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Walker 31646

Instruction Manual

Product: Walker Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket

Model: 31646

Brand: Walker

1. Product Overview

The Walker Exhaust 31646 Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket is designed to complete exhaust repairs by providing a reliable seal between exhaust components. These gaskets are available in various styles and sizes, engineered to work seamlessly with both Original Equipment (OE) exhaust components and Walker aftermarket replacement parts.

What's in the Box

- 1 x Walker Exhaust Gasket



Image 1.1: The Walker Exhaust 31646 Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket, a metallic, two-hole gasket designed for exhaust system sealing.

2. Compatibility

This gasket is compatible with specific vehicle models. It is crucial to verify fitment before purchase and installation. Always refer to the vehicle's year, make, model, engine, and trim information to ensure proper compatibility.

Known Compatible Vehicles:

- 1999-1999 Acura EL
- 2000-2000 Acura EL
- 1999-1999 Honda Civic
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For other vehicle models, please consult the manufacturer's specifications or a qualified automotive professional.

3. Features

The Walker Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket incorporates several design and material features to ensure optimal performance and durability:

- **Premium Materials:** Constructed from high-quality materials for enhanced durability and extended service life.
- **Heat Deflection:** Designed to effectively deflect heat, contributing to long-lasting performance in high-temperature exhaust environments.
- **Variety of Sizes:** Offered in a range of styles and sizes to accommodate diverse vehicle repair requirements.
- **Easier Installation:** Features slotted bolt holes (where applicable) to facilitate easier installation, allowing the gasket to slip into place smoothly.
- **Engineering Expertise:** Parts are rigorously reviewed, validated, and approved by Walker engineers through extensive research and development.
- **Real-World Tested:** Components undergo on-vehicle testing and validation to ensure optimal performance under actual driving conditions.

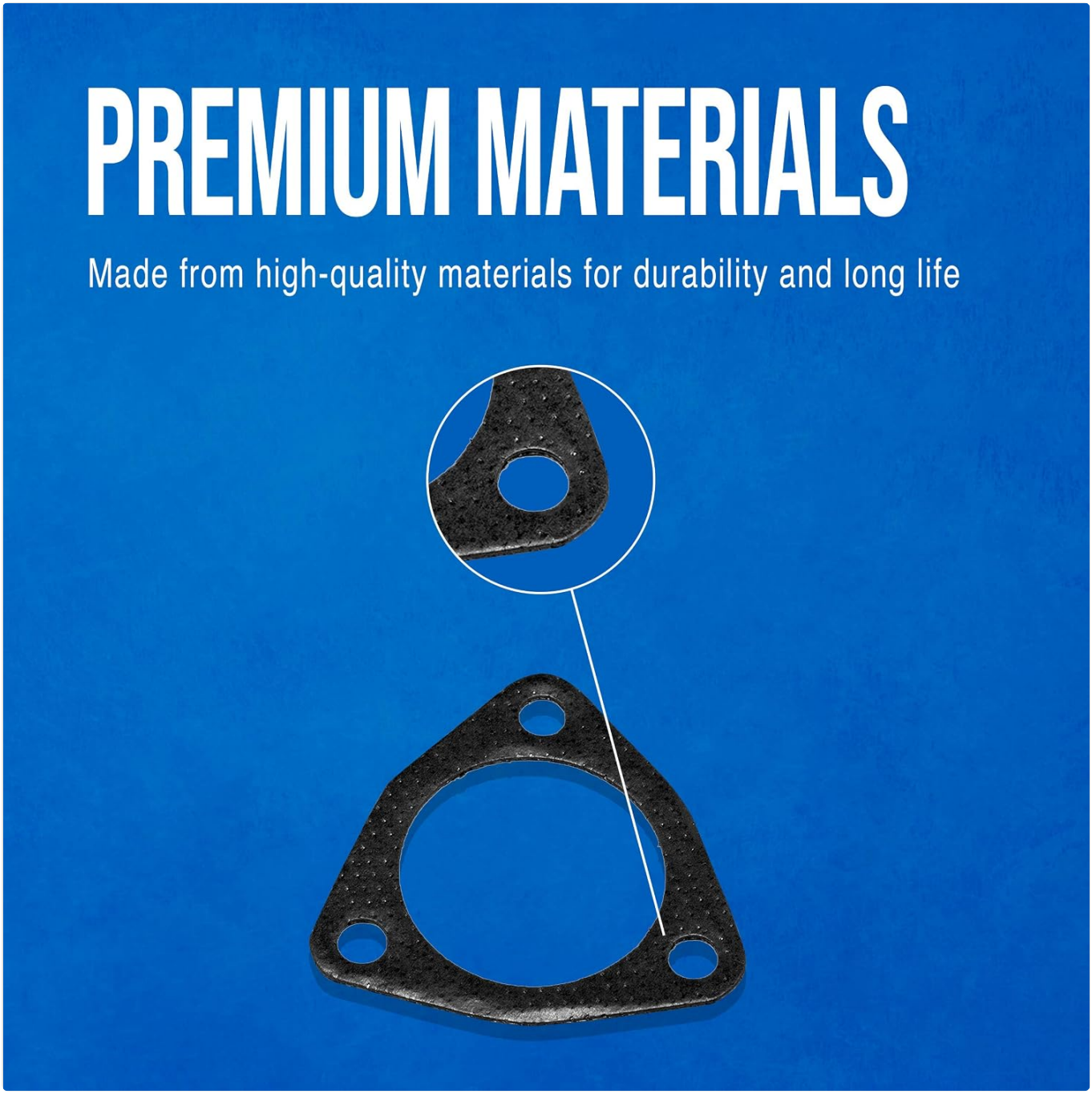


Image 3.1: Illustration highlighting the premium materials used in Walker gaskets, showing a close-up of the gasket's texture.



Image 3.2: Depiction of various Walker gasket shapes and sizes, emphasizing their availability for different vehicle needs.

4. Installation (Setup)

Proper installation of the exhaust gasket is essential for a leak-free and durable repair. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified technician or an individual with experience in automotive exhaust systems.

General Installation Guidelines:

1. **Safety First:** Ensure the vehicle is securely lifted and supported. Allow the exhaust system to cool completely before beginning work to prevent burns. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including gloves and eye protection.
2. **Remove Old Gasket:** Carefully remove the old, worn, or damaged gasket from the exhaust flange. Clean both mating surfaces thoroughly to remove any rust, carbon deposits, or old gasket material. A wire brush or scraper may be useful.
3. **Inspect Flanges:** Check the exhaust flanges for any damage, warping, or corrosion that could prevent a proper

seal. Repair or replace damaged flanges if necessary.

4. **Position New Gasket:** Place the new Walker gasket onto one of the exhaust flanges, ensuring the bolt holes align correctly. The slotted bolt holes on some Walker gaskets are designed to assist with this alignment.
5. **Reassemble Components:** Bring the two exhaust components together, aligning the flanges and the gasket. Insert the bolts through the aligned holes.
6. **Tighten Bolts:** Hand-tighten all bolts first, then gradually tighten them in a crisscross or star pattern to ensure even pressure across the gasket. Refer to your vehicle's service manual for specific torque specifications. Over-tightening can damage the gasket or flanges, while under-tightening can lead to leaks.
7. **Check for Leaks:** After installation, start the engine and listen for any exhaust leaks. A common method is to feel around the joint with your hand (carefully, once the system is warm but not excessively hot) or use soapy water to look for bubbles.



Image 4.1: A technician performing measurements on an exhaust pipe, illustrating the precision required for proper fitment and installation.

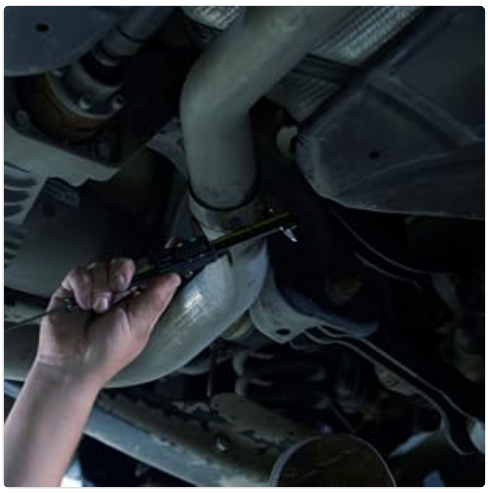


Image 4.2: A close-up of a hand using calipers to measure an exhaust pipe, emphasizing the importance of accurate sizing for gasket selection.

Image 4.3: A gloved hand installing a rubber exhaust hanger, demonstrating a related component often replaced during exhaust system maintenance.

5. Maintenance

Exhaust gaskets are generally maintenance-free once properly installed. However, periodic inspection of the exhaust system can help identify potential issues before they become significant problems.

Inspection Tips:

- **Visual Inspection:** Regularly check the exhaust system for signs of rust, corrosion, cracks, or loose connections. Pay close attention to gasket areas for black soot marks, which indicate a leak.
- **Listen for Noises:** Unusual noises such as hissing, tapping, or roaring from the exhaust system can indicate a leak or a failing component, including a gasket.
- **Check Hangers and Mounts:** Ensure all exhaust hangers and mounts are intact and securely holding the exhaust system in place. Damaged hangers can put undue stress on gaskets and other components.
- **Address Issues Promptly:** Any identified issues should be addressed promptly by a qualified technician to prevent further damage to the exhaust system or other vehicle components.

6. Troubleshooting

If you experience issues after installing the exhaust gasket, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Exhaust Leak (Hissing/Tapping Noise)	Gasket not seated properly Bolts not tightened evenly or to spec Damaged or warped flanges Incorrect gasket size/type	Re-check gasket alignment and re-tighten bolts evenly. Ensure bolts are torqued to manufacturer specifications. Inspect flanges for damage; replace if necessary. Verify the correct gasket for your vehicle and application.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Vibration or Rattling Noise	Loose exhaust hangers or mounts Exhaust system contacting vehicle chassis	Inspect and replace any worn or broken exhaust hangers/mounts. Adjust exhaust system position to ensure proper clearance.
Persistent Exhaust Fumes in Cabin	Significant exhaust leak Other exhaust system damage	Immediately inspect the entire exhaust system for leaks, including the gasket. Do not drive the vehicle if exhaust fumes are entering the cabin. Seek professional assistance.

7. Specifications

Key technical specifications for the Walker Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket Model 31646:

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Walker
Model Number	31646
Color	Silver
Shape	Round (referring to the internal openings, overall shape is flanged)
UPC	086387316460
Manufacturer	Walker Exhaust
Unit Count	1.0 Count
Item Weight	0.8 ounces
Product Dimensions	4 x 4 x 1 inches
Country of Origin	India
Exterior Finish	Machined

8. Warranty and Support

Walker products are manufactured to high standards. For specific warranty information regarding the Walker Exhaust Pipe Flange Gasket, please refer to the official Walker website or contact their customer support directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

For technical assistance or further inquiries, please visit the Walker Exhaust official website or consult an authorized dealer.

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