



# Service Bulletin

## INFORMATION

**Subject:** Engine Repair Tip for Installation of Pistons

**Models:** 2017 and Prior GM Passenger Cars and Trucks

**Attention:** This PI also applies to any of the above models that may be Export from North America vehicles.

*This PI has been revised to add the 2016-2017 Model Years. Please discard PI1394.*

### Recommendation/Instructions

When installing a piston into a cylinder, use a ring compressor sleeve or equivalent for best results.

An available aftermarket tool called a ring compressor sleeve will help to make the installation of pistons into an engine block cylinder easier than using a universal ring compressor.

The following features should be looked for when selecting a ring compressor sleeve:

- Hard anodized and Teflon coated for low friction and prolonged wear resistance.
- Smooth radius that tapers down to the specific bore size.
- Sleeve should compress the piston rings smoothly and evenly.
- Select a size that is only slightly bigger than the diameter of the piston and not larger than the diameter of the cylinder bore.

Refer to the Engine Mechanical Specification in SI to get the correct bore and piston specification.

Wiseco Performance Product (<http://www.wiseco.com/PDFs/Wiseco-CompressorSleeves.pdf>) is one aftermarket supplier that carries the ring compressor sleeves in a wide variety of sizes. If a ring compressor sleeve is unavailable in the size you need, a universal ring compressor will work, but is more difficult to use.

Check the internet for the availability of the size you need for the job you are doing.

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