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Member Since: Sep 2008

Location: Springfield IL

## My ECS mail-order tune review

It's been a week or so since I've gotten the PCM installed back into the car after a tune by **ECS**. I didn't want to give a review right away, so I can give myself some time to try it (Plus I was also installing a vortex CAI).

Before we go into the product, I'd like to thank the awesome guys at **ECS** again for their customer service. I haven't been treated this well for a while, even though I spent relatively little money there. Everytime I spoke with them on the phone, they have been very friendly, and even before they know I'd be spending money with them (many businesses can take notes from this). All in all these guys are just amazing at customer service.

Now onto the tune. When I first got it back, I couldn't feel the difference. I was like, no way, everyone said it performs so well. I realized that the problem was, I'm a "grandpa driver". I wasn't giving it gas. It wouldn't make sense for **ECS** to tune it so that when you give 10% throttle, the car jumps with 50% power. Silly me 🤔

After a few drives, I noticed how strong it pulls. It really feels different when I push it. And when I say push, I'm not talking about WOT. I'm talking moderate. My A4 still shifts before 4000 (probably more like 3500). The truth is, I CAN'T find a road that I can do WOT. Everywhere I go, as soon as I hit the pedal, the car flies to like 60MPH. I have to let the gas off 🤔

Today, I went out to lunch with some friends, and my ex-gf was with me. As soon as I went on a 50MPH road, she said the car is faster (I wasn't even pushing it. it was probably shifting at under 3K). So it's definitely not me imaging.

The things I've noticed from the tune are:

- 1) Stronger pull throughout the RPM range
- 2) The shifts are firmer
- 3) Temperature runs between 194-198 consistently, even when stopped (No I did not put in 160 thermostat)
- 4) Better gas mileage (I'd say 2MPG or so)

Now for those who has never had **tunes** done, the best tune for any car is on dyno. For me, it's not really something I want. My car is mostly stock A4, and I'm not looking to make 500RWHP or something. To me, this is plenty fast. If you want to make your car more fun to drive, run more efficiently, but stay at LOW cost (yes, the price was very affordable, even for poor college students like me), this is the tune for you.

Bottom line is:

I recommend this to anyone that wants a tune (where dyno isn't an option).

Thanks for reading.  
Kai

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Member Since: Oct 2008

Location: coarm new york

 **ECS Street Tune**

I drove a from Long Island to south Jersey, a little less then 3 hrs to have Doug street tune my 99 FRC on a day that they are closed. Doug did and a great job with my car and am very happy with the results. The customer service is outstanding. I give **ECS** two thumbs Thank you **ECS**

[Rossi396](#)

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Member Since: Oct 2005

Location: Pittsburgh PA



Hey Everyone:

I'd like to vouch for Doug's **tunes**...! I actually just sent an email to Chris at **ECS** about my car. I had the chance to drive my friend's H/C '01 C5 recently. Great car and it's fast, but my car actually pulls harder on the bottom end. Part of that is the movement of the torque curve with his cam, but I know a lot of it is this tune as well. My buddy also drove my car and said, "I wouldn't do anything else to this car," as he knew I was thinking of putting in a H/C setup. The car is really that fast. All I've done to date is Kooks LT's, a Vararam and Doug's tune.

Great job, Doug...! 🙌

Rossi

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Got my PCM back today, only sent it out Monday afternoon...wow that was a quick turnaround! 🙌  
Thanks Doug

Doug



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Member Since: Jun 2004

Location: Levittown NY

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Member Since: Feb 2007

Location: Oklahoma City  
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I finally got my PCM back in and tested everything out with the new headers. The car is a beast now! I was amazed at the difference (a buddy of mine was also).

Anyone on the fence I would strongly suggest getting off and sending your PCM to **ECS**. They do great work.

Thanks guys!!

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Member Since: Dec 2005

Location: Royal Gorge area Colorado



I have an **ECS** m/o tune. I'm right about 5000'. My fuel milage has gone up about 1.5mpg now. No detonation, no SES. I specifically asked about high altitude applications and felt it was important. I always thought altitude played a part in computer adjustments because of a difference in atmospheric pressure.

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Member Since: Aug 2008

Location: Lake Placid Florida



**Mail order tune from ECS !**

If you are considering having a **mail order** tune but just not sure about it...don't wait any longer. This is the place to send it. I removed it just like Chris said, there is a little 7mm screw way up the inside of the fender next to the door he said makes it easy to remove without bracket breakage, and he was certainly right, also makes it a whole lot easier to see the rest of the 7mm screws holding everything in. It was out in less than 5 minutes. Just got it back and a total of 12 minutes from the time I sat down on the garage floor till I cranked it up. Done and what a difference. LT headers, X-pipe, CAI, and GHL Bullets round out my mods so far and this was the best small chunk of change I've spent ! Don't delay, just do it, it's

worth it ! 

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Member Since: Aug 2008

Location: Lake Placid Florida



The best mod I've made, especially for the buck. Big seat of the pants difference. Now, it runs like the sports car it truly is. I'm impressed. Especially with the A4 and the way it shifts now. Yes, you can really feel the difference.



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If you are planning on doing this, give whomever you

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Member Since: Aug 2008  
Location: Lake Placid Florida



decide on doing it with, a call. They can explain the choices and the best way to help you. Chris and Doug at **ECS** are class acts. They are only there to help us, the Corvette owners. If you do decide on **ECS**, find the post that shows Chris' C5. Photos are great, car is great. 🇺🇸😊

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Member Since: Aug 2008  
Location: Lake Placid Florida



I think it totally depends on what you want from your car. If you track it, then a dyno tune is probably best, if not, then maybe you can get by with a **mail order** tune. I just got my computer back from **ECS** and i was amazed at the difference. I've got a DD, A4 and the difference is very noticable. You have to be the one that knows what you're looking for. Definitely go fo it. If yours is a DD a **mail order** tune seems like it would work just fine, it was for me. 🇺🇸😊

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I had my A4 done by Doug at Carlisle 2 years ago. It was a totally different car than the one I drove up there, when he got done with it. He changed the shift points, re-set both fans to come on at 200\*, and whatever other voodoo he does.

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Member Since: May 2007

Location: hagerstown md



It was smoother, had more pull from the dig, and throttle response was crisper. Best \$99 bucks you could spend for your A4. 🙌

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#13

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Basic Supporting Vendor



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Member Since: Sep 2005

Location: Dickeyville, Wi

[www.doubledmods.com](http://www.doubledmods.com)



I had **ECS** do a **mail order** tune for me after my header install.

THIS IS A MUST FOR 99.00!!

The difference is amazing in the shift points and the way the car runs.

I highly recommend **ECS** for this tune. You will be very happy

12-02-2007, 01:48 PM

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Junior Member



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Member Since: Oct 2007



**Got the PCM back Friday.....**

I am very impressed. Car feels stronger and shifts MUCH better. Just what I expected. I haven't put very many miles on it since I got it back but right now I'm very happy!! I will post some more long term results after a few more miles and a mpg check. I would recommend them to anyone interested in a **mail order** tune!

[TLewis4095](#)



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Member Since: Aug 2001

Location: Bradenton FLORIDA



Quote:

Originally Posted by **LS7 ZO6**



Well said



Double **ECS** is one of the best allaround shops in the NE hands down. As mentioned, there are so many of us that of course would like to have some of you believe we are "the best period" and no one else comes close, but that is just plain wrong. Even as a shop owner that competes with most other well known around, the vast majority that are well known are every bit as capable as the next. The important thing is to stick with the proven everyday names (most all of them) and tread cautiously with the ones w/out a shop/reputation that has been around enough years to matter. We invest our hearts & souls (and small fortunes) in our operations and work very hard to make sure we do the best possible for the customer who trusts one of their most prized possessions with us. That's why it is not unusual to see us (even though WE want your business) to reccomend or endorse a competetor that we have seen their work & results time & again and talk to their satisfied customers, and hope most feel the same in response. There will always be the "koolaid drinkers" that believe their tuner/shop is "the only one" that knows what they are doing, but in reality there are quality tuner shops in most large metropolitan areas (and in some rural ones) that I would not hesitate to trust with my personal rides with as much confidance as my personal team of techs & tuners. And we always hope the few "bad apples" out there will wake up & realize this themselves & step up to the same standards most of us adhere to.

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**My ECS Tune today at Carlisle and so much more**

Started our vacation last nite driving down from NH

We got up early and went directly to the **ECS** tent - Mike set us up with parking next to the **ECS** site ( this would be crucial later in the day ) and Doug got the car all tuned for us - more on that later

spent most of the day wondering the fairgrounds and finally decided to head out - went to start the car and nada - zilch - car was dead - since i know nothing about how cars work I walked over to ask Mike at **ECS** what could be the problem - Mike was awesome he came

Member Since: Aug  
2006

Location: Salem NH

over to the car checked things out and suggested it might be the battery or the alternator - he jumped started my car and got it running then he suggested i head over to the local parts shop to have the battery and alternator tested - he also gave me his cell # in case i needed his help - after having the test done the shop said it was a faulty alternator but they didn't have one in stock - i called Mike to ask him what i should do - again Mike stepped up big time - he said come back to the show and i could find a used alternator and he would install it for us because he wanted us to be able to enjoy our vacation - we got back to the show with the printout from the test of the battery & alternator - Mike looked at it and said something looked odd so he and Chris discussed it - Chris said let's go to my car and check it out - after looking at the car they felt that everything looked OK and was performing correctly - again trying to ensure our vacation would be OK

after we discussed some more stuff it turns out that i might have left the radio on last nite and didn't realize it

I can't thank Mike enough not only for his help and for easing our fears that we were really stuck - I was very nervous being 400 miles from my mechanic and Mike was awesome - thank you MIKE !!!

I also want to thank Chris for all his help and concern for us

Doug explained the tune to me and was very patient with all my questions - thanks !!

OK now to the fun stuff - how did my car react to the tune ? I'm no expert but I know my car and WOW what a difference ! when we went to get onto the highway and into traffic - no lag at all when i pressed the gas pedal the car just launched - same when passing cars just hit the gas and the car responded - in both cases previously i would really have to punch it and the transmission felt like it wasn't in the right gear resulting in it lagging - now the A4 transmission for a lack of a better term just seems to be there ( wish i knew the right words to say but it just seems in the correct gear ). We also had to climb a pretty steep hill and again the car was so much better then it used to be. The car also seems to be running much cooler - we were stuck in gridlock for quite awhile trying to get from the fairgrounds to Rt 81 and the water temp never hit 220 - thanks to **ECS** for providing an affordable tune for us !!

Thank you Mike , Chris and Doug for all your help today

Your new friends  
Bob & Anne Drugan

[Glennm27](#)

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St. Jude Contributor



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Member Since: Jan 2002

Location:  
...Southampton, PA I love you & miss you Linda



These guys not only know Corvettes but know PEOPLE and how to explain and make you feel comfortable. They ARE Corvette guys too and always want to make everyone happy. A happy, satisfied customer is what makes any business tick.....

These guys are tops at making Corvettes perform better and by being sure everyone is having fun and feeling comfortable and satisfied....

[OI'55](#)

CF Senior Member



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Member Since: Aug 2004












Location: Southern New Jersey, The wet part at the bottom









Kudos to the true "Heartbeat of America". East Coast Supercharging and the knowledge base and over the top customer service that they provide us all. I can see Bob's a believer now, and was watching his posts through last week, and Pre Carlisle discussions. Many thanks to all in the **ECS** tent (I really liked the new location on the Fairgrounds this year 😊) with Doug, Chris, Mike, Bob, George, Charlie, Foo, and all the supporting folks that

gave us their time at Carlisle this year.



<p>08-29-2009, 10:58 PM</p>	<p>#5</p>
<p><a href="#">moserbe</a> CF Senior Member</p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆</p> <p> Lifetime Member</p>  <p><a href="#">My Corvette Photos</a> Member Since: Dec 2005 Location: Wellsboro Pa</p>	<p>Quote:</p> <p>Originally Posted by <b>OI'55</b> </p> <p> Kudos to the true "Heartbeat of America". East Coast Supercharging and the knowledge base and over the top customer service that they provide us all. I can see Bob's a believer now, and was watching his posts through last week, and Pre Carlisle discussions. Many thanks to all in the <b>ECS</b> tent (I really liked the new location on the Fairgrounds this year ) with Doug, Chris, Mike, Bob, George, Charlie, Foo, and all the supporting folks that gave us their time at Carlisle this year.</p> <p>  </p> <p> Ed said it best. These <b>ECS</b> guys are extremely knowledgeable, personable and customer satisfaction is number 1 on their priority list. They make me feel like one of the guys. I'll be back to <b>ECS</b> very soon to get some new seat covers installed and I know that the job will be done right, using a high quality product. </p>

<p>08-30-2009, 03:19 PM</p>	<p>#9</p>
<p><a href="#">agentf1</a> CF Senior Member</p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆</p>  <p><a href="#">My Corvette Photos</a> Member Since: Dec 2000 Location: The King of Bling</p>	<p><b>ECS</b> is the best around. The Corvette community is lucky to have them. </p>

<p>08-30-2009, 04:07 PM</p>	<p>#10</p>
<p><a href="#">sonnystringray</a> CF Senior Member</p> <p>☆☆</p>	<p> <b>C-5 tune by ECS</b></p> <p>Doug from <b>ECS</b> tuned my 03 c-5 on friday @ carlisle and I can tell you that you can really feel the difference in performance. First class guys with a wealth of knowledge.</p>



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Member Since: Aug  
2007

Location: deptford  
New Jersey

My vette is running great and now has me thinking about doing some mods to squeeze out some more hp!!!!🇺🇸