



## **(!) CERAMIC COATING FACT**

Ceramic coating is a very durable finish compared to other finishes however; it does not eliminate the risk of scratches during installation, rock chips made by road debris, swirl marks, and water spots. Maintenance & care is advised to insure years of service of your coated headers.

## **(!) INSTALLATION TIP TO PROTECT YOUR HEADERS FINISH**

Mask areas of header tubes with painters tape to protect the coating from scratches during installation.

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## **TTi HEADER COATING OPTIONS**

[Color options: Silver satin, Polished silver, and Black satin\*]

**1. CERAMIC COATING** (Silver satin finish): The main function of ceramic coating is to protect the steel surface against rust and corrosion. Advantages of ceramic coating; increases part life longevity, does not "blue" like chrome, and withstands temperatures up to 1200°F. Note: Exceeding this temperature may/will result in discoloration of the header tubes, turning them a dark gray color.

**2. POLISHED CERAMIC COATING** (Silver high-luster finish): The initial step in process is the same as the above ceramic coating option. The external coating is then ceramic tumbled as the final step to give the headers/exhaust component that appealing high-luster polished appearance.

**3. BLACK CERAMIC COATING** (Black satin finish): The initial step in process is the same as the above ceramic coating option to protect the steel surface against rust and corrosion. The external coating is then prepped, and spray with the black colored ceramic coating.

\*Black ceramic coating caution: The black satin exterior finish requires careful handling and found to be more delicate than the undercoated silver ceramic coat. If scratched or dinged, the exterior black coating may/will flake, chip or peel.

**THERMAL BARRIER:** Internal coating is designed to reduce heat which in turn, extends part life by reducing corrosion and thermal fatigue. Thermal barrier keeps under hood temperatures approximately 50°F cooler, which also protects other engine components from heat damage.

Ceramic Coating and Thermal Barrier by Engineered Applications located in Vernon, CA.

**4. NICKEL-CHROME PLATED:** Decorative chrome plating is a less expensive coating process used to inhibit corrosion and will not provide thermal protection. Nickel-chrome plated parts are much more susceptible to bluing, blistering, peeling, and corrosion due to exhaust temperatures. This process carries no warranty other than to be free from defects at the time of purchase prior to installation only.

Nickel Chrome Plating done by Valley Plating Works, Inc. located in Los Angeles, CA.

# MAINTENANCE & CARE

TTi strives to offer the highest quality header coatings available on the market today. However, high performance coatings do require care and maintenance. The following tips are suggested to insure years of service of your Nickel-Chrome, Silver Ceramic Coated, Polished Silver Ceramic Coated, and Stainless Steel Headers.

**Helpful hint to extend the life of your Headers and Exhaust System:** Exhaust corrosion will occur if moisture (condensation) is not cleared out of the tubes. Make sure that the vehicle is driven at least 20 to 30 minutes whenever the car is started to completely dry out all liquid / acid that is created by the combustion process in the engine. Failure to do so will cause pre-mature rotting of the tubes from the inside out.

**(!) Warning First Engine Runs:** Header coating damage usually occurs during the first engine run when the exhaust temperatures exceed 1200°F. Excess exhaust temperatures are normally caused by excessively lean or excessively rich air/fuel mixtures and/or incorrect ignition timing. For this reason we strongly suggest that you use an old set of headers or a set of cast iron manifolds for your first engine run / cam break-in. This will insure that you will not damage the coating or void the warranty of your new TTi ceramic-coated headers.

**After Header Installation and Before Engine Run:** Remove grease and/or skin oils from the header tube surface. Stains & fingerprints will show when header gets hot.

- Nickel Chrome Plated Headers: Wipe down tubes with rubbing alcohol and a soft cloth, dry thoroughly.
- Silver Ceramic Coated, Polished Silver Ceramic Coated and Stainless Headers: Wipe the tubes down with an environmentally safe Orange Cleaner Degreaser or mild soap, warm water and a soft cloth, dry thoroughly.

**When storing your car for an extended period of time,** some precautions must be taken. Park the car over a large sheet of plastic or tarp. This will protect your car and headers from moisture seeping up through the floor. Wipe down and dry the headers thoroughly. Then coat the headers with WD-40 or an equivalent where the tubes are welded to the header flanges and where the tubes come in close proximity to each other (especially where the four tubes enter into the collector). These areas are prone to rusting, as the coating is unable to get between the tubes in the unexposed areas of the header. If rust occurs, it will travel into and under the coating and create a stain. When you are ready to start the car after storage, wash the WD-40 off by following the cleaning procedures.

**Cleaning road grime, oil, grease, and surface deposits (surface rust) created by moisture/water from your header coatings:** Use an environmentally safe Orange Cleaner Degreaser, warm water and a soft cloth. Two or Three cleanings may be required. Be sure to dry thoroughly.

**For more aggressive header coating cleanings from baked-on oils/fluids, melted-on microfiber towels or plastic grocery bags** try a Super-fine "0000" Steel wool pad or use an Ultra-fine Scotch-brite pad. If all else fails, use a high-temp aluminum color spray paint. The color should blend once the header tubes heat up. (High-heat spray paints: Krylon 1402, VHT Flameproof SP117)

## **Polish compounds to revitalize header coatings**

- Silver Ceramic & Polished Silver Ceramic: Nevr-Dull, Mothers PowerMetal or The Wax Shop
- Stainless Steel: Nevr-Dull Wadding Polish
- Nickel Chrome Plating: "Bluing" discoloration is inevitable. You cannot remove it, although there are products that claim to do so like, Blue-Job Chrome Polish.

**(!) Polished Silver Ceramic Coating:** Unfortunately, you cannot bring back a "High Luster" Polish appearance once stained or discolored.



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## **90-DAY LIMITED WARRANTY**

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TTi warrants all products to the original purchaser to be sold free of defects in material and workmanship for 90-days from date of purchase. In the event of an alleged defect in material or workmanship contact TTI at (951) 371-4878. Please provide a proof of purchase reference at time of call for quicker look-up. Ex: Invoice #, Packing List # or Sales Order #.

TTi does not warrant products that have been damaged caused by abuse, neglect, accident, improper installation or use on other applications other than recommended by TTI Performance Exhaust and Headers. Under no circumstances will TTI replace, repair or refund any product that has been altered in any way, mutilated or shows evidence of the use of insulating wrap products. TTI will not warranty cost of removal or re-installation of a product or will not be responsible for any shipping charges incurred. TTI will not assume responsibility for mufflers meeting individual customer's preference or the specific sound ordinances in any city, county and/or state. TTI reserves the right to make changes in design, materials and specifications or to make product changes as deemed necessary without prior notice.

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Returned merchandise is subject to a 10% restocking fee. TTI does not refund freight. Contact TTI at (951) 371-4878 or the Authorized TTI Distributor from whom the merchandise was purchased through to receive a "Return Merchandise Authorization Number" (RMA #). Proof of purchase required! (Invoice, Packing List or Sales Order #) Return the merchandise along with a copy of your proof of purchase to: TTI Returns Dept. • 1555 Consumer Circle • Corona, CA 92880. Enclose a written reason for the return with a contact phone number and clearly write the RMA # on the outside of the box. Merchandise must be received in resalable condition. Final issuance of credit / refund is subject to receipt and inspection of merchandise by Tube Tech. Inc.

Note: Parts damaged in transit due to insufficient packaging may incur repair charges.

For general packaging guidelines to help prepare your package for safe shipping read our Packaging Guidelines & Procedures.

## **2-YEAR LIMITED CERAMIC COATING WARRANTY**

by Engineered Applications, Vernon California

In the event of an alleged defect in the coating; peeling, chipping, flaking or rusting, complete a "Coating Warranty Return Form" and return it along with parts to: Engineered Applications.

Proof of Purchase required! (Invoice or Packing List)

Final determination of warranty is subject to receipt and inspection of parts by EA. EA will not accept liability for products that have been damaged caused by abuse, neglect, accident, improper installation, shows evidence of insulating wrap products or show evidence of adverse conditions such as; High heat temperatures encountered during engine break-in.

(!) Note: Engineered Applications sole responsibility is strictly to strip-off existing coating, recoat and return it back to you. EA will not warranty any labor related costs.