

New Continental Cylinders ARE Available for -11 Engines

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**TCM has brand new cylinders and pistons available for our O-470-11 engines!
This cylinder design supercedes the “heavy” 727 cylinders we’ve all run for years.**

(Sorry, we can't immediately confirm the kit is good on the -15 engines. There may be piston skirt differences that would prevent use of the kit's pistons on -15 engines with their different crankshaft dampener system. But, TCM will research the issue to provide a definitive answer if someone is interested.)

The following was confirmed with a TCM Tech Rep on 8 Sept 2010:

The Cylinder Kit is supplied with the standard new dimension steel cylinder (valves installed, of course), the piston, the rings (four rings, of course), and all necessary gaskets. The cylinder kit part number is 655480A4. The list price per cylinder kit is \$1455.00 ea. Note that these are NOT chrome, Cerminil or any other type of plated bore. They are standard Continental through-hardened (nitrided) cylinders, the same materials as in cylinders being installed on new Continental engines.

TCM offers a “Balance Pack” of six (6) 655480A4 cylinder kits in which the pistons have been balanced to within two grams of each other. If replacing all six cylinders, the Balance Pack is recommended. Its part number is 655480A4-BP. The list price of the Balance Pack is \$8735.00 ea.

The kits can be purchased through TCM distributors who typically discount from TCM's list price. Large distributors include AirPower in Arlington TX (www.factorycylinders.com) and A.E.R.O., Granite City IL (www.aeroinstock.com). TCM cylinder kit discounts typically run 13-14%. A.E.R.O. (Michael, x260) quoted \$1258.20 ea or \$7549.20 for the Balance Pack, with free freight and their “Air Boss” warranty that adds benefits over the underlying TCM warranty. Piston pins are \$38.92 ea for TCM or \$30.71 ea for Superior.

A.E.R.O had a full balanced set plus singles in stock at the time of my call. They would ship same day. If the distributor is out of stock, however, TCM says to plan on delivery in three to four weeks after receipt of the order at TCM. That presumes they would have to manufacture the cylinder kits. Depending on when received, they may have the kits on the shelf and would deliver more quickly.

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