

Appendix 7: New Features in Version 3.4B

Here is a brief listing of some of the features new in Version 3.4B:

Accuracy:

Several refinements to the performance calculations have been made. We have also added a Preference "Use v3.4B Performance Calculations" where you can choose to use these new calculations, or revert back to the calculations very similar to used in v3.4A.

The program has added Direct Injection option for Combustion Chamber design

The program now more realistically simulates cam profiles for OHC valve trains.

The program has about 100 more example Complete Engine files.

The program has hundreds more example components, like Heads and Camshafts. GM LS Cams and Heads are now a separate category.

The program now shows "Peak Int. Sec. Tune RPM" in the Special Calculations section so you can see if the program is simulating Secondary Intake Tuning Effects.

New Roots type superchargers have been added similar to those in Engine Analyzer Pro: Modern Screw Type and Modern 2000+ Screw Type.

When reading Engine Analyzer Pro files, the program now better determines the individual port flow efficiencies when the file has a full flow curve.

The program has updated the Piston Speed recommendations in the Analyze Performance reports. AnalysisReport.txt is now done in Notepad for easier reading, printing, editing, copying, etc for the user. The Analysis Report also has an improved header for printouts.

Operation:

The program will now more reliably open your default internet browser to accessing the internet.

Fixed bug where canceling from printing to a PDF printer could cause program to stop.

The Preview when opening a Saved File now includes more info about the engine.

The method for displaying a PDF file (like the User Manual) has been updated to be more compatible with more operating systems.

The method for opening a file or page on the internet has been updated to be more compatible with more operating systems.

The program has eliminated repeating error messages, or repetitive questions about printing in landscape vs portrait orientation.

The program now keeps the Case (upper and lower) of the Graph Titles from History Log. This way what you enter will be displayed correctly on graphs.

The Graph menu items of Background Color, Grid Style, and labels for valve lift graphs to include TDC, BDC, are now properly marked with check marks for the current setting.

There is a new Preference "Use Larger Fonts on Output Grid" that lets you increase font size for calculations output data table. The Special Calculations section font has been changed to Courier New to allow for changing font size.

Many Help screens are now shown in Notepad so you can save or print them. Prior to this, they would be displayed on 1 or more separate screens without any options like printing.

Files and folders you delete are now actually sent to the Recycle Bin so they can be recovered later if you want.

Features have been added so input screens can be resized and the size and location is remembered for next time the screen is open.

You can now stop displaying the Opening Warning screen when you start the program with a check box for "Don't show this again".

Several screens have been increased in size to allow for longer file names, and to accommodate higher screen resolutions.

The program can now open newer versions of Engine Analyzer Pro files.

The program will now display all columns in History Log. Prior to this the columns of "Graph?" and "Graph Title" were sometimes hidden.

The program now allows Graph File Names up to 30 characters long.

A bug was fixed where the software would check for reasonable lash settings even if the cam was Hydraulic prior to calculations.

Now the list of Example components is not updated if the criteria box for searching is blank. For example, if you have requested to look for Duration less than some amount, but the text box for the amount is blank, the example list is not updated. This can make the process of searching for examples more efficient and quicker.

The program now explains why you can not open very old files from Engine Analyzer Pro, rather than just not opening them.

The Program now checks the configuration file after it is written and makes a backup copy. If a problem is sensed in the configuration file the next time the program starts, the backup configuration file is used.

The program has a bug fixed which avoids problems opening History Log on VERY high resolution screens.

Changed Preference "Main Screen Enlarged to Fill Screen" to "Main Screen Fonts Increase w Screen Size". Now you can also resize and reposition the main screen and it is remembered the next time you start the program. If you set this Preference to No, then the fonts will stay the original size, but the picture area will be large. If you set this Preference to Yes, then the fonts will grow in size, but the picture area will stay relatively small.

The program has a new Preference "Allow Input Screens to be Resized" to let you resize and reposition the component screens, like Short Block, Heads, etc. The size and position is remembered each time you open a screen, and the next time you start the program. Set this to No (the default) and the screens stay relatively small, stay in their default positions, and can be faster loading.

The default Font Size on the main screen is now larger to show up better on higher resolution screens, even without changing any Preferences.

The program has removed 2 Preferences: "Beginner User" setting and the option to not "Show Open/Close Events in Cam Specs". Most users wanted Experienced User features and the program to show the Cam Events.

There is now a "Make Microsoft Excel File" option for creating ASCII files from the calculated results.

Optimize Feature, Plus Version Only:

Several changes to the Optimize feature have been made, so that more accurate answers can be found for more possible combinations. For example, the program now assumes the optimum cam durations are larger if the RPM range for the calculations is high.

An Optimize option of "Only Check Cam Specs close to the original Specs" has been added. If the program's standard "Optimize" feature can not find optimum Cam Specs, turn on this option and the program may better find them.

When Optimizing, a display of "Valve Toss" or "Lifter Pump Up" for the combinations found has been added. This can help explain why an Optimum combination could not be found.

When Optimizing both Cam Duration and Lift, the lifts have been reduced some to be more realistic for typical cams.

If Optimize can not find better performance than the engine's original settings, the info message gives suggestions for changes to be made for it to work better at optimizing.

Figure B.01 Four (4) New Preferences in v3.4B

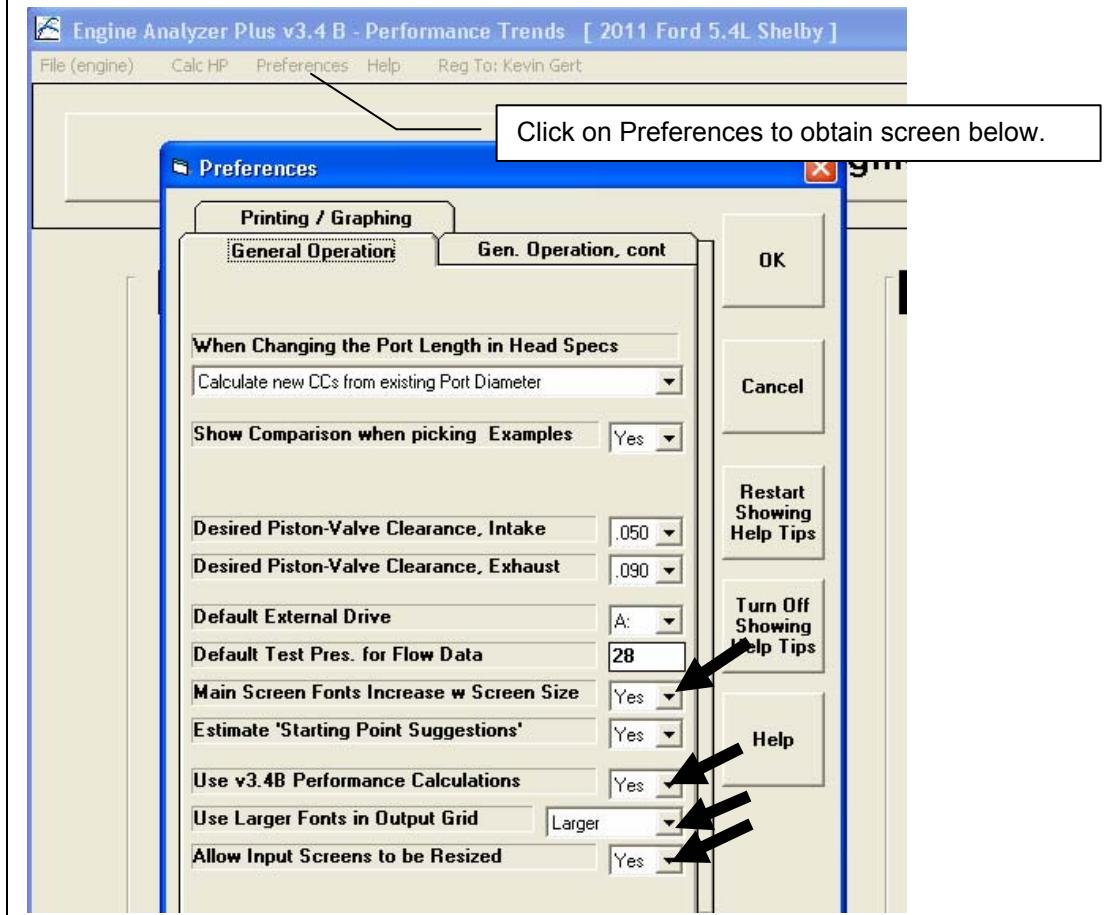


Figure B.02 Main Screen Fonts Increase w Screen Size

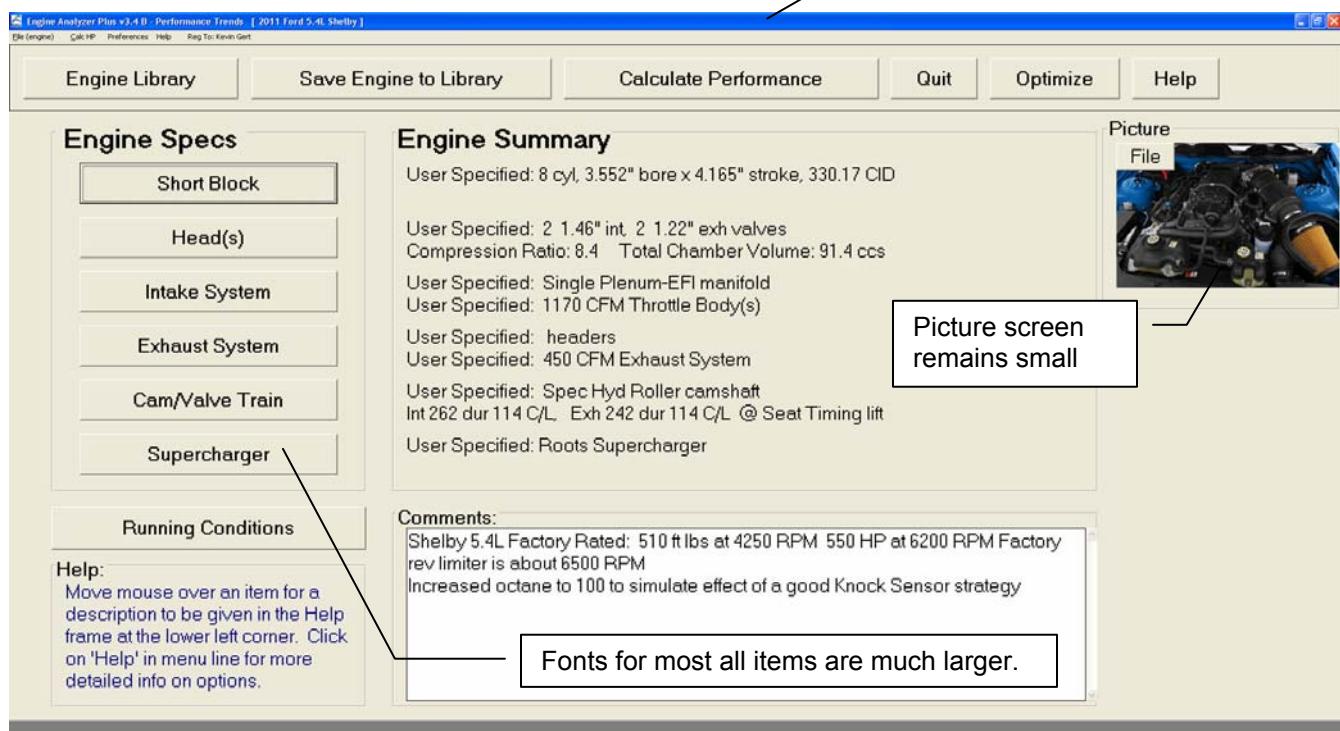
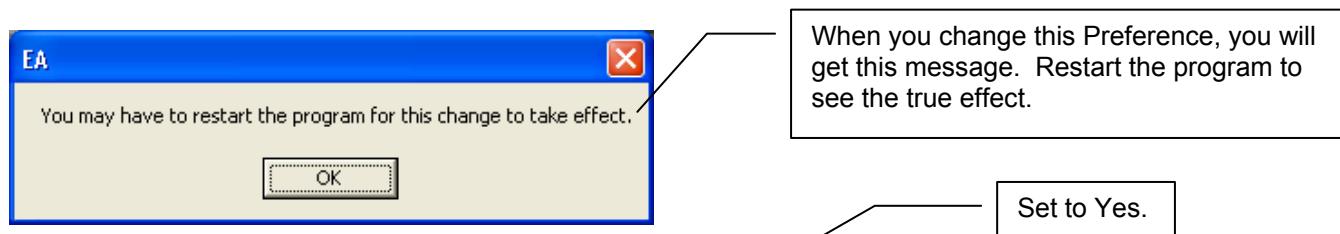
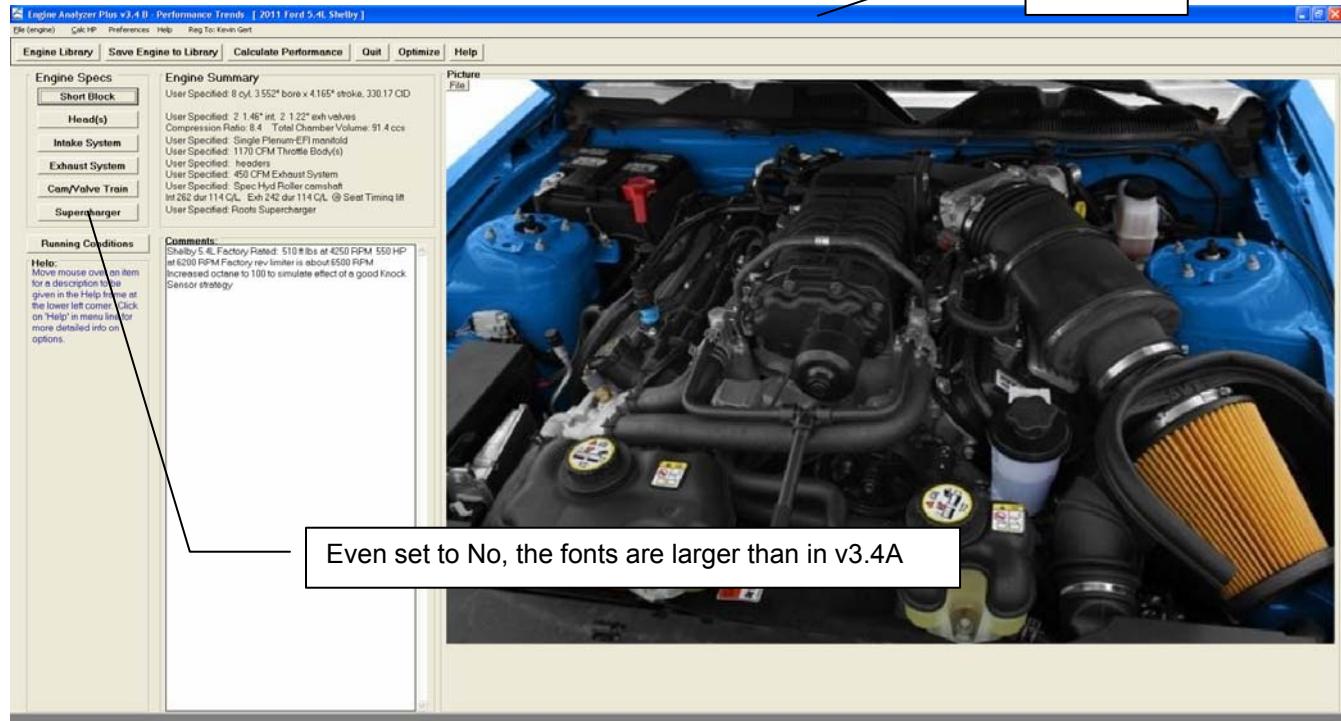
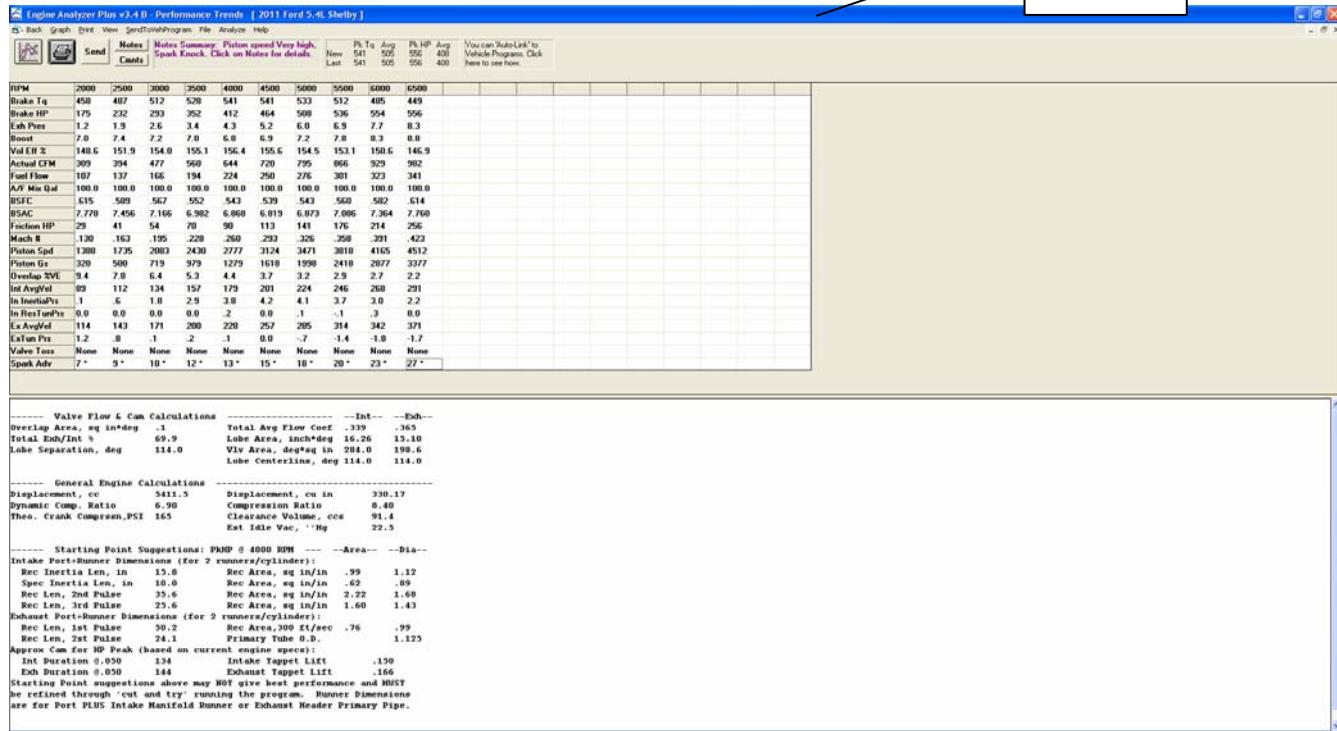


Figure B.03 Use Larger Fonts on Output Grid

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Set to Largest

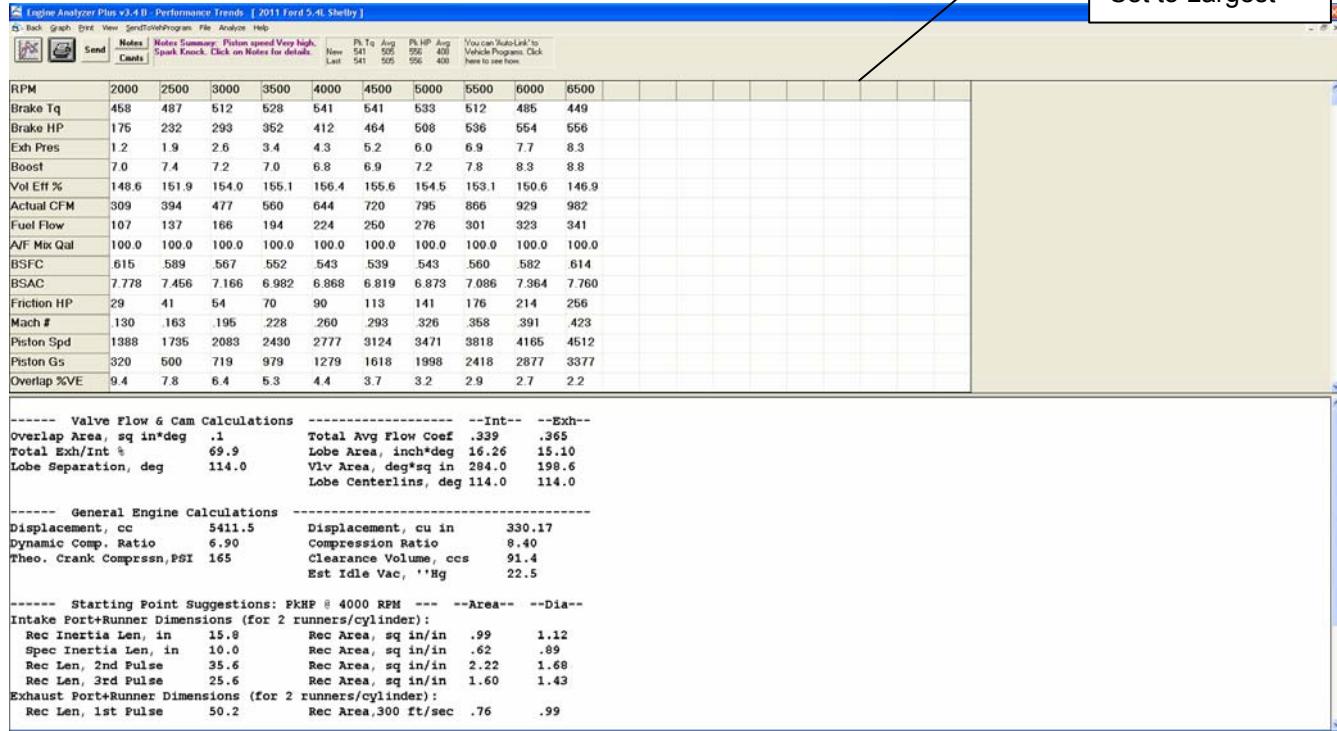
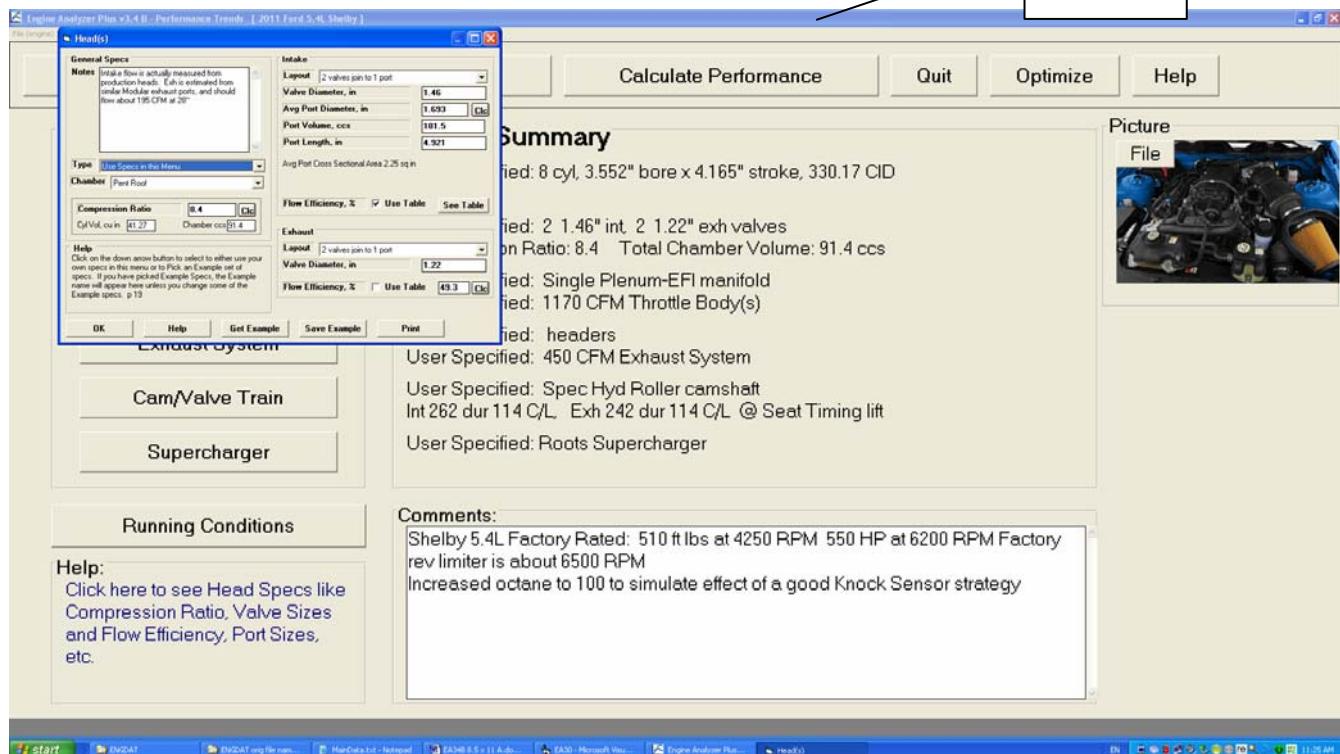


Figure B.04 Allow Input Screens to be Resized



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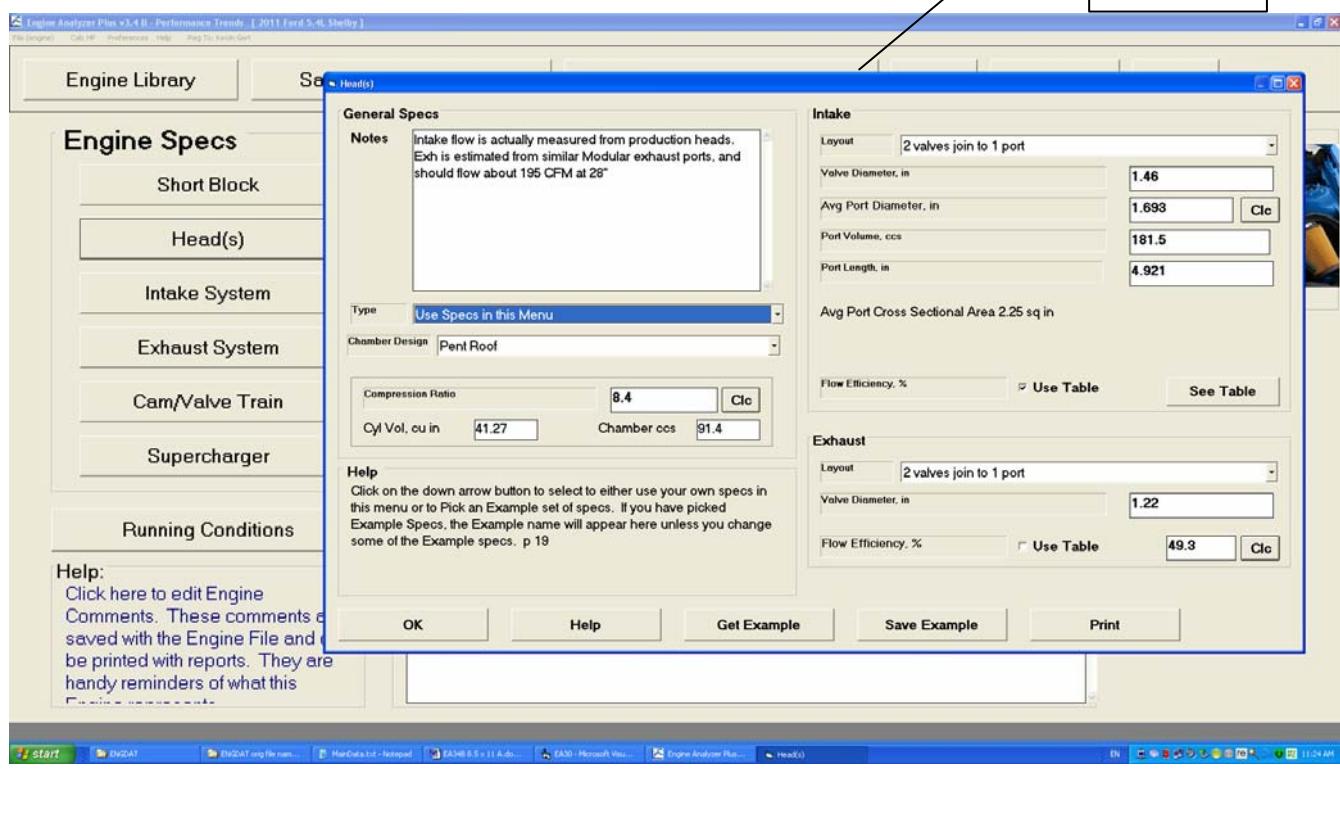


Figure B.05 New “Modern” Supercharger Designs

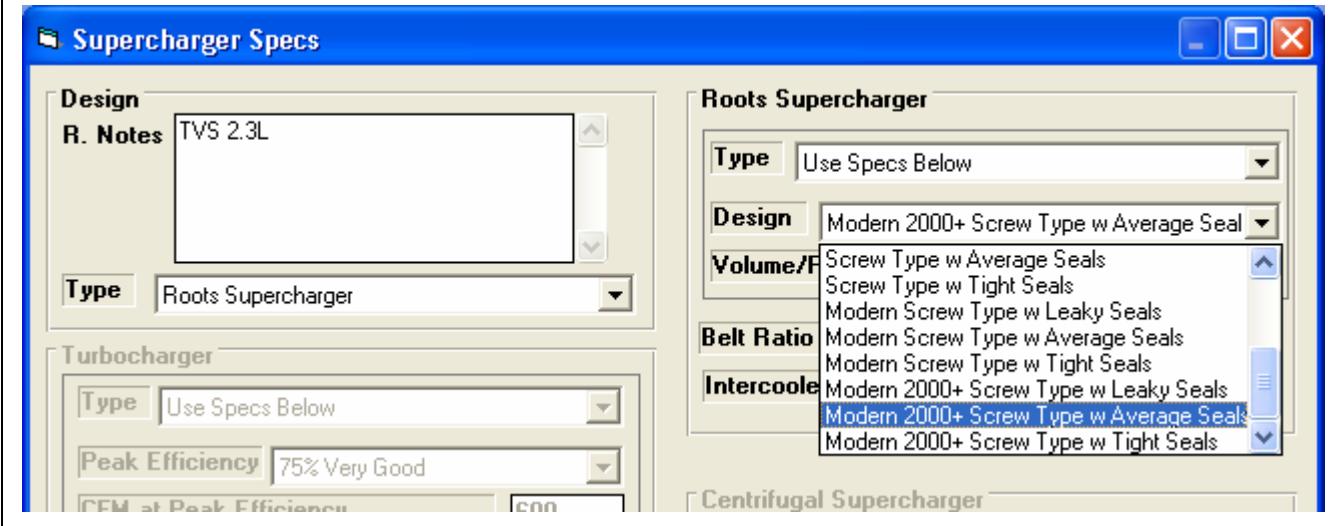


Figure B.06 New Chevy LS Categories for Example Components

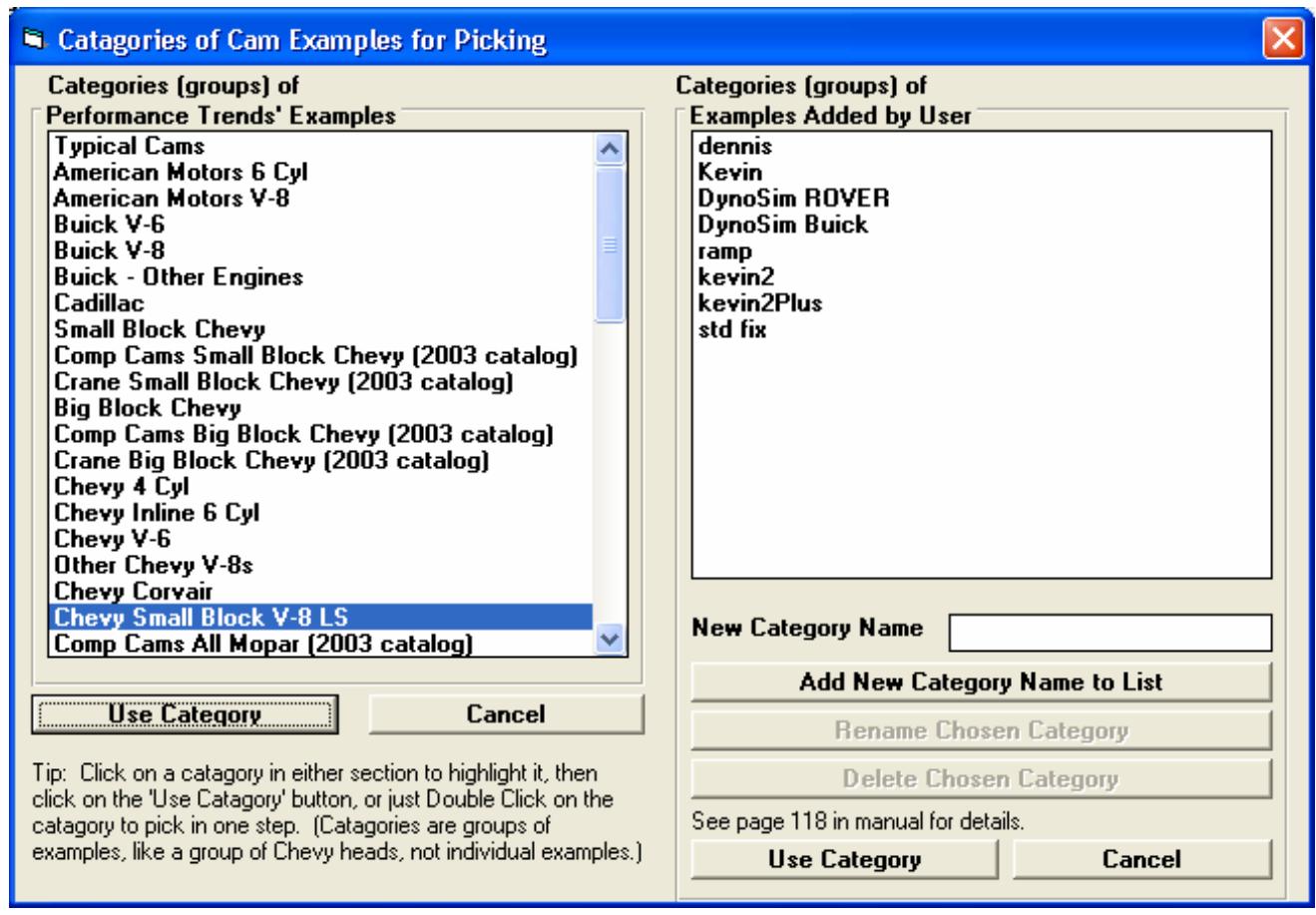


Figure B.07 Chevy LS Example Heads

New label showing how many examples fit the search criteria

Examples: 75 of 75 parts meet your requirements.

Small Block Chevy LS Heads	Chamber	CR	Layout	Valve Dia	Port Dia	Port CCs	Port Len
AFR 210cc LS1 Enforcer Cylinder Head (exh)	Pent Roof		1v1v/1prt	2.02	1.72	209.4	5.5
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR 245cc LS1 Cylinder Head (exh)	Pent Roof		1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.95	244.7	5
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR 260cc LS3 Cylinder Head (exh)	Pent Roof		1v1v/1prt	2.165	2.01	260.0	5
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LS3 260 CC (exh)	Typ Wedge	11.42	1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.89	260.1	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LS3 Rectangle Port Mongoose 260 CC, 69 CC combustion chamber (exh)	Typ Wedge	11.42	1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.89	260.1	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LSX 1680 245CC LARGE BORE CNC PORTED (exh)	Typ Wedge		1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.83	243.9	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LSx Cathedral Port Mongoose 210 CC (exh)	Typ Wedge	11.42	1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.70	210.5	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LSx Cathedral Port Mongoose 215 CC (exh)	Typ Wedge	11.42	1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.72	215.5	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			
AFR CHEVY LSx Cathedral Port Mongoose 230 CC Large Bore 62 cc combustion (exh)	Typ Wedge	11.42	1v1v/1prt	2.165	1.78	230.7	5.6585
			1v1v/1prt	1.6			

Note: If your head is not listed here, click on the Back button and select a 'Typical' head from the Performance Trends' Examples.

Tips: Click on Example to highlight it, then click on 'Pick' or 'Delete' button. Double click to pick Example in 1 step. Right click to show Valve Lift.

Show Only Examples Fitting These Limits

Show... All examples Contains Truck

To refine the list, choose 'Only These' for 'Show...' and make your settings to find Examples you want. Then click 'Refresh List'.

CR (compression ratio) may be blank or inaccurate because it also depend on piston parameters.

Show All Examples

Examples: 3 of 75 parts meet your requirements.

Small Block Chevy LS Heads	Chamber	CR	Layout	Valve Dia	Port Dia	Port CCs	Port Len
Chevrolet 317 6.0L Truck Castings (exh)	Typ Wedge		1v1v/1prt	2	1.71	199.5	5.3
			1v1v/1prt	1.55			
Chevrolet 706 5.3L Truck Castings (exh)	Typ Wedge		1v1v/1prt	1.89	1.60	197.7	6
			1v1v/1prt	1.55			
GM 706 5.3L Truck Castings (exh)	Typ Wedge		1v1v/1prt	1.89	1.60	197.7	6
			1v1v/1prt	1.59			

Note: If your head is not listed here, click on the Back button and select a 'Typical' head from the Performance Trends' Examples.

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Show Only Examples Fitting These Limits

Show... Only these Contains Truck

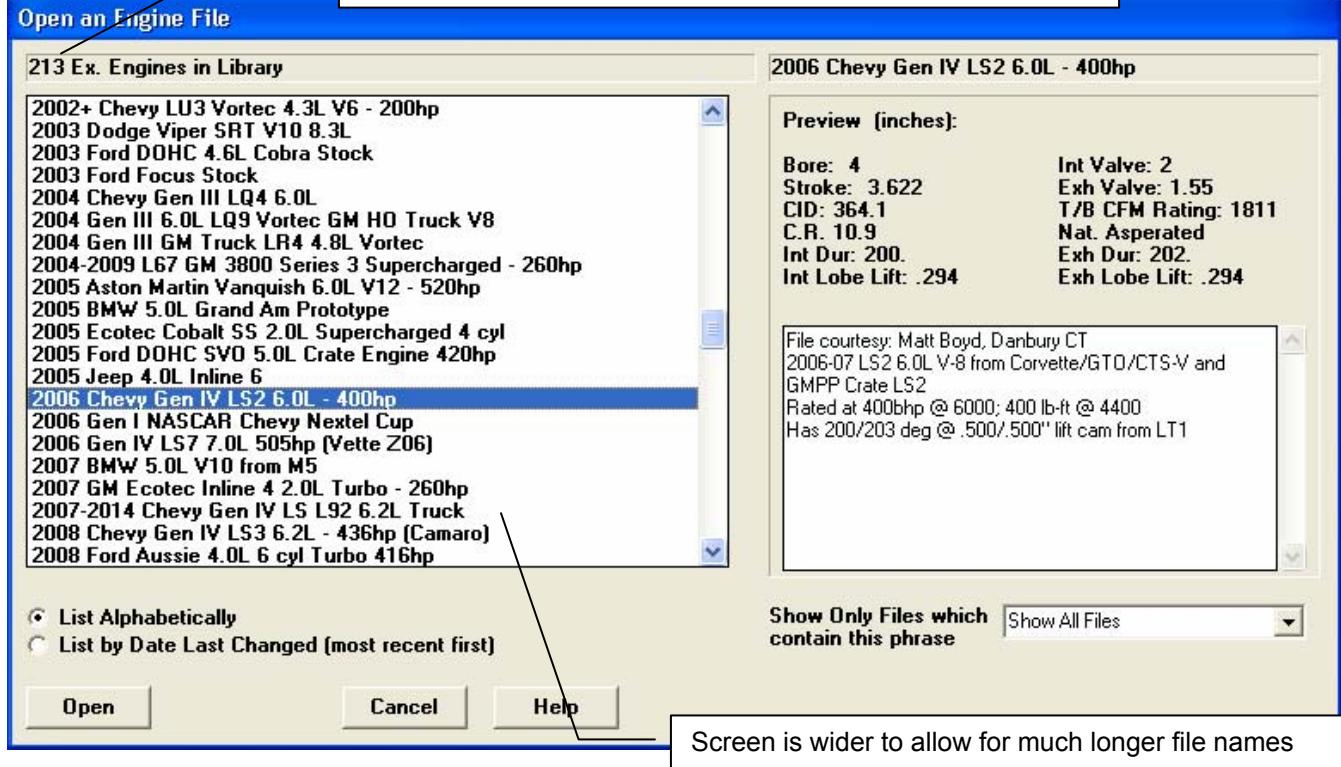
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Show only Examples which contain the word Truck in the first column

Figure B.08 More Example Complete Engines and Deleting Files

Now 213 Example Engines provided with program (was 112)



Help

Screen is wider to allow for much longer file names

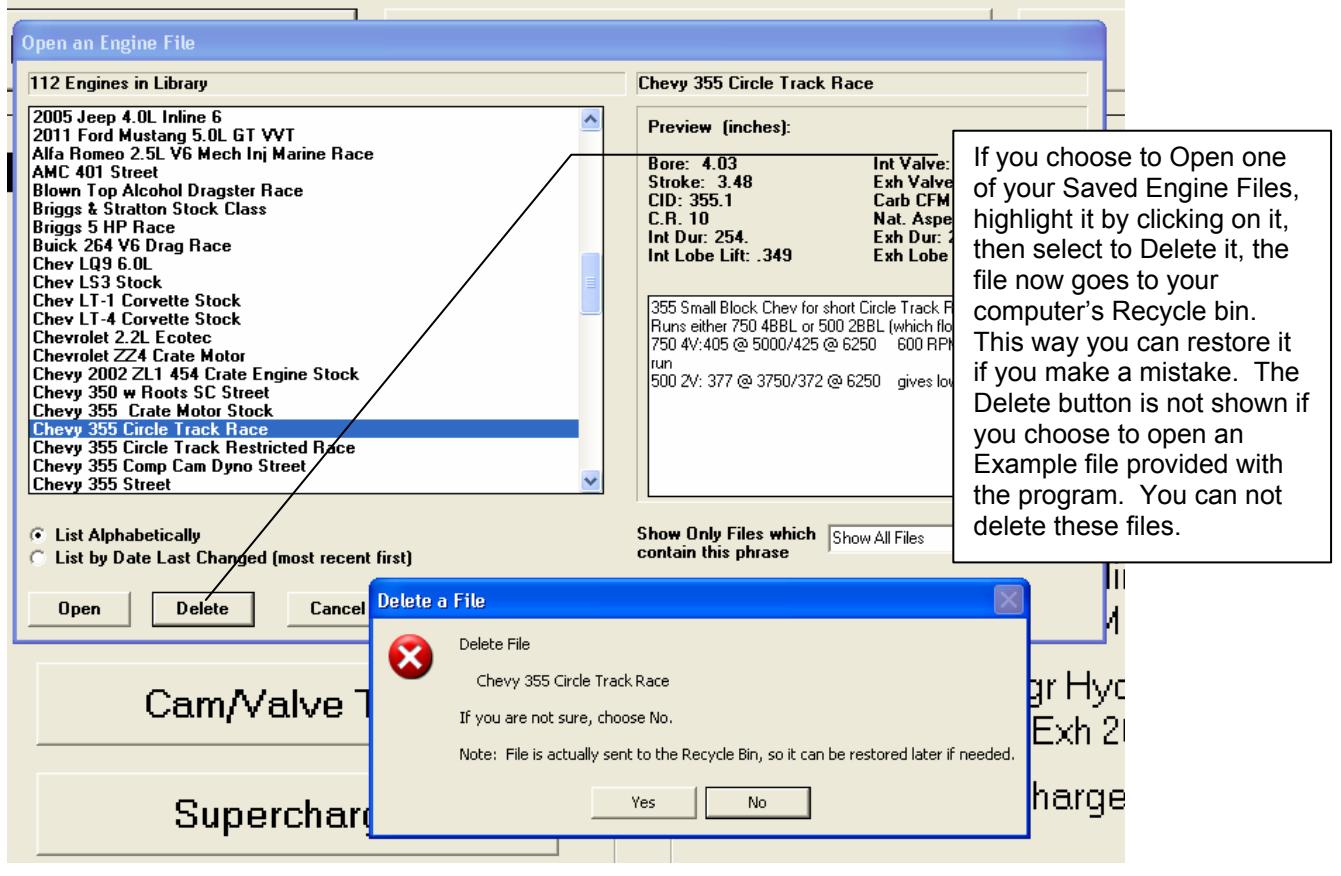


Figure B.09 Exporting Microsoft Excel File of Calculated Results

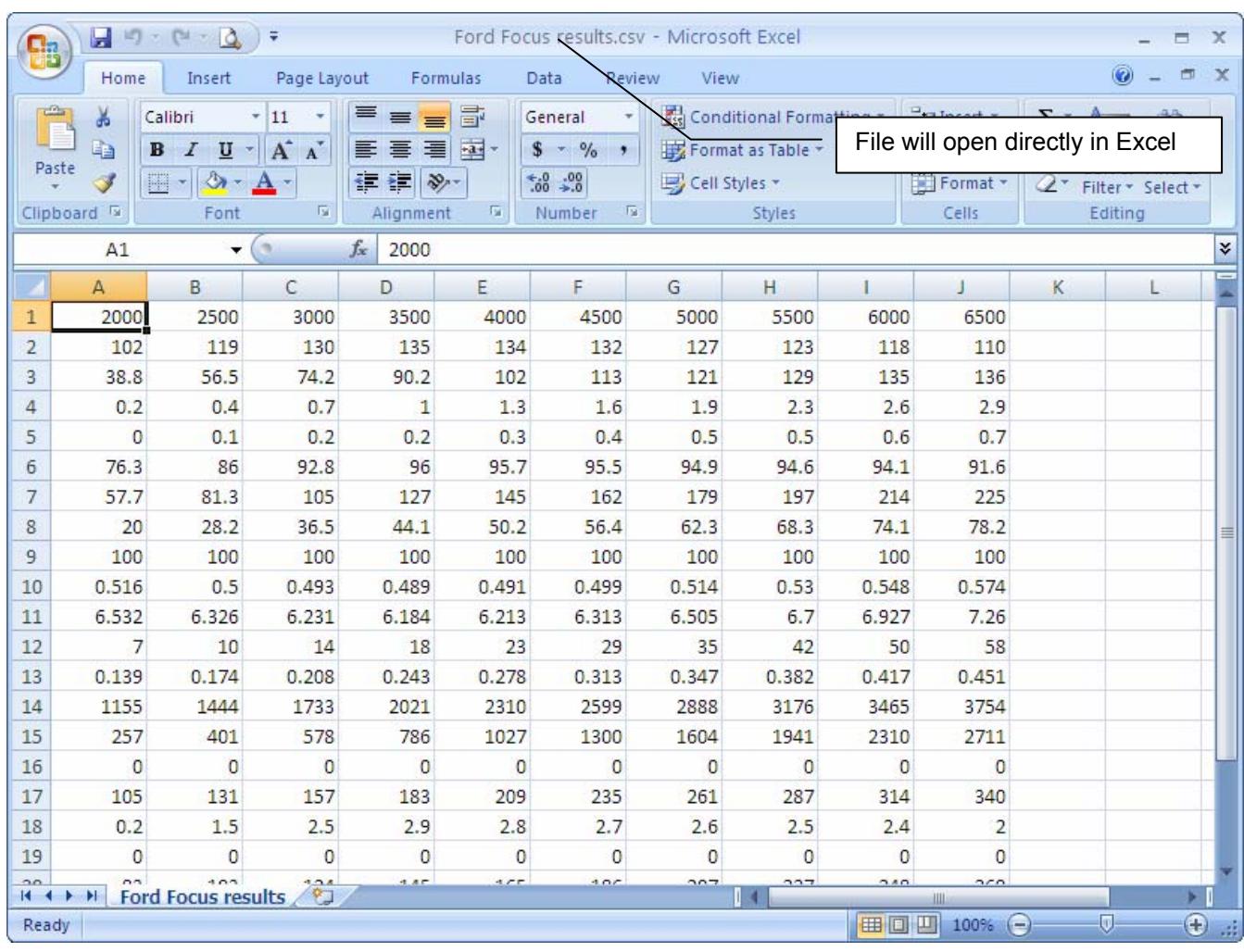
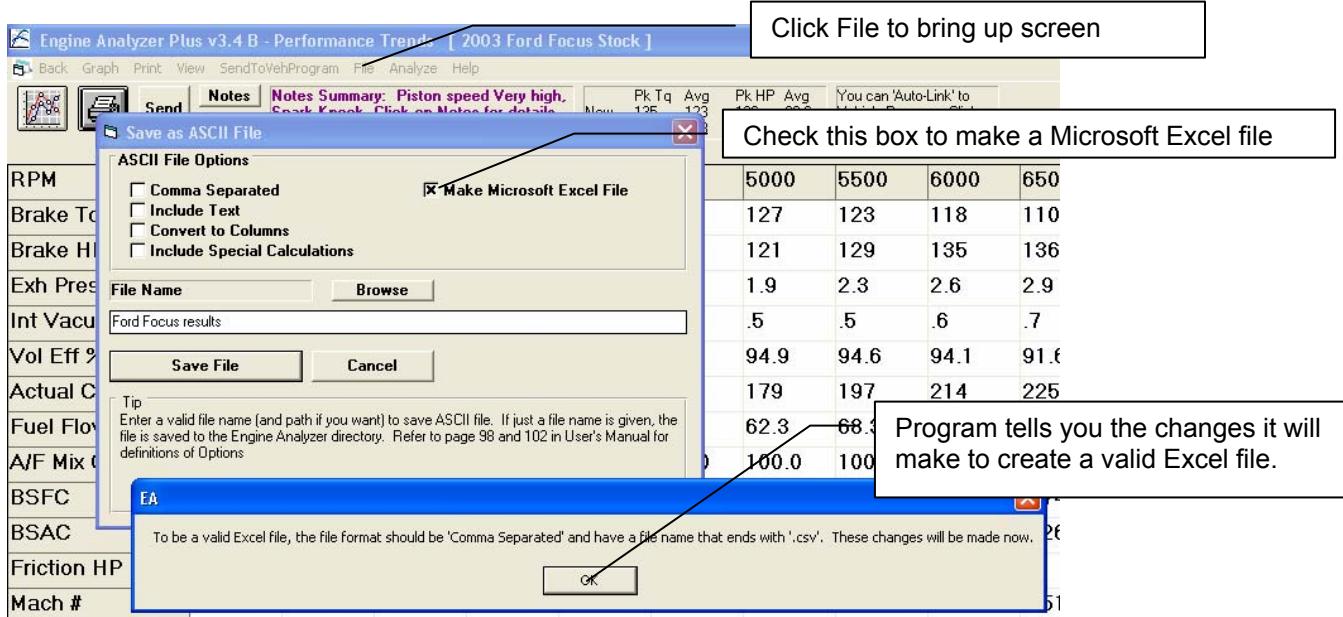


Figure B.10 New Help Options

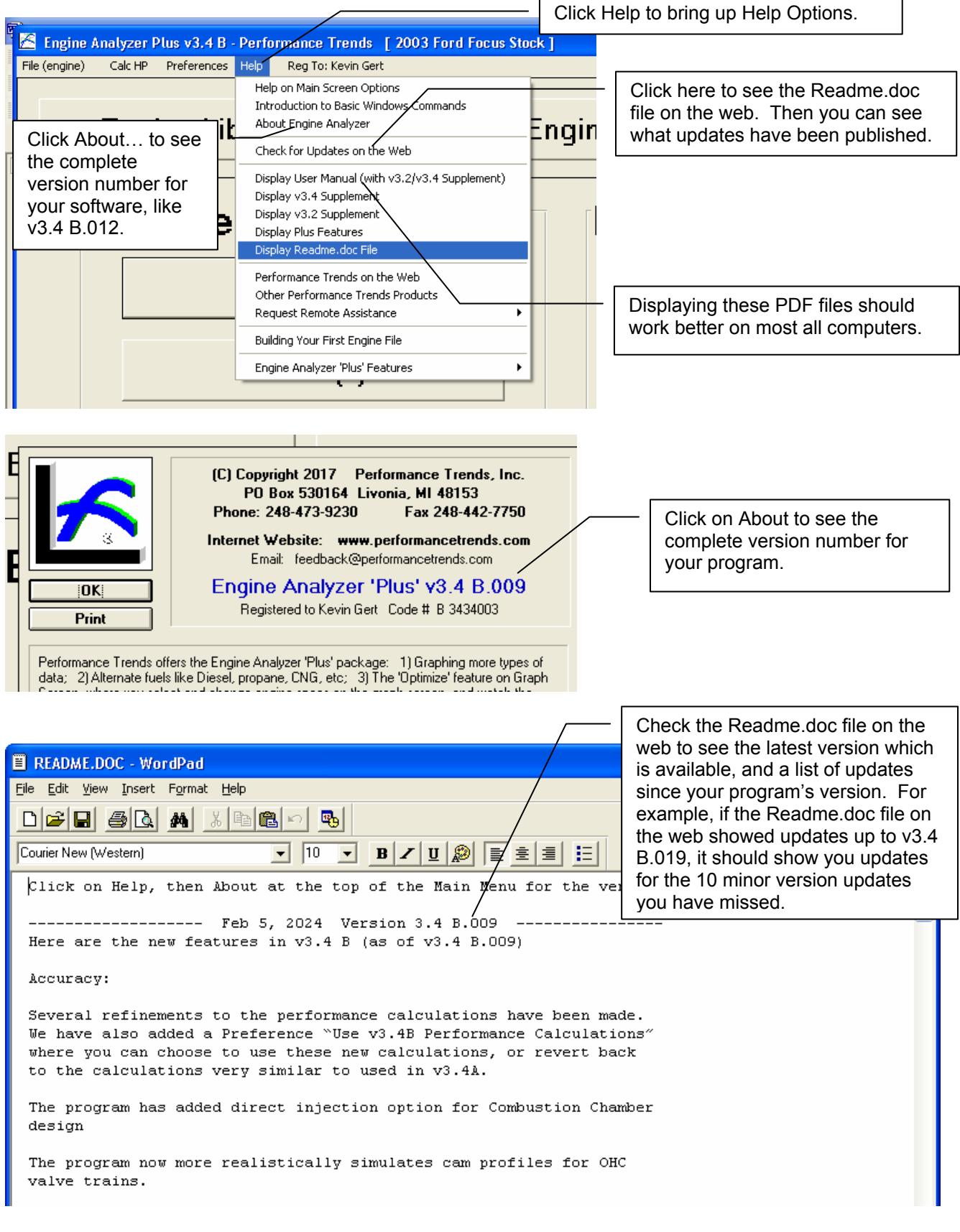


Figure B.11 New Optimize Features, Plus Version Only

