quot; / -.001&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Main cap press:</strong></td>
<td>.004&quot; - 005&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Main caps:</strong></td>
<td>Steel - 4 bolt #2, #3, #4 / 2 bolt frt. &amp; rear</td>
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<td><strong>Oil system:</strong></td>
<td>Wet or Dry Sump - Main Priority Oiling</td>
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<td><strong>Oil Pump shaft:</strong></td>
<td>BBC shaft with wet sump</td>
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<td><strong>Oil Filter:</strong></td>
<td>No provision (Must use remote filter)</td>
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<td><strong>Oil Pan:</strong></td>
<td>Pan Rails spread .400&quot; each side</td>
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<td><strong>Rear Main Seal</strong></td>
<td>350 main - STD seal / 400 main - Fel-Pro# 2909</td>
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<td><strong>Serial No.</strong></td>
<td>Left front &amp; main caps</td>
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<td><strong>Starter:</strong></td>
<td>Mounts on either side</td>
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<td><strong>Studs holes, Head:</strong></td>
<td>Blind holes</td>
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<td><strong>Timing chain/gears:</strong></td>
<td>must use raised cam components</td>
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<td><strong>Timing Cover:</strong></td>
<td>Can use stock cover / Mag w/fuel pump provision avail.</td>
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NOTE
Conventional restrictor will block
Main oil feed before it reaches
the main oil galley.
This could restrict oil
supply to main oil galley.

SOLUTION

¼" pipe plug can be drilled
for desired flow to lifters.
Plugs should be installed
flush so they don't restrict
oil flow in the passage.

All threaded plug holes in blocks are
National Pipe thread and use tapered
pipe plugs. We recommend using female
allen socket plugs. Various length plugs are
available from Pioneer for adjusting the
depth of the plug.

Pioneer Automotive Parts - pipe plugs

1/4" NPT (restrictors)    PP584  .325" OA
                          PP625  .333"    
                          PP567  .375"
                          PP507  .460"

3/8" NPT (outer)         PP554  .375" OA
                          PP560  .410"
                          PP637  .460"
This Block should be assembled only by experienced, professional engine builders.

INSPECTION

Upon receiving this block it should be thoroughly inspected for shipping damage.

Prior to machining and assembly please inspect the following items:
Cylinder bores - Oil passages - Deck surfaces - All threads

MEASURING & MACHINING

- All initial measuring should be done before any machining has begun.
- Decks are CNC machined to standard deck heights. If you need a particular deck height always measure before machining.
- Main journals are finish line honed to the low to middle of the specification. They should be measured for your preference. If you have need for a different diameter you must realign hone this yourself.
- Crankshaft & rod clearance should always be checked before any machining is started. You need .060” clearance for rotating counterweights and rods.
- Due to variations in OD dimensions of the numerous lifter manufacturers, lifter bores are finish honed on the tight side of the tolerance to leave room for lifters that are larger than the standard.

WASHING

- Final washing should be very thorough, paying particular attention to all oil galleys. Use hot soapy water and rinse with hot water first, followed by cold water which helps reduces rust.
Iron Eagle Small Block Chevy
Aluminum Race Series Small Block Chevy