



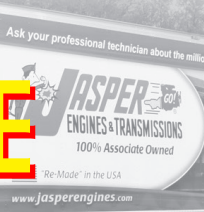
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JASPER® Offers Remanufactured Chrysler 3.6L Pentastar Gen II Engine



Chrysler 3.6L Pentastar Gen II

Jasper Engines & Transmissions is pleased to announce the availability of the Chrysler 3.6L Pentastar Gen II engine for the following late-model applications.

- 2016-2025 Dodge Durango
- 2016-2025 Jeep Grand Cherokee
- 2017-2025 Chrysler Pacifica
- 2020-2025 Chrysler Voyager
- 2022-2025 RAM ProMaster

reduces the risk of oil rings from sticking and results in lower oil consumption.”

“We’ve made significant improvements in sealing between the head and block,” Boeglin said. “The head gasket has been redesigned with a ‘D’ shape to provide a better seal between cylinders. In addition, steel inserts are CNC-installed into the block to increase durability and better handle the high clamping forces from the head bolts.”

“The JASPER-engineered pistons feature a smooth, fully machined, anodized crown that acts as a thermal barrier, helping reduce carbon buildup,” said Brad Boeglin, JASPER New Product Development Group Leader. “We’ve added additional oil return holes, for a total of 12, to improve oil drainback and transitioned from a three-piece low-tension oil ring to a two-piece diesel-style. This change

The JASPER remanufactured Chrysler 3.6L Pentastar Gen II engine is covered by a nationwide, transferrable, parts and labor warranty of up to three years or 100,000 miles. Full warranty disclosure is available upon request.

For more information on the complete line of JASPER remanufactured gas engines, log onto jasperengines.com or call 800.827.7455.

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Advanced Auto Center

Located in the Sierra Nevada foothills, near the south entrance to Yosemite National Park, lies the community of Oakhurst, California. It is home to Advanced Auto Center, a business specializing in comprehensive maintenance and repair of both domestic and foreign vehicles for families and businesses.

Advanced Auto Center was founded in 1991 by Noe Gramajo and expanded from a single-bay facility to a larger space six years later. The current owners, Kutter and Ashley Morrison, began working at the shop right out of high school. They progressed through the ranks and eventually took ownership in 2022.

The shop moved to its current location at 40142 CA-49 in 2001 and has since grown from two service bays to eleven by 2022. Of the nine employees, seven are ASE-Certified in various fields, including the service writers. The shop supports its staff by offering compensation for additional ASE certifications and fostering a culture that encourages continuous education.

A great bonding opportunity for employees is the in-house training session held over lunch on the first Monday of each month. During these sessions, the shop closes, and employees gather to discuss case studies from real work situations. The last 5-10 minutes of the session are an open forum for questions related to general HR needs. "This really helps the employees engage and feel like their voice is being heard," said Kutter.

"This monthly training improves shop culture and brings employees closer as a team."

Advanced Auto Center has been an installer of JASPER remanufactured products for over 20 years. "There's no other company that provides a single point of contact with such a wide range of high-quality products and excellent customer service as JASPER," Kutter stated. "When I purchase a differential or another product, I can trust it's the best quality for that application, made with 100% American labor in-house, and I have direct communication with a factory representative for any issues."

What makes Advanced Auto Center unique in a community like Oakhurst is its combination of extensive resources, training, and equipment, along with the personalized customer service characteristic of smaller shops where people genuinely care. "This creates a unique experience for the customer," Kutter explained. "We have the resources of large city shops and the tools of high-end facilities."

Kutter and his staff prioritize educating customers rather than merely selling products. They explain what happened to the vehicle, outline solutions, detail why their recommendations are superior to alternatives, and help customers make informed decisions.

In the coming years, Kutter hopes to open a second location while gradually stepping back from his full-time duties.



Advanced Auto Center in Oakhurst, California, has been a JASPER installer for over 20 years.

Brock Bawel Named a Conexus Indiana Rising 30 Honoree for 2026

Brock Bawel, a Production Support Department Manager at Jasper Engines & Transmissions, has been named to the Rising 30 Class of 2026 by Conexus Indiana in recognition to contributions in advanced manufacturing and logistics.

Presented by Katz, Sapper & Miller of Indianapolis, the Rising 30 program highlights 30 young individuals, aged 30 or under, whose early-career achievements showcase the talent driving Indiana's largest industry sector.

The honorees come from a variety of organizations, including global automotive manufacturers, life sciences companies, local startups, and regional economic development organizations, and are located throughout the state. This year's honorees also represent nine Indiana colleges and universities, emphasizing the strength of the state's talent pipeline. Each person was nominated by an employer or industry representative and selected based on their professional accomplishments and impact.

Bawel began his full-time career at JASPER in 2020, working in First Piece, and later participated in a Jasper Production System (JPS) workshop. He then served as Quality Captain for Gas POD 20 for two years before moving to a Group Leader position in Diesel Quality. After two years in that role, he assumed his current position as a divisional manager of engine quality.

"This honor means a great deal to me," Bawel stated. "I'm grateful for the many opportunities JASPER has



Brock Bawel has been a full-time JASPER Associate since 2020, and currently is a divisional manager of engine quality.

provided throughout my career, as well as for the teammates and leaders who have supported and challenged me along the way."

"This recognition reflects the teamwork behind the work we do every day and inspires me to continue contributing to JASPER's success," he added.

There's Time to Check Your Co-op!

Here's a quick message to our valued JASPER Customers,

Summer is in full swing. Make sure to use your available current year co-op dollars before they expire at the end of the year. Yes, these funds expire and do not roll over, so if you haven't already, send in your 2026 invoices! The deadline to use co-op for advertising is December 31st.

You can check your co-op balance by logging in to <https://myjasperaccount.com/>. If you need help finding your co-op funds balance, click the following link: <https://www.jasperengines.com/installers-fleets/coop-advertising/>.

There are many ways to utilize the co-op program. One way to utilize it is by co-branding shirts. By adding the

JASPER logo to your shirt with your shop name, it qualifies for a 50% co-op reimbursement of the total invoice, provided co-op funds are available.

We need a copy of the invoice and a photo of the shirt with the JASPER logo. These shirts could be for your employees, customers, friends, family, or anyone else!

If you have invoices for 2026, send them in today! You can submit them via email, mail, or fax. We appreciate you as a valued Jasper Engines & Transmissions customer and look forward to assisting you with all your co-op reimbursement needs. If you have any questions or invoices, please send them to coop@jasperengines.com.

Inside JASPER's Two-Stage Honing Process for Cummins Engines

At Jasper Engines & Transmissions, precision machining plays a major role in engine performance and long-term durability. One of the key processes used in the company's POD 90 production line, where the Cummins 5.9L and 6.7L engines are remanufactured, is a specialized two-stage honing process known as plateau honing.

What Happens Before Honing?

"Traditional honing methods often rely on a single-stage hone head with a single grit level throughout the process," said JASPER® Production Support Quality Captain Taylor Friend. "While effective at sizing the cylinder, this method can leave rough metal peaks on the cylinder wall."

"During engine operation, piston rings must wear down these peaks as part of the break-in process, which can contribute to increased friction, accelerated wear, or even premature damage over time," Friend said. "JASPER's two-stage honing process takes a more advanced approach."

Stage One: Rough Hone

The process begins with rough honing stones. These stones size the cylinders while creating deep valleys in their walls. These valleys are essential for retaining oil, providing the lubrication modern diesel engines need for optimal performance.

Stage Two: Finish Hone

After the rough hone is complete, the honing machine switches to finish stones that smooth the surface peaks and create a "plateau" finish. The result is smoother cylinder wall surfaces that still maintain the deep oil-retention valleys underneath. This combination creates an ideal environment for piston ring performance.

Why Plateau Honing Matters

The finished cylinder surface delivers two important benefits:

- Deep valleys retain the lubrication needed to protect engine components.
- Smooth plateaus reduce friction and ring wear during operation.

"Because the piston rings encounter a smoother surface from the start, they can seat more quickly and consistently," said Friend. "Reduced friction also helps minimize overall wear on internal engine components. For heavy-duty diesel applications like the Cummins 5.9L and 6.7L engines, that added durability can significantly improve engine longevity and long-term reliability."

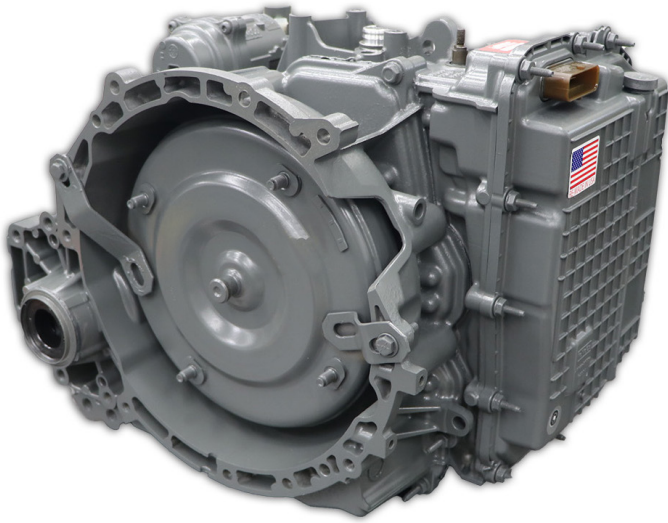


The finished cylinder surface of the two-stage honing process allow for deep valleys that retain lubrication to protect engine components, while smooth plateaus reduce friction and ring wear during operation.

Built for Long-Term Performance

Processes such as two-stage plateau honing are part of JASPER's commitment to remanufacturing engines with precision and consistency. By combining advanced CNC machining technology with proven engineering practices, JASPER helps ensure each engine is built to meet the demands of today's diesel applications. For customers, that means confidence in performance, durability, and the long life expected from a heavy-duty engine.

JASPER® Offers Ford 8F35 Transmission for Late-Model Applications



- 2019-2024 Ford Edge 2.0L AWD
- 2019-2023 Lincoln Nautilus 2.0L AWD
- 2019-2022 Ford Edge 2.0L FWD
- 2019-2023 Lincoln Nautilus 2.0L FWD
- 2019-2023 Ford Transit Connect 2.0L FWD

“JASPER expanding into late model transmissions is a key focus of ours, and the 8F35 reflects that direction,” said New Product Development Group Leader Brad Boeglin. “We’ve taken this unit through extensive validation to deliver the level of quality and reliability our customers expect.”

The Ford 8F35 is covered by JASPER’s nationwide transferable parts and labor warranty of up to three years or 100,000 miles. Full warranty disclosure is available on our website or upon request.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions, the nation’s leader in remanufactured powertrain products, announces the expanded availability of the 8F35 transmission for late-model Ford/Lincoln applications.

For more information on the complete line of JASPER remanufactured transmissions, please call 800.827.7455 or log onto www.jasperengines.com.

JET Transit Competes in Truck Driving Championships

Five over-the-road drivers from Jasper Engines & Transmissions’ transportation division, JET Transit, participated in the Indiana Motor Truck Association (IMTA) 2026 Truck Driving and Technician Championships held in Indianapolis.

Drivers competing for JET Transit were: Brian Kuhs, Ken Steckler, Derrick McDonald, Ryan Larrimore, and Craig Abbott. Also attending was Rich Mehling as a volunteer for the event.

The IMTA Championships allow some of Indiana’s finest driving professionals to compete against each other. The competition consisted of a written examination, a pre-trip inspection, and a driving skills test. JET Transit competed against drivers from companies including: UPS Ground, Old Dominion, Walmart, and FedEx Ground.

Individually, Craig Abbott finished fifth in the 5-Axle class, Brian Kuhs finished sixth in the Straight Truck class, Ken Steckler also competed in the 3-Axle class, Ryan Larrimore in the 4-Axle class, and Derrick McDonald in the Tank Truck class.



JET Transit drivers competing at the annual IMTA Championships included: Brian Kuhs, Ken Steckler, Derrick McDonald, Rich Mehling (volunteer for the event), Ryan Larrimore, and Craig Abbott.

JASPER® congratulates these drivers, and extends a “Thank You” for showing all of Indiana what we already know, we have the Best Professional Drivers in the business!”

The JASPER® Independent Fleet Advisory Committee

Jasper Engines and Transmissions recently held its Independent Fleet Repair Advisory Committee meeting. This council provides a platform for fleet repair shops with similar goals to collaborate and develop effective practices.

“The Fleet Advisory Committee meets biannually in a roundtable format to discuss key industry topics such as technical training, diagnostics, maintenance intervals, fleet software, and original equipment (OE) powertrain challenges,” said JASPER Vice President of Fleet and National Programs Jesse Doty. “Guided by pre-distributed discussion questions, these collaborative sessions help develop solutions for fleets while generating ideas that support future growth and innovation for Jasper Engines & Transmissions.”

The Jasper Fleet Advisory Committee was established to help JASPER stay at the forefront of powertrain needs and current trends in the fleet industry. The committee consists of fleet directors and senior managers from companies that are current customers and partners of JASPER. Each committee member serves a two-year term.

The committee meets in Jasper, Indiana, twice a year for two days. The visits include factory tours, insights into JASPER’s lean processes, and evaluations of the First Piece process. Typical roundtable discussion topics include technical training, diagnostic equipment, maintenance intervals, and fleet software. JASPER also prepares a list of questions based on current and future industry challenges, which are sent to committee members one month in advance to allow them to prepare for the discussions. Members



Members of the JASPER Independent Fleet Advisory Council include: Bill Kindler - Vestis, Bob Armstrong - Delta, Ivan Cedeno - Delta, Adrian Barnhart - Penske, Jerome Meadows - Grady Health, Jeff Myers - Roadsafe Traffic, David Carmen - Frontier, Bill Blundell - Frontier, Frankie Mercado - American Airlines, Wilson Green, Jr. - American Airlines

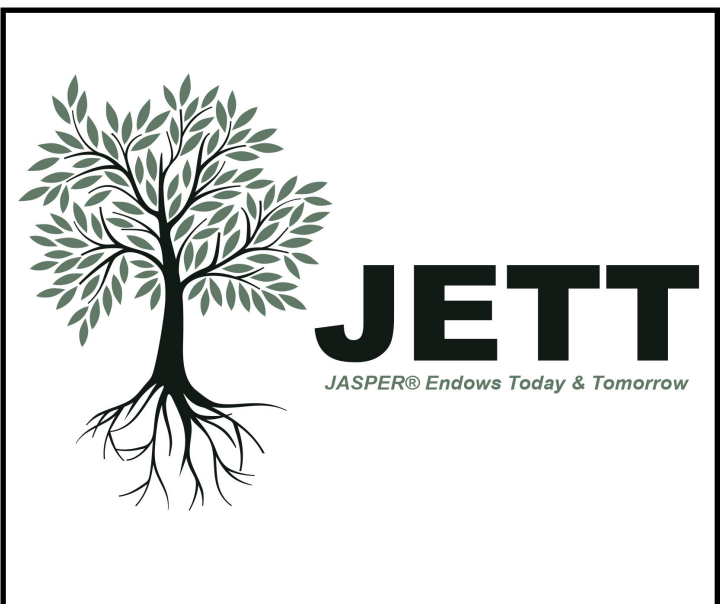
also have the opportunity to address OE powertrain failure points with JASPER’s engineering team to identify solutions for tackling inherent OE issues.

Two Organizations Receive JETT Grants

Jasper Endows Today and Tomorrow (JETT) is proud to announce a \$5,000 grant for the 2026 Honor Flight for Veterans. The mission of Honor Flight is to transport war veterans to Washington, D.C., where they can visit memorials dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifices of our military.

JETT also awarded a \$5,000 grant to Beyond26 of Grandville, Michigan, to assist in the purchase of a new transportation van. Beyond26 is dedicated to supporting adults with disabilities in securing meaningful employment through individualized advocacy and networking.

JETT is a giving circle for Associate-Owners of Jasper Holdings, Inc. and their families. They focus on pooling resources and creating a more significant combined impact on our communities. JETT aims to learn more about philanthropic opportunities and support those organizations that promote intelligent giving.



Busy Isn't Productive: The Shop Owner's Wake-Up Call

By Darrin Barney, President - EliteWorldwide, Inc.

Darrin Barney

started his own auto repair and 4X4 business in 2003. By having a dedication to the success of his employees that is unlike any other, as well as to the care and safety of his customers, his success quickly caught the attention of the industry, and it's brought about his being featured in countless podcasts and nationally published articles. He's been on the cover of AutoInc. Magazine, and he's spoken at a number of the industry's largest events. Before becoming president at EliteWorldwide, he filled the role of lead trainer for the industry-acclaimed Masters Service Advisor Program, and he's coached a number of clients to incredible levels to help Elite grow into the remarkable brand it is today.



You may feel busy right now, but is all that activity actually moving your business forward? (AI generated image).

I've had a lot of conversations with shop owners over the years, and one thing comes up over and over again. They're busy. Not just a little busy. Completely buried. Phones ringing. Techs needing help. Customers at the counter. Problems coming at them all day long. And by the end of the day, they're worn out. But when we really start talking, something else comes out. Even with all that effort, things aren't where they want them to be. Profit isn't where it should be. The team still leans on them for everything. And there's never enough time. That's when the realization starts to hit. Being busy isn't the same as being productive.

It Feels Like Progress... But It's Not

Most of us didn't get into this business to sit behind a desk. We like solving problems. We like helping people. We like be-

ing involved. So when things get hectic, it's natural to jump in. You help at the counter. You answer the questions. You fix the problems. And in the moment, it feels like you're doing exactly what you're supposed to be doing. But over time, something starts to happen. The business begins to depend on you for everything. And the more it depends on you, the harder you have to work just to keep up.

I've Had to Look at This Myself

There have been times where I've caught myself doing the same thing. Moving fast. Solving problems. Jumping from one thing to the next. Feeling productive, but not actually moving anything forward in a meaningful way. That's a tough place to be, because on the surface it looks like you're doing everything right. But deep down, you know something's off.

The Shift That Has to Happen

At some point, every shop owner has to make a shift. From doing everything to focusing on things that actually matter. That usually starts with slowing down just enough to step back and look at the business. Not the chaos of the day, but the bigger picture. What's really driving results? Where is the team struggling? What keeps pulling you back into the same problems? Those answers don't show up when you're constantly in the middle of it. They show up when you give yourself a little space to look and think.

It's Not About Doing More

Most of the time, the answer isn't to work harder. It's to get more intentional. It's looking at your numbers and actually understanding what they're telling you. It's making sure your team knows what's expected without you having to step in every time. It's having the conversations that help people grow instead of just fixing things for them. None of that is complicated. But it does take discipline.

And It Doesn't Stop at the Shop

This is the part that matters more than most people talk about. When you're constantly busy, constantly reacting, it follows you home. You're tired. You're distracted. You're still thinking about the day. And the people who matter most don't get your best. They get what's left. That's not why you started your business.

A Better Way Forward

There's nothing wrong with working hard. But if all we ever do is stay busy, we miss the opportunity to build something better. Something that runs with more consistency. Something your team can help carry. Something that gives you a little more space to breathe. That doesn't happen overnight, but it starts with a simple shift. Slow down just enough to see what really matters. And start putting your energy there.

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A Partner That Understands the Bigger Picture

At Elite, we spend a lot of time helping shop owners step out of the day-to-day and start thinking differently about their business. That's one of the reasons we value partners like Jasper Engines & Transmissions. They understand that it's not just about the product. It's about supporting the shop owner and helping create long-term success through consistency, training, and the right systems.

The Bottom Line

If you feel busy right now, you're not alone. But it's worth asking the question. Is all that activity actually moving the business forward? Or is it just keeping you in the middle of it? Because there's a big difference between the two. And once you see it, you can start to change it.

P. S. Ready for more than just ideas? If you want clear direction, accountability, and real results in your shop, let's talk about business coaching. Our team will work with you one-on-one to help you hit your goals and build a business that works for you. Learn more at www.eliteworldwide.com or simply reply to get connected.

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