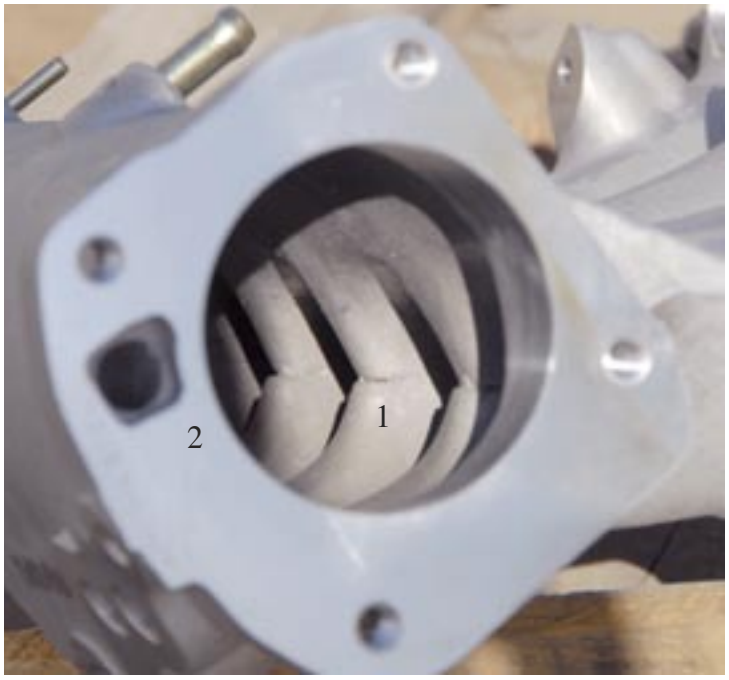
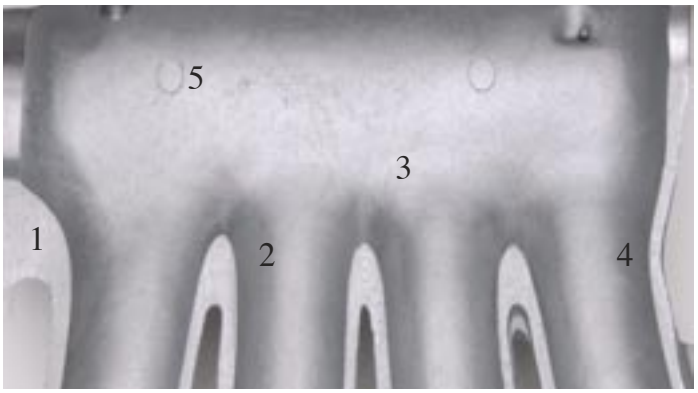
Because Anything Else Just Isn't SKUNK2.

There are many unscrupulous companies advertising their products as "same as Skunk2", and unknowing buyers actually believe that these clone products are the same with the only difference being the name. These clone companies know they are selling an inferior product, and actually resort to spreading ridiculous misinformation such as "their aluminum absorbs less heat; therefore stays cooler". ***We thought we would take this opportunity to show consumers the HARD FACTS why clone manifolds are NOT the same as Skunk2.*** *The images we are presenting are raw photographs taken from randomly selected "off the shelf" products. If there is doubt about the authenticity of the information being presented, we invite all to do a side by side comparison on your own.*

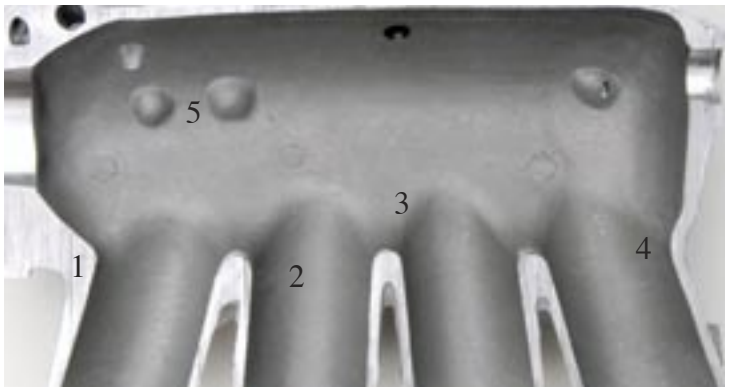
Skunk2 Manifold: 1) has smooth transitions from plenum to runners and clean parting lines. 2) IAC opening and passage way has been reduced to accommodate larger throttle bodies up to 75mm. User will easily be able to port match opening and smoothly blend back into the plenum without the risk of breaking through the IAC passage.



Clone Manifold: 1) has rough transitions from plenum to runners and horrible parting lines which is a result of poor design and careless manufacturing. 2) Standard size IAC opening and passageway can only accommodate throttle bodies up to 66-68 mm. User won't be able to properly port match and blend opening back into plenum without breaking through the IAC passage.



Skunk2 Manifold: 1) Smooth transition from throttle body to runner #4. 2) smooth transition between runners, designed like an airfoil for better flow, notice how the entry of each runner is tapered like an air horn. 3) Smooth transition between plenum and runner; indicated by absence of dark shadows. 4) Smooth transition from end of plenum to runner #1. 5) Notice no unnecessary protrusions into plenum.



Clone Manifold: 1) Abrupt transition from throttle body to runner #4, 2) transition between runners is more square, notice how runner entry is straight. Some runner entries are even pinched off/ reverse tapered (especially 2 end runners). 3) Abrupt transitions between plenum and runner; that is why there are distinct dark shadows. 4) Abrupt transition from end of plenum to runner #1. 5) Uneccessary protrusions into plenum to accommodate IAC bolts.

Skunk2 . . . See and Feel the Difference.

Skunk2 Manifold: Each Skunk2 Pro-Series manifold features a acid etched stainless steel name plate and superior consistent smooth finish. Skunk2 uses a high quality virgin 356 aluminum, which improves strength and finish. While marginally heavier, using a denser high quality aluminum makes the manifold significantly stronger.

Clone Manifold: Looks similar to our first gen manifold. Clearly an inferior finish; rough and splotchy. We have noticed that clone manifolds are darker and more brittle (the fuel rail mounting bosses and corners of the head flange have a tendency to break off) this is usually an indication of inferior, usually recycled, aluminum being used.

Skunk2 Manifold: Bottom of the manifold features nitrous mounting bungs.

Clone Manifold: Does not have nitrous mounting provisions.

Skunk2 Manifold: Consistent finish is result of the care taken by the foundry to make high quality products as demanded by Skunk2. Great care is taken to properly finish and machine all areas of the manifold including areas you can't see.

Clone Manifold: That black streaking is oxidation that results when the chemicals used to clean the manifold are not rinsed off properly. The large burr is a result of poor materials and machining process. This burr is on the INSIDE of the manifold.

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