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PAINT: All OSCO cast iron exhaust parts come with a coat of primer to protect them from flash rusting. This primer will accept most enamel top coats and we recommend that you paint the parts to protect them from external corrosion.

GASKETS: The installer should remove all paint from the gasket surfaces before assembly of manifolds, risers, and elbows. Use acetone or lacquer thinner to remove the paint. Do not scrape, sand, file, or use high speed rotary gasket removers. Gaskets should be installed dry. Do not use gasket sealers, silicone, or compounds of any kind. Use of silicone or other so-called sealants may actually cause gasket failure and water leakage into the engine or externally.

BOLTS: Do not use stainless steel or grade 2 bolts to install the risers or elbows. These bolts are too soft and will not hold a torque setting, which can cause leaks at the gasket surface. Where bolts are specified, OSCO mounting kits use only grade 5, or better bolts. Bolt torque should be reset after initial startup, while the engine is still warm. Refer to your original manufacturer's engine service manual for specific torque settings. Never use anti-seize type products on bolts or studs. They will allow for loosening of the parts.

Studs: To prevent studs from backing out and causing leaks which can cause engine damage, use red thread locking compound. Follow the manufacturers recommendations for their installation and removal. **Do not** use anti-sieze on bolts or studs as it is a lubricant and will cause fastener to back out.

PIPE PLUGS AND FITTINGS: When installing pipe fittings or pipe plugs care must be taken to avoid over-tightening. Pipe plugs and fittings are tapered and an overly tight pipe plug or fitting can crack the casting. Do not use thread sealants which contain Teflon. Do not try to screw the plugs in flush with the casting, they only need to be snug.

GASKET PLACEMENT: In some applications the riser gasket alignment is critical. Improper installation of the gasket can cause the engine to have an overheating concern. The following is a list of these gaskets and how they should be aligned:



M0002: Used between the 28001 manifold and the 29001 riser. Place the tab on the gasket to the front of the riser away from the outlet end of the riser. This directs the water over the top of the riser for maximum cooling



CRR-G: Used between the CVCR818, CWCR818 and FLCR818 manifolds and the CRR-1 and CRR-3 risers and CRR-14S spacer. Place the small rectangular hole of the gasket at the front of the riser, opposite the exhaust outlet end. This directs the water over the top of the riser for maximum cooling. **Note:** When using the CRR-14S spacer, the gasket between the manifold and the spacer is reversed so that the square hole is under the outlet end of the riser. The gasket between the spacer and the riser is still placed with the square hole away from the outlet end of the riser, or to the front of the riser



CRR-2-G: Used between the CSCR618 manifold and the CRR-2 riser. Place the small rectangular hole of the gasket at the front of the riser, opposite the exhaust outlet end. This directs the water over the top of the riser for maximum cooling



6108: Used between the 7752, 7753, 7992 and 7993 manifolds and the 7169 or 7772 risers. Place the tab in the up position, at 12 o'clock. This allows the water to completely fill the riser



6562: Used always at the elbow, either between the riser and elbow or the manifold and elbow. Place the tabs in the up position, at 10 and 2 o'clock. This forces the water to fill the manifold and/or riser and flow over the top of the elbow for maximum cooling

Stainless Steel Plates: All stainless block off plates must be placed between two gaskets of the same style. In most cases it will not matter which gaskets are used because the water flow is stopped by the stainless plate. **Note on 60207 Mercruiser Plate:** This plate has a small weep hole to allow trapped air to be removed from the highest part of the log style Mercruiser manifolds. It can not be used in fresh water cooling applications.

CLOSED COOLED SYSTEM ALSO KNOWN AS FRESH WATER COOLED: A closed cooled or fresh water cooled system is where anti-freeze is recirculated through the engine only (called a Half-System) or through the engine and manifolds (called a Full-System). In both systems the raw water or sea water exits through the riser and/or elbow. Some manifolds are unable to be fresh water cooled and should remain on a Half-System. **All In-Line 6 Cylinder manifolds should only be raw water cooled.** They are designed to have cool water running through them. Hot anti-freeze, plus the added temperature of the exhaust will cause them to become stressed and crack from excessive heat.

KEEL COOLING: Keel Cooling is often installed incorrectly and can cause manifolds to crack internally from excessive heat. Do not install OSCO manifolds into keel cooled systems that rely solely on the circulator pump with small diameter pipe for its circulation. This is not satisfactory and will overheat the manifold. We do not recommend OSCO manifolds be used in any keel cooled application.



OSCO Center Riser Plumbing Tips

PLUMBING: The following plumbing tips cover the OSCO generic center riser style manifolds. The diagram shows one side only, plumb the other side the same. The correct way to plumb manifolds varies between engine manufacturers. You should consult your engine manufacturer's service manual for the correct plumbing of your manifold. Generally speaking fill your manifolds from the lowest point, and remove the water from the highest point (overboard through the riser, or through a fitting in the manifold). Below are several typical ways to plumb an OSCO center riser style manifold:

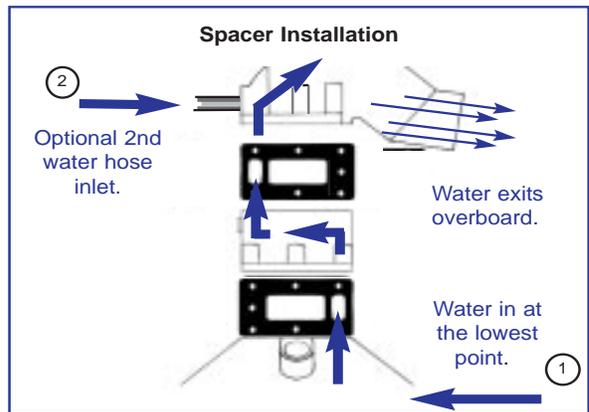
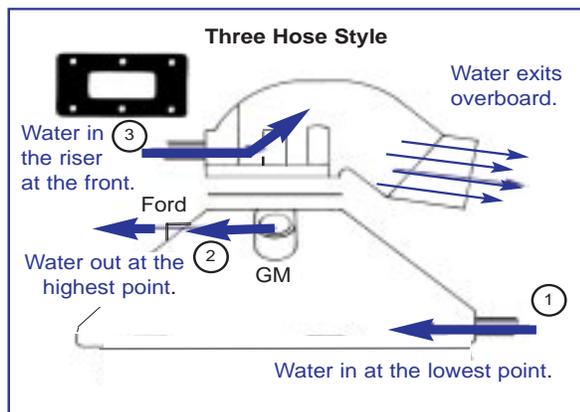
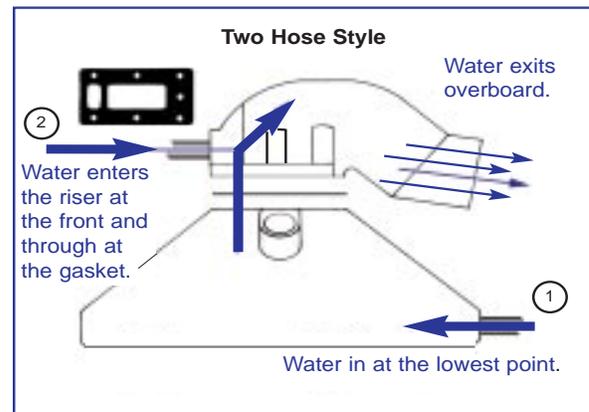
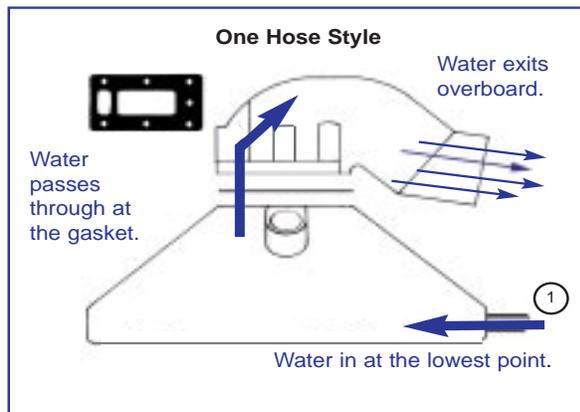
"ONE HOSE" STYLE -- The water hose is connected to the manifold at its lowest point and water exits overboard through the riser. All other tapped holes are plugged. Use an open gasket between the manifold and riser. Be sure that the small rectangular hole in the gasket is opposite the exhaust outlet end of the riser.

"TWO HOSE" STYLE -- One water hose is connected to the manifold at its lowest point and one to the riser. All water exits overboard through the riser. All other tapped holes are plugged. Use an open gasket between the manifold and the riser. Be sure that the small rectangular hole in the gasket is opposite the exhaust outlet end of the riser.

"THREE HOSE" STYLE -- Recirculating system, preheats water in the manifolds -- Two water hoses are connected to the manifold and one to the riser. Water enters the lowest point on the manifold and exits the manifold through a hose at the highest point of the manifold (GM or Ford, see drawing). This water recirculates through the engine to be distributed by the thermostat housing, to the risers and exits overboard. All other tapped holes are plugged. Use a block off gasket between the riser and the manifold.

"THREE HOSE STYLE" -- Closed cooling or fresh water cooling, antifreeze in the engine and manifolds. -- Two water hoses are connected to the manifold and one to the riser. Anti-freeze enters the lowest point on the manifold and exits the manifold through a hose at the highest point of the manifold (GM or Ford, see drawing). Raw water enters the riser at the front and exits overboard. All other tapped holes are plugged. Use a block off gasket between the riser and the manifold.

Spacer installation -- Use an open gasket between the spacer and the riser. Be sure that the small rectangular hole in the gasket is opposite the exhaust outlet end of the riser. Use an open gasket between the manifold and the spacer. Be sure that the small rectangular hole in the gasket is opposite of the one installed at the riser. This allows for water to flow through from the manifold into the spacer and through the spacer into the riser.





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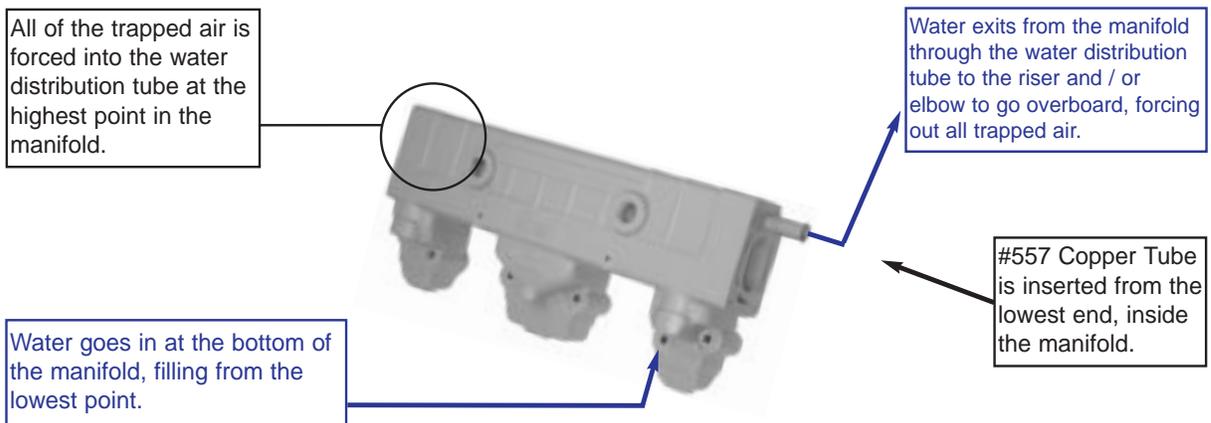
Installation of Water Distribution Tubes

The water distribution tube is required when the engine sits on a steep angle. Its purpose is to remove the air that gets trapped in the manifold, causing the manifolds to run hot and steam. It also increases the circulation of the cooling water in the manifold. The tube is inserted from the exhaust outlet end and is almost as long as the manifold itself. Neither tube has holes drilled in them. The #557 has two slots cut into one end, the #424 has no slots. **Do Not** fill from the front of the manifold as this will send the water down the tube and overboard without cooling the manifold. Block the water flow at the front of the manifold with a 3/4" pipe plug or a #106 front plate on the # 826. Fill the manifold from the lowest 3/4" IPT port on the bottom rear inlet of the manifold. Filling the manifold from the lowest point forces all air into the water distribution tube that would otherwise be trapped in the manifold. This allows the manifold to stay full of water and to circulate fully. The water then flows out of the manifold via the water distribution tube into the exhaust riser or elbow to be discharged overboard.

Do not modify gaskets. They are designed to allow proper water flow.

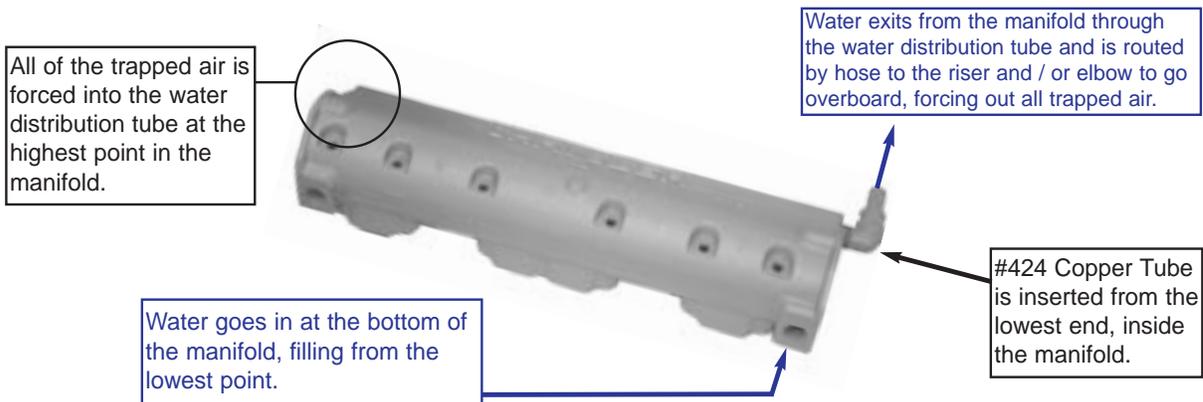
Chrysler 318 - 360 manifold # 826

(The #557 Water Distribution Tube is for use in raw water cooled applications only.)



Chrysler 383 - 440 manifold # 7081

(The #424 Water Distribution Tube can be used in both raw and fresh water cooled applications.)





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480
open gasket



480-FW
blocked gasket



wrong
modified

CHRYSLER 318 - 360

Chrysler used only two styles of gasket for the 318 - 360, # 826 manifold. One blocks all water from passing through it. This gasket is used to separate raw water and anti-freeze as well as to allow water to flow out of the manifold from a fitting rather than through the gasket. The other gasket has a 3/4" hole at the top to allow the raw water to flow out through the gasket to the riser or elbow and go overboard. This gasket is used most commonly, and is the gasket used at the fixed riser and elbow

Many installers look at the mating surface of the manifold, elbow and riser and see the water passages in the parts. They incorrectly assume they got the wrong gasket and alter it to look like the gasket surface. There is only one 3/4" hole at the top of the manifold to allow water to flow. The rest of the gasket is blocked intentionally. This is correct. Do not modify the gasket. The one hole in the top of the gasket is designed to allow the manifold to fill and remain full of water. By cutting the gasket the manifold will not cool properly.

Tech tips for swivel exhaust

new style clamp



old style clamp

OSCO has improved the clamp used on the Chrysler swivel elbow and riser from the stamped style on the right, to the cone shaped on the left. The cone may or may not touch on the lower elbow, and may remain tilted as shown. The object is to pull the riser down on the O-rings to seal. Install the O-rings with petroleum jelly, which will help avoid damaging the O-rings if the parts are moved during assembly. The bolts and clamps only need to be snug, Do not over-tighten. Do not use silicone or sealers on the O-rings. Remove paint from sealing surfaces using acetone or lacquer thinner prior to installation.

Tech Tip applies to: 5639-CL, 7087-MK, 4-EXT-12 and 1812-8 are parts or kits which include the above clamps. 9234, 0402, 5639 and 4-EXT are parts which require these clamps for installation.



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The round Crusader gaskets have tabs that stick up above the parts for easy identification. The “one hole” gasket has 2 tabs and is always used at the elbow. The “three hole” gasket has only 1 tab and is always used at the bottom of the risers to allow maximum water flow to fill the manifold and riser.

Note: When using the stainless blocking plate use 2 gaskets and sandwich the stainless plate between them. Since the plate blocks the flow of water either gasket can be used.

Misapplication or misinstallation of thermostat element will cause overheating problems.

Proper placement of the thermostat element is critical in the cooling of the engine and manifolds. Many installers incorrectly put the element into the intake manifold, as in a car application. In most cases, the thermostat should be installed under the top cover of the thermostat housing, not into the intake manifold. If installed incorrectly the distribution of water to all components can be compromised and cause overheating and possibly damage your engine.

Never run your engine without a thermostat. Yes, it makes your gauge show a cooler temperature, but in reality your exhaust may be overheating dramatically. The thermostat is designed to hold water in the engine long enough to dissipate heat from the engine. If the water flows through too fast, it can not remove the heat from the engine.

MerCruiser uses a sleeve in some of their thermostat housings. These parts must be installed properly or the engine may overheat.

Please note: Thermostat element temperatures vary from engine manufacturers. Typically a raw-water cooled engine uses temperature ranges of 140-145 degrees. Fresh-water cooled engines typically use a range of 160-165 degrees. Most automotive thermostats range from 185-210 degrees and should not be used in marine applications. Always consult your marine engine dealer for the correct thermostat for your application.



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Typical Gasket Placement for Mercruiser Center Riser Manifolds with Spacer using the following part numbers; 9745 / 7114B2 / 9011 Manifolds, 3320 / 3322 Spacers and 8503A / 4354 Risers.

RAW WATER COOLED MANIFOLDS

FRESH WATER COOLED MANIFOLDS

