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Congratulations on purchasing an Akrapovič exhaust system. Please read the entire installation manual prior to undertaking any activities related to installation of your new Akrapovič exhaust system. In case you do not fully understand the manual or any of its parts, please contact your authorized dealer!

This product should be installed by someone with sufficient knowledge of exhaust systems and their installation, and appropriate hand or power tools. If you are not qualified for this work, please utilize a certified mechanic for installation. By installing Your Akrapovič exhaust system, you indicate that you have read the installation manual in its entirety and you agree with the terms stated herein.

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2. Technical specifications of Akrapovič exhaust systems and related products are subject to change without notice.
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Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout these installation instructions:



TOOLS REQUIRED



TIGHTENING TORQUE



INSTALLATION TIP



CAUTION OR WARNING



USE BOLT SEALANT; Apply 3 to 4 small drops of bolt sealant onto the cleaned and degreased threads before tightening the bolts. **WARNING! Avoid contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Do not inhale fumes. Keep out of the reach of children.**



USE ANTI-SEIZE LEAD-FREE COPPER PASTE (black tube); Provides trouble-free and long-lasting protection against seizing, corrosion and rusting of bolts, threaded ends, nuts, joints, etc. Also protects against vibration, wear and impact. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Avoid excessive skin contact. Keep out of reach of children.**



USE ANTI-SEIZING GREASE (white tube); Prevents seizing, corrosion and excessive wear between the titanium components of your exhaust system. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Avoid excessive skin contact. Keep out of reach of children.**



T-handle 7 mm wrench
T-handle 10 mm wrench
T-handle 13 mm wrench
Socket 15 mm



BEFORE INSTALLING, CHECK SCHEMATIC OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM! THE LATEST VERSION OF THE PARTS LIST AND SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS OF THE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE.



IF ANY ITEMS IN THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM PACKAGE ARE MISSING, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED DEALER. KEEP THE SCHEMATIC FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.



THESE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM.



THE EXHAUST SYSTEM CAN BE EXTREMELY HOT. ALLOW THE EXHAUST AND ENGINE TO COOL DOWN BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.



WE ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE INSTALLATION TO A QUALIFIED SERVICEMAN. IMPROPER INSTALLATION MAY RESULT IN A SHORTER LIFETIME OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM AND/OR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE.



THIS MANUAL IS SPECIFIC TO THE CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY C7 COUPE. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR OTHER C7 MODELS.



WHEN INSTALLING AKRAPOVIČ'S AFTERMARKET OPTIONAL DOWN PIPES WITHOUT CATALYTIC CONVERTERS, WHICH ARE DEVELOPED FOR USE ON CLOSED TRACKS ONLY, REMAPPING OF THE ECU IS MANDATORY. THE AKRAPOVIČ COMPANY TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECU REMAPPING OR ANY POTENTIAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF AKRAPOVIČ DOWN PIPES.

REMOVAL OF STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM:

Put the vehicle onto a car lift.

! **WARNING:** ensure that the car is lifted safely and properly in order to avoid the risk of vehicle damage, injury, or even death!

1. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the rear bumper (Figure 1).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 1

2. Remove the marked grill and reflector on both sides of the bumper (**Figure 2**).

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Figure 2

3. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the rear bumper (Figure 3).

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Figure 3

4. Unscrew the marked bolts and carefully remove the lower part of the rear bumper off the vehicle (**Figure 4**).

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Figure 4

5. Loosen the marked clamps (**Figure 5**).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

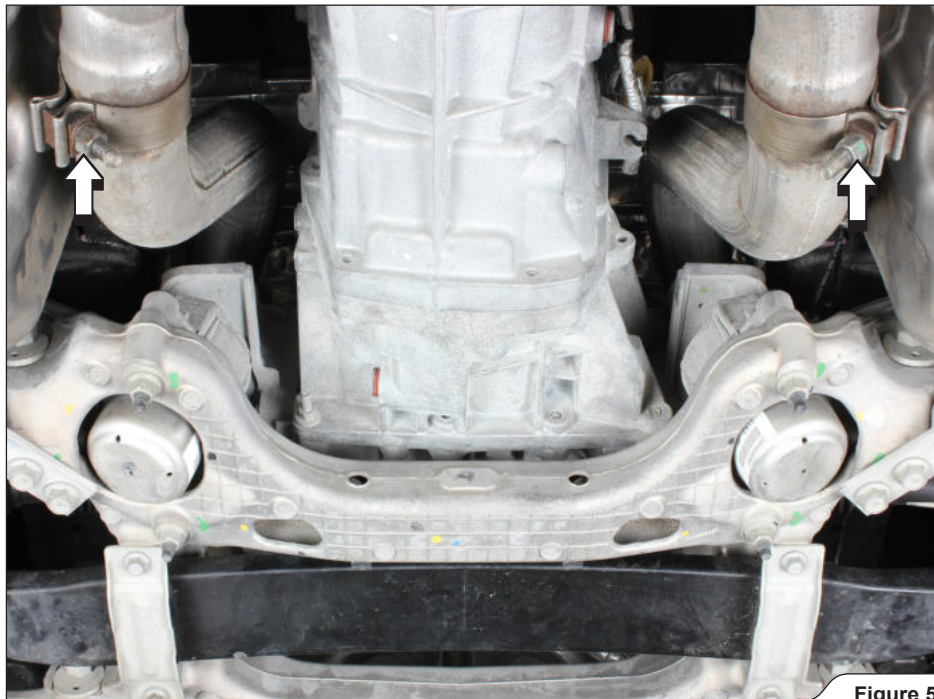


Figure 5

6. Unscrew the mufflers' connection bolts and mufflers' rubber brackets off the chassis (**Figure 6**).
- ! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

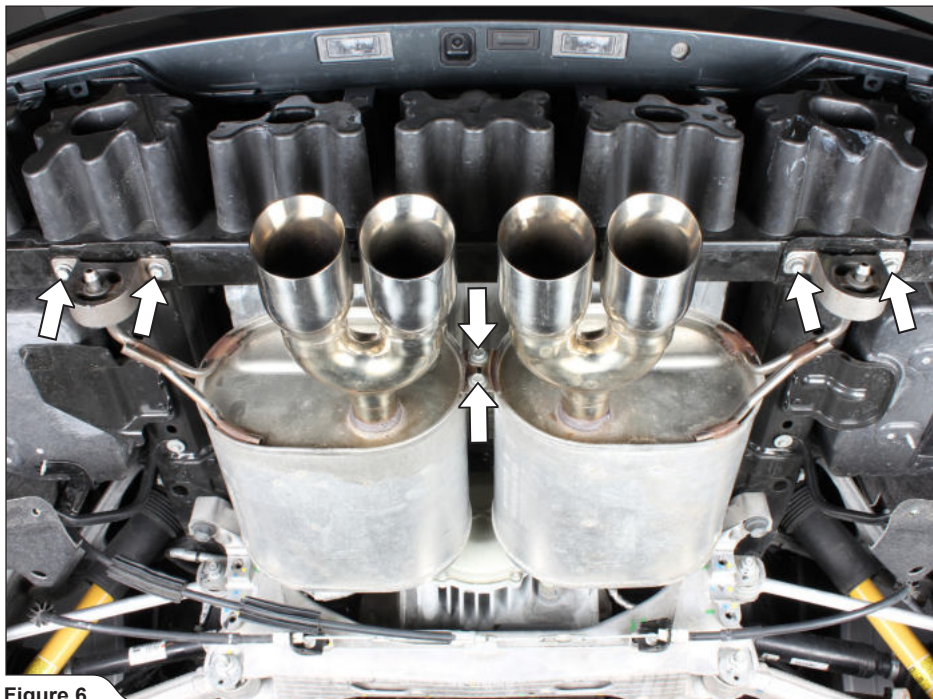


Figure 6

7. Disconnect the exhaust valve servos' connectors and carefully remove the mufflers off the vehicle (**Figure 7**). **For vehicles with NPP stock exhaust system:** disconnect all four exhaust valve servos.
- ! **CAUTION:** make sure, that car key is in OFF position, before you disconnect the connectors! Wait for complete extinction of the car before disconnecting the actuators (1 min after key OFF)!
 - ! **WARNING:** do not put the car key in ON position or start the car, before all connectors are connected again. Risk of check light on the dashboard!

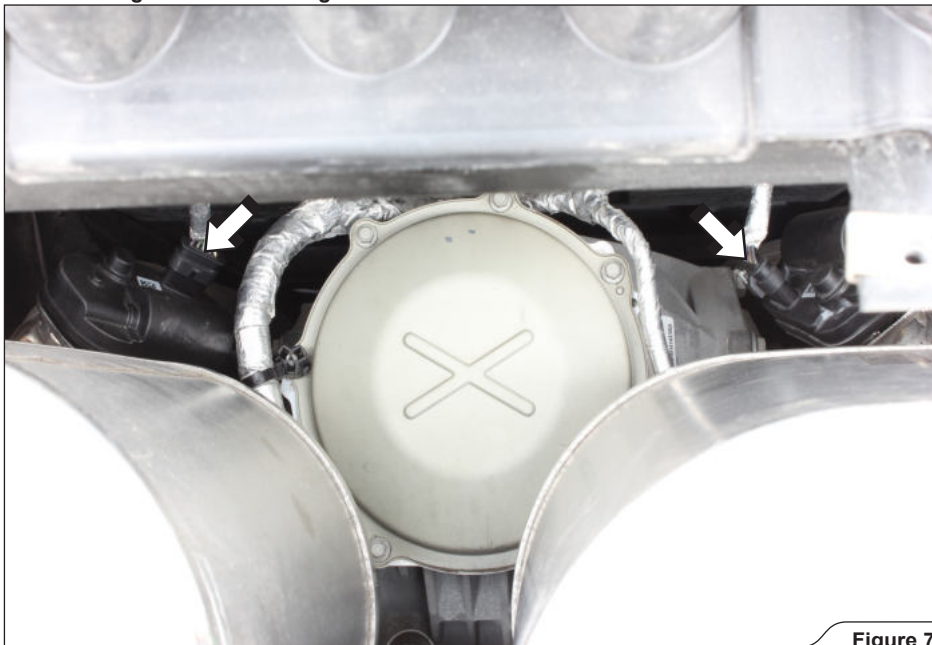


Figure 7

8. Unscrew and remove the chassis reinforcement (**Figure 8**).

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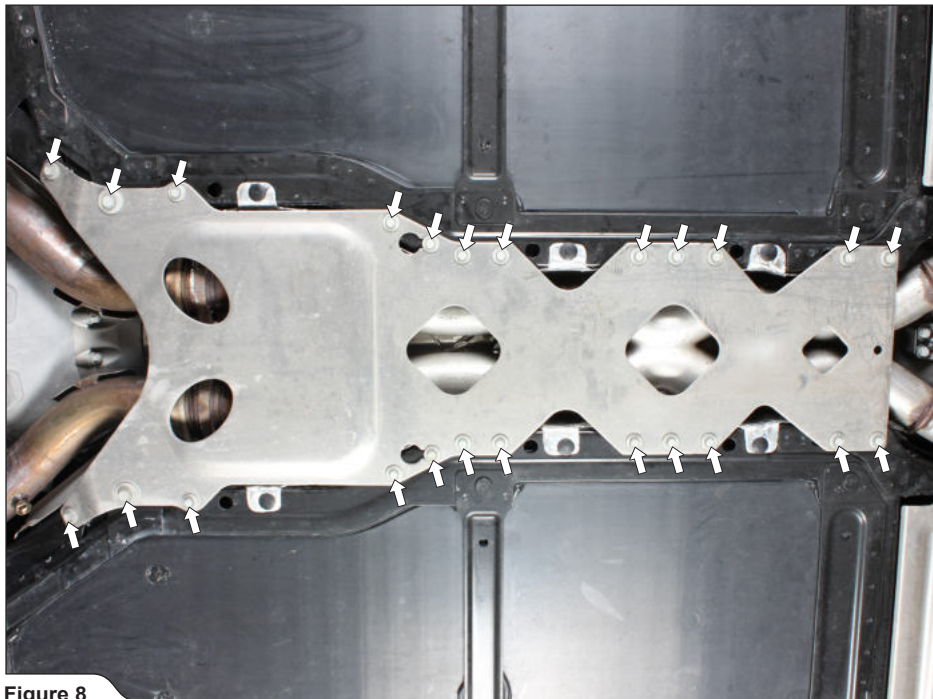


Figure 8

9. Support the link pipes, unscrew the marked flanges' nuts and rubber bracket off the chassis; carefully remove the link pipes off the vehicle (**Figure 9, 10**).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

! **WARNING:** support the link pipes during this process or you could injure yourself or damage the vehicle!



Figure 9



Figure 10

10. Unscrew the exhaust valve servos and carefully remove the rubber brackets off the mufflers and link pipes (**Figure 11, 12**). For vehicles with **NPP stock exhaust system**: unscrew all four exhaust valve servos.

! CAUTION: make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

✂ INSTALLATION TIP: for easier dismounting, lubricate the stock rubber brackets (WD40).



Figure 11

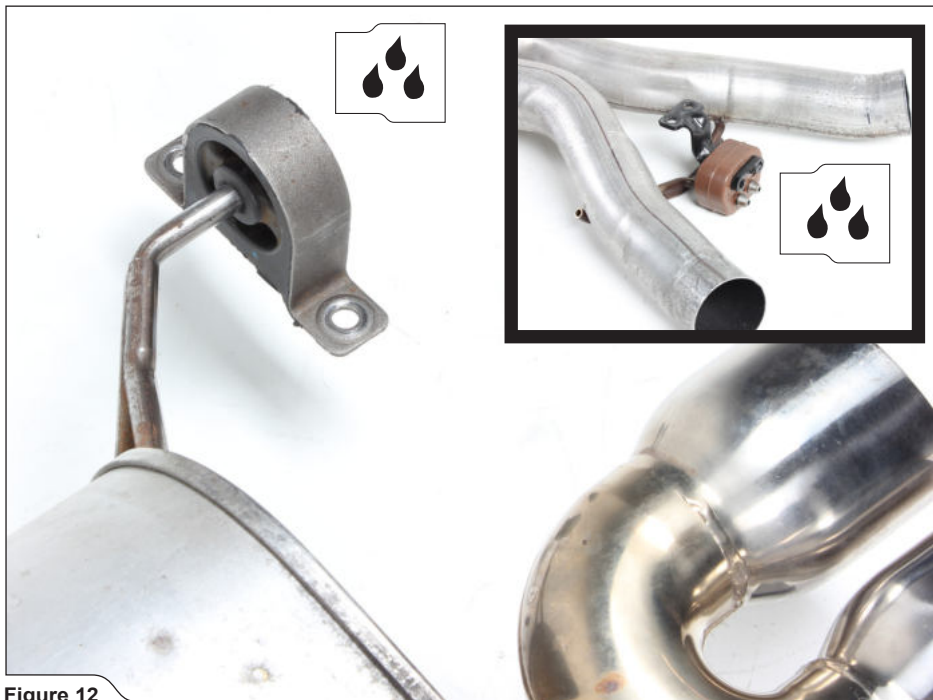


Figure 12

INSTALLATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:

1. Assemble the two stock exhaust valve actuators and two additional actuators from Akrapovič installation kit (**For vehicles with NPP stock exhaust system:** use all four stock actuators), stock rubber brackets and clamps onto the Akrapovič mufflers, as shown (**Figure 13, 14, 15, 16**)

! CAUTION: make sure not to injure yourself or damage the valves or actuators during this process!

W INSTALLATION TIP: for easier mounting, lubricate the original rubber brackets (WD40).



Figure 13

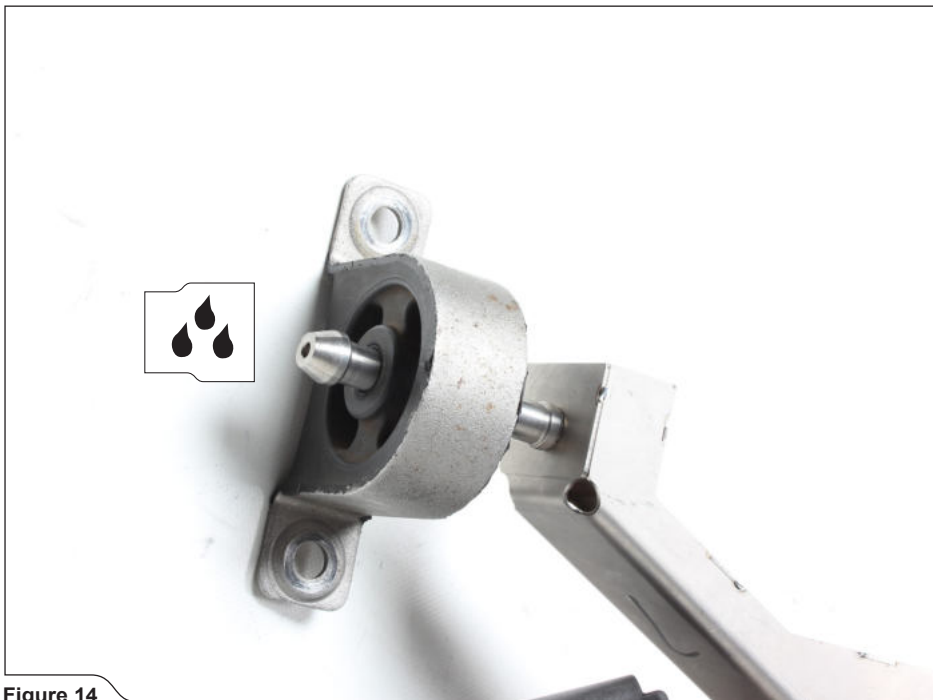


Figure 14

! CAUTION: use Akrapovič bolt sealant on all bolts' threads (Figure 15)!

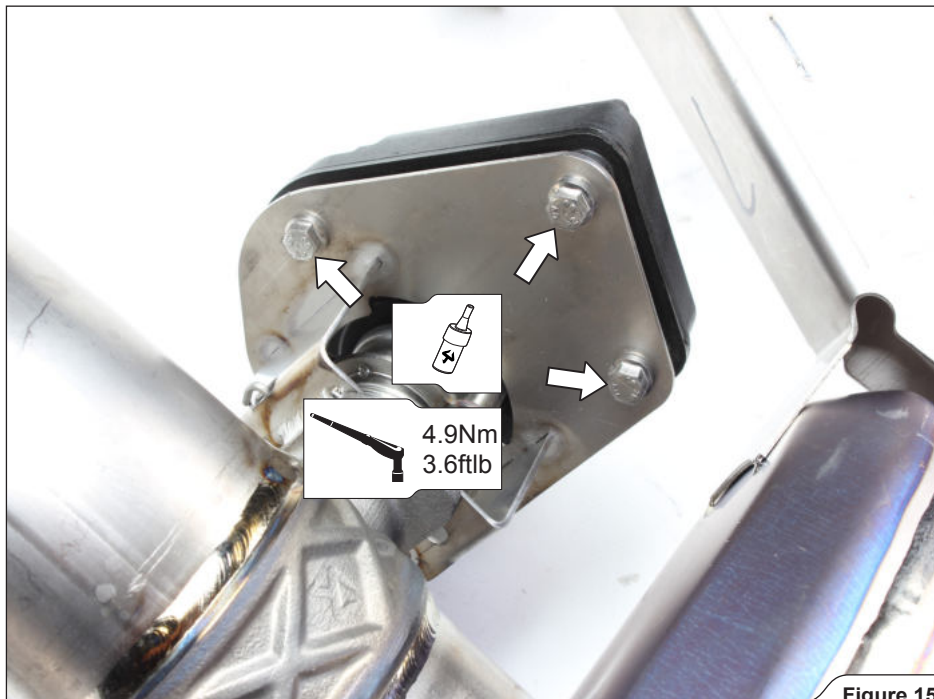


Figure 15

! CAUTION: hand tighten the clamps only; do not fully tighten them yet (Figure 16)!



Figure 16

2. Install the graphite gaskets from Akrapovič installation kit onto the link pipes' inlets (**Figure 17**).
! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage the gaskets during this process!



Figure 17

- Partially install the mufflers and reconnect the exhaust valve servos' connectors (**Figure 18, 19**). For vehicles with NPP stock exhaust system: reconnect all four exhaust valve servos' connectors.

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 18

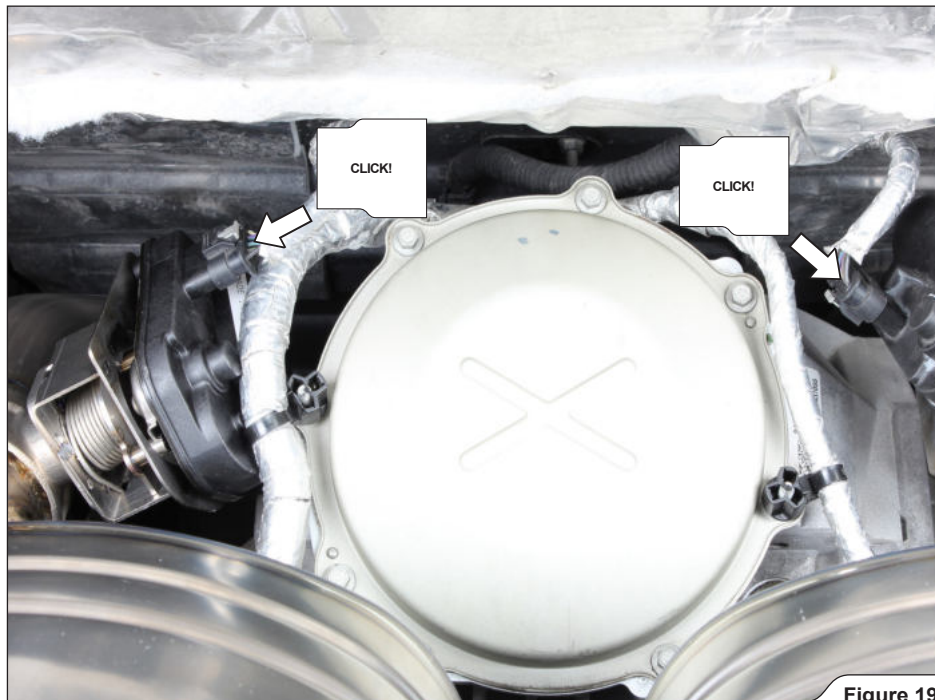


Figure 19

4. Assemble the link pipes with mufflers and hand tighten the clamps (**Figure 20, 21**).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

! **CAUTION:** hand tighten the clamps only; do not fully tighten them yet!

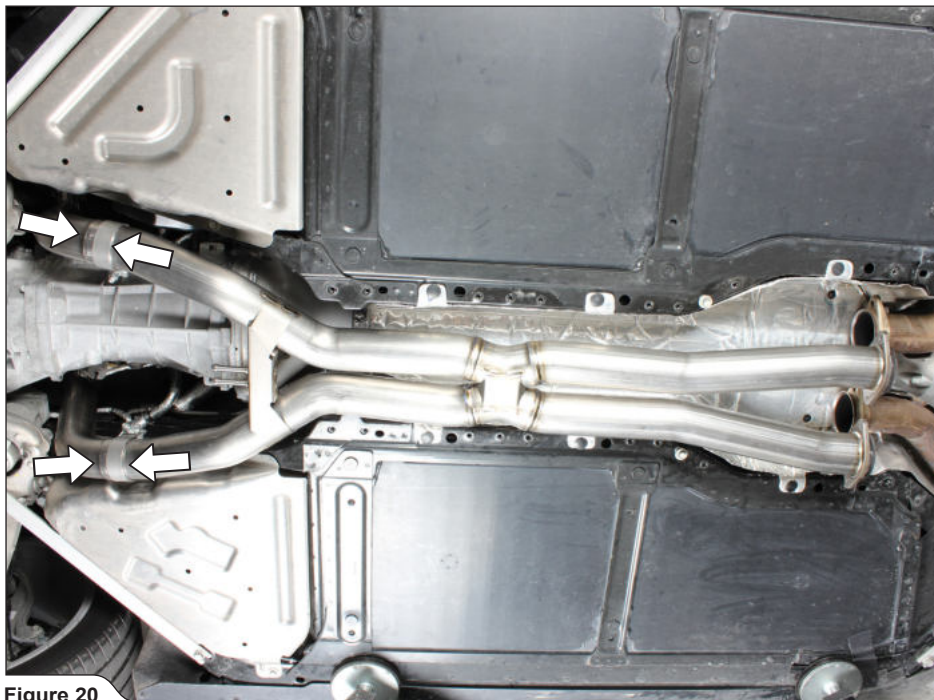


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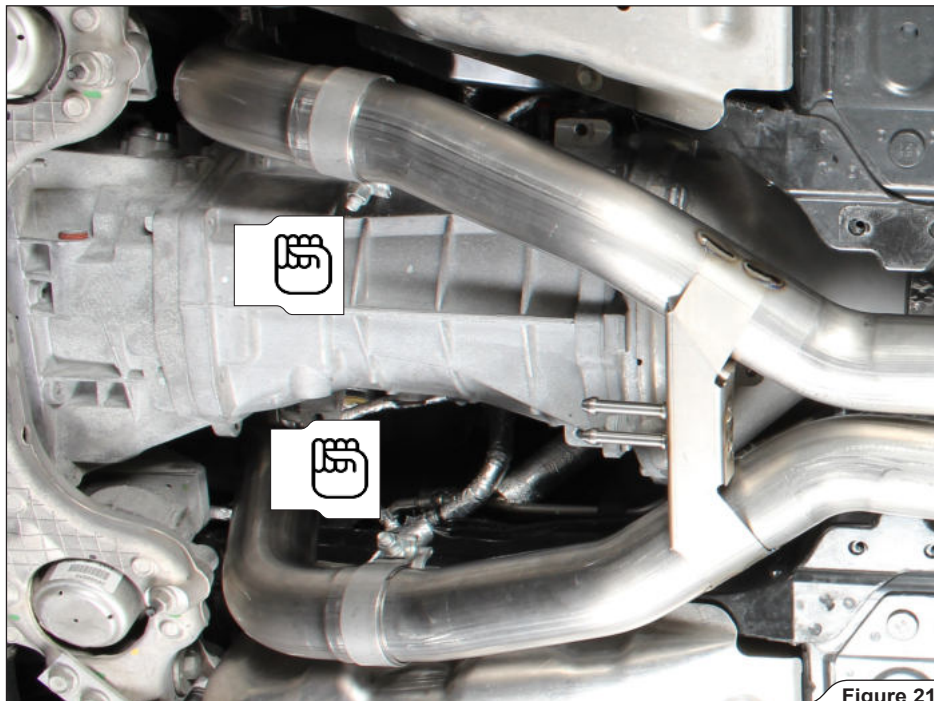


Figure 21

5. Carefully assemble the front part of the link pipes onto the stock down pipes and tighten the flanges using bolts and nuts from Akrapovič installation kit (**Figure 22**).

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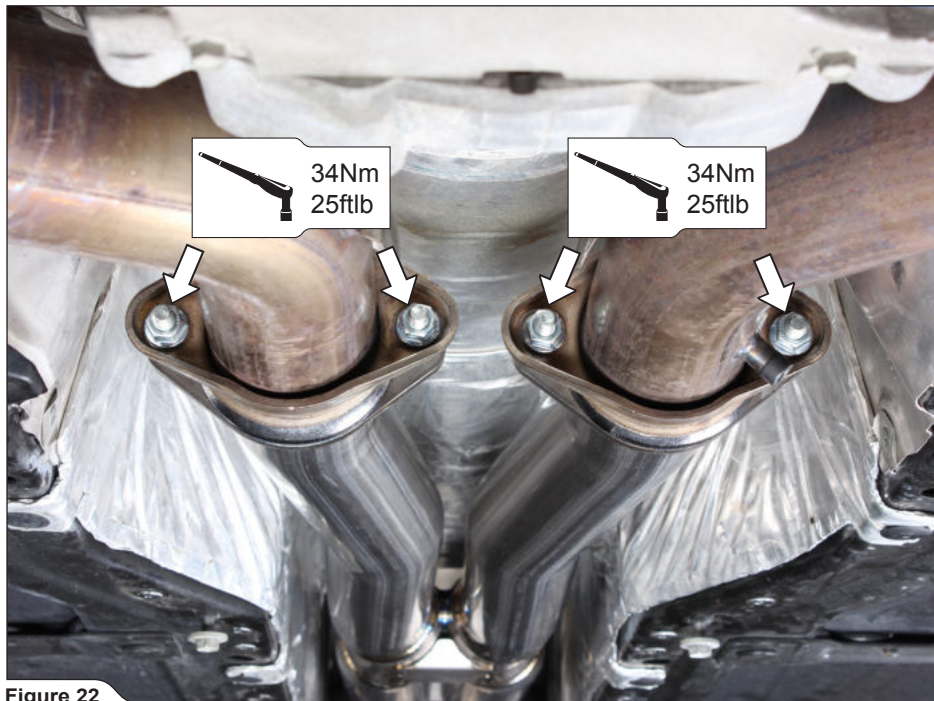


Figure 22

6. Assemble the stock rubber bracket onto the link pipes, attach the bracket onto the transmission and tighten the mufflers' rubber brackets onto the chassis (**Figure 23, 24**).

✂ **INSTALLATION TIP:** for easier mounting, lubricate the original rubber bracket (WD40).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

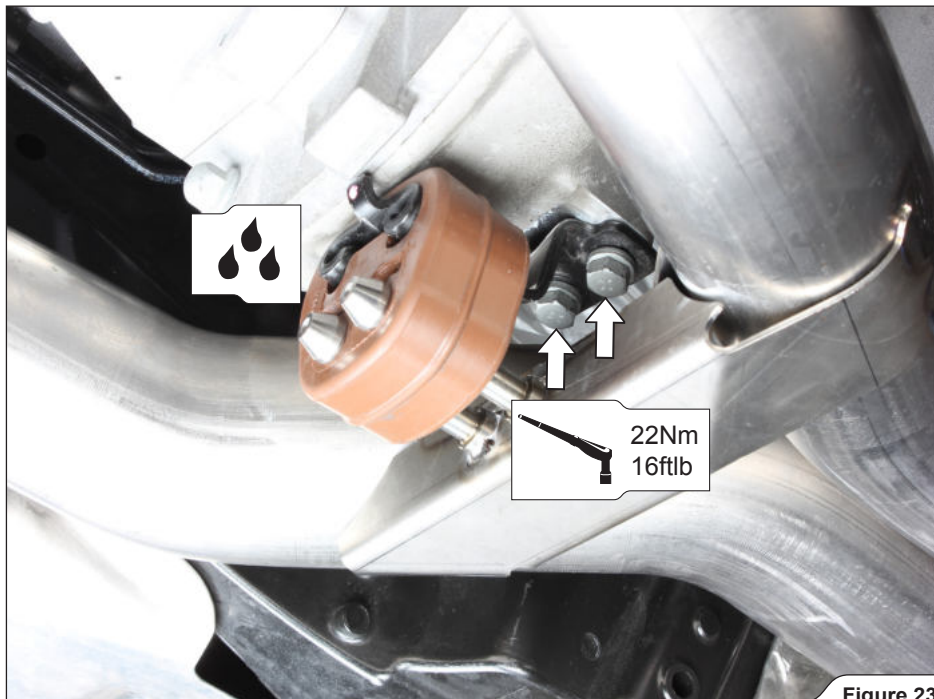


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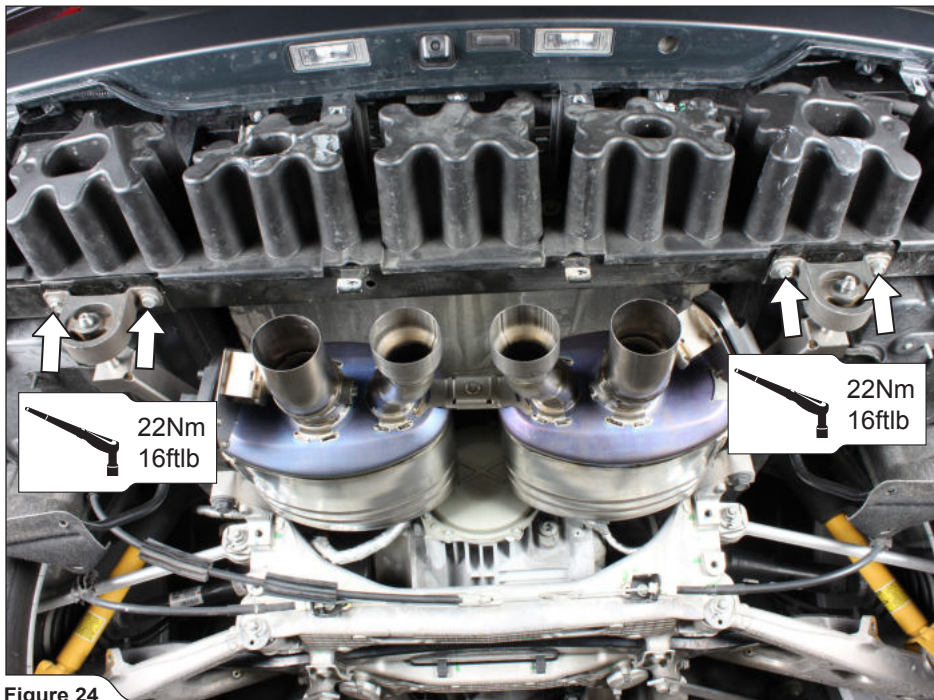


Figure 24

7. Adjust and center the mufflers, tighten the muffler connection (using bolt, washer and nut from Akrapović installation kit) and link pipes - muffler connection clamps to the specified torques (**Figure 25, 26**).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

! **CAUTION:** make sure, that any part of the exhaust system isn't touching the chassis, electrical harness or any other part of the vehicle; repeat the adjustment of the exhaust system if necessary!

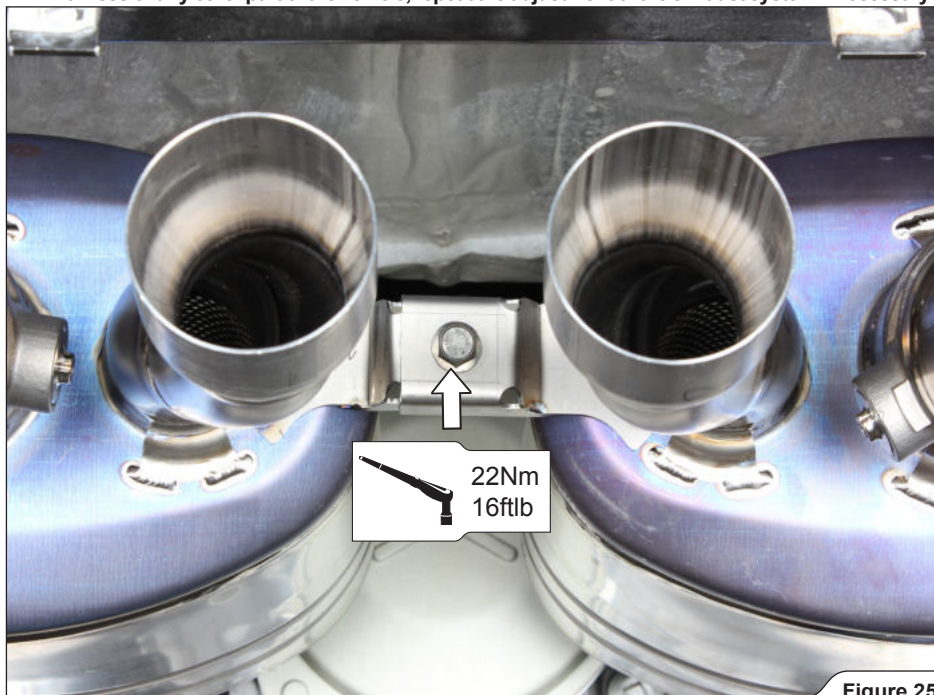


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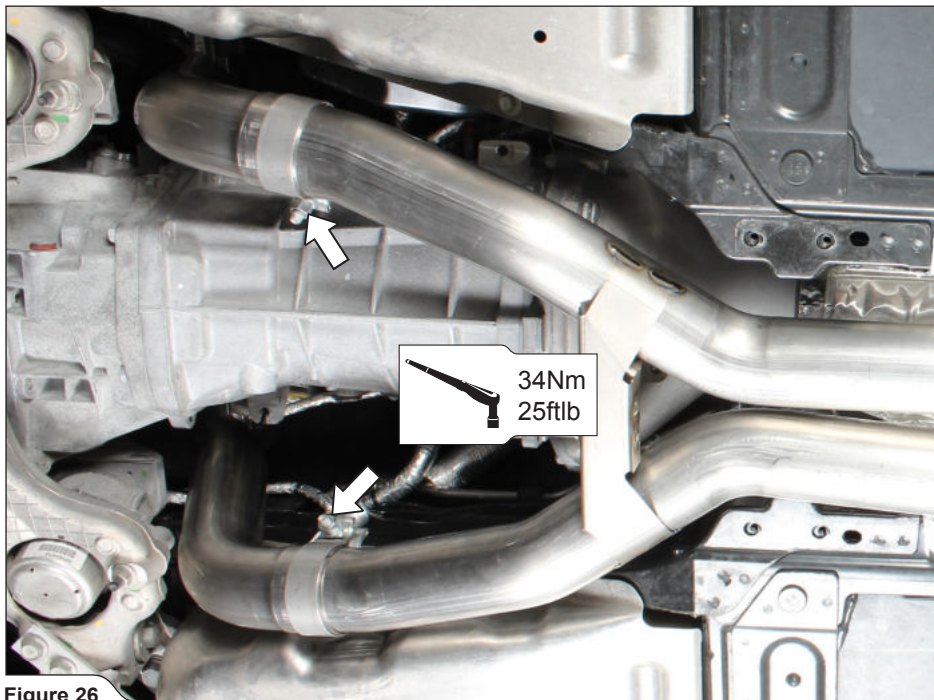
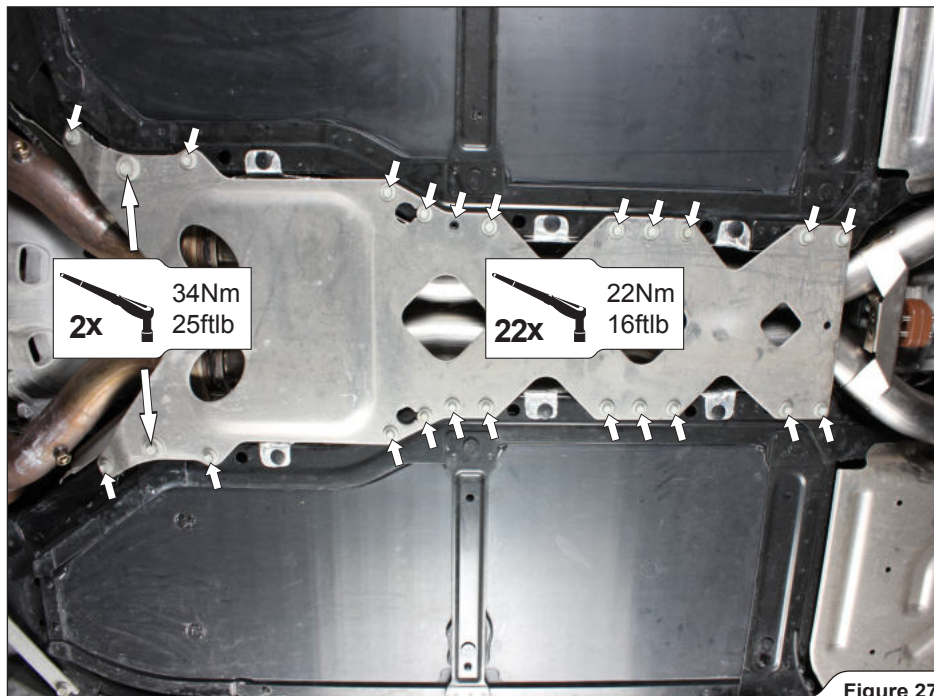


Figure 26

8. Reinstall the chassis reinforcement (Figure 27).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



9. **For vehicles with standard stock exhaust system:** install the Akrapovič Control Kit - check the Control Kit installation manual for correct installation.
 10. Replace all dismantled stock parts (rear bumper) in the reverse order from the order in which they were removed. Check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques.
- !** **CAUTION: make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!**

11. Assemble the clamps and spherical rings onto the tail pipes (**Figure 28**).

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to damage the tail pipes during this process!



Figure 28

12. Slide the tail-pipes onto the muffler outlets. Rotate and center them in respect to rear bumper and according to your personal preference (Figure 29, 30).

! **CAUTION:** make sure, not to damage tail pipes, bumper or any part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 29



The image shows the Akrapović logo, which consists of a stylized orange 'A' symbol followed by the brand name 'AKRAPOVIĆ' in a bold, italicized, black sans-serif font. Below the logo is a close-up view of a black exhaust system with four circular outlets. Each outlet has a small red 'AKRAPOVIĆ' logo on its rim. The entire scene is set against a plain white background.

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Figure 30

13. Tighten tail pipe clamps to the specified torque (**Figure 31**).



Figure 31

Final installation:

- ! **WARNING: check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques (for dismantled stock parts)!**
- ! **WARNING: make sure all the nuts and bolts are sufficiently tightened. In case the exhaust system touches the cowling or other parts, repeat the adjustment of the exhaust system or contact your authorized dealer.**

MAINTENANCE OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:

1. Clean the titanium exhaust components with a multi-purpose spray lubricant (WD-40 or equivalent), carbon fiber exhaust components with soft and dry cloth and stainless steel components with soft cloth sprayed with contact cleaner, then wipe with soft and dry cloth. A change in the color of the exhaust system is normal due to high temperatures.
2. Periodically make sure all the bolts and springs are sufficiently tight.

- ! **WARNING: clean all exhaust components before the first start of the engine or the stains will burn onto the surfaces!**
- ! **IT IS NORMAL FOR WHITE SMOKE TO COME OUT OF THE MUFFLER AT FIRST OPERATION.**
- ! **DO NOT STAND BEHIND THE MUFFLER AT FIRST OPERATION.**
- ! **DO NOT USE AUTOMOTIVE WHEEL CLEANERS OR ANY CLEANING PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN ACIDIC ADDITIVES TO CLEAN THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**

WARNING

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