ISSUE:
Ford uses a two-millimeter thick head gasket on 1981 to 1985 1.6L (98 CID) engines and 1985 to 1996 1.9L engines to avoid piston-to-valve interference. Some replacement gasket manufacturers use additional facing material to achieve the correct gauge. This can make the gasket excessively soft, resulting in torque loss and gasket failure.

RESOLUTION:
MAHLE Original offers a head gasket manufactured from material that uses a unique combination of graphite and three steel cores to increase core size while minimizing the facing thickness. This gasket restores the original-equipment operating thickness, resulting in minimum torque loss while maintaining the balance of the combustion and coolant seals.

APPLICATION:
MAHLE Original part number 5739 is available for 1981 to 1985 Ford 1.6L (98 CID) engines and 1985 to 1990 Ford 1.9L (116 CID) engines, and part number 5884 is available for 1991 to 1996 Ford 1.9L (116 CID) engines.