

335 HP Flathead Ford V-8 Performance Handbook Customer Reviews

Best, most up-to-date performance Flathead book on the market, June 5, 2009 by M. Campbell (Virginia)

Great job Joe. Just about all of the flathead books currently on the market are helpful, but there is usually not a lot of really new information based on the current parts on the market.

I especially liked the way you set out specific parts to build the best possible combinations without a lot of wasted time or money. Taking the time to show the actual test results is a huge help as it shows newcomers the potential of these great old engines.

We will be recommending your latest book to all of our flathead customers.

If you are interested in building a high performance or racing Ford Flathead engine, this book belongs in your reference material collection.

Great Book!, August 26, 2009 by Dan Demartinis (Florida)

Joe this is a great book. I love all the tech info. You are the master of the flathead Ford. Thanks for putting all the effort in writing this amazing Book!

My take on the book, December 28, 2009 by James Leis (Ohio)

I think Joe has done a fantastic job with his new book. The flow test data provided for intake and exhaust valves with various heads and relieving is a great compilation of data. Dyno tests of the same engines blown and un-blown is very useful as well.

Great job Joe!

Entertaining and instructive! June 23, 2010 by Jack Logan (New Mexico)

This book is a follow up to the authors first book on flathead engines, now out of publication. In 335 HP Flathead Ford Performance Handbook, he demonstrates the methods and components necessary to wring more torque and horsepower from the venerable V-8, along with theory and some history. Using actual data compiled from dyno pulls of customers engines, he demonstrates what works and what alternatives are available. This book covers applications that can be used on the street, strip, and salt. And he backs up his approach by using his own race car as a rolling test bed. I recommend the book to anyone building or restoring a flathead engine, Ford or otherwise, for increased performance and reliability. The photos and graphs, presented in this new, larger format, will help you determine how to get the "most bang for your buck" without over doing it. It dispels the myths and confirms the tried and true, but previously undocumented, ways to soup up the "flatty" with a budget sensibility to let you determine where to spend the bucks and where to economize. And there are some pretty cool shots to get ideas for the right look. Check it out....

Great How-To Book, September 13, 2009 by “Flat Ernie” Rowlette (Florida)

I've got virtually all of the flathead books on the market - and many that are no longer available. Each of these books brings some nugget or two to the game, but few have a lot of truly ground-breaking information in them. This book takes empirical flow data to build sound theory around, uses an engine dyno to validate the theory, and then backs the dyno data up with actual drag strip testing.

What Joe Abbin has done is debunk many of the long-held flathead myths through empirical analysis and comprehensive testing. His car, the Motorhead Mart Special, is a record holder with an engine built using his blueprint.

The best part is Joe eschews the technical jargon in favor of an easy-reading style more reminiscent of two buddies chatting in a garage. I'm sure Joe has reams of data that he could've easily smothered the reader with trying to prove his points, but the proof, as they say, is in the pudding. And the Motorhead Mart Special does the talking.

This book is well worth having in your collection if you're serious about building high-horsepower flatheads!

Love the New Book! April 24, 2009, by Josh Carroll (Ohio)

I ordered your book new book Sunday night and got it on Tuesday. I have not been able to put it down! You really did an excellent job. I have my Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan so I really appreciate your data driven approach with excellent plots and real (not simulated) dyno pulls. In your new book I was amazed that the Offy 3-carb intake did so well, even on the smaller displacement engines. I would have thought the Edelbrock Super Dual would have been on par for smaller displacement engines Anyway, thank you for writing this book. I know it will provide hours of enjoyable reading. Have a great weekend.

New Book, May 11, 2009, by Dave “the Hayseed” Thomssen (Nebraska)

Hey Joe, Great job on the book.

Never before has so much data been offered for most all the engine combinations.

Good Job!

The Book, May 6, 2009, by Jere Jobe (Montana)

I finally found time to go through THE PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK from cover to cover. You have done one FINE job and certainly raised the bar for a whole bunch of would be authors. I know that it can be very difficult to take a bunch of semi-dry data and make it into reading that is both educational and enjoyable.

A Good Job, Very Well Done!!