



BREATHING APPARATUS: For the last test, we installed the complete Cougar Ram Air air cleaner assembly, including the old dirty paper air filter. We were surprised that it didn't really hurt power all that much, knocking off about seven hp and eight lb-ft of torque.

have the same gains, but didn't suffer either. Even though peak lagged a little, 483.2 lb-ft at 3,400, this combination gave us our best average of the day at 454.5. Bsfc's fell back to .48, telling us

the engine was feeling its best again. In hindsight, had we installed the air cleaner base while we were still running the 2½-inch exhaust pipes, we would have surely passed 400 horsepower.

Lastly, we installed the full Cougar ram air air-cleaner assembly, old dirty paper element and all. We were surprised that hp only fell back to 402.1 at 5,100 (average back to 345.8) and torque to 474.9 lb-ft at 3,300 (average to 447.1). We think if we had a K&N filter instead of the dirty paper filter, we would have matched our best power.

Ever since the 428CJ was released to the public, everyone thought the factory 335 HP rating was a lie. It was. Did they make 400 hp as claimed? Darn close. With some tuning we found over 50 hp and 50 lb-ft of torque. Just keep all this in mind the next time you line up with any 428CJ Ford, especially if it's Dan Heller's Cougar Eliminator.

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