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HELP! Car won't start Posted by sfoltz - 19 Jun 2017 12:53
So after a LONG time I finally got the engine (rebuilt) in the car and all the wiring connected but the car will not start.
It cranks and sputters (tries to start) and pops out of the exhaust but it will not fire up.
I checked the fuel pump and tested everything on Clark's Garage for the pump and DME relay and DME connections; all of that works fine.
It sounds like a timing issue to me but I've checked, double, and triple checked all of my timing marks for TDC and they're all correct. I've checked plug wires and distributor cap and rotor too.
I'm not that experienced with the 944 so I may be overlooking something.
Can any of you guys help me out?
Thank you,
Sean

Re: HELP! Car won't start Posted by cbuzzetti - 19 Jun 2017 20:08

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Good Luck and keep us posted.

Re: HELP! Car won't start Posted by sfoltz - 20 Jun 2017 16:26

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That was it, thanks. She purrs like a kitten now well ROARS is more like it since there's no muffler on it yet.
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Re: HELP! Car won't start Posted by cbuzzetti - 20 Jun 2017 17:41
Your welcome, glad it was an easy one.