General Motors 4.3L Head Gasket

ISSUE:
General Motors (GM) 4.3L (262 CID) V-6 engines from 1982 to 1995 tend to develop coolant leaks at the spark plug coolant hole between the bolt holes at the exhaust side of the cylinder head. This is usually caused by an insufficient bolt load between the cylinder head and engine block.

RESOLUTION:
MAHLE Original has designed a single-sided graphite head gasket to replace the original-equipment gasket. This graphite gasket does not require any additional sealant, and the unique “island sealing” design seals the coolant at the spark plug coolant holes at 60 psi, and includes a patented, lace flange for problem sealing applications. The seal also maintains the critical gasket operating thickness of .028”. Other aftermarket gaskets are often twice as thick, which may cause combustion and emission problems, including poor engine performance and increased pollution.

APPLICATION:
MAHLE Original part number 5744 is available for 1985 to 2011 GM 4.3L (262 CID) engines.