



FORCE II

Installation Instructions:

17165

**1996-99 CHEVROLET TAHOE
& GMC YUKON
5.7L ENGINE**

2/4 WD, 2-Door models only

2/19/2020

Removal:

- 1) Raise the vehicle up on a hoist or rack to working height. If you do not have access to a hoist or rack raise the vehicle and support securely with jack stands.
- 2) Using a hacksaw or sawsall, cut the stock tailpipe off at the rear of the muffler. (This step is not mandatory, but makes removal much easier.)
- 3) Separate the two rubber hangers on the tailpipe from their rubber mounts on the vehicle. Remove the tailpipe from under the vehicle.
- 4) Support the muffler with a stand, then separate the wire hanger from the rubber mount in front of the muffler.
- 5) Remove the oxygen sensor from the front pipe by un-plugging it and unscrewing the sensor from the fitting in the pipe using a 7/8" wrench.
- 6) Remove the three nuts at the catalytic converter flange connection. Remove the muffler and set aside.

Installation:

- 1) Before installing anything, prep the clamps supplied in the hardware kit by removing the nuts, and applying a thick lubricant such as white grease or anti-seize to the threads.
- 2) Place inlet pipe/muffler assembly **#53050-112** in position behind the flange that is welded to the back of the catalytic converters. (Be sure to install the new gasket **#GA105** between the two flanges.) Connect the hanger to its rubber mount and reinstall the factory nuts on the flange connection. Reconnect the oxygen sensor to the fitting on the front pipe of the **#53050-112**.
- 3) Raise pipe **#26056** into position over the axle and connect with rubber hangers and muffler outlet. Install the provided clamps and tighten just enough to hold in position.
- 4) Using the four band clamps, fasten the heat shield to the top of the muffler body and tighten securely.
- 5) Adjust the position of all muffler, pipes and tips to provide a satisfactory fit and adequate clearance. Keep suspension travel and vibration in mind. Tighten all connections securely.
- 6) For a cleaner appearance and more secure installation, we highly recommend welding all slip-fit connections. If you live in a geographical area that has harsh winters or sees a great deal of precipitation, the use of high temperature paint over the welded areas can help to prevent surface rust and premature corrosion.



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Installation Diagram:

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PACKING LIST		
QTY	DESCRIPTION	PART#
1	Muffler Assembly	53050-112
1	Tailpipe	26056
1	Heat Shield Kit	51222
1	Gasket	GA105
1	Parts Kit	PK377
1	3" Clamp	MC300B
3	1/2" Hanger Keepers	HW503

51222
HEATSHIELD
KIT

