



## GENERAL CLUTCH INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your purchase of a Hays Performance Clutch Assembly. You can be assured you have purchased the finest clutch available and with care in use and installation, your clutch will perform well over the service life.

It is impossible to provide accurate installation instructions for every vehicle in this instruction sheet. Therefore, we provide key tips and procedures that will help you install and use your clutch properly. **If you are performing this install yourself and are unfamiliar with disassembly/reassembly on your particular vehicle, we strongly advise obtaining a factory service manual for your vehicle, or seeking the installation help of a professional.**

**While Hays technical support will do all they can to help you with an installation, it is impossible for us to know and advise on every specific procedure for a given vehicle. Therefore, technical advice must be limited to verifying the components and operation of the clutch itself.**

### SAFETY TIPS

ALWAYS use jack stands or a lift to support the vehicle you are working on.

Transmission components are very heavy and require the use of a transmission jack for removal/installation of these parts. Failure to do this could cause personal injury, damage to the clutch disc splines during installation, or bend the disc carrier and causing disengagement problems.

**Hays recommends the use of a safety bellhousing with any performance clutch installation.**

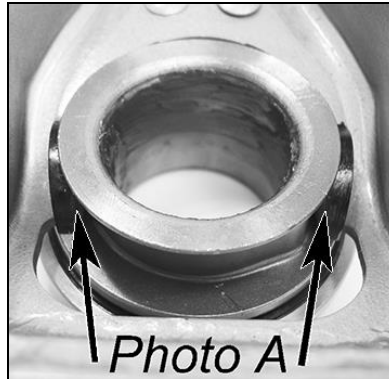
### INSTALLATION TIPS

**Inspect** your new clutch parts. Verify that the bolt pattern on your new pressure plate matches the old one. Slide the clutch disc onto the input shaft of the transmission and check for proper fit. Remove any burrs that may exist on the spline. If the disc is too tight on the splines, it will be difficult to install the transmission and could cause bending of the clutch disc.

**When installing the pressure plate and disc on the flywheel, NEVER use power or air tools.** Install the bolts, tightening in a star pattern, one turn at a time, until the cover snugs to the flywheel. Then, torque the bolts in place. Using air tools will cause the flanges of the pressure plate to distort, which will lead to uneven finger heights and erratic or no release. Torque 5/16" bolts to 25 ft/lbs, 3/8" bolts to 35 ft/lbs, going around two times in the star pattern.

Proper orientation of the clutch disc is critical. Most clutch discs mount with the hub side (the side with the retainer and hub assembly facing outward) towards the transmission. A few cases install the disc in the opposite position. This includes 1993-97 F-body Camaro and Firebird. Installing the disc backwards will cause non-release and ruin the disc by bending it. Note the mounting position of the old disc when performing the disassembly!

The clutch release bearing must be installed properly in the fork or non-release and accelerated wear will occur. GM and Ford applications with the spring clip in the fork end must have the bearing installed into the clip AND fork 'C' so it is able to pivot properly to the clutch (see **Photo A** below). **This is the most common mistake we see in clutch fork applications!**



When installing the transmission, do not leave it unsupported in the clutch disc splines. This will bend the disc carrier and cause non-release. Having a transmission jack will allow you to avoid this problem.

**NEVER** use the transmission bolts to pull the transmission up to the engine. If the transmission will not slide into place, the disc is not properly aligned. Unbolt the clutch cover, re-center the disc, and retry the installation. Failure to do so will result in a bent disc, causing chatter or non-release.

### CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT

Two people can best achieve proper clutch adjustment. The clutch can be depressed by one person and release checked by the other.

Correct clutch adjustment is critical to attain proper bearing clearance. **90% of all clutch related problems/warranty claims are due to improper release bearing adjustment.** Don't become a statistic. Follow these tips for a trouble-free clutch life.

Optimum adjustment on mechanical and cable release systems is achieved by keeping the pedal set as low to the floor as possible while maintaining a clean shift. This places the least amount of stress on the release mechanism and clutch fingers and adequate clearance between the bearing and clutch fingers.

Free play **cannot** be judged by pedal position. Many vehicles can have several inches of pedal free play yet the release bearing is still adjusted tight to the fingers. Actual free play **MUST** be checked at the bearing.

### TEST DRIVE - BREAK IN

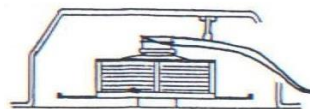
When you test drive the vehicle, pay attention to the release point on the pedal and how smoothly the transmission shifts. You may need to re-adjust the linkage to attain the proper release point. If you are using a freshly surfaced or new flywheel, and have selected the proper clutch components for your application, proper break-in requires 500-1000 miles of non-aggressive driving.

## TROUBLESHOOTING PROBLEMS

### CLUTCH WILL NOT RELEASE

1. Check release bearing adjustment on mechanical or cable release systems. Add release to the system, checking carefully to make sure the bearing still has a minimum  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch clearance to the fingers of the pressure plate.
2. Observe the fork angle with the linkage disconnected, and the fork pulled up so the bearing just touches the clutch fingers. At this point, the clutch fork should be angled to the front of the car (driver's side pivot) or rear of the car (passenger's side pivot). Improper fork angle can cause non-release or excessive pedal effort. Correct this problem by adjusting the pivot ball height or, in some cases, using a longer release bearing (see **Dia. B**).

*Dia. B - driver's side pivot*



3. Check to make sure the release bearing is properly installed in the clutch fork (**Photo A**).
4. On hydraulic systems, re-bleed to insure you are getting full travel from the release bearing.
5. Re-check torque on pressure plate bolts.

## IF THIS DOES NOT FIX THE PROBLEM

1. You must verify that the clutch is releasing properly.
2. Remove the clutch system and flywheel.
3. Check the clutch disc for excessive runout by installing it on the transmission and rotating. If the disc wobbles excessively, it may have become bent during the install and can cause non-release.
4. Bolt the pressure plate and disc to the flywheel.
5. Put the assembly into a press and using the release bearing, press the fingers in to a total travel of .400" to .500".

## CLUTCH CHATTER

1. Different friction materials react differently as heat in the clutch increases. Organic clutches offer the smoothest engagement, while metallic based materials get more aggressive as the clutch heats up. Expect some chatter with metallic based discs.
2. Gearing and tire size have a huge effect on clutch engagement. Taller rear gears (lower numerically) require the clutch to be slipped more on takeoff to get the car moving, and will cause metallic discs to chatter.
3. Check for a bent clutch disc. If the transmission does not slide in smoothly on install, or if you have to 'rock' the transmission to get it installed, the clutch disc can become bent and cause chatter.
4. Using power or air tools to install a pressure plate can distort the mounting flange, causing the clutch to pull down unevenly and creating chatter on engagement.
5. Worn or broken engine or transmission mounts will amplify a chatter situation. Check them even if they are new. Urethane or solid mounts will also amplify chatter, as they are not able to absorb this shock.
6. Aftermarket bellhousings must be dial indicated to the engine. If the bellhousing is not centered or square, the transmission will cock on install and cause the disc to run out, thus causing chatter.
7. Flywheels **must** be resurfaced or chatter can occur, especially when changing from an organic based clutch system to a metallic system. Aftermarket flywheels that are unground require surfacing before use.

## METALLIC CLUTCH DISC TIPS

**Paddle style metallic discs are produced slightly undersized.** An 11-inch disc will measure closer to 10.5 inches. This is intentional and your clutch disc is **not** incorrectly packaged.

Metallic clutch discs can provide greatly increased life over stock organic clutches, however they can be trickier to drive in street applications. Because of the increased aggressiveness of metallic discs, it may be necessary to 'slip' the clutch more on takeoff to avoid chatter. Using a lighter static pressure clutch or lower gearing will relieve the chatter as well as provide a lighter pedal feel.

Metallic discs are recommended for use only with steel or explosion resistant clutch components. Always use a safety bellhousing with these clutches. After initial break in, recheck all adjustments.

## **HAYS LIMITED WARRANTY**

Due to the intended use of this product, warranty is limited to 90 days from the date of initial retail purchase. The product shall be free of defects in material and workmanship. Friction materials in this product are excluded. No warranty is offered for durability or specific performance because this is a consumable item. Hays is not responsible for the failure of mating components and/or other components of the driveline. Improper installation or improper application voids any warranty. If slippage occurs after installation stop use immediately and contact customer support. All products must be sent back to place of purchase for evaluation for warranty. Clutch problems are frequently attributed to adjustment and/or release system malfunction.

\*Before removal of the product for possible warranty, please refer to shop manual on operation and adjustment of the release system or proper release. The following list is common issues that are not covered under warranty:

- Worn Diaphragm fingers
- Hot spots on friction surfaces
- Lubricant on friction surfaces
- Damaged or worn friction material
- Damaged or broken disc hub and/or carrier
- Broken hub springs
- Worn bearing face
- Broken bearing seal

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