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exhaust ?? Posted by cullenwinter - 22 Mar 2008 13:00
Our local muffler guy (and corvette racer) is willing to hook me up with some work at greatly reduced cost, so I am planning to have him remove the cat. Here's my question:
How much weight will I lose by replacing the cat with a piece of straight pipe? (I've got to be careful, not a whole lot more can come out of my car)
Thanks
Re:exhaust ?? Posted by SvoChuck - 22 Mar 2008 15:06
you need the cat out . it's the only thing we do to make more power in our cars. add some fuel to make up for the weight.
Re:exhaust ?? Posted by dmdirks - 22 Mar 2008 23:30
If I remember correctly the cat weighs around 20lbs, so the net loss is around 17 lbs.
Re:exhaust ?? Posted by joepaluch - 22 Mar 2008 23:31
Yep ditch the cat.
It can get you 8-10hp. The weight savings can be corrected with a little ballast. I run 30lbs of ballast to make sure I meet weight even with no fuel in the car.

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Re:exhaust ??
Posted by cullenwinter - 23 Mar 2008 01:00

Thanks Guys, I would also like to hear the revs a little better (yes I know I could look at the tach once in a while!)Will the cat removal change the sound much?

I was thinking I could put an el cheapo cherry bomb on the car (just to PO the knuckle-draggers) Does the engine require the back pressure that the stock exhaust provides?

Re:exhaust ?? Posted by SvoChuck - 23 Mar 2008 02:35 it sounds best with no cat .