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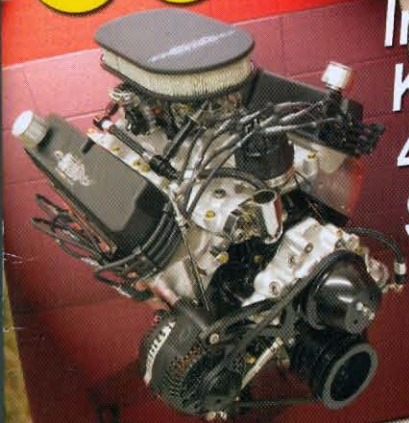


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The Cobra Type 65 Coupe has a long history of burning up the track and setting race records. It has an equally long history of scorching the bottom side of its driver and passenger. Love the speed, but the noise, vibration and heat can really play havoc on the open road.

QuietRide Solutions in Stockton, CA has come up with a solution to cabin discomforts in the FFR Type 65 Coupe in the form of a pre-cut, ready-to-install, thermal-acoustic AcoustiShield insulation kit. A complete kit includes a firewall/cowl insulation kit, floor insulation kit, body panel insulation kit, roof insulation kit, rear floor insulation kit and door insulation kit.

Timothy Cox, QuietRide's owner and chief R & D guy, has patterned all of the FFR cars using a combination of Dynamat Xtreme material to sound dampen the aluminum panels that make up the COCKPIT and a layer of HeatShield to insulate those panels. QuietRide has assembled all of these pieces into re-packages that cover the various parts of the vehicle and they are really easy to install by following the illustrated instructions that come with each kit. No cutting of material or special tools are required and everything you need to do the installation is included.

Cox said a full kit weighs between 35 and 40 pounds but the benefits are significant. "In our before and after testing, we find that we can reduce interior noise

levels by 15 to 18 decibels," he said. (To put that in perspective, a 10db reduction equates to a 50 percent drop in passenger cabin noise.) "Equally significant is the 20 to 25 degree reduction in radiant heat that is transmitted through the body panels, firewall, floor and roof," said Cox.

QuietRide has been building automotive firewall insulator panels and AcoustiShield thermal-acoustic kits for more than 30 years. The company now has an inventory of more than 600 firewall insulator panels for popular cars and trucks and more than 700 insulation kits.

Cox elaborated, saying "One of the problems we see exclusively with the sports and exotic cars—whether they be OEM production models or kit cars—is the absence of significant sound dampening and insulation treatments. When we analyze these vehicles there is little to no firewall insulation—a potentially hot issue when you have a 500+ horsepower engine stuffed into a small bodied chassis." They take great care to insulate the full firewall area to stop the mechanical noise and heat before it enters the passenger cabin. The same attention is paid to the transmission tunnel and floor as well as other areas of the car. "These cars are built to be enjoyed on today's open road as well as on the track, but there is no need for the passengers to sit in a sauna and go deaf doing it."

For additional information and model application catalogs, visit www.quietride.com.



PACIFIC ROADSTER WON

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