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Hi Melody - thanks for the conversation last week in reference to the Flathead gasket set issues. I'll be sending it back - so please send me an RMA number for it.

Here are the issues in summary:

1) Head Gaskets: The compression rings on your gaskets have very poorly formed areas - which are not close in quality to BestGaskets or anybody else's composite type gaskets. Due to this, I can't risk running them - as a leaking/defective head gasket is a big problem on any engine, let alone a high-performance one.

Yours:



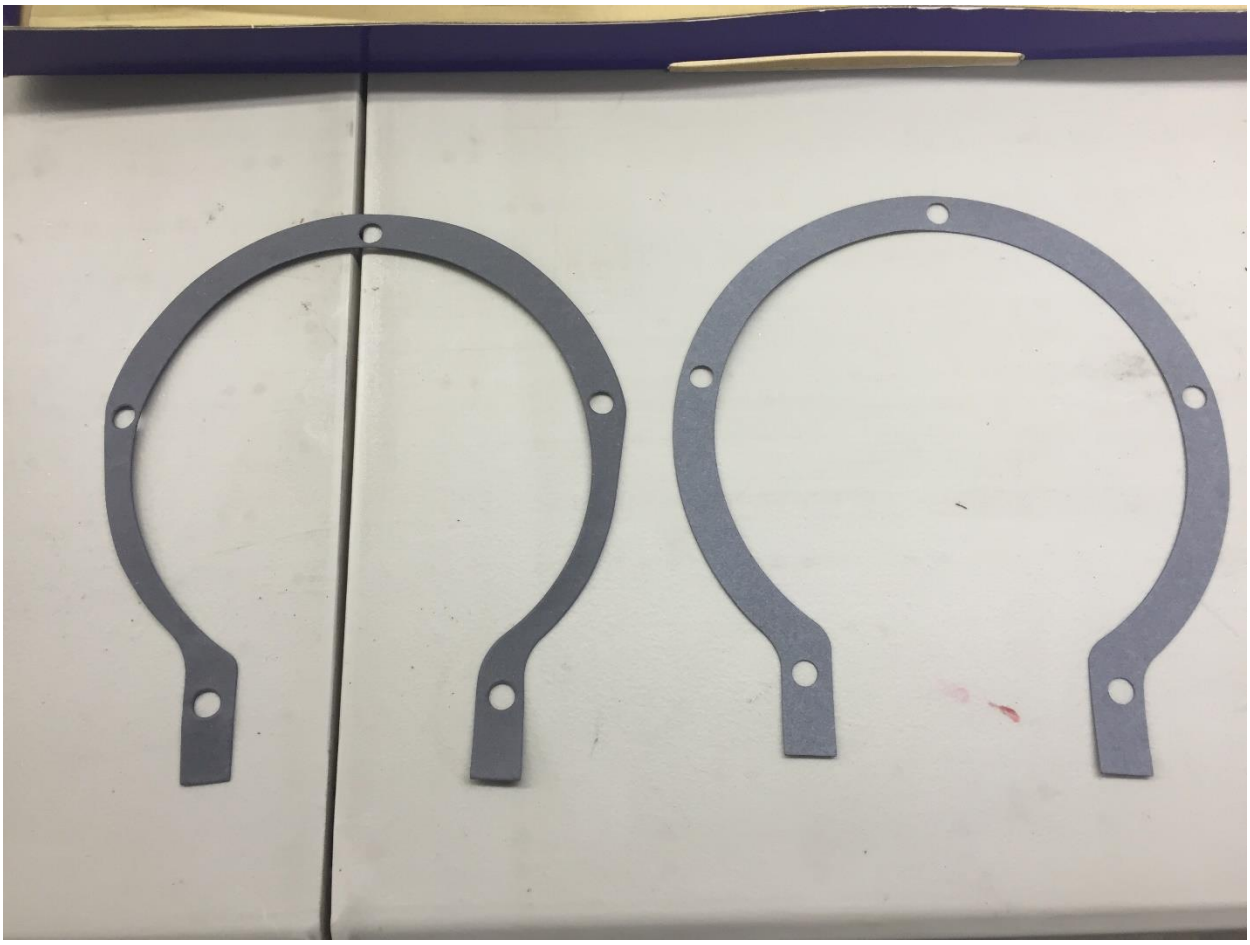


BestGasket:



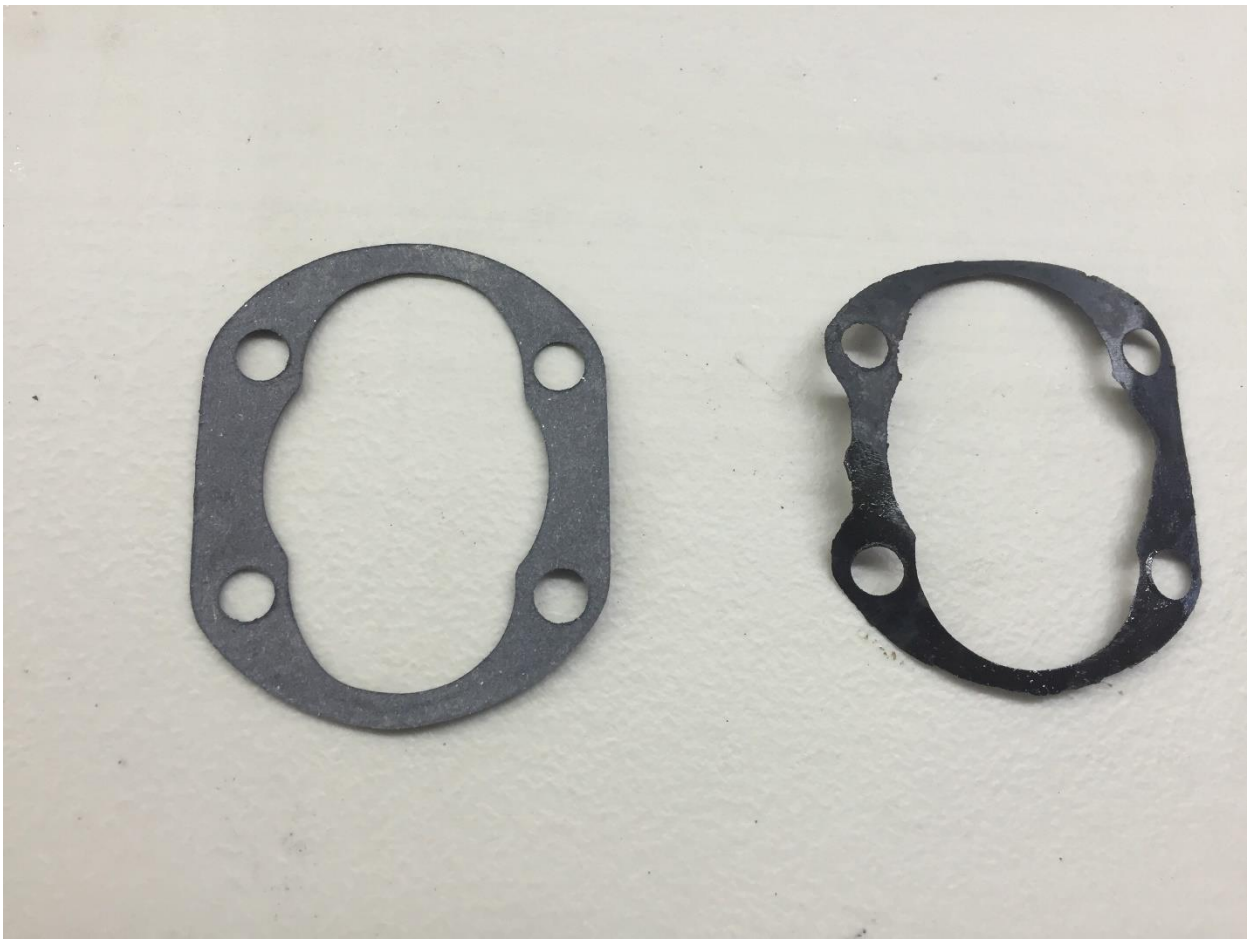
2) Timing Cover Gasket: The gasket thickness does not match what Ford provided - it is approximately .010 too thick. Due to this, the camshaft "thrust" dimension will be increased - outside of the specification that Ford provides.

- Your gasket: .0245 thickness
- Correct gasket: .0145 thickness



3) Oil Pump Cover Gasket: Same deal as above - way too thick

- Your gasket: .0245
- Correct gasket: .0075



4) Main Seals: Your suppliers have attempted to copy the GraphTite main bearing crank seals that Best Gasket provides (which are a great improvement over stock). Your seals are made of really poor quality "rope type" material, they squish/deflect upon installation, the graphite powder isn't impregnated as it should be, etc.. I attempted to use one of them - saw the issue that one can't effectively get it into the rear block groove (causing the crankshaft to bind) - so I took it back out and replaced it with a stock rope seal. I highly recommend that you compare your seal to that of BestGasket - you'll see what I mean.

Thanks for your time - please review and let me know how to send the gasket set back. Also, I'd prefer to NOT have to pay shipping for a defective product - how can you guys take care of that? :)

Lastly - you SHOULD definitely carry the BestGasket set for 49-53 . . . give your customers the option of buying a well-known and consistently high-quality product. You carry/offer a lot of their other sets - why not the 49-53 composite set?

Take care - and get back to me with the RMA/shipping stuff . . .

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Best Regards,

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Quote of the Month: *"Whatever you are, be a good one"* - Abraham Lincoln