

I thought it would be a good time to tell everyone that the first of the production engines has been completed. This is a major milestone! If you go to YouTube and type in “Stinger 609 Production Engine” you will see exactly what the production supercharged version will look like. I can also state the engine is performing perfectly. I have also included several still photos of the production engine. There were a couple of areas which needed some further attention, but all in all, the engine is running even better than my prototype engine. I expect the remaining engines should run equally as well or even better. One area which I changed and although not visible unless you remove the valve covers, were the rocker arm studs. Originally I used a 2-56 stud but I had a “gut feeling” it should be checked out in more depth. While running the engine with the valve covers removed, I used my strobe light, which stops motion and observed the stud to be moving more than I felt was acceptable. Because of this observation I removed all the 2-56 studs, then re-drilled and re-tapped all the holes for a 5-40 stud. The net result was perfection! Was it absolutely necessary, probably not, but once again, it was easier to make a change now, rather than have the possibility of a failure at a later date.

The heads are totally finished and ready to be installed on the complete short blocks. Although I do not have an exact delivery time, I can say with conviction, the end is in sight for this first run.











