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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.**



Bi-hex 17 socket
T-handle swivelling 10mm wrench
T-handle swivelling 13mm wrench
T-handle swivelling TX E10 wrench
Combination 10mm wrench
Combination 16mm wrench
Torx 25 wrench
Torx 27 wrench
Torx 30 wrench
Cross head screwdriver
Cutting nippers
Heat Gun



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 AUDI R8 SPYDER . THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR OTHER R8 MODELS.



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AT EACH ENGINE START, THE EXUP VALVE MAY VIBRATE FOR A FEW SECONDS UNTIL THE VACUUM SYSTEM REACHES OPERATING PRESSURE.

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 and remove rear wheels and wheel arch panels on both sides of the vehicle (**Figure 1, 2, 3**).



Figure 1

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

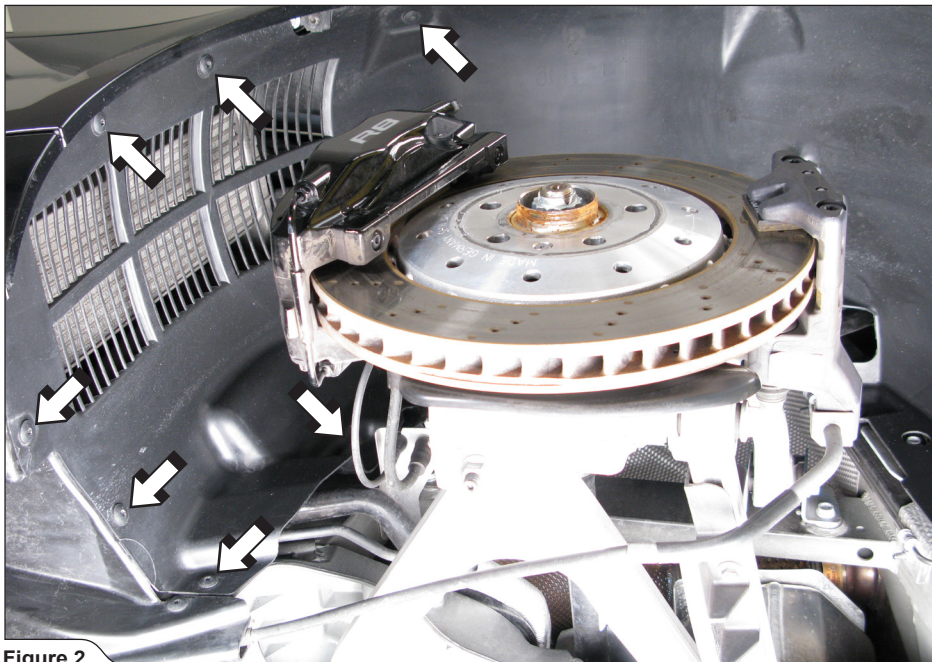


Figure 2

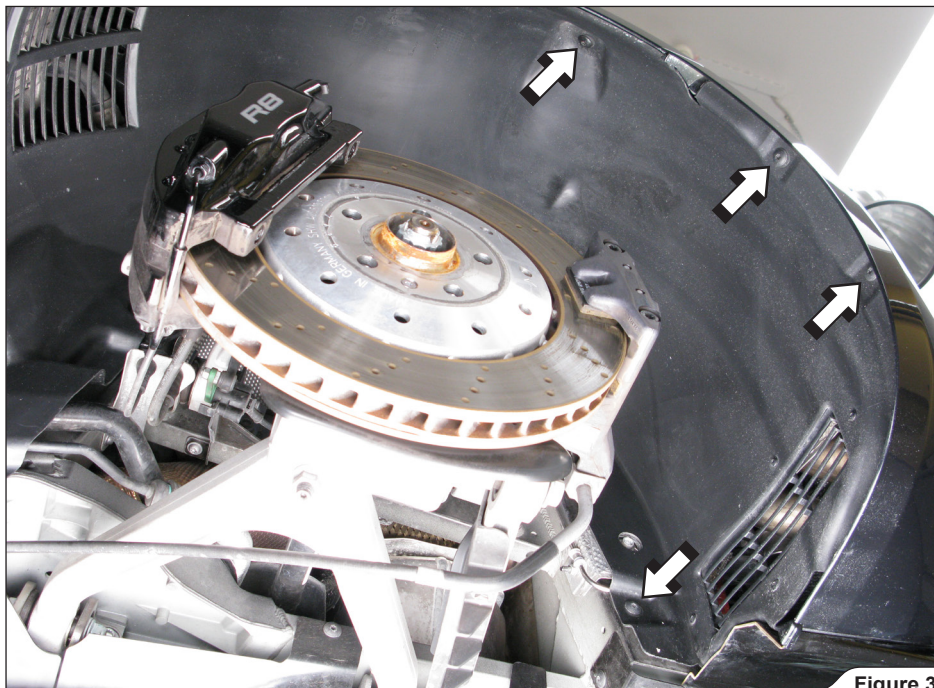


Figure 3

2. Unscrew the marked bolts and remove the diffuser off the vehicle (Figure 4, 5).

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



Figure 4



Figure 5

3. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the vehicle and carefully remove the wheel arch panels' heat shields (Figure 6).

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



Figure 6

4. Disconnect the marked electrical connector on the left side of the vehicle (**Figure 7**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the connector or any other part of the vehicle during this process!

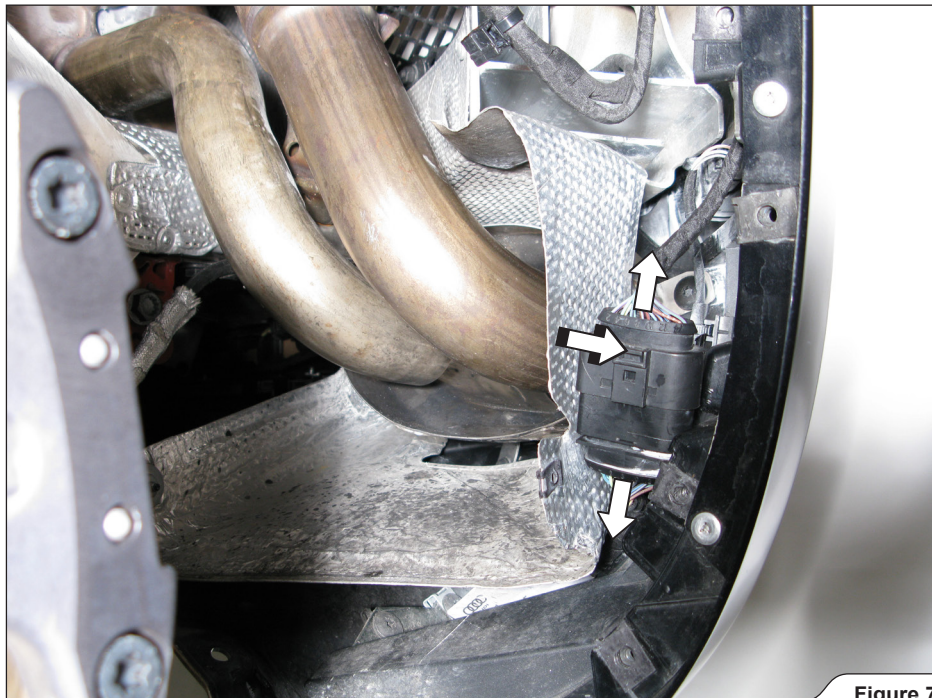


Figure 7

5. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the vehicle (**Figure 8**).



Figure 8

6. Undo and disconnect the number plate's lights and unscrew marked bolts (Figure 9).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 9

7. Unscrew the marked bolts (Figure 10).

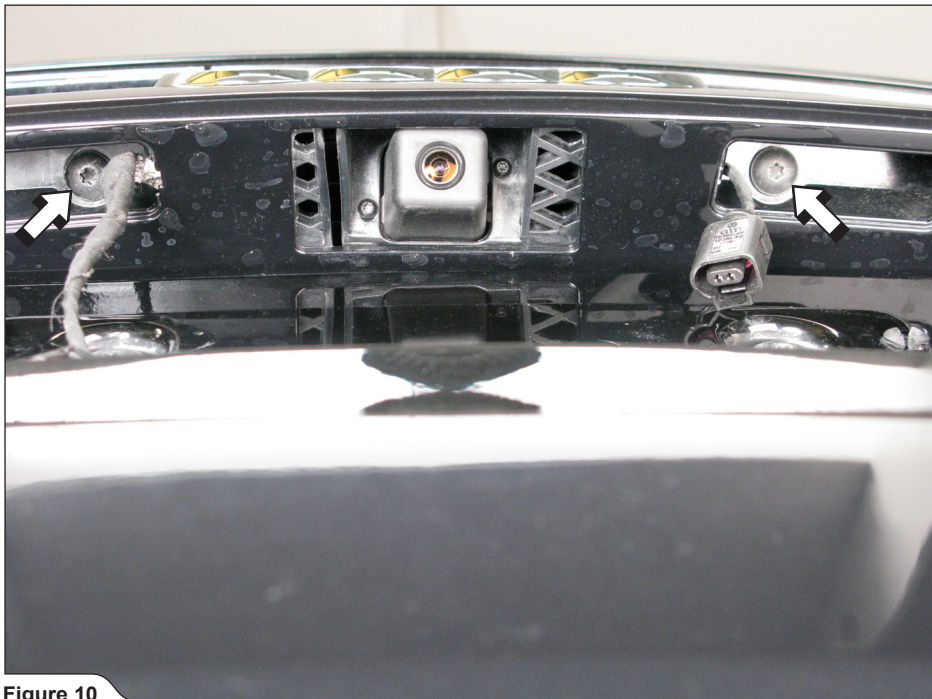


Figure 10

8. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the vehicle (**Figure 11**).



Figure 11

9. Unscrew the marked nuts on both sides of the pop-up spoiler and remove the spoiler off the vehicle (**Figure 12**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

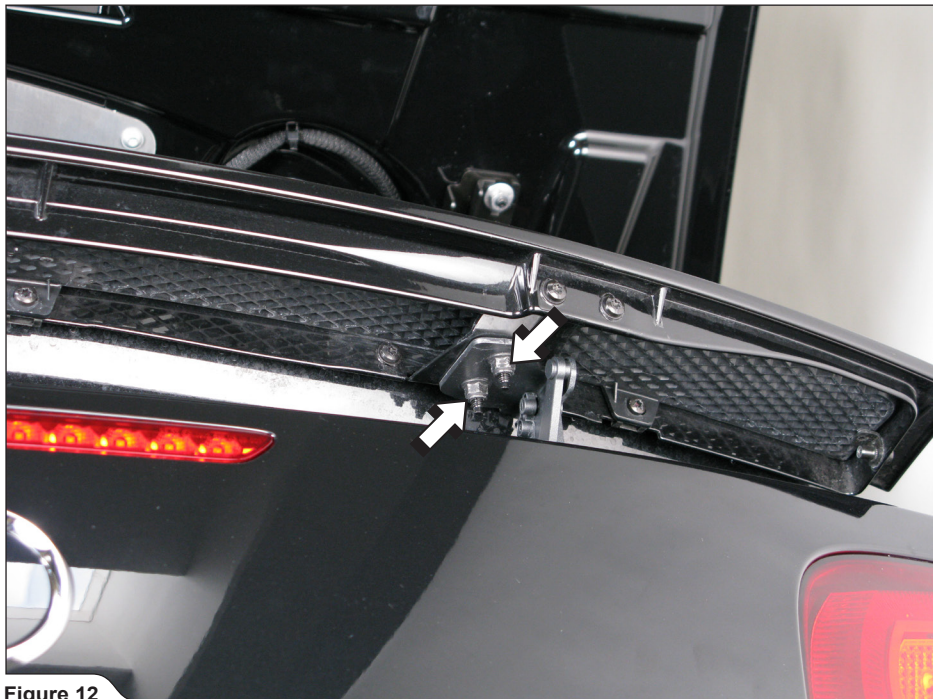


Figure 12

10. Unscrew the marked bolts on both and nuts sides of the vehicle (**Figure 13**).



Figure 13

11. Disconnect the marked electrical connector on the right side of the vehicle (**Figure 14**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the connector or any other part of the vehicle during this process!

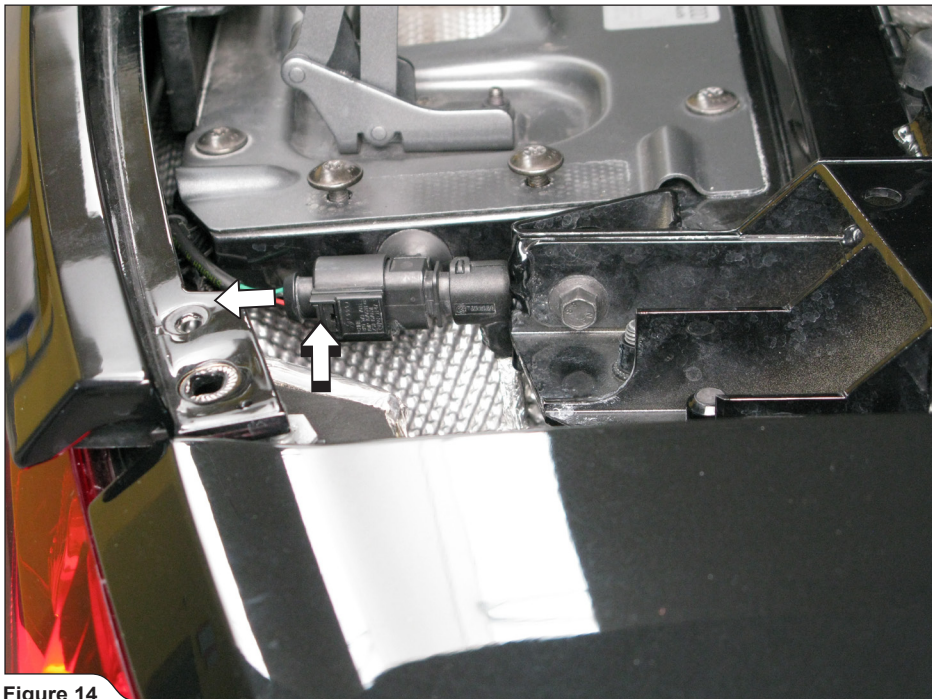


Figure 14

12. Disconnect the marked electrical connectors and carefully remove the tail trim off the vehicle (Figure 15).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the connectors, tail trim or any other part of the vehicle during this process!

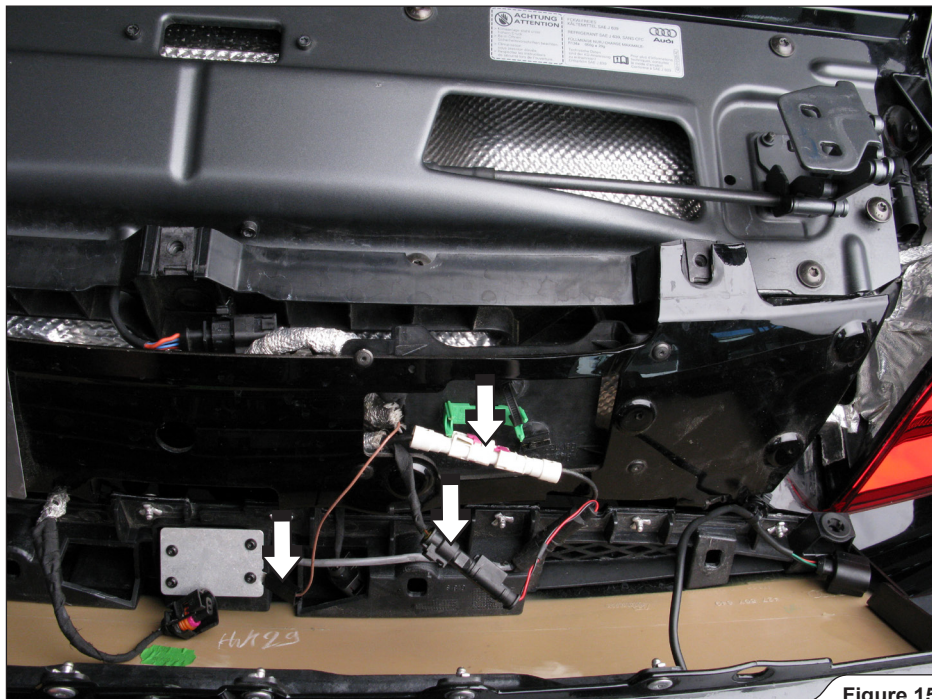


Figure 15

- Cut the marked tie wraps and disconnect the marked electrical connectors and remove the wiring harness out of the bumper carrier (**Figure 17, 18**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the wiring harness, connectors or any other part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 17

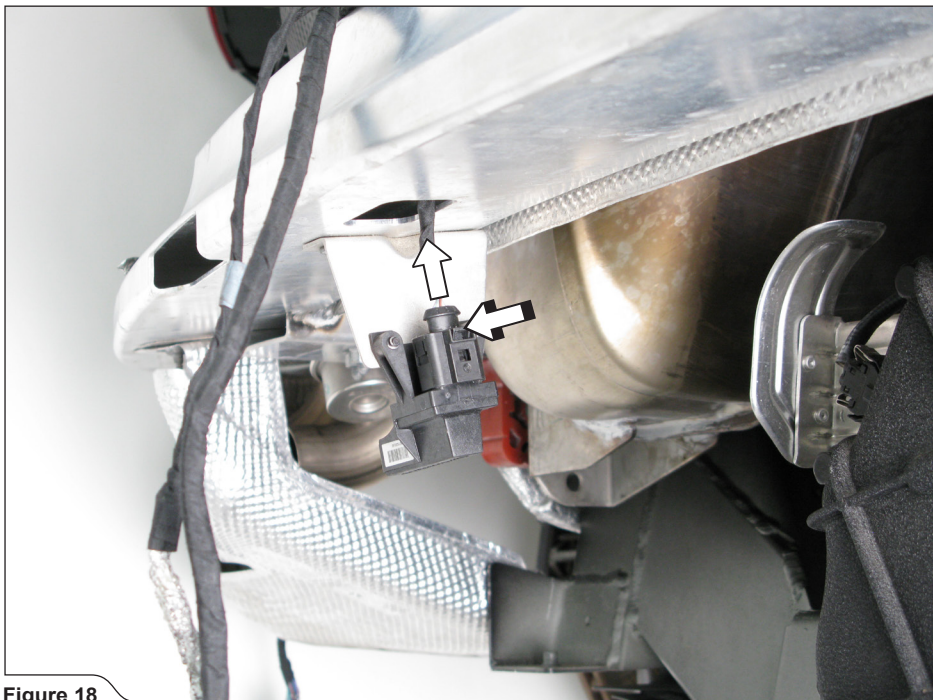


Figure 18

15. Pull the vacuum tubes off both exhaust valves' actuators (**Figure 19**). Unscrew the marked nuts and bolts on both sides of the vehicle and remove bumper carrier (**Figure 19, 20**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

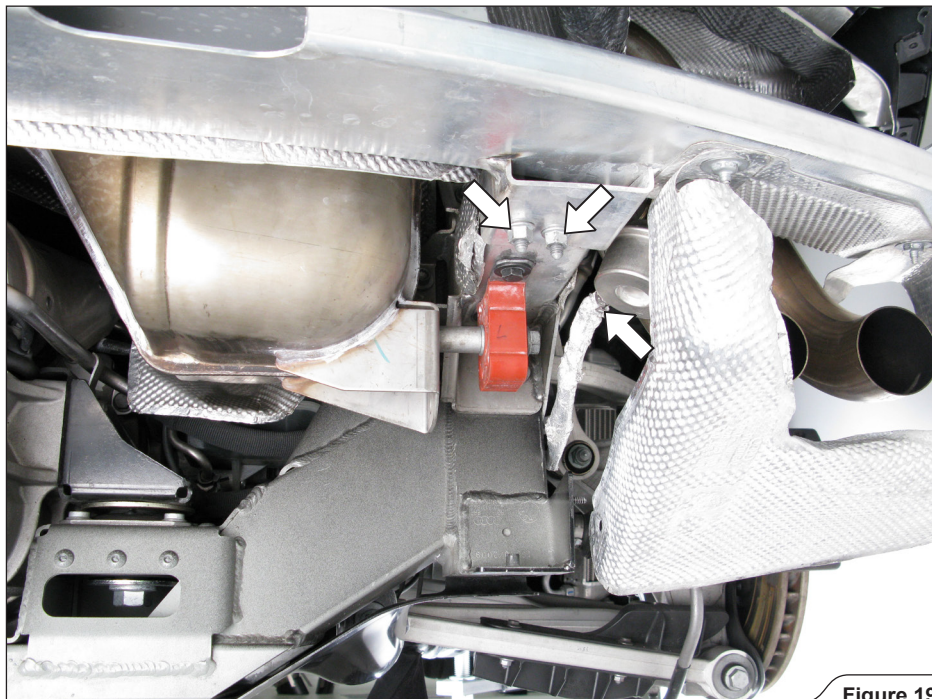


Figure 19



Figure 20

16. Disconnect the tail lights' electrical connectors, unscrew the marked nuts and bolts on both sides of the vehicle and remove the tail lights off the vehicle (**Figure 21, 22, 23**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the connectors, tail lights or any other part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 21



Figure 22



Figure 23

17. Unscrew the marked nuts and bolts on both sides of the vehicle and carefully remove the tail lights' heat shields (Figure 24, 25).

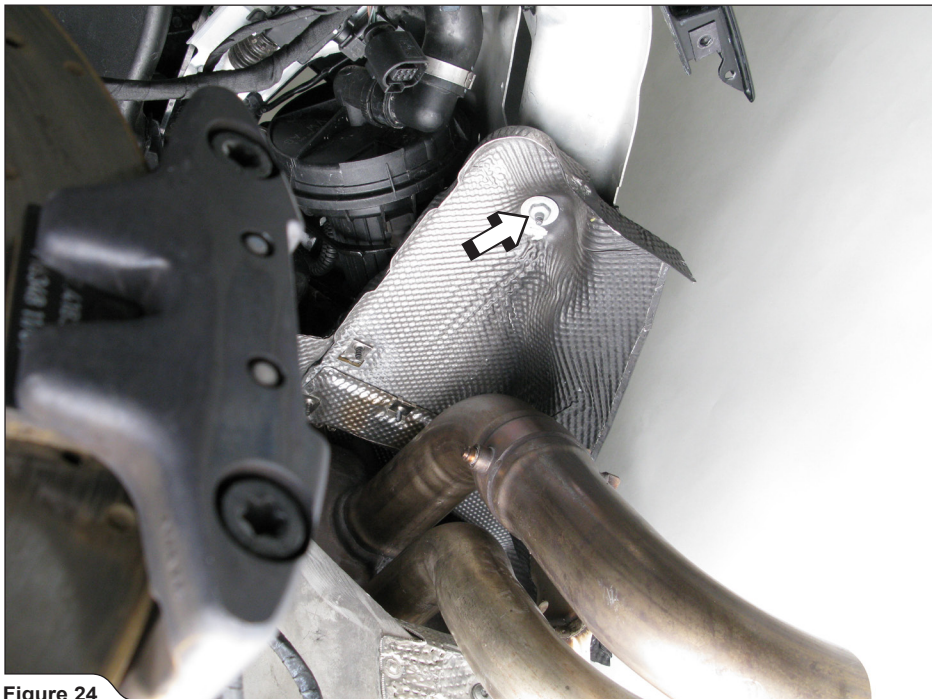


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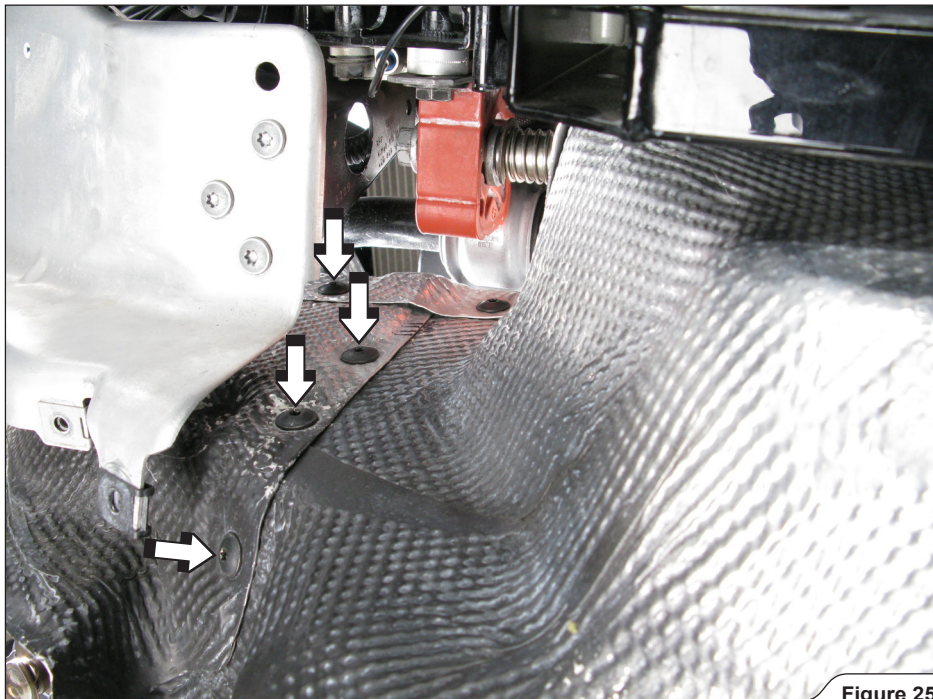


Figure 25

18. Unscrew the marked heat shield's bolts on both sides of the vehicle (**Figure 26**).

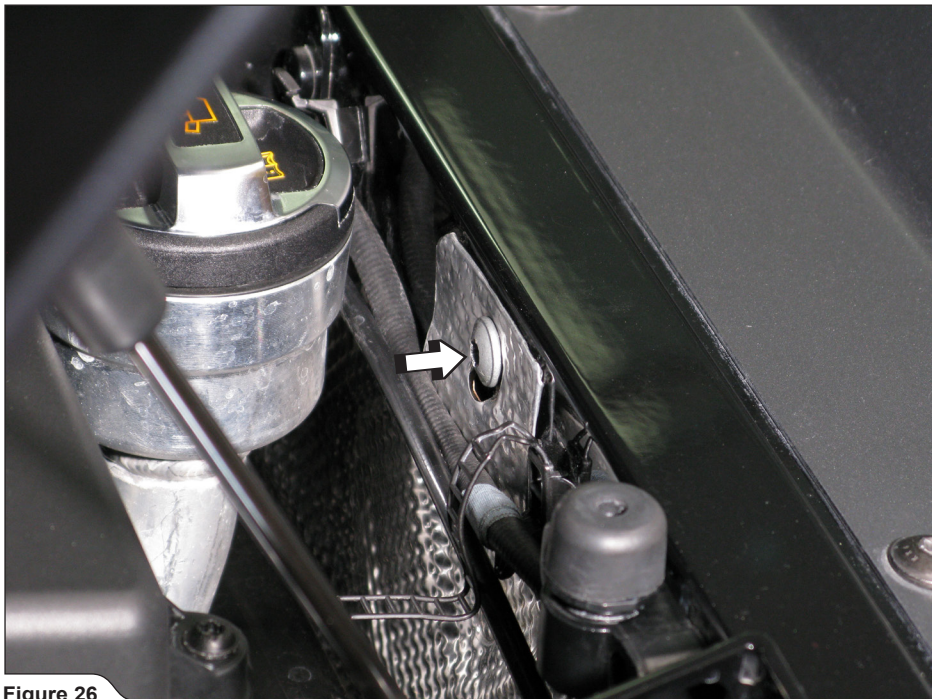


Figure 26

19. For easier dismantling of upper muffler's bolts, unscrew the marked nuts on both sides of the vehicle and partially remove both air blowers (**Figure 27**).

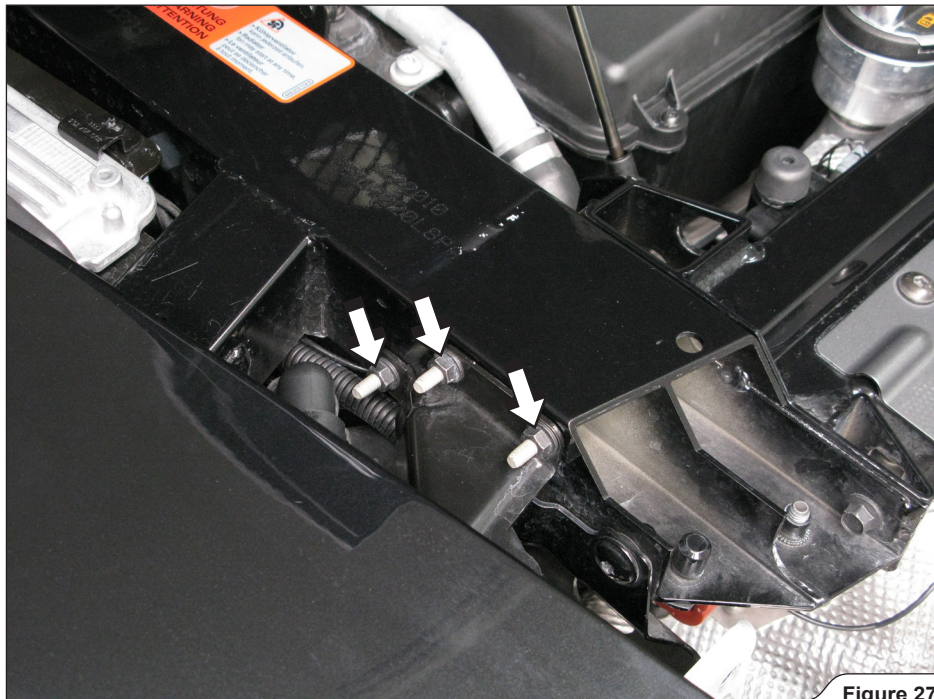


Figure 27

20. Unscrew the muffler's connection clamps on both sides of the engine (**Figure 28**).

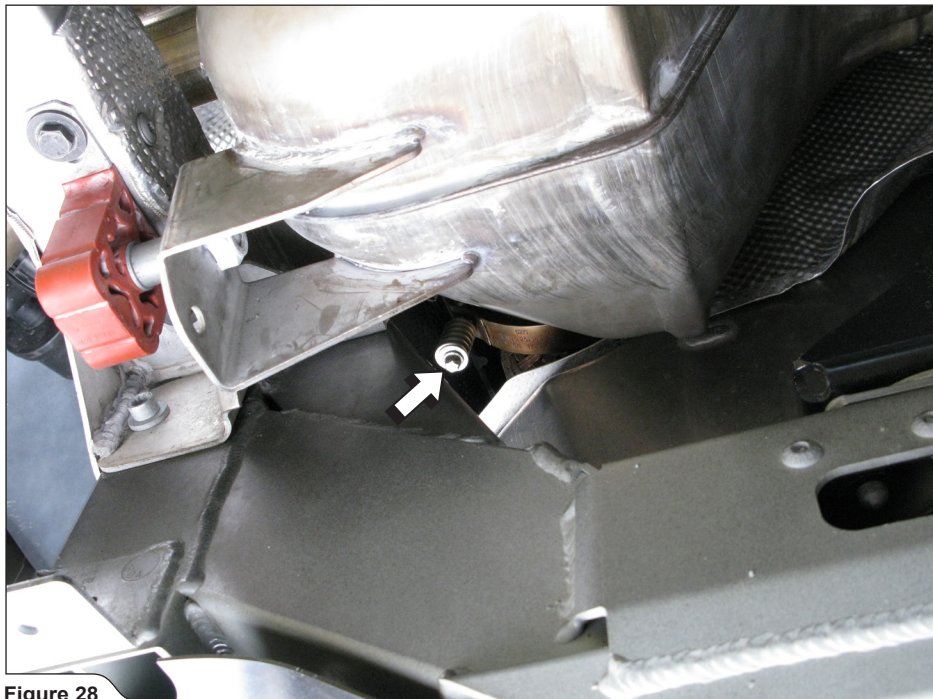


Figure 28

21. **For R8 FL model only:** carefully dismount both air boxes and unscrew the muffler's connection clamps on both sides of the engine (**Figure 29, 30**).

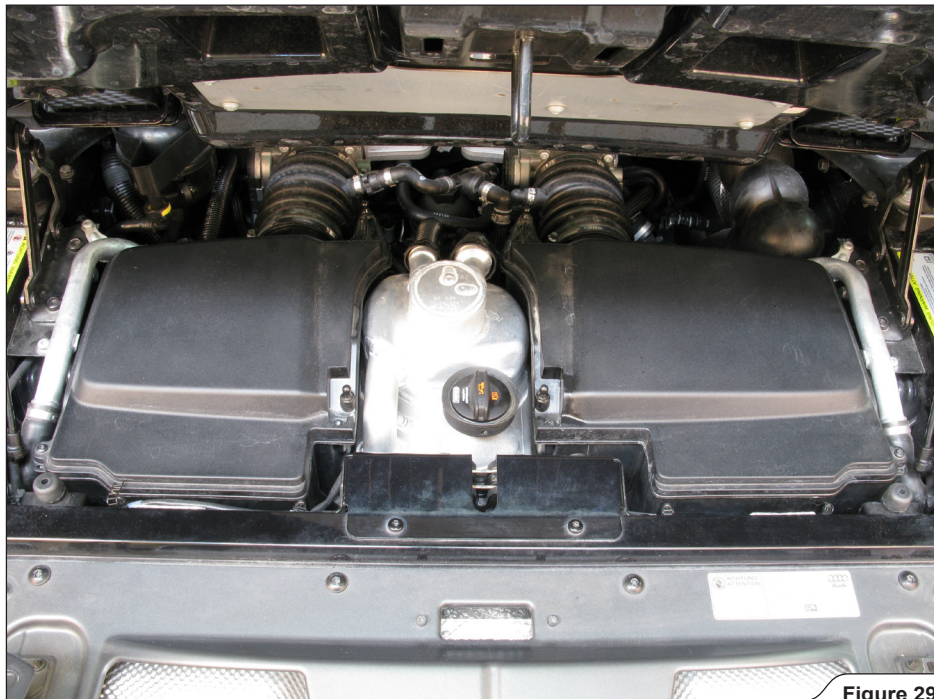


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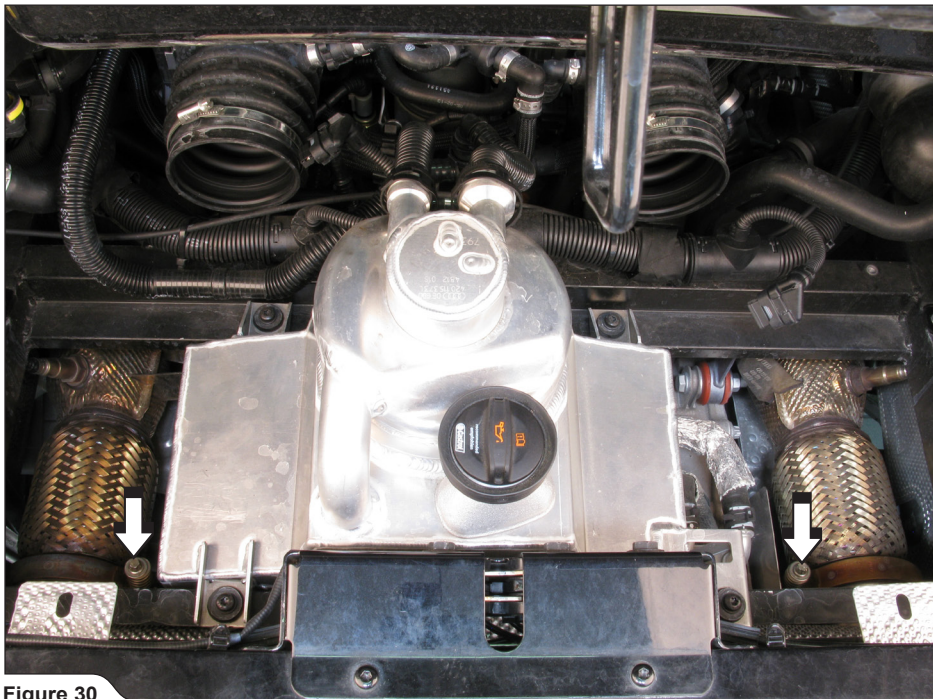


Figure 30

22. Unscrew the marked bolts on both sides of the muffler and carefully remove the muffler off the vehicle (**Figure 31**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

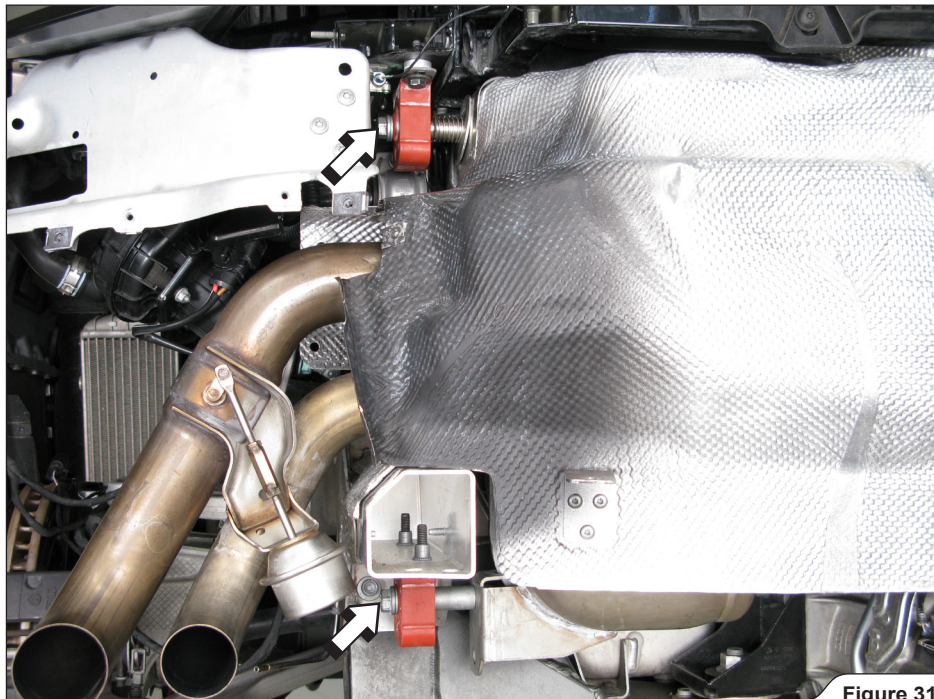


Figure 31

23. Unscrew the marked bolts and carefully remove the front part of the muffler's heat shield (Figure 32).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the heat shield during this process!



Figure 32

24. Undo the marked spring clip and remove the spring and washer on both sides of the muffler, than carefully remove the rear part of the muffler's heat shield (**Figure 33**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the heat shield during this process!

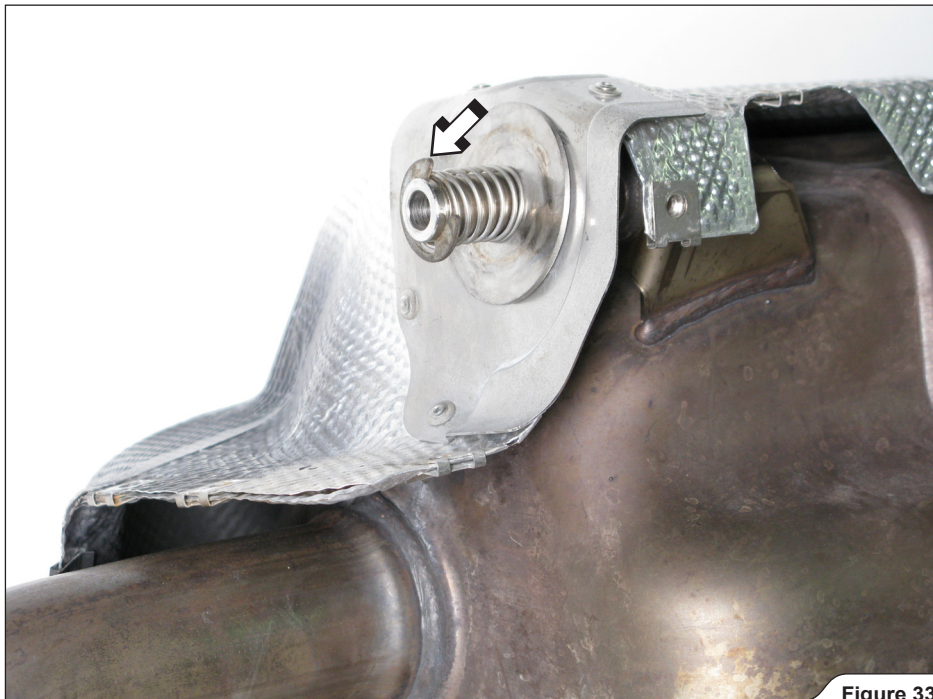


Figure 33

25. Carefully pull the vacuum rubber tubes with heat protection off the metal vacuum tubes on both sides of the vehicle (Figure 34).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the tubes' heat protection during this process!



Figure 34

26. Carefully remove the heat protection off the rubber vacuum tubes (**Figure 35**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the tubes' heat protection during this process!



Figure 35

27. **For R8 model only:** Unscrew and remove both tail pipes off the bumper trim panel (**Figure 36**).
! WARNING: make sure, not to damage the bumper trim panel during this process!

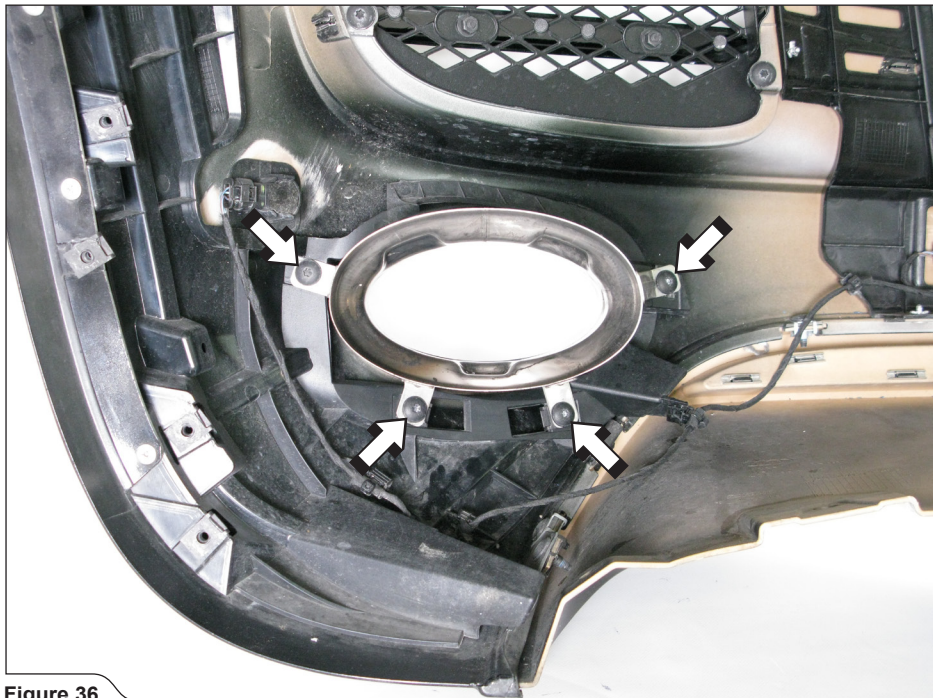


Figure 36

28. **For R8 FL model only:** unscrew and remove both tail pipes off the bumper trim panel (**Figure 37, 38**).

!

WARNING: make sure, not to damage the bumper trim panel during this process!



Figure 37



Figure 38

INSTALLATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:

1. Assemble the stock heat protection, tape clamps and rubber vacuum tubes, as shown (Figure 39).

! CAUTION: do not tighten the clamps yet!



Figure 39

2. Mount the rear part of the stock muffler's heat shield onto the Akrapovič muffler, using stock washers, springs and spring clips (**Figure 40**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the muffler or heat shield during this process!



Figure 40

3. Attach the rubber vacuum tubes from Akrapovič installation kit onto the both exhaust valve actuators and tighten the clamps (**Figure 41**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the tube's heat protection during this process!

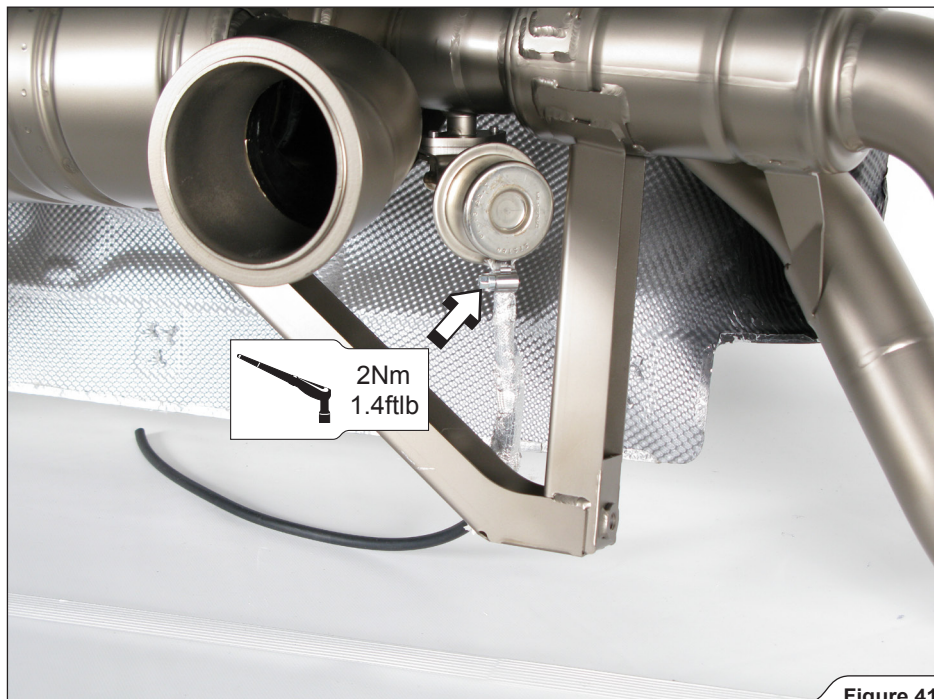


Figure 41

4. Mount the front part of the stock muffler's heat shield onto the Akrapovič muffler, using stock bolts (Figure 42).

! **CAUTION:** make sure, that vacuum tubes are not bent or obstruct in any way!

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the heat shields during this process!

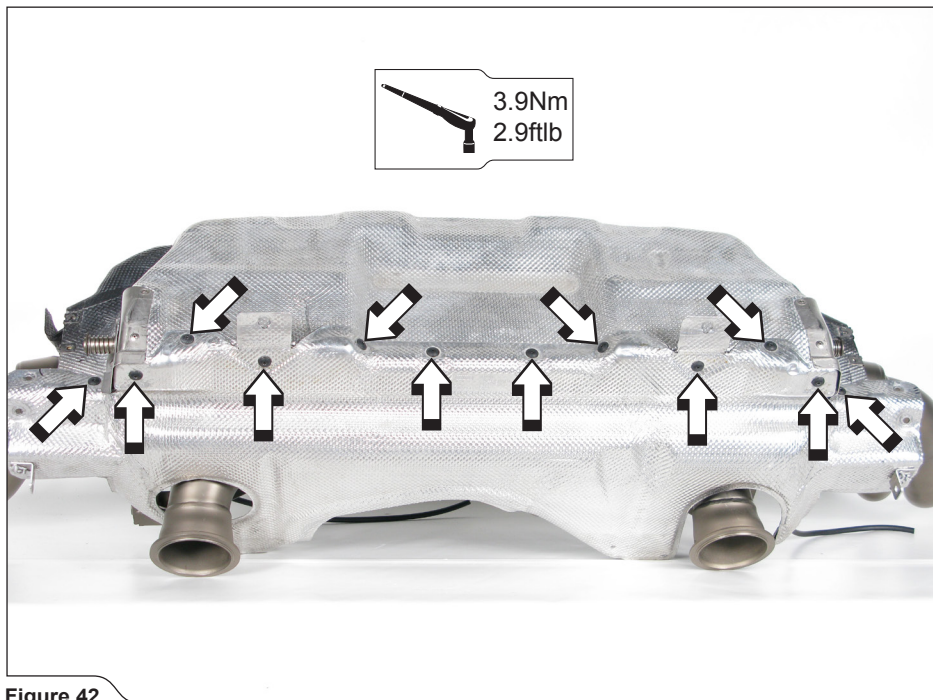


Figure 42

5. **For R8 FL model only:** use bolts from Akrapovič installation kit in the marked positions (Figure 43).



Figure 43

6. Carefully attach the assembled muffler onto the chassis, using stock bolts, washers and distance bushes (Figure 44).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!

! **CAUTION:** adjust the original muffler's brackets if needed!

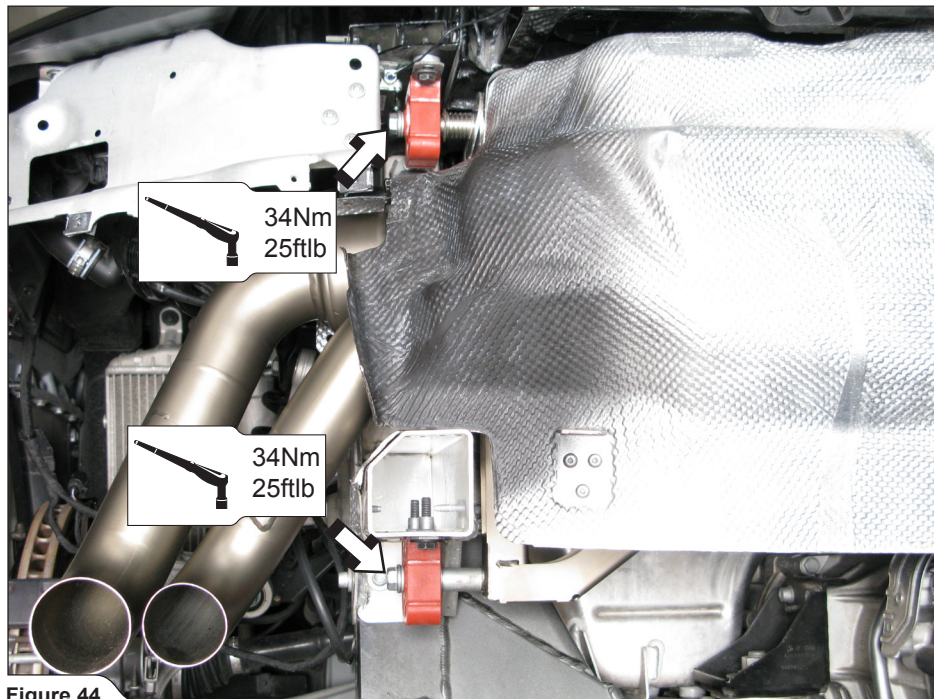


Figure 44

7. Tighten the stock muffler's connection clamps on both sides of the engine (**Figure 45**).
- !** **CAUTION:** make sure, that muffler's inlet flanges are correctly assembled onto the original flanges, before tightening the connection clamps!

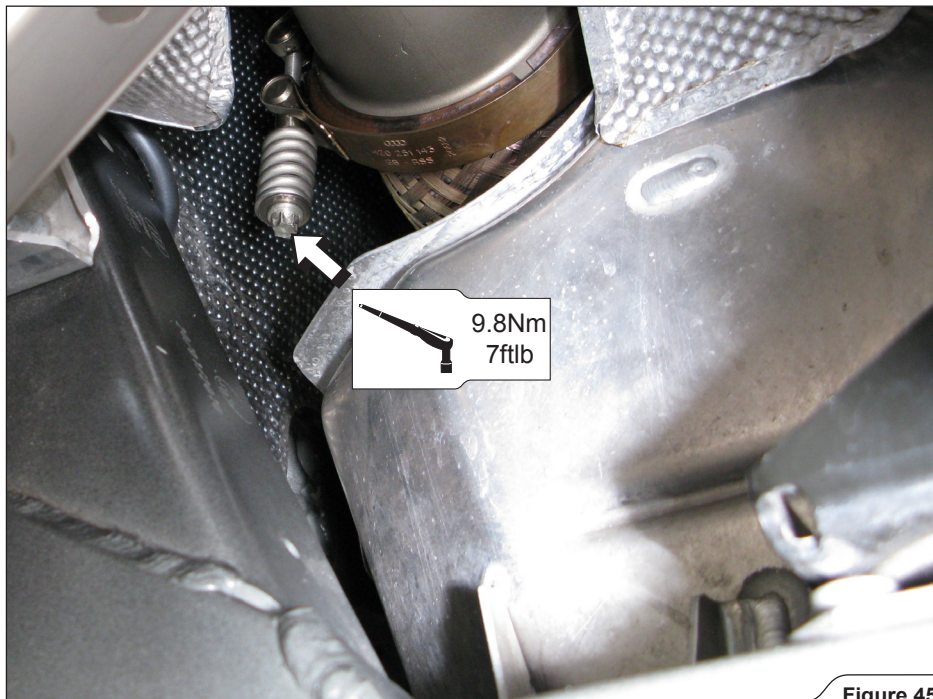


Figure 45

8. Direct the vacuum tubes as shown, shorten the left vacuum tube to appropriate length and connect the Akrapovič vacuum tubes to the stock metal vacuum tubes on both sides of the vehicle (Figure 46, 47).

! **WARNING:** direct the vacuum tubes in such a way, that they don't touch any hot or moving parts!

! **CAUTION:** make sure, that vacuum tubes are not bent or obstruct in any way!

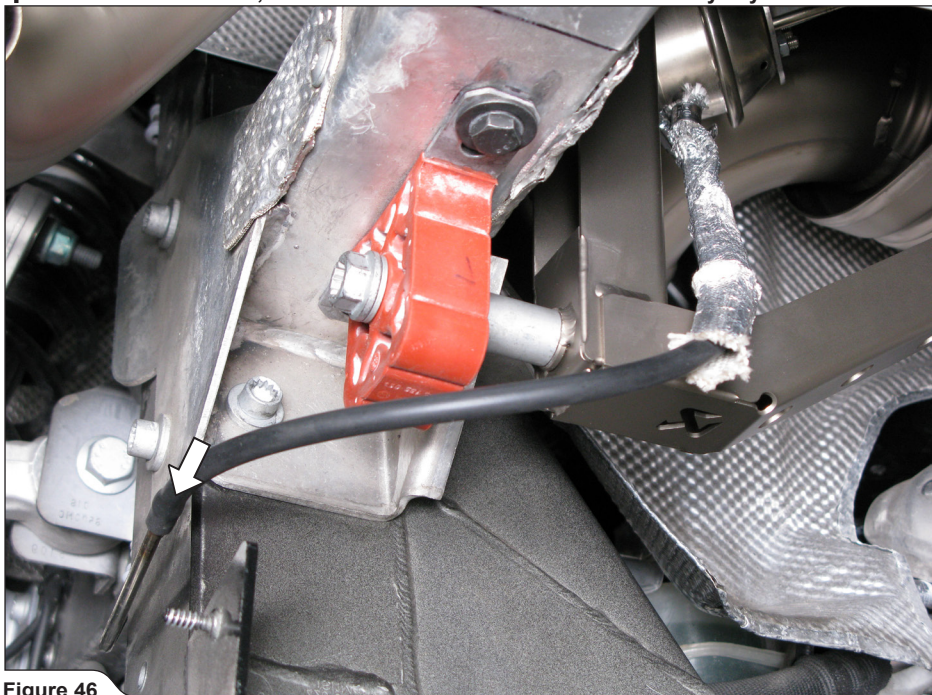


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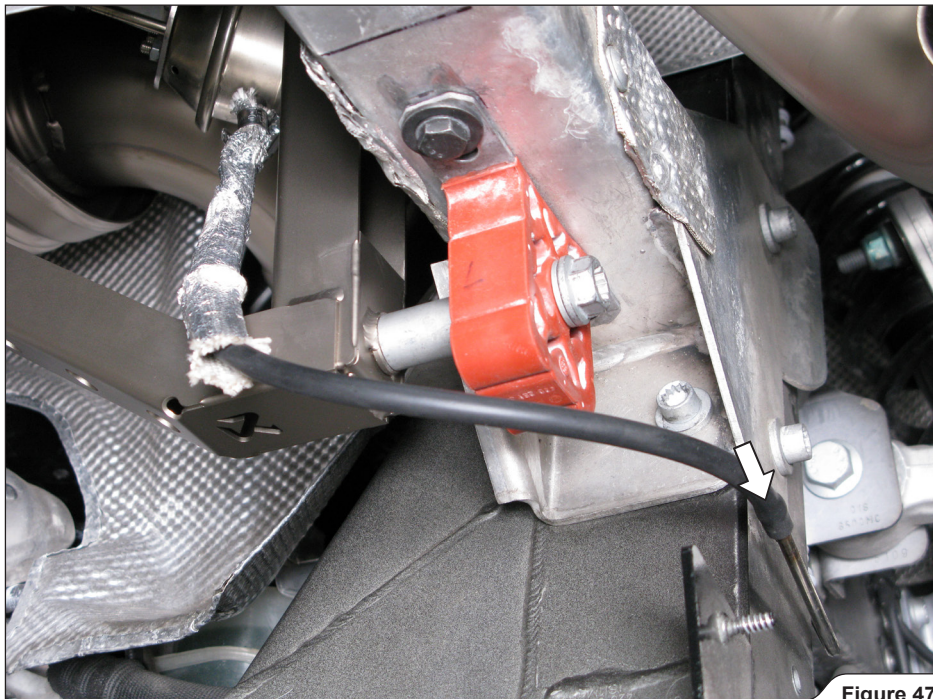


Figure 47

9. **For R8 model only:** attach the Akrapovič Tail Pipes onto the bumper trim panel, using stock bolts. Place the washers from installation kit under the Tail Pipe's brackets (if necessary), to level them in respect to each other (**Figure 48, 49**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the bumper trim panel or any other part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 48



Figure 49

10. **For R8 FL model only:** align both Akrapovič Tail Pipes in respect to the trim panel and each other. Attach the Tail Pipes using stock bolts (**Figure 50**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the bumper trim panel or any other part of the vehicle during this process!

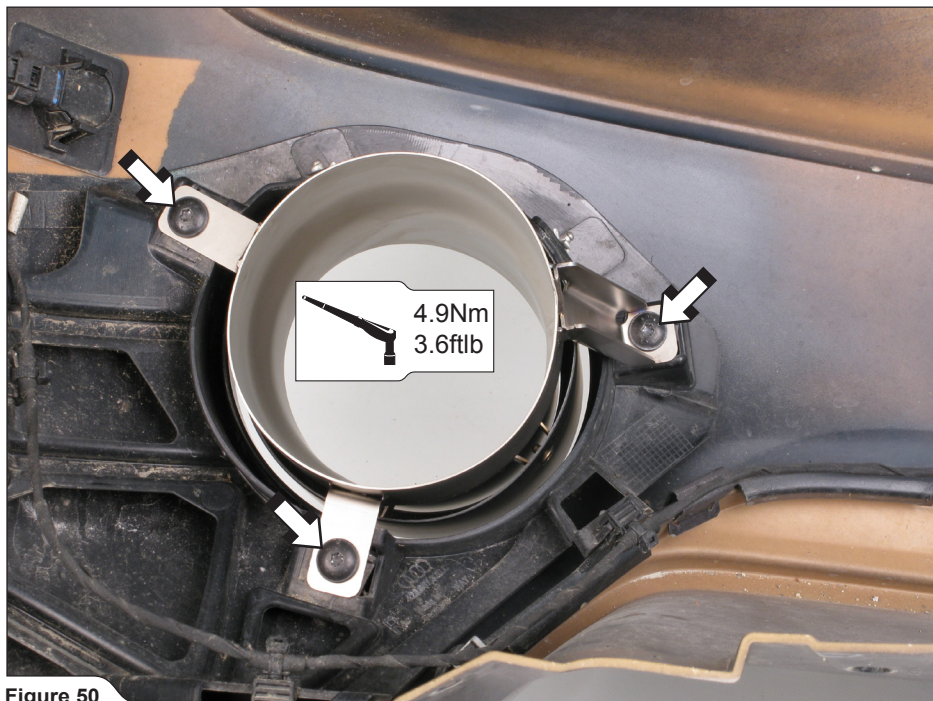


Figure 50

11. Replace all dismantled heat shields, bumper carrier, tail lights, tail trim, pop up spoiler, bumper trim panel, wheel arch panels, rear wheels and diffuser in the reverse order from the order in which they were removed. Check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques.

! CAUTION: make sure, that you connect all disconnected electrical connectors!

! CAUTION: replace all clipped stock wiring harness tie wraps with tie wraps from installation kit!

12. **For optional wireless kit only:** locate the electromagnetic valve under the right wheel arch panel. Cut the wiring harness tie wrap, unscrew the valve's bracket, remove the vacuum tubes off the valve and disconnect the wiring harness-connector (**Figure 51**).

! WARNING: make sure, not to damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



Figure 51

13. **For optional wireless kit only:** connect the Akrapovič wiring harness (female connector) to the stock electromagnetic valve (**Figure 52**).

! **CAUTION:** in case of broken supplied fuse, use only automotive 2A mini-blade fuse!



Figure 52

14. **For optional wireless kit only:** connect the Akrapovič wiring harness (male connector) to the stock wiring harness (female connector), correctly couple the vacuum tubes onto the electromagnetic valve, tighten the ground connector (black thin wire) together with valve's bracket onto the chassis and secure the wiring harness, using 250mm tie wrap from installation kit (**Figure 53**).

! WARNING: make sure, not to damage the wiring harness during this process!

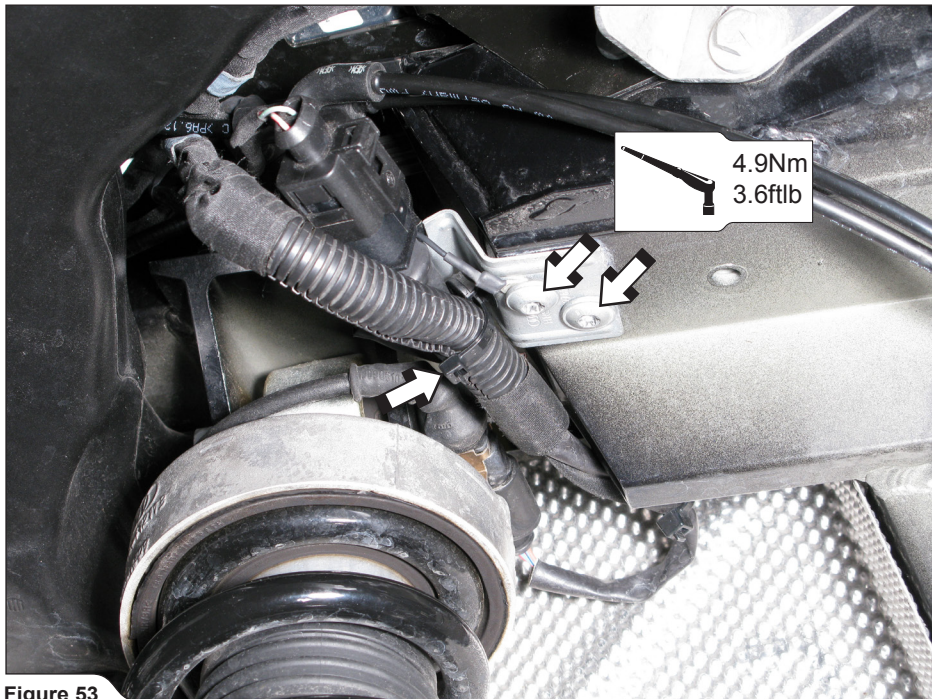


Figure 53

15. **For optional wireless kit only:** direct the Akrapovič wiring harness into the engine compartment and connect it to the transmitter (**Figure 54**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the wiring harness or transmitter during this process!

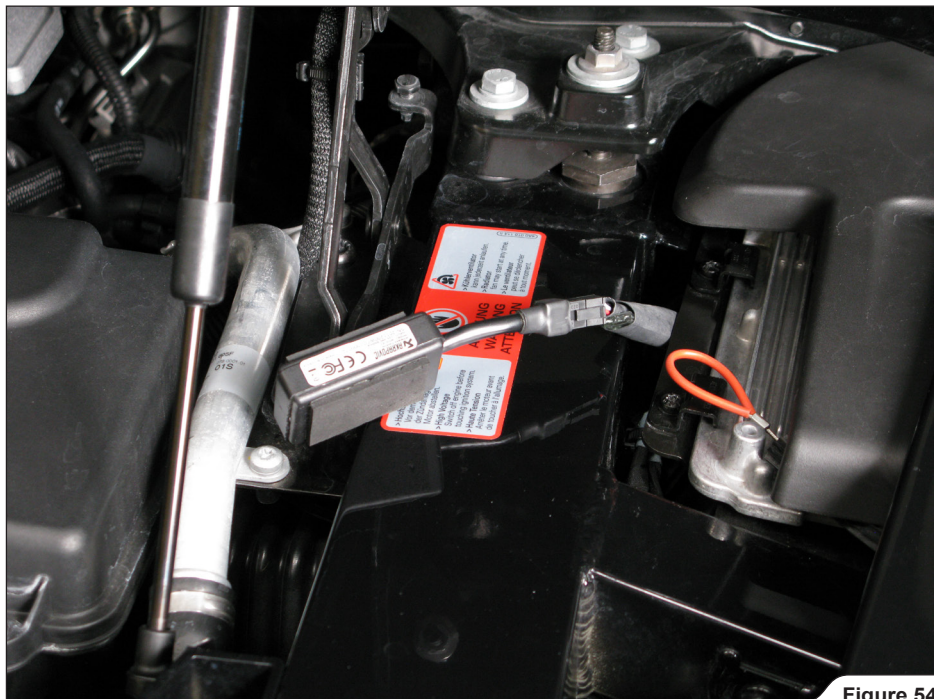


Figure 54

16. For optional wireless kit only: pull the heat shrinkable insulation over the connector and carefully heat it, using heat gun (Figure 55).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the wiring harness or transmitter during this process!



Figure 55

17. **For optional wireless kit only:** attach the transmitter onto the chassis, using 360mm tie wrap from installation kit (**Figure 56**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the wiring harness or transmitter during this process!

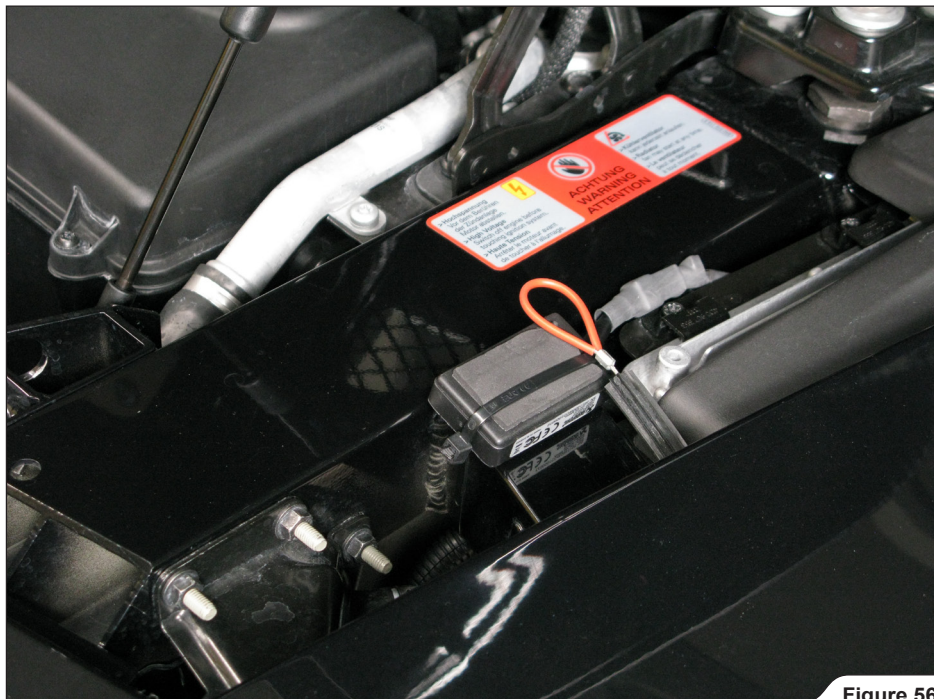


Figure 56

! CAUTION: secure all vacuum tubing connections, using clamps from Akrapovič installation kit! Install the clamps with corresponding tube clamp pliers (Figure 57).



Figure 57

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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