

# Owner's Manual with Installation Instructions

## Banks Monster® Exhaust System

**Chevy/GMC 1500 Silverado 5.3L, Gas/FFV,  
2012 Extend Cab Standard 6.5' Bed**

THIS MANUAL IS FOR USE WITH MONSTER EXHAUST SYSTEM 48354

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# General Installation Practices

If you have any questions concerning the installation of your Banks Monster Exhaust System, please call our Technical Service Hotline at (888) 839-2700 between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm (PT). If you have any questions relating to shipping or billing, please contact our Customer Service Department at (888) 839-5600.

Thank you.

1. Before starting work, familiarize yourself with the installation procedure by reading all of the instructions.
2. The exploded view (**Figure 1**) provides only general guidance. Refer to each step and section diagram in this manual for proper instruction.
3. Throughout this manual, the left side of the vehicle refers to the driver's side, and the right side to the passenger's side.
4. Disconnect the negative (ground) cable from the battery (or batteries, if there are two) before beginning work.
5. Route and tie wires and hoses a minimum of 6" away from exhaust heat, moving parts and sharp edges. Clearance of 8" or more is recommended where possible.
6. When raising the vehicle, support it on properly weight-rated safety stands, ramps or a commercial hoist. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions. Take care to balance the vehicle to prevent it from slipping or falling. When using ramps, be sure the front wheels are centered squarely on

the topsides. When raising the front of the vehicle, put the transmission in park, set the parking brake, and block the rear wheels. When raising the back of the vehicle, be sure the vehicle is on level ground and the front wheels are blocked securely.

**CAUTION! Do not use floor jacks to support the vehicle while working under it. Do not raise the vehicle onto concrete blocks, masonry or any other item not intended specifically for this use.**

**7.** During installation, keep the work area clean. Do not allow anything to be dropped into intake, exhaust, or lubrication system components while performing the installation, as foreign objects will cause immediate engine damage upon start-up.

## Tools Required:

- 1/2" and 3/8" drive ratchets with standard and metric sockets and 1/2" and 3/8" drive extension
- Standard and metric combination or open-end wrenches
- Standard screwdriver
- Clean shop towels or rags
- Pry-bar
- Reciprocating saw

## Highly recommended tools and supplies:

- Foot-pound torque wrench
- Penetrating oil or light lubricant spray

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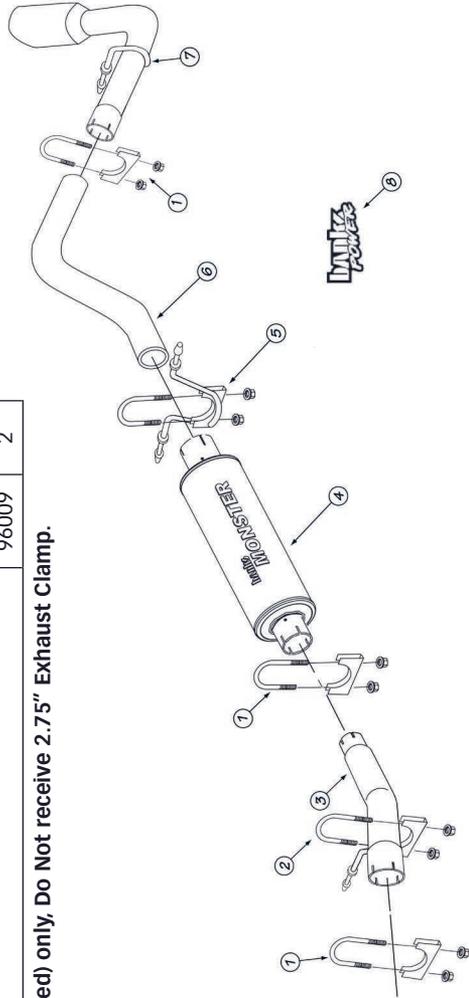
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# General Assembly

**Figure 1**

Item #	Description	P/N	QTY
1	Exhaust Clamp, 3"	52465	3
2	Hanger Clamp, Intermediate	53680	1
3	Intermediate pipe	53679	1
4	Monster Muffler	54005	1
5	Rear Muffler Hanger Clamp	53642	1
6	Front, Tailpipe	53630	1
7	Rear, Tailpipe	53634	1
8	Banks Decals	96009	2

**\*2010 5.3L CCSB (5.8ft. bed) only. Do Not receive 2.75" Exhaust Clamp.**



# Monster Exhaust System Installation

**1.** Disconnect the negative (ground) cable from the battery (if there is more than one battery, disconnect both negative cables). Secure the cable so it cannot accidentally come in contact with the post.

**2.** Raise the vehicle and support it securely with properly weight-rated safety stands, ramps or a commercial hoist. Take care to balance the vehicle to prevent it from slipping or falling. When using ramps, be sure the wheels are centered squarely on the topsides. Place the transmission in park (automatic), set the parking brake and securely block the wheels that are on the ground.

**CAUTION: DO NOT WORK UNDER ANY VEHICLE SUPPORTED ONLY BY A JACK. SEVERE INJURY MAY RESULT.**

**WARNING! The following step may require the use of a torch and/or saw. Proper safety equipment should be used. Failure to use proper safety equipment may result in severe injury.**

**3.** Measure 10" from the rear braided flex tube flange and mark the location. See **Figure 2**.

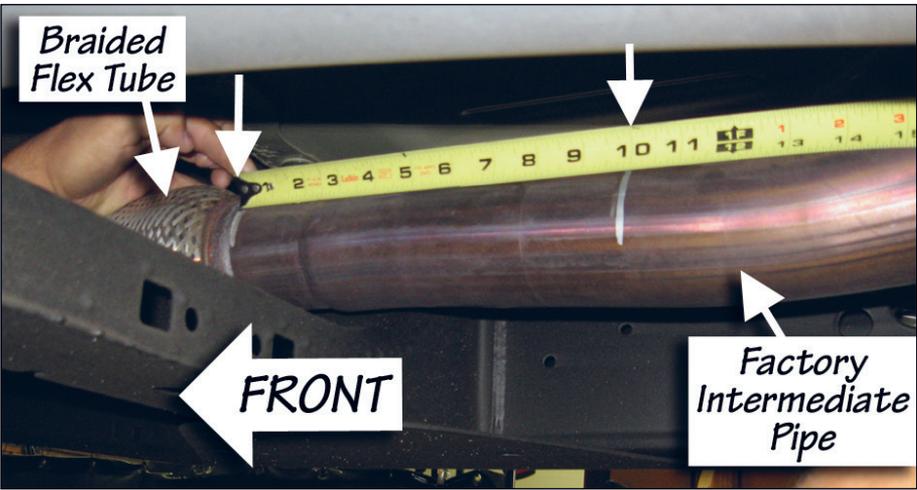
**4.** Take time when measuring and cutting the factory intermediate pipe to ensure the proper location and a straight cut. Improper cut will result in poor fitment of the Banks Monster Exhaust system. Using a reciprocating saw, cut the intermediate pipe.

**5.** Remove the tailpipe hanger pin from the rubber hanger. Remove the rear muffler hanger pin(s) from the rubber hanger(s). Remove the Intermediate pipe hanger pin from the rubber hanger.

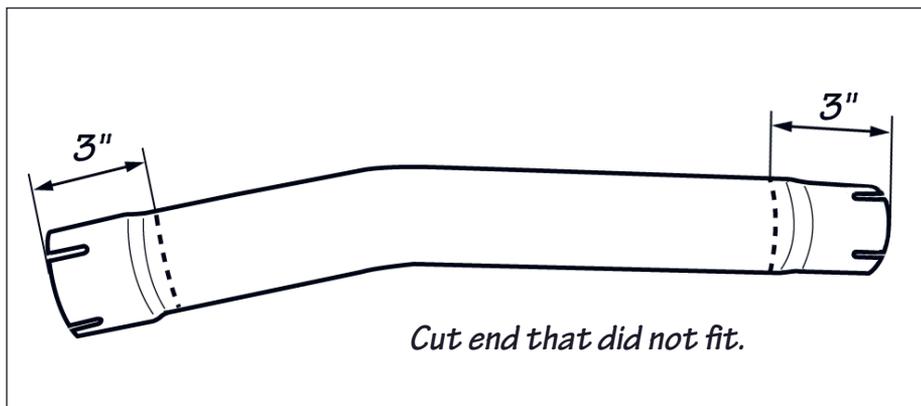
*NOTE: Spray lubricant may assist in hanger pin removal. Rubber hangers can also be removed from the vehicle to assist in tailpipe / muffler removal.*

**6.** Remove the tailpipe, muffler and intermediate pipe assembly from the vehicle.

**Figure 2** 5.3L Model Factory Intermediate Pipe



**Figure 3** Banks Intermediate pipe



**7.** Locate the supplied Banks Intermediate pipe. Both ends of Banks intermediate pipe are size differently for different model applications. Fit Banks intermediate pipe over the Factory cut intermediate pipe. If one end does not fit over the Factory pipe try the other end. Insure that Banks intermediate pipe fits over the Factory pipe.

**8.** Once you have fitted the correct end of Banks intermediate pipe on the factory pipe you will need to cut the other end that did not fit over the factory pipe. Remove the Banks intermediate pipe and measure 3" from the end that did not fit towards the middle of the pipe. See **Figure 3**. Cut end that did not fit off.

**9.** Install the internal exhaust clamp on the inlet of Banks intermediate pipe. Install Banks intermediate pipe. Be sure the intermediate pipe jog is orientated as shown in **Figure 4**. Lightly tighten the Exhaust clamp on the intermediate pipe inlet.

*NOTE: All clamps should be positioned at the beginning of the slots (on the 1/2 circle punch).*

**10.** Slide the intermediate hanger clamp onto the intermediate pipe and position it next to the rubber hanger. Insert the hanger pin into the vehicles rubber hanger (see **Figure 4**).

**11.** Install the Monster Muffler inlet (Note the inlet labeling of the muffler) onto the intermediate pipe outlet. Orient the Monster logo such that is visible from the passenger side and parallel with the frame rail. Align the clamp onto the muffler inlet (see **Figure 4**).

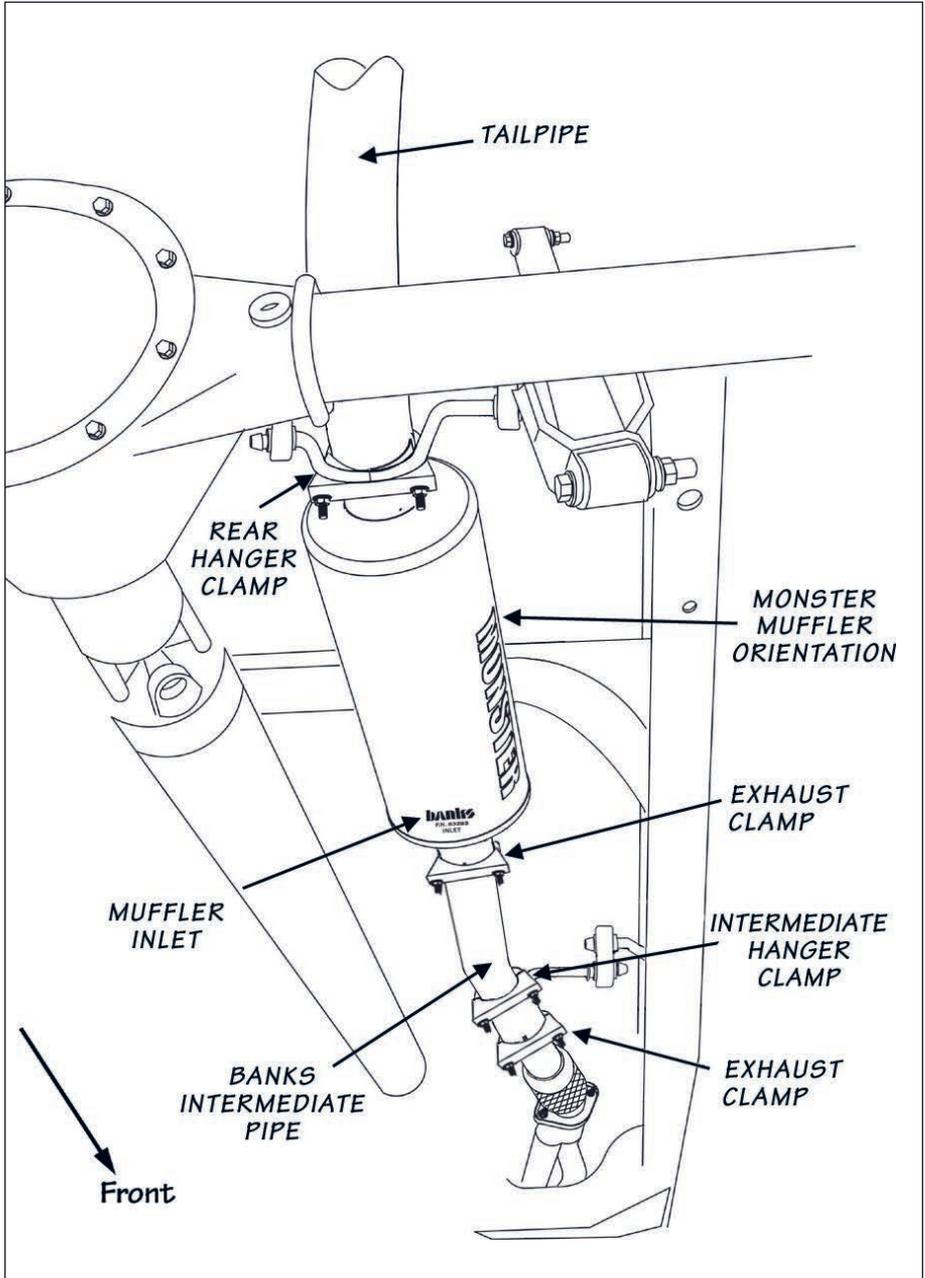
*NOTE: Once the pipe / muffler has been completely engaged in the slip joint, mark the pipe with a scribe or tape for reference when tightening the clamps later in the installation. Mark each slip joint in this fashion.*

**12.** Install the rear muffler hanger clamp onto the Monster Muffler outlet. Insert the hanger pin into the vehicles rubber hanger (see **Figure 4**).

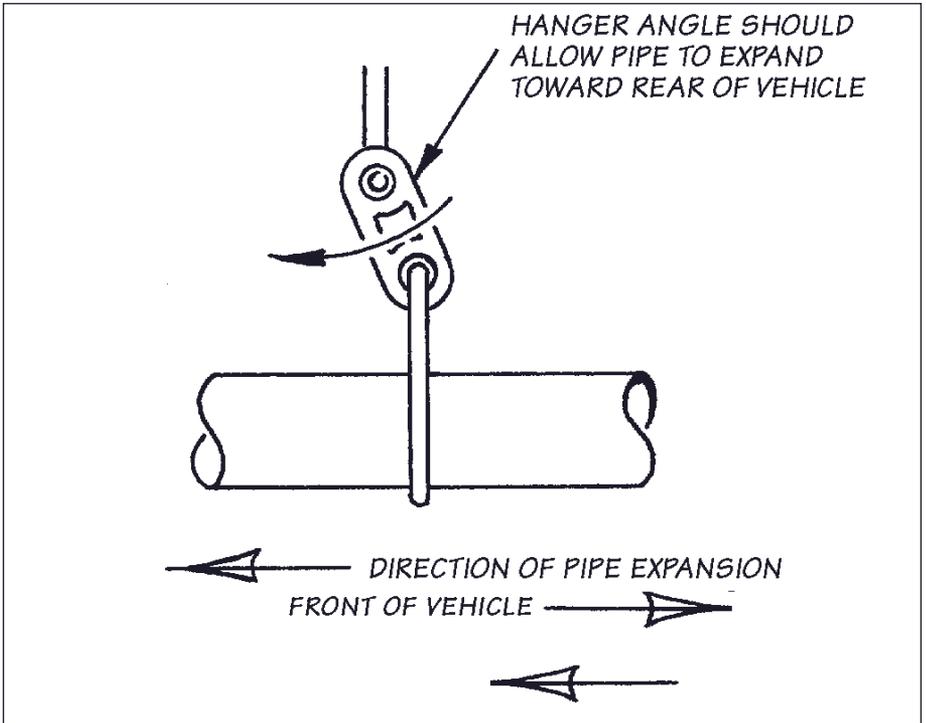
*NOTE: For some models, only one factory rubber hanger is provided for supporting the rear muffler outlet.*

**13.** From the vehicle rear, route the front tailpipe over the rear end. Install the front tailpipe into the Banks

**Figure 4** 5.3L Model Shown



**Figure 5**



Muffler outlet. Lightly tighten the rear muffler hanger clamp to secure the front tailpipe. Install the Exhaust clamp onto the front tailpipe outlet. Install the rear tailpipe inlet into the front tailpipe outlet. Start the rear tailpipe hanger pin into the corresponding vehicle rubber hanger. Lightly tighten the exhaust clamp to secure the rear tailpipe.

**14.** Adjust the tip about 1/2" under the body panel, such that the tip position is aesthetically pleasing.

**15.** Adjust each of the pipes to ensure that all of the hanger pins are parallel with the frame mounted pins

and that the rubber hangers are all positioned slightly forward (See **Figure 5**). This allows the hangers to be properly positioned once the exhaust reaches operating temperature.

**16.** With the exhaust positioned properly, begin to evenly tighten the clamps starting with the ones closest to the front of the vehicle and working your way back. Torque the exhaust clamps evenly to 35 ft-lbs. Make sure that each slip is fully inserted (+/-1/4").

**17.** Remove the protective covering from the tailpipe tip.

**Figure 6**



**CAUTION: the protective covering may ignite and burn if not removed prior to running the engine.**

**18.** Your system includes two (2) Banks Power logos designed to complement the Chevy/GMC emblems on the vehicle's front doors. See **Figure 6** for recommended logo placement.

**19.** Re-connect the negative battery cable. Start the engine and listen for exhaust leaks. Tighten the exhaust

clamps as necessary. Whenever possible, tack weld slip connections to prevent disengagement is recommended.

**20.** The Banks Monster Exhaust installation is now complete.

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