Measuring OHC Rocker Arm Cams

Pictured to the right is the valve train from a 1984 Honda CRX D15A. The valve angles are 21 degrees from vertical, with the intake on the right, exhaust on the left. The cam rotates CCW when viewed from the front.

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To measure this on the Cam Test Stand you need to tell the program this info. First, go into the Test/ Cam Setup screen shown to the right. The next pages will show what you enter for Lifter Bore Angle Details, Camshaft Layout Details, and See Virtual Follower Details.

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est	Test Setup	Lift for Rating Events .040 inch (1.00 mm 🔻
,am ìrinc	Type of Cam Data Rocker Arms	Degree Wheel
lekr	Measured with Electronics being simulated	Type TDC-90-BDC-90-TDC
7.	Lifter (profile) Type with Virtual	
.ift:	Solid	TDC
aet	Intake Exhaust	45 45
Li	Rocker Arm Ratio See note above	
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	TDC Method Intake Centerline	
	Cam Timing Value 109	45 45
	Cam Design	
		BDC
2	Number of Cylinders To Test	
14	Lifter Bore Angle Details	Help: Notes on Highlighted Item
15	Camshaft Layout Details	Click on the down arrow button to select how the
16	See Virtual Follower Details Delete	from Cam Specs', you can also specify the tappet lift
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19	Adviner	Metric and motorcycles use .040" (1 mm). Seat
00	Measure Cam Dn Cam Test Stand	timing is also called 'advertised' duration and is not as
01		'Measured with Electronics' if you are using the Cam
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Click on Lifter Bore Angles for the screen to the right. Here you enter the valve angles when viewed from the front, 21 deg for the intake and -21 for the exhaust. Click on Keep Settings.

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Lifter Bore Angle (LBA) Specs					
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Lifter Bore Angle #1	21				
Cylinders Using LBA 1	1				
Int or Exh LBA 1	Only 💌				
Lifter Bore Angle #2	-21				
Cylinders Using LBA #2	2 1				
Int or Exh LBA 2 Ext	n Only 💌				
Lifter Bore Angle #3					
Cylinders Using LBA #3	}				
Int or Exh LBA 3	-				
Notes:					
For most Overhead Cam or Inline Engines, choose '0' as the 'Number of LBAs Needed' and all these entries are disabled (not needed). Click on Help for more info on filling in these critical inputs. For most American V-8s, you can just pick a Cam Design from those on the Test Options screen, provided with the program.					
Keep Settings Help	Cancel Print				

Click on Camshaft Layout Details for the screen to the lower right. Here you enter the info for the camshaft layout. Since this user was only interested in measuring 1 intake and 1 exhaust valve, it was not necessary to enter the full Firing Order, Lobe Description, etc. However, what is critical is to enter "Rotation (viewed

from front)" as CCW (counter clockwise) and that the rotary encoder is mounted on the front of the camshaft with "Encoder Mounted On". Click on Keep Settings.

🖻 Cam Design Layout	
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Offset ('odd') Firing No 💌	Direction from TDC CW -
Cyls. Offset from #1 Offset Crank Degress Lobe Description	Notes: Entries in this screen are quite complicated, and critical to accurate cam measurements. Click on the 'Help' button for details.
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Rotation (viewed from front)	
Encoder Mounted On Front	Keep Settings Help Cancel Print

Click on See Virtual Follower Details for the screen to the right. Fill in the geometry details. Be sure to specify "Cam Rotation" at the lower right as Counter Clickwise. You will see the drawing show "View from Front of Engine" and the drawing looks correct.

The exhaust geometry is the same, but the valve is on the other side of the camshaft, so you must uncheck "Exhaust Specs Exactly Match Intake Specs".

Click on the "Exhaust" tab at the op for the screen to the right. Enter the Geometry, but in the lower right corner, choose "Clockwise" for the cam rotation. That is because in the picture with the valve at the right, this is a view from the rear of the engine and the cam rotates CW in this view.

Click "Back (OK + save) at the upper left. Now you are read to measure this cam on the cam test stand.

Lifter/Follower Details Back (OK + save) Recalculate Results Edit Help Cancel File Intake Exhaust Intake Advanced Specs Exhaust Specs Exactly Match Intake Specs Cam Lobe Base Circle Dia, in 1.102 Follower Type Virtual OHC Center Pivot Rock -View from Front of Engine These measurements do **NOT represent the Honda** CRX valve train. Probe Radius, in Std (small) Ono Sokki tip Intake Help Enter the cam's base circle diameter in inches. Base circle is the diameter of the lobe where there is now lift. Intake Virtual Follower Specs Cam End Pivot Angle Clc 207.7 Valve End Pivot Angle Clc 20 Cam Location Angle Clc 255 Cam End Pivot Distance Valve End Pivot Distance 1.238 **Cam Location Distance** .689 1.194 Cam End Pivot Radius Valve End Pivot Radius Valve Stem Distance .335 .453 1.238 Valve Stem Diameter .197 Stack Up Error .000 Load Defaults Copy from Exh Cam Rotation Counter Clockw 🗸 Clear Fix Stack Up Error Cam 'Rotation (viewed from front)' is set to Counter Clockwise in 'Cam Layout Details' screen. 🖼 Lifter/Fr wer Details Back (OK + save) Recalculate Results Edit Cancel File Help Intake Exhaust Exhaust Advanced Specs Cam Lobe Base Circle Dia, in 1.102 View from Front of Engine Follower Type Virtual OHC Center Pivot Rock 💌 These measurements do NOT represent the Honda CRX valve train. Probe Radius, in Std (small) Ono Sokki tip Exhaust Help Exhaust Virtual Follower Specs Cam End Pivot Angle Clc 207.7 Valve End Pivot Angle Clc 20 Cam Location Angle Clc 255 Cam End Pivot Distance .689 Valve End Pivot Distance 1.238 Cam Location Distance 1.194 Cam End Pivot Radius Valve End Pivot Radius Valve Stem Distance 1.238 .335 .453 Valve Stem Diameter .197 Stack Up Error .000 Load Defaults Copy from Int Cam Rotation Clockwise Clear Fix Stack Up Error • Cam 'Rotation (viewed from front)' is set to Clockwise in 'Cam Layout Details' screen.