

### Stainless Goodies

**M**uch of the appeal of car crafting is adding that last little part that makes the whole package look and perform better. It's no secret that stainless steel is a whole lot more attractive than either aluminum or mild steel because of its superior visual properties. It just looks better forever. It doesn't rust and does not require constant polishing like aluminum.

We ran across these slick little items the other day from Performance Stainless Steel. One aggravating thing about a daily driver is stock steel heater hose fittings that begin to corrode about a month after you bolt them on. Performance Stainless solved that dilemma by producing several versions of those fittings in 304 stainless that look great and will look just as good years from now. There's even a 90-degree fitting for small-block Chevys that is helpful when adding an aftermarket air conditioning compressor. Performance Stainless offers these components either individually or in Kool Kitz complete with a tube of Permatex Loctite thread pipe sealant. Besides these fittings, Performance Stainless also offers stainless steel pipe plugs in several configurations. These fittings won't add horsepower or freshen your breath, but they will add a little class to your engine compartment, and that's almost as good as 10 more horsepower.



This is a Performance Stainless Kool Kitz for a small-block Chevy that features a pair of 304 stainless steel heater hose fittings, a pair of 1/2-inch Allen-style pipe plugs for the intake manifold, and a small tube of Permatex pipe sealant. The heater hose fittings are available in different heights as well as in a 12-point hex configuration.

#### Parts List

The following is just a portion of the components available through Performance Stainless.

| Component                        | Part Number | Price   |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Kool Kitz, SB Chevy              | 1024        | \$31.00 |
| Kool Kitz, BB Chevy              | 1032        | 51.00   |
| 90-degree hose fitting, 1/2-inch | 1036        | 22.80   |
| Pipe plug, socket head, 1/2-inch | 1022        | 5.00    |

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Performance Stainless also offers this slick 90-degree fitting.

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