

Hawk HP Performance Brake Pads (94-98 GT/V6 Front Pair) - Installation Instructions



The below installation instructions work for the following products:

- Hawk HP Plus Performance Brake Pads (94-98 GT/V6 Front Pair)
- Hawk HPS Brake Pads (1994-1998 Mustang GT/V6 Front Pair)
- Hawk Performance Ceramic Brake Pads (1994-1998 Mustang GT/V6 Front Pair)



Please read through the instructions carefully before starting this project. Take the time to get all the materials together as well as all the safety equipment.

Tools needed:

- Breaker bar
- Torque wrench (capable of measuring 80ft-lbs)
- Ratchet
- 3" extension
- 21mm socket
- 11mm and 3/8" wrenches
- C-clamp
- CR-VT-50 6-point torx driver
- Clear glass jar with lid
- 3/16" Rubber hose approximately 1' long
- Latex glove
- Paper towel
- Brake part lubricant (this should come with your Hawk HP-Plus pads)
- Brake cleaner
- Drill
- Floorjack, two jackstands, and wheelchock



Brake Bleeding Tool Construction:

1. To construct this apparatus, you need (1) glass jar with a lid and (1) length of rubber hose.
2. Drill a hole in the jar lid that is just a little bit smaller in diameter than the outer diameter of the rubber tubing.
3. Stick the rubber tubing into the hole in the jar lid.
4. Screw the jar lid onto the jar.
5. Now you have a brake-bleeding tool.



Brake Bleeding Tool

Installation

1. Break the five **lug nuts** loose on each of the front wheels with the breaker bar, 3" extension, and 21mm socket. Warning! Do not loosen bolts any further than the initial break at this time!



Passenger wheel with lug nuts circled in red.

2. Chock one of the rear wheels with the wheelchock. Then jack the front of the car up just far enough that the front wheels lift off the ground. Secure the car with the two jackstands.
NOTE: The rest of the instructions are for the driver's side only. Repeat them for the passenger side when complete.
3. Remove the lug nuts with the ratchet, 3" extension, and 21mm socket. Then remove the wheel from the wheel studs.



Wheel hub with wheel removed.

4. Remove lower caliper bolt with the CR-VT-50 6-point torx driver. Refer to picture below for bolt location.



Wheel hub assembly. Lower caliper bolt circled in red.

5. Slide the caliper off the upper dowel (which is the only thing left securing the caliper to the car) and secure it in the wheel well using a bungee cord or string in a location and orientation that minimally stresses the brake line.
Warning! In this step, you will be removing the caliper! Make sure to have a way to secure it up in the wheel well in such a way that the line is not stressed!
6. Remove brake pads out of the pad/caliper housing. They should just slide out of their tracks. There is one on each side of the rotor.
7. Clean both surfaces (front and back) of your rotor with brake cleaner and paper towel. Keep applying cleaner and wiping with new towels until the towel comes out clean. Use latex gloves for this step so that you don't get your skin oils on the rotor after you clean the rotor surface. Make sure to clean all of the rotor surface. You will need to rotate the rotor to do this.
8. Now you will need to bleed your brakes.
Warning! During this entire step, do not allow the piston to recompress when the brakeline valve is open! If you do, you will introduce air into your brake lines.
9. Snug the c-clamp onto piston as shown in the photo below. Use the 21mm socket in between the clamp and the piston cup to help distribute the load.



C-Clamp snugged onto piston.

10. Attach rubber hose of the brake bleeding tool you constructed earlier to the barb of the brake bleeder valve.



Brake caliper. The bleeder valve is circled in red.

11. Loosen bleeder valve nut with the 3/8" wrench 1/4 turn.
12. Compress piston until it is flush as shown below with the c-clamp. You should feel the piston bottom out.



Compressed piston. Notice the piston is flush with the cylinder wall.

13. Tighten bleeder valve until just snug.
14. Make sure you first tightened the bleeder valve before proceeding with this step. Remove c-clamp from piston.
15. Use the brake part lubricant to grease all of the following: (1) Metal backs of new pads. (2) Caliper dowel (see photo below) (3) Brake pad seats in pad/caliper retainer (see photo below).
Warning! Make sure to not get any lubricant on the rotor surface. If you do, clean the rotor thorough with the brake cleaner.



Pad/caliper retainer on rotor. The caliper dowel to be lubricated is circled in red.



Pad/caliper retainer on rotor. The pad seats to be greased are circled in red.

16. Slide caliper onto upper caliper dowel. This dowel is the one that you lubricated in step 14.
17. Slide your new brake pads into the pad seats. Then hinge the caliper down over the pads to line it up with the lower caliper bolt hole.



Brake caliper swings down on upper dowel.

18. Bolt lower side of caliper to the pad/caliper retainer with the torx bolt using the CRVT-50 6-point torx driver.



Wheel hub assembly. Lower caliper bolt circled in red.

19. Repeat steps 3-18 for the passenger side and then continue below.
20. Bleed front calipers using the 3/8" wrench and brake-bleeding tool. If you have not flushed your brake system in a while, this may be a good time to do so. If you decide to flush the entire system, start with the wheel farthest from the master cylinder. This is the passenger-side rear wheel. The rear caliper bleeder valves use a 11mm wrench instead of the 3/8" wrench.
21. Burnish your new pads per Hawk's instructions. A link to these instructions can be found [here](#).

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