

LSNEXT DART ALUMINUM Skirted GEN III - Technical Notes

Deck Height	9.240"- 9.450" STD or Raised cam, 9.750" – 9.950" Raised cam only
Bore	4.000 & 4.125
Main Bearing Size.....	LS-1 (2.558" – 2.559")
Weight	115lbs – 4.125" and 126lbs – 4.000
Largest Recommended Bore	4.165"
Largest Recommended Crank Stroke	4.100" w/ Raised cam
Camshaft Bearing Diameter	55mm babbitt
Stock Camshaft Position	4.885" or Raised .388"
Cylinder Wall Thickness, min135" @ 4.165"
Deck Thickness, min625 (5/8)

Torque Specs - Main Caps 7/16" bolts 65 ft lbs w/ CMD # 3 high pressure lube.

Actual deck height will be .002" - .005" taller for additional machining requirements.

Factory style Cloyes timing gear is required PN# 9-3658TX3.

NOTE: The block is designed for a single row timing chain for compatibility with O.E. fuel injection.

***When using a double roller chain set you must check for interference and block clearance accordingly.**

Cam bearing O.D. should be deburred before installation.

The Main caps on LS Next Skirted Blocks are drilled and tapped on the bottom for 5/16"-18 thread so that the caps can be removed with a slide hammer from the registers. When initially removing main caps, the caps & block should be deburred before reinstalling. This will insure that correct main size is maintained.

Pan rails have factory width and are a revised skirted design so that factory or aftermarket oil pans may be used.

LS Next Skirted blocks have O.E. Starter mounting only.

Additional rod clearance may be necessary at bottom of cylinders depending on rod design and stroke.

Head bolt holes are blind.

Loctite # 271 is recommended when installing the head and main bolts/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 too 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.

When installing the pipe plugs in the LS Next Skirted Blocks oil galleys or water drains you must use a thread sealer to eliminate internal and external leaking and thread galling. We recommend Loctite 565 or a standard PTFE pipe sealer that is available at any auto parts store.

LS Next Skirted Blocks use LSX lifter "buckets" for use with stock style lifters. Aftermarket tie bar lifters may also be used.

Keyway lifters can be used with appropriate machining.

LS Next Skirted Blocks use LS2 – LS7 knock sensors

LS Next Skirted Blocks use LS3, LS, LSX or Moroso P/N: 25176 Valley Covers

Press-in freeze plugs are sold separate PN# 32820000B

Front cam retaining plate & Bolts included and sold separate for replacement PN# 32226000

The block uses factory style crank driven oil pumps or aftermarket external, or dry sump systems.

PRIORITY MAIN OIL SYSTEM

The oil feed (out from pump) is located on the front driver's side of the block just above the oil pan rail and is machined for -10 AN w/ o-ring (this must be plugged if using a remote mount oil filter).

The supply hole (in from filter) is located on the rear driver's side bottom just above the oil pan rail and is machined for -10 AN w/ o-ring.

Oil is directed to the main bearings first, then to the cam bearings. The lifters are oiled utilizing a single center oil crossover fed from the main oil galley.

If lifter oiling is restricted, a 1/8" pipe plug restrictor must be installed in the center crossover just above the main oil galley. Our recommended starting point for restriction is .100" diameter with modified lifters. (See lifter mod sheet)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE DIAGRAM OR CALL OUR DART TECHLINE AT 1-248-362-1188

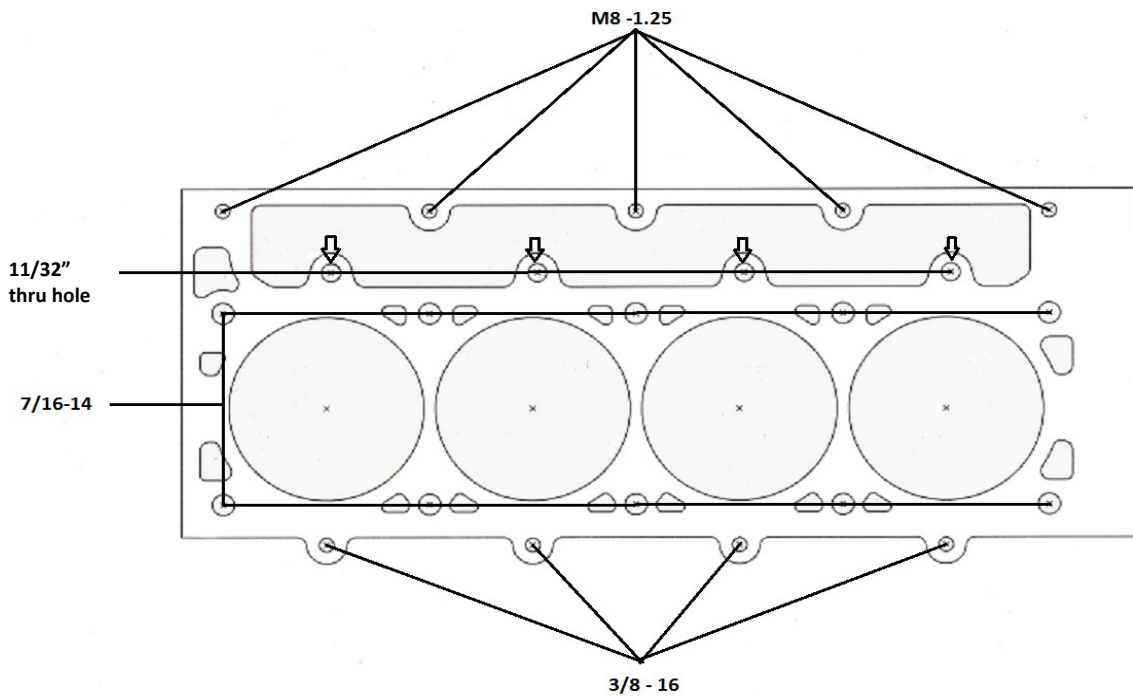
NOTE: Due to variations in lifter sizes and clearance preferences, most of our Engine Builder customers prefer the lifter bores sized on the small end of the specification. Sometimes these bores will need to be lightly honed.

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.

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

Dart LS Next head bolt sizes: Have been upgraded to 7/16 -14 & 3/8-16 for increased strength and clamping force when using high cylinder pressure applications. Dart and ARP will have individual kits available for specific head application.

Dart LS Next Skirted Blocks: Come machined for use with 6 bolts per cylinder. & can be upgraded for use with 1/2" fasteners.



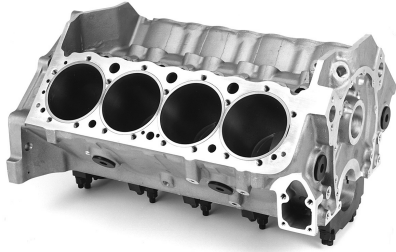
We stock parts that are unique to this block:

Head bolt kit for LS1 / LS6	66220010
Head Stud Sets (specify cylinder head type)	Call for PN#
Special main bearings for LS Next	9-MS2321H or 9-MS2321HX
Cam retaining plate w/ bolts	32226000
55mm Babbit cam bearings	32210101-5
LS Next Skirted Aluminum Block parts Kit	32000019
LS Next Skirted Aluminum Main Stud Kit	66311020
Head Stud Kit 15 bolt Aluminum Block	66120028
Head Stud Kit 23 bolt Aluminum Block	66120028B
*Optional 1/2" Head Stud Kit 15 bolt Aluminum Block	66130128
*Optional 1/2" Head Stud Kit 23 bolt Aluminum Block	66130128B



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Part Number #	31947111 - 31947242
Material:	RMR Cast Aluminum
Bore:	4.000" or 4.125" w/ 4.165" max bore
Bore & stroke:	4.165" x 4.100" w/ Raised cam
Cam bearing bore ID:	2.2998" – 2.3002"
Cam bearings:	55mm babbitt Dart PN# 32210101-5
Cam bearing O.S.	+.010", +.020", and +.030" available
Cam bearing press:	.002" - .003"
Camshaft position:	Stock or .388" Raised
Camshaft to crank Ø	4.885"
Camshaft snout:	1.565" O.D
Cam Drive:	Accepts belt drive (*machining required) or stock chain drive.
Cam retaining plate:	Dart cam retaining plate / Cover. Dart PN# 32226000
Cam Plug snap ring:	N/A
Cubic inch:	447 cubic inch max
Cylinder Wall Thickness:	.135" @ 4.165" bore
Deck Height:	9.240" – 9.450" w / extended cylinder barrels .375" at bottom.
Deck Thickness:	5/8" (.625")
Fuel Pump:	Electric pump required
Fuel Pump Pushrod:	N/A
Freeze Plugs:	1-5/16" x 12 Screw in freeze plugs PN#32310000 w/ O-ring PN# 32410000
Lifter Bores:	.8427" - .8437" up to .937" keyed w/ 1.062" dia. Bushing
Main bearing size:	2.558" – 2.559" Dart PN# 9-MS2321H or 9-MS2321HX
Main bearing bore:	2.7508" – 2.7512"
Main caps:	4 bolt billet steel w/splayed centers & center thrust
Oil system:	Low volume priority main oiling system w/ center crossover
Oil Pump:	Melling or Stock LS oil pump
Oil Filter:	O.E. or Aftermarket
Oil Pan:	O.E or Aftermarket
Rear Main Seal	Stock LS style with factory cover
Serial No.	Front passenger side below deck surface (XXXLSN)
Sleeve OD:	4.300" O.D.
Sleeve O.S.	.010", .020" and .030" available
Sleeve thickness:	.135" @ 4.165"
Sleeve Length:	5.825" O.A.L
Starter:	Factory LS starter w/ driver and passenger mounting options
Main bolts:	Inners – 7/16" x 3.600" Outer – 7/16" x 2.900"
Studs, heads:	Call for application / See Attached pg.2
Studs holes, Head:	23 bolt pattern with 7/16", 3/8", and 8mm sizes
Stud length in block:	1.800" of thread depth (Requires Special Studs)
Timing chain/gears:	24x or 58x depending on application
Timing Cover:	Factory LS cover and front seal 2005 w/ cam sensor provision
Torque Specs:	All torque specifications w/ CMD #3 High Pressure Lube 7/16" = 65 ft lbs 3/8" = 35 ft lbs 8mm = 22 ft lbs
Weight:	115 lbs – 4.125" bore / 126lbs - 4.000" bore



This Block should be assembled only by experienced, professional engine builders.

INSPECTION

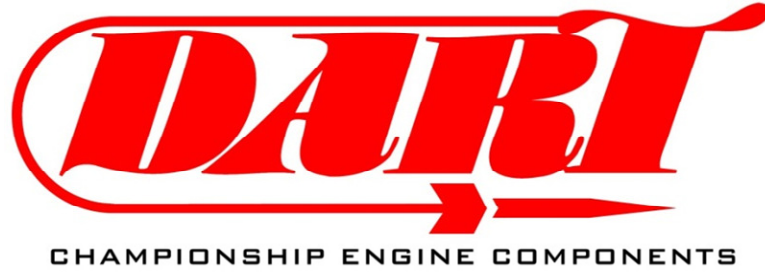
Upon receiving this block it should be thoroughly inspected for shipping damage.

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 reduce rust.



Here at Dart we are constantly improving upon our products to ensure that you are receiving the latest and most technologically advanced products in the industry. Through our extensive R&D we have found that valvetrain oil is crucial in a high performance engine. The following modification will correct oil volume to the valvetrain that may occur when using solid roller lifters in any block.

Figure 1:
Stock un-modified
solid roller lifters



Figure 2:
Dart oil galley modification
from band to pushrod oil hole



We recommend a .020" deep x .080" radius wide groove from the pushrod feed hole to the oil band / machined feed hole in your solid lifters (**Front hole only** as shown in Figure 2 above) depending on your tooling & method. You can also do this with a cutoff wheel or a dremel. This allows you to use the restrictor provisions provided in your Dart block to tune oil volume to the lifter oil galley. This allows you to control the oil going to the pushrods, rocker arms and valve springs.

CAUTION!

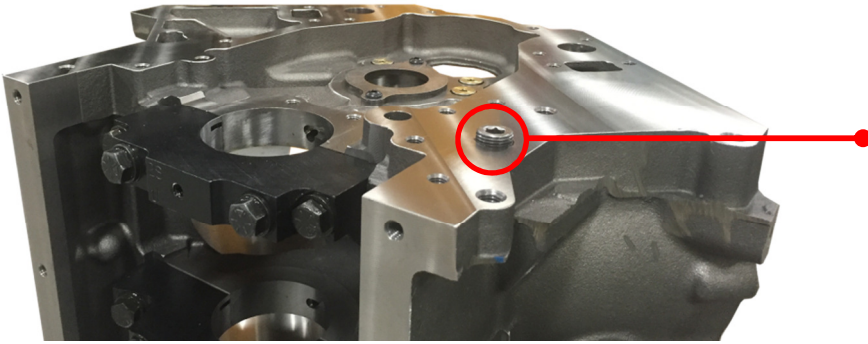


The use of lifters that are heavily lightened should not be used in Dart Blocks. The lightening holes will cause lifter oil to leak into the valley instead of oiling the pushrod, rocker arm and valvespring.

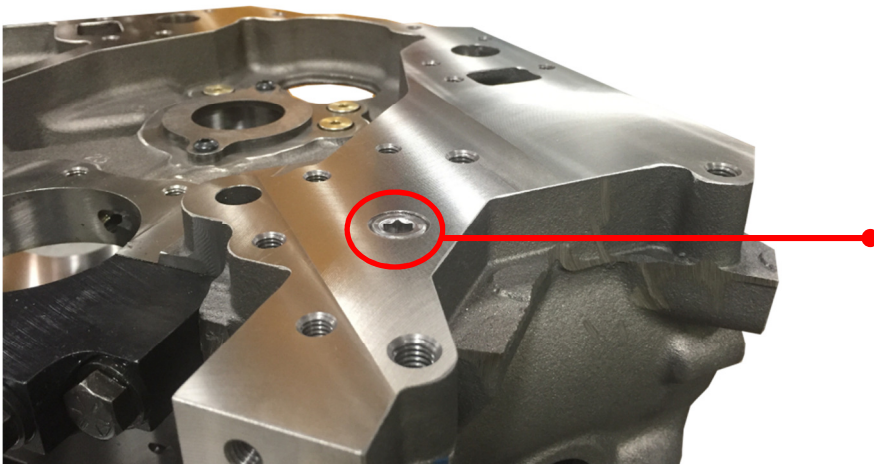
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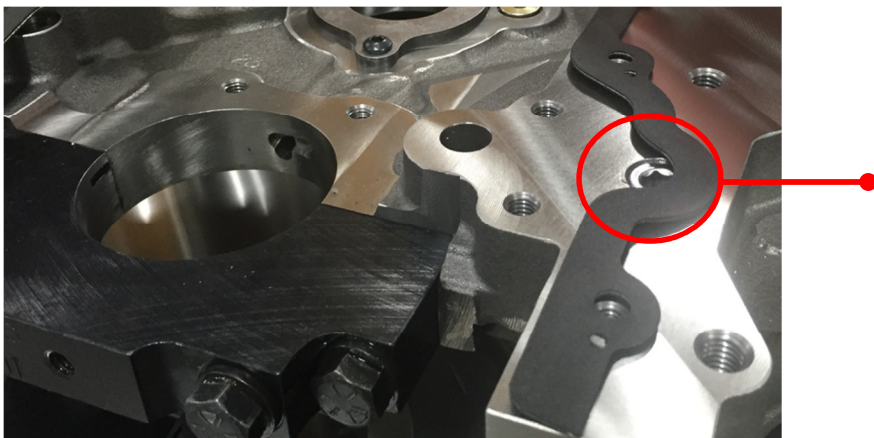
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The Supplied 3/8" pipe plug for the Oil filter feed galley must be installed flush with the block surface and must not protrude above in order to provide adequate clearance for the timing cover gasket to seal.



The 3/8" Oil filter feed galley plug installed flush with the block surface.

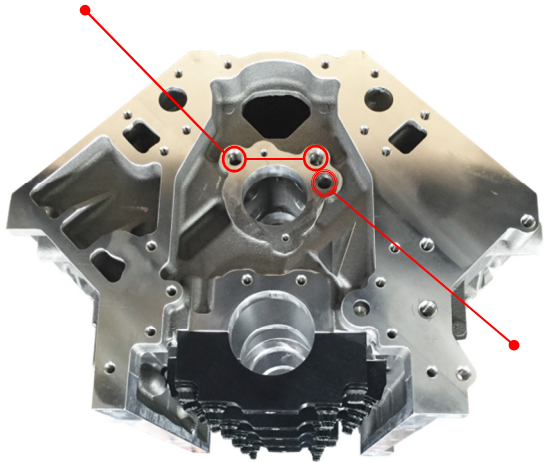


With the 3/8" oil filter feed galley plug installed correctly the timing cover gasket (P/N: 65730001) will now have adequate clearance to provide optimal sealing.

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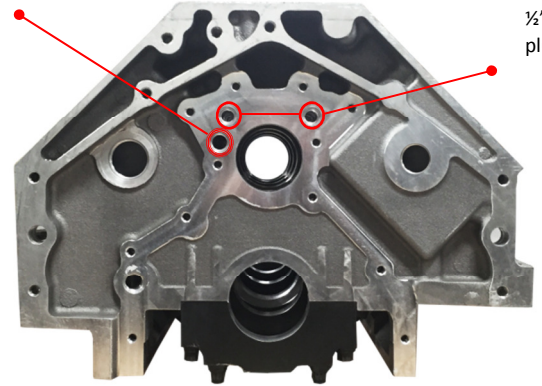
1/2" AN O-ring plugs



LS Next Skirted Aluminum Front

9/16" AN O-ring plug

9/16" AN O-ring plug careful upon removal and reinstallation as the #1 main feed is behind this plug.



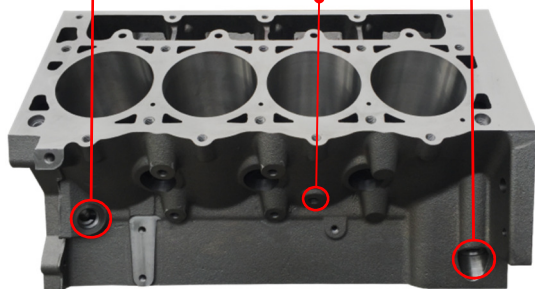
LS Next Skirted Aluminum Rear

1/2" AN O-ring plugs

Oil out -10AN w/O-ring

Oil in -10AN w/O-ring

1/4" pipe / Water drain

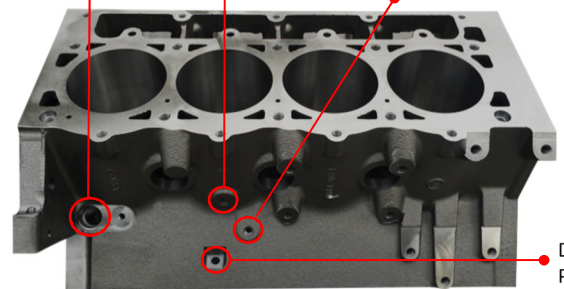


LS Next Skirted Aluminum Drivers Side

Crank sensor

1/4" pipe / Water drain

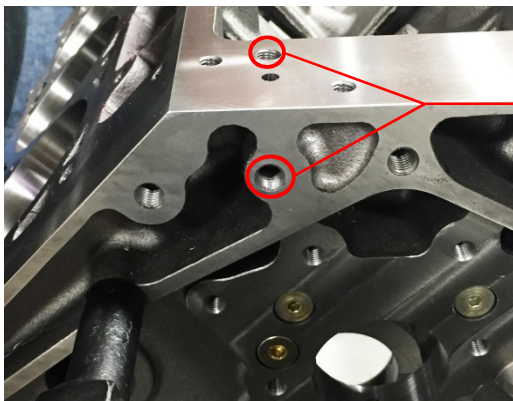
Knock sensor



LS Next Skirted Aluminum Passenger Side

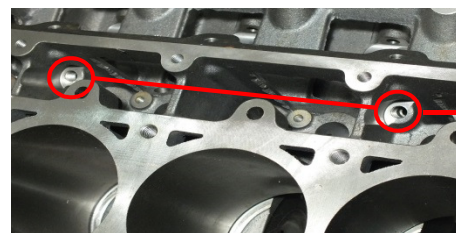
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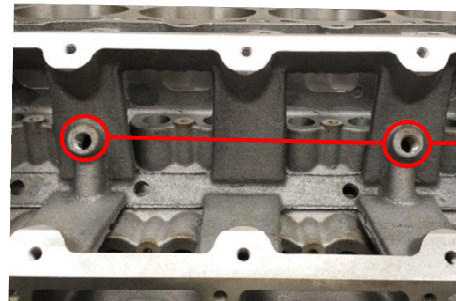
Oil Pressure Port:

These two 1/4" NPT holes marked in red need to be plugged (with supplied plugs) before the block is filled with oil. Otherwise these will leak oil as this is tied in to the pressure port.



Drivers Side of Block:

The 2 crossovers in the lifter bucket area are 1/8" NPT these should be plugged.



Top View of Valley Area:

The 2 crossovers in the Valley area are 1/4" NPT & are tapped internally for 1/8" NPT Restrictors would go in this location.