Engine Log Book Pro v1.1 C Updates

The version 1.1 C has added several new features, which include:

- Automatically read in a Surface Finish file.
- Let you specify an alternate location for storing files and easily switch back and forth between the default or alternate location.
- Manage up to 8 different picture files for most all screens.
- Lets you pick a new Cylinder Numbering pattern for Ford Power Stroke diesels.
- Piston-to-Valve Clearance report (with new Preference to use Piston Fly Cut depth in the calculation)
- You can adjust the program's estimated cam lift profile by entering a measured "lift at TDC" to improve Piston-to-Valve Clearance accuracy.
- Valve Spring Report
- Allow multiple inputs for doing the Valve Spring Report (Valve to Deck Clearance, Spring Installed Height, Coil Bind)

Read Surface Finish File

Trace Boss is a surface finish data logging software for measuring surface finish via several different surface finish sensors. Set this to Yes and there are new options in the screen for measuring surface

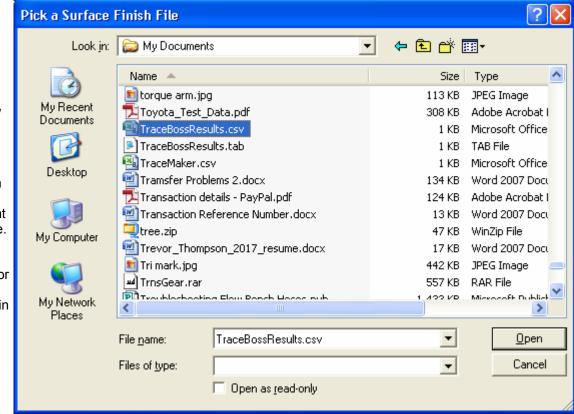
finish at various positions in individual cylinder bores.

To read a Trace Boss Surface Finish file, you must first turn on this feature in Preferences, under the "File Options/ Operation" tab. Then related options become enabled.

Click the Browse button and browse your computer for the file that Trace Boss will produce. It typically has a name like

TraceBossResults.csv or TraceBossResults.tab. Many times this will be in computer's My Documents folder, but you can have Trace Boss store it most anywhere you want. The Log Book can read either a .csv or .tab file.





If you browse to the correct file, the "Path and File Name" field will be loaded with the complete path (letter drive and folders) and file name of the Trace Boss file.

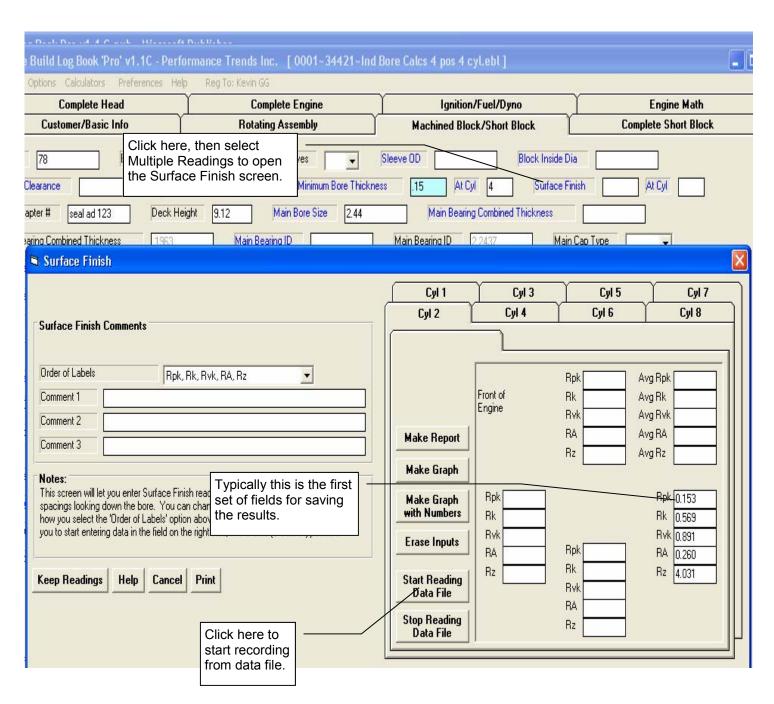
Now you are prepared to read a Trace Boss surface finish file automatically.

Now you can click on "Surface Finish" in the "Machined Block/Short Block" screen and request to enter "Multiple Inputs" for the Surface Finish screen to open.

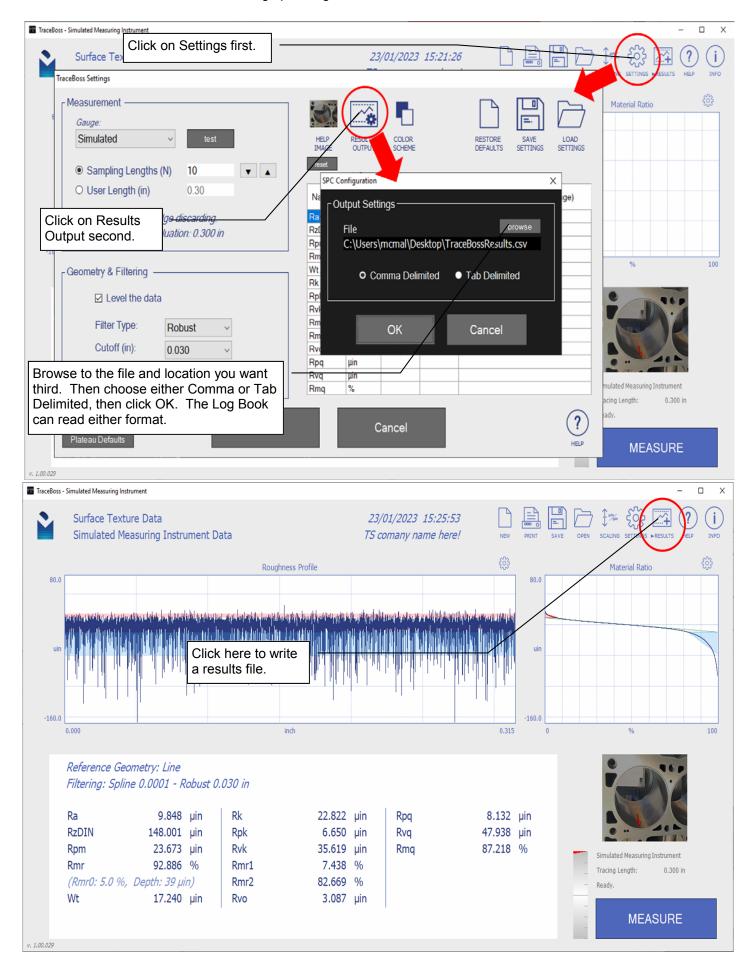
Once you've had Trace Boss save a file of readings, you can click the "Start Reading Data File" button and it will read and enter the readings. The readings will be read into which set of 5 fields has the blinking cursor. Typically the cursor is in the first set of 5 in the 3:00 position on the right, and that is where they will be stored. The cursor will automatically jump to the next set of 5 fields, typically the 6:00 position

Once the first set is recorded with the "Start Reading Data File" button, the program starts to watch the Trace Boss file. If it sees that it has been updated, it will automatically read the new results and store it in the next set of 5 fields. This can be a great time saver.

The program will accurately read in the results with either "Order of Labels" option you select, or if the file is .tab or .csv.



Here's screens from TraceBoss for setting up writing results to a file.



Alternate Location for Storing Files

Some users want to store their engine files on a central location so several users can access them. This is typically on a network. One way to do this is to install the Engine Log Book on this central computer and they you access the program from various other computers on the network.

Another method is to have the Log Book installed on several computer and have the files stored in this central location, or "Alternate Location". If this is what you want to do, you first have to turn on this feature in Preferences.

You have 3 options:

- No
- Yes
- Pick

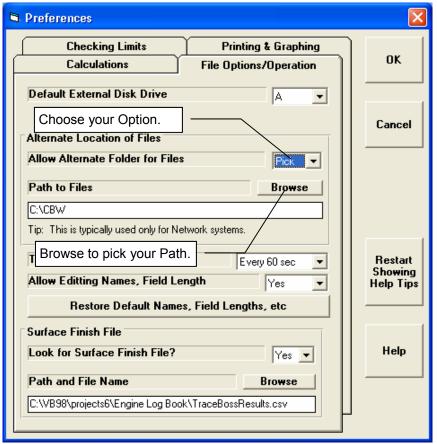
No means files are stored in the default location, the Engine Files folder in the Log Book program's folder.

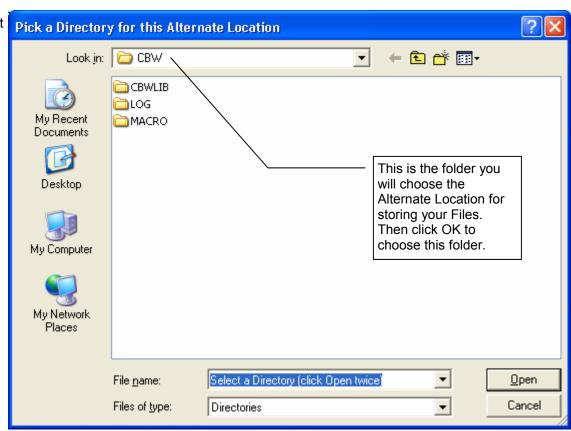
Yes means files are stored in the Alternate location that is stored in the "Path to Files" field.

Pick means you can easily switch back and forth between the Default and Alternate location.

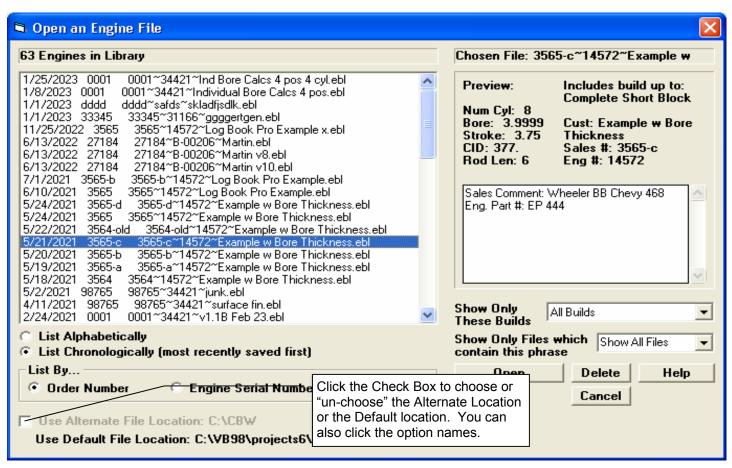
If you click the Browse button, you can browse to most any location including network locations. Note only folders are displayed, that you can only pick a folder and not a file.

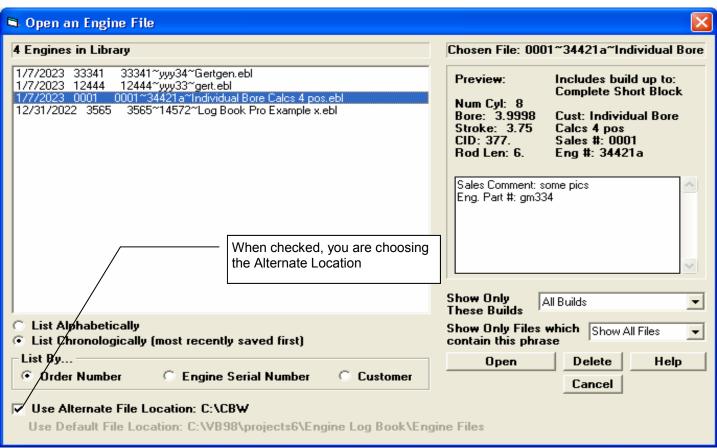
When the "Look In" field at the top has the correct folder, click the Open button.



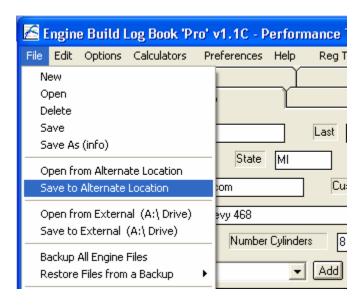


If you choose the Pick option, the bottom of the Open screen has the options of Use Alternate Location, or Use Default Location. Click on the Check Box or either label to switch between the locations





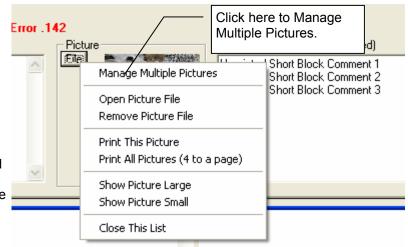
If you have chosen the "Pick" option, then if you choose to save a file, you can click on File, then Save to Alternate Location.

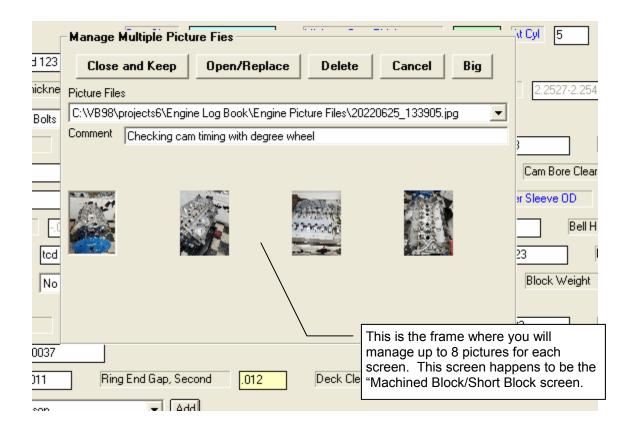


Manage Multiple Picture Files

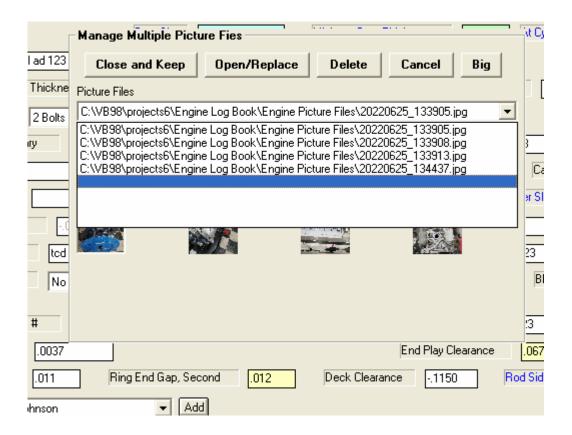
The Picture "File" button at the bottom of all screens now have a couple of "Multiple" picture options for Managing them and Printing them.

The screen for Managing Multiple Pictures is shown below. Click on the dropdown for "Picture Files" and you have 8 options. Choose one of the 8, then you can click the Open/Replace button and browse to the picture file. Or click the Delete button to delete that particular picture file. For each file you can enter a comment to describe the particular picture.



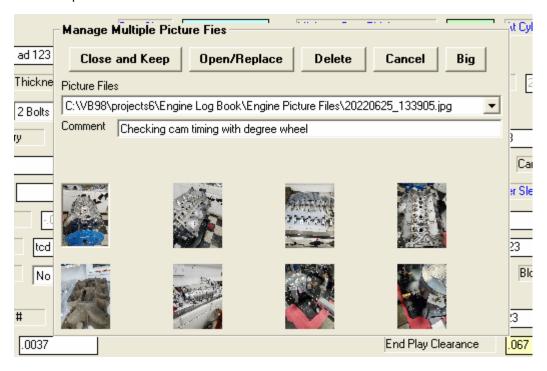


Here it shows picking the 5th picture file location from the dropdown.

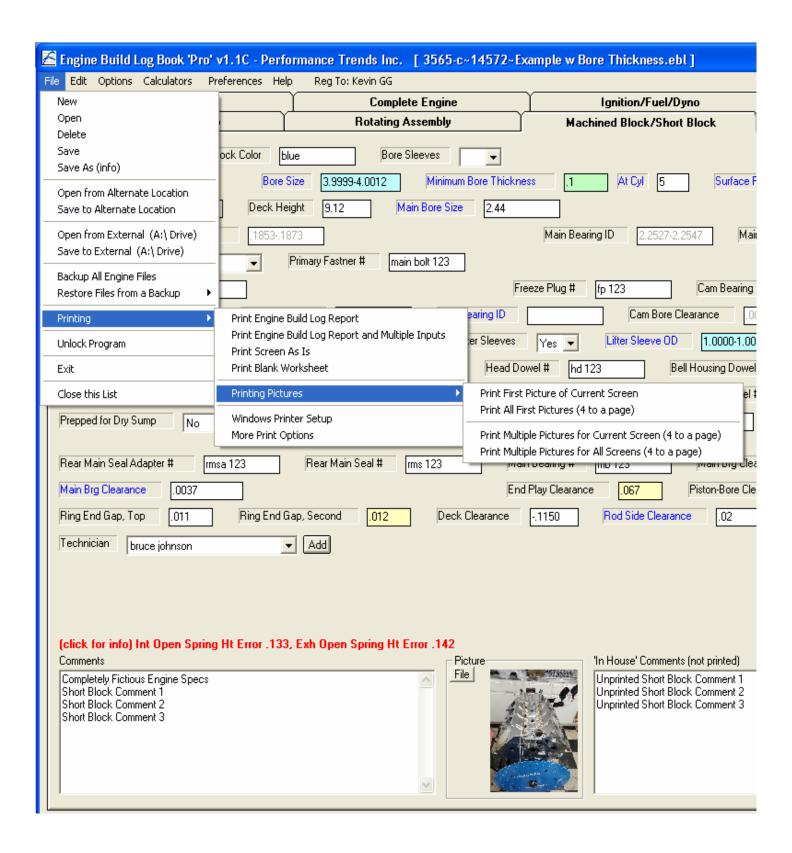


Here it shows where 8 pictures have been picked.

NOTE: The pictures chosen are not part of the engine file, which could make files incredibly huge. The program only stores the file name and path. Therefore if you send a file to another user, the picture files will not go with the file unless you send them separately and they are stored to the same location on the other user's computer as on your computer.



Here are some options for printing pictures. The "First Picture" is the first picture of the 8, and is the picture shown in the frame at the bottom of each screen.



Engine Build Log Book v1.1C Pro Reg To: Kevin GG Printed: 4:00:20 pm 01-30-2023 Machined Block/Short Block for Engine Build File Name: 3565-c~14572~Example w Bore Thickness.ebl

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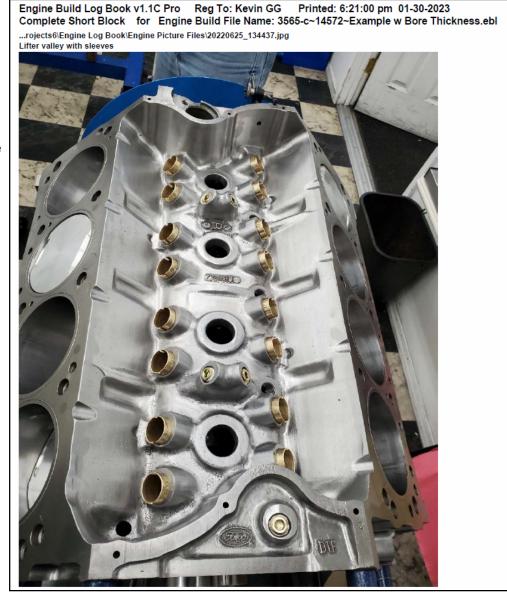
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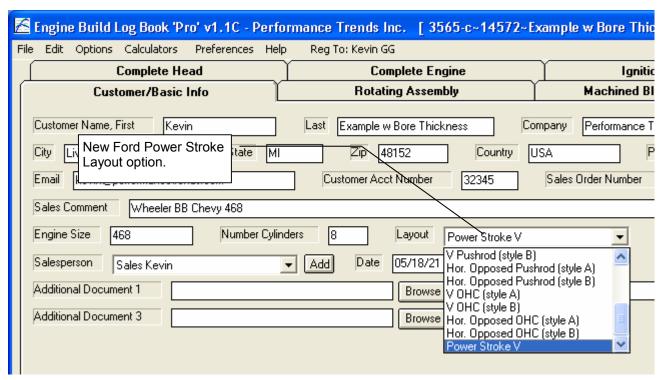
To the right is the screen if you click the "Big" button, to show the particular file currently selected in the drop down "Big".



To the right is the printout you would get if you click the Print button while you are displaying one of the pictures "Big".



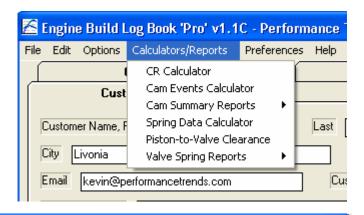
Ford Power Stroke Cylinder Numbering

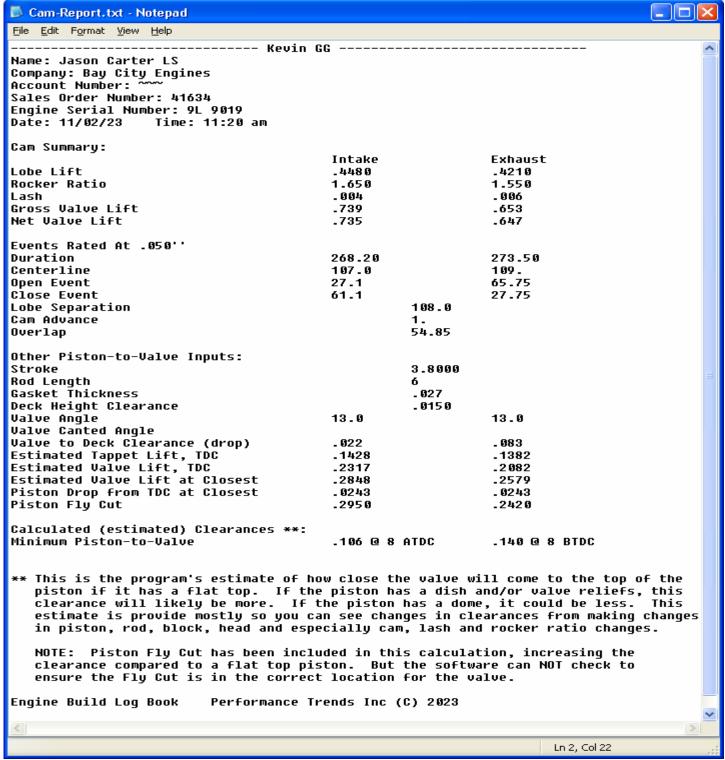




Piston-To-Valve-Clearance Report

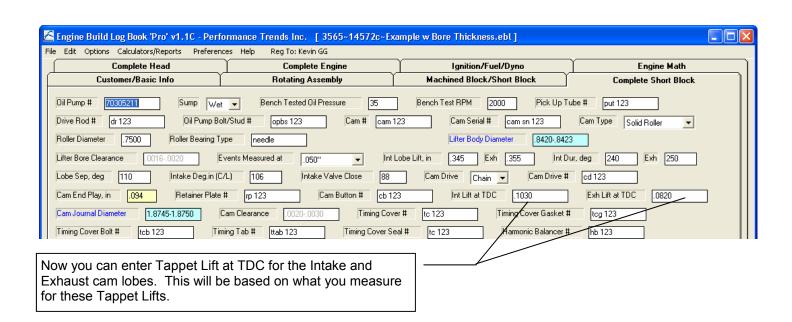
When you are in the Engine Math screen, click on Calculators, then Piston-to-Valve Clearance to produce the report shown below. This reports includes the entries which affect the Estimated Piston-to-Valve Clearance calculations.





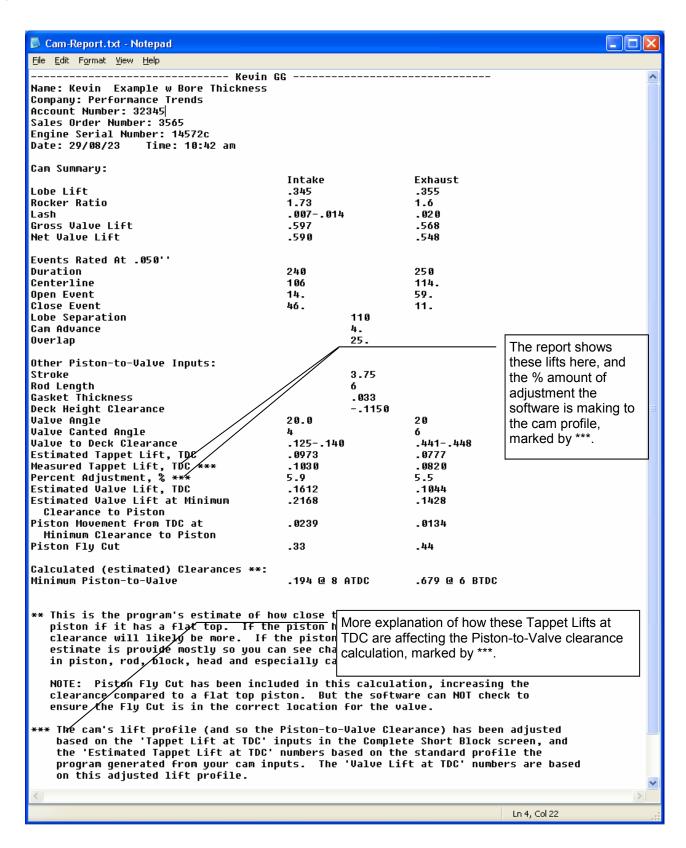
Piston-To-Valve-Clearance Report, cont.

There is a Preference Setting that lets you enter a measured tappet lift at TDC to adjust the cam profile generated by the software. This will improve the accuracy of the Piston-to-Valve Clearance calculations by having Preferences the software generate lift profiles which match your cam more exactly. **Checking Limits** Printing & Graphing OK File Options/Operation Calculations Total Bobweight Calculation User enters it, program checks if there is error • Cancel Units English (in, PSI, Lb, etc) • Format for Auto Filling Date day/month/year • Choose Yes for this Preference to be able to enter Tappet Lift at TDC. You will lose Piston-to-Valve Clearance the inputs of "Cam Bolts #" and "Cam Engine Math 'Piston-to-Valve Clearance' Eccentric #" to be able to do this. Display it but do NOT print it • Restart Use 'Fly Cut' Input in Calculation Showing Help Tips Yes • Max Valve Lift Calculate from Cam Lift, Rocker Arm, Help Show 'Lift at TDC' to Adjust Piston to Valve Yes Clearance Calculation Number of decimal places for Individual Bore 5 (.00000) 🕶 Measurements



Piston-To-Valve-Clearance Report, cont.

Here is a the report if you enter the Tappet Lifts at TDC, with the changes highlighted. As with anything, if you enter incorrect Lifts at TDC, the Piston to Valve Clearance will be less accurate. Watch the "Percent Adjustment, %" numbers and difference between Estimated and Measured Tappet Lift at TDC. If the software is having to make a large adjustment, double check your Lift at TDC inputs and other inputs that affect the cam profile, like Max Lift, Duration, etc.



Valve Spring Report

Click on Calculators/ Reports, then Valve Spring Reports for the options shown. A typical report is shown below. To make this report possible, several inputs shown in this report were modified to allow multiple inputs.

