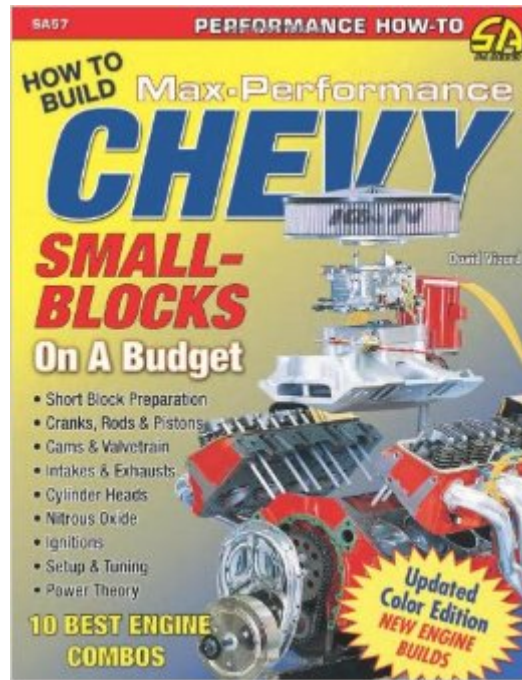


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# David Vizard's How To Build Max Performance Chevy Small Blocks On A Budget (Performance How-To)



## Synopsis

There's a common thread that connects high-performance enthusiasts; they want horsepower at the most affordable price. Hot rodders have always searched for ways to save money and improve performance, which includes fabricating their own parts, buying prime used parts, searching classifieds, and combing swap meets looking for deals. These high-performance enthusiasts take pride in beating the next guy in a contest of speed while spending a lot less to do it. Renowned engine builder and technical writer David Vizard turns his attention to extracting serious horsepower from small-block Chevy engines while doing it on a budget. Included are details of the desirable factory part numbers, easy do-it-yourself cylinder-head modifications, inexpensive but effective aftermarket parts, the best blocks, rotating assembly (cranks, rods, and pistons), camshaft selection, lubrication, induction, ignition, exhaust systems, and more. This book is an all-new color edition of a previous best seller. It contains the latest engine-building techniques, profiles current technology, and includes today's affordable parts and engines. Vizard performs ten engine builds, which include dyno charts and parts lists. And it's all done at a nominal cost. Don't throw away money on bogus parts and inflated horsepower claims. Get the real scoop with *How to Build Max-Performance Chevy Small Blocks on a Budget* today!

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There's not another small-block Chevy book that does a better job explaining how to build a

small-block Chevy and the best products to use under a certain budget. This book gave me no-BS information that made it far easier to select the best KB pistons, Scat crank, and Scat rods for my 350 build-up. There's a huge amount of information and flow data on aftermarket heads from RHS, Dart, Edelbrock and some others. With all the information, it made it easy to pick out heads with the right chamber size. But what I really liked about the book are the charts and information for picking out a cam. Vizard gets into the nitty gritty of cam selection and the charts are awesome. In the charts, you find your application, engine size, and from there you can select the cam. And it gives you some stroker application.

This is a great book for people that want to know how to get the most out of budget parts. If you are looking for something to help you find out how to make your 400 dollar heads work like 1000 dollar heads then this is it. For those of you that are looking at building your first engine and are looking to see how to put one together or how exactly to make the best performing engines you might want to consider something else. Don't get me wrong, this is a great product but for beginners it doesn't go into a lot of detail about certain parts but does tell you a lot about performance needs and building a budget engine.

This is an excellent instruction manual for small block Chevy engines. It goes into detail that most manuals lack. This manual is an additional resource to keep and use in the future. The chapters on heads and cams go into detail you don't get in a normal repair manual. Cylinder head flow, cc'ing the heads, cam degree, valve lift, overlap. All critical when blueprinting an engine and not normally addressed in a typical manual. As a 30 year ASE Master Technician, this is one of the best books I have ever had. It will never be out of date. Blueprinting an engine has not changed, technology has just made it easier.

Very insightful with each section giving what specific brand components have worked again and again for David. Unless your full time job is engine building and even you are, you will learn useful information for building a SBC. It steered me towards going with a 400 crank (383 cu.in. engine) vs. using standard 350 crank to gain more HP/ft lbs for less cost vs. other HP upgrades. If you have never rebuilt an engine he may leave out some details about components you need to know, he does a good job explaining what parts he considers the right pick but he's a pro and leaves out some of the basics he expects you should know. Overall I gained a lot from reading this, he gives several example builds he has done at various levels (budget, mid dollar, more expensive strip car

build, etc) and likely covers 90% of what SBC people would want to build.

nice collection of engine building info...plenty of budget ideals to get horsepower and ideals to help u make choices along the way building your own. Useful book to have at most lvls of motor building

I have a number of David Vizard's Automotive books and they don't get much better! The detailed instructions guide you all along the way to a satisfactory end. The photos are top quality and this book should be an addition to any Chevrolet enthusiasts library.

If you're considering a 383, 408 or 434 build get your teeth in this first. This book really lays it out for stroking the small block and really, honestly there is no other way to go. Sorry you guys runnin 355's but once you've gone down the stroker road you never look back. Who wouldn't love to build a square small block chevy 4.030 X 4.000! A 408 in a G-body is just gona roast up the joint. This book is good because David really focuses on building within a budget and succeeding without unnecessary skimping or going broke. David and his crew show all the tricks to making solid torque and horsepower. I was pleased you will be too!

This book goes into extreme detail about just about every nuance of building an engine, which might be exactly what you are looking for. The author is extremely verbose, so it often takes 2 or 3 pages to explain what could have easily been explained in a paragraph or a table.

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