



Paul's Product Review

GT Trunk Gasket

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It has been several years since an '86-'88 GT owner could buy a new rear trunk gasket. The GM part was discontinued long ago. Finally, a new aftermarket gasket has been made available. We inspected this new trunk gasket at our May NIFE club meeting, and all participants agreed that this is a quality gasket to replace the original version. Will Hammond from Overland Park, Kansas (suburban Kansas City), began last fall to meet with top rubber manufacturers with OE samples. After eight months of development with the manufacturer, the final product became available. One of the main problems of the OE gasket was the thin top edge of the gasket which provided the final compression seal. Over time and "elbows" resting on the gasket during any engine maintenance, that top edge began to rip easily. This new seal still has the OE "weep holes" to let the air out upon compression, but the holes are much smaller. The new replacement also has a stronger "grip" to the edge of the trunk mounting lip using a steel insert resulting in a tight fit that does not need to be glued. Plus, this gasket has a thicker top edge that, while still maintaining flexibility and a good seal, will prolong the life of the gasket. When you see this gasket, you will see the quality of the multiple layers of rubber and steel inserts needed to produce this gasket. The seal is made up of four separate extrusions, vulcanized together into one solid gasket. Price is \$95.00 plus \$15.00 shipping (mainland USA). To purchase a gasket, you have two choices:

1. Use your PayPal account to send \$110.00 to: wmthammond@gmail.com
 2. Send check or MO to: Will Hammond, 9812 West 130th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213
- If you have any questions, email Will at: wmthammond@gmail.com