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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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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.**



Pipe cutting tool
T-handle swiveling 13 mm wrench
T-handle 17 mm wrench



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.



REMOVAL OF STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM:

Put the vehicle onto a car lift.

! WARNING: make sure, that car lifting is safely and correctly done or you risk vehicle damage, injury or even death!

1. **For Tail-Pipes only:** mark both stock Tail-Pipes **85mm** from the edge of the muffler, as shown in figure. Cut pipes with angle grinder or equivalent (**Figure 1**).

! WARNING: make sure, that you don't injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during cutting process! Use personal protection equipment!

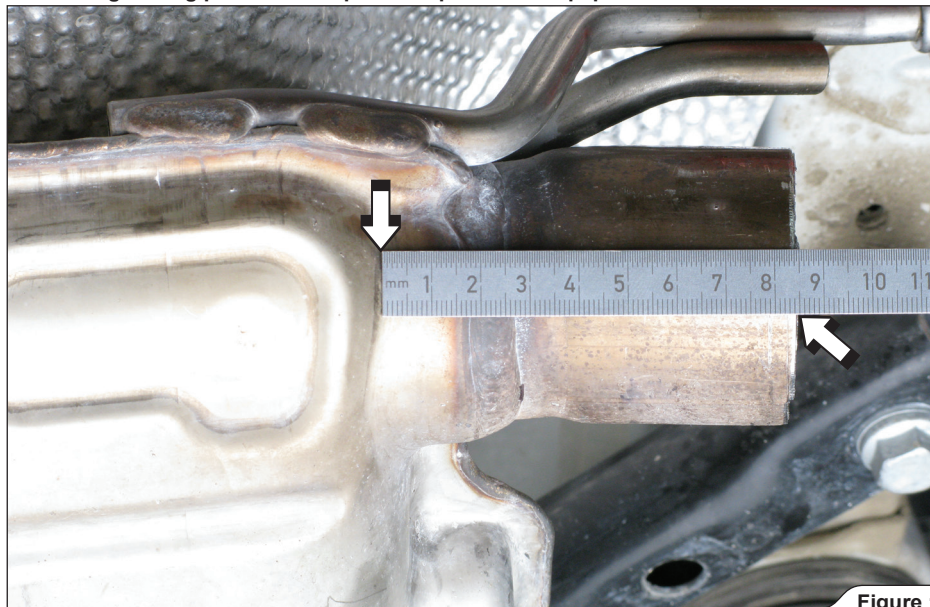


Figure 1





2. **For Slip-On only:** mark stock muffler inlet pipe **100mm** from the end of the inner radius of the second bend from the muffler as shown in figure. Cut the pipe with angle grinder or equivalent (**Figure 2**).

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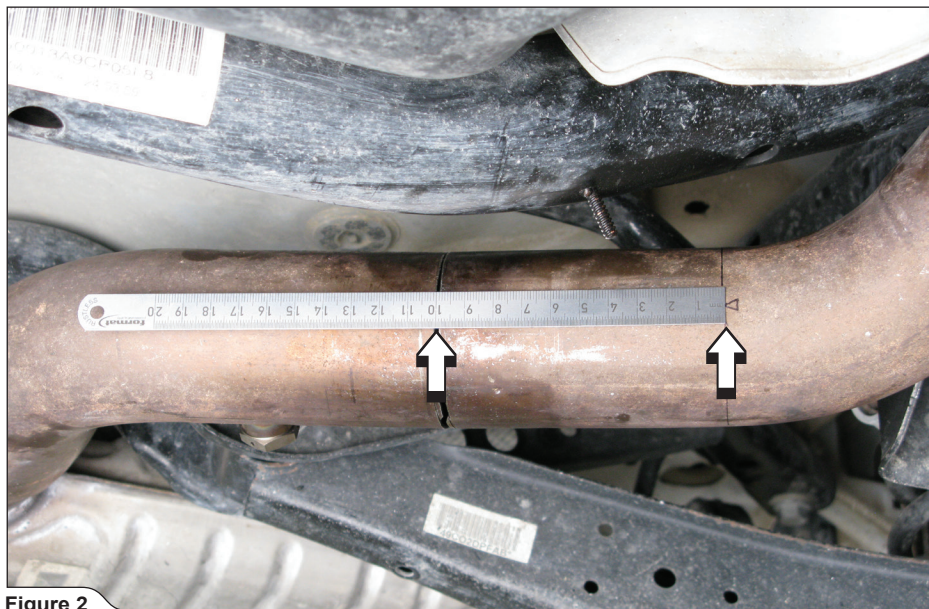


Figure 2

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3. **For optional Link-Pipe only:** loosen the marked clamps and slide the stock link-pipe brackets out of the rubber brackets (**Figure 3, 4**).

! WARNING: make sure, that you support the stock link-pipe during this process or you could injure yourself or damage the vehicle!

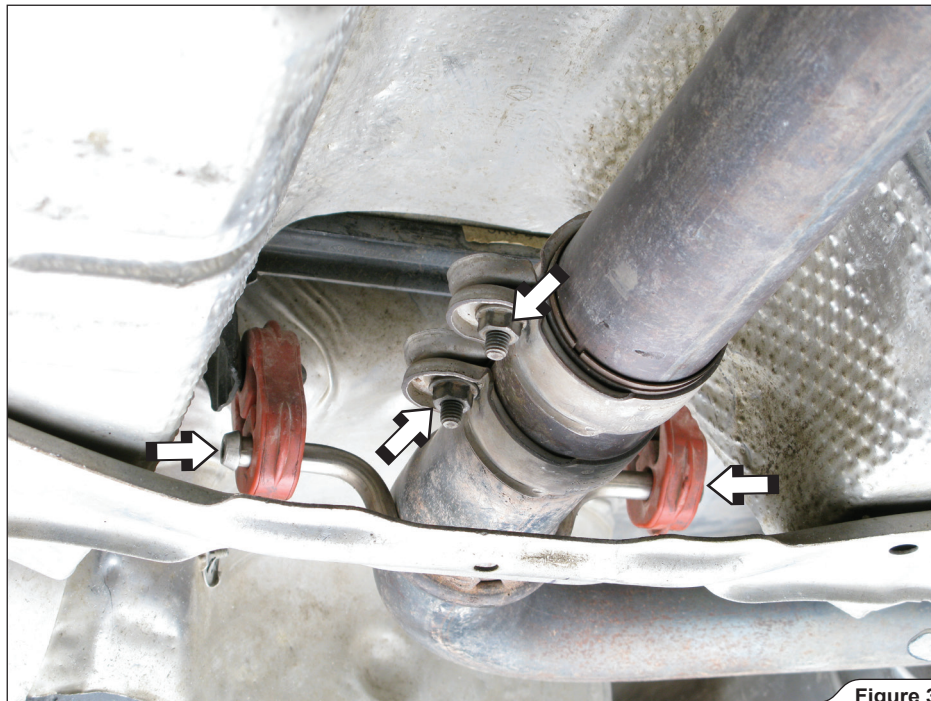


Figure 3



! WARNING: make sure, that you support the stock link-pipe during this process or you could injure yourself or damage the vehicle!



Figure 4

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4. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** unscrew the marked bolts on the right side and slide the muffler bracket out of the rubber bracket on the left side. Remove the muffler off the vehicle (**Figure 5, 6**).

! WARNING: make sure, that you support the stock muffler during this process or you could injure yourself or damage the vehicle!



Figure 5



! WARNING: make sure, that you support the stock muffler during this process or you could injure yourself or damage the vehicle!

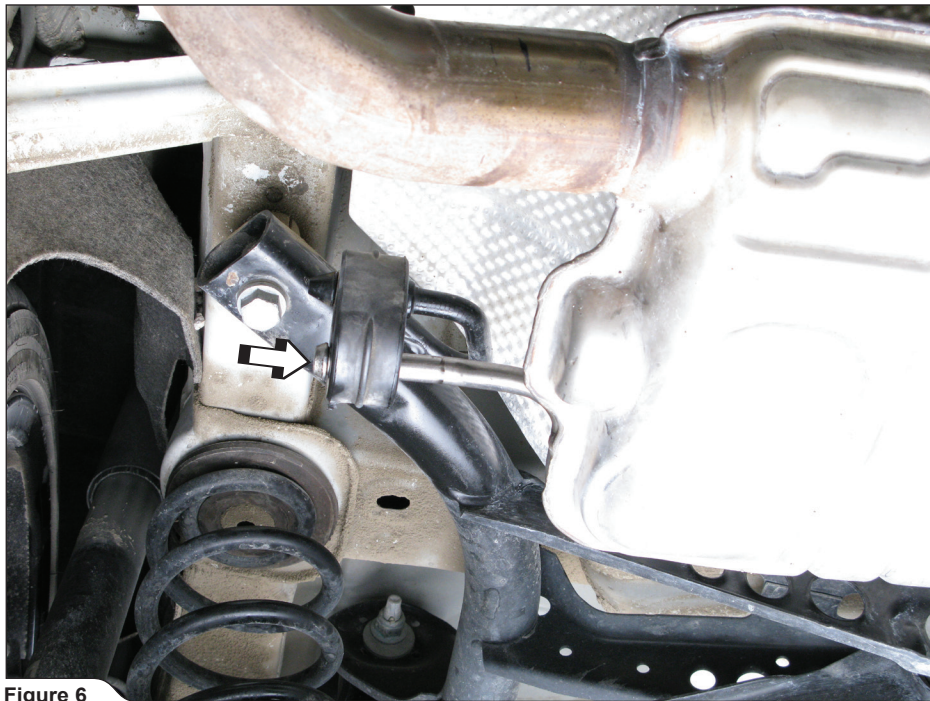


Figure 6

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5. **For 1.4TSI and 1.8TSI models only:** remove the rear bumper off the vehicle.

WARNING: the replacement of the stock rear bumper with the GTI model's bumper is mandatory!

INSTALLATION TIP: check vehicle manufacturer manual for correct bumper disassembly procedure.

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

6. **For GTD model only:** remove the rear bumper's diffuser off the vehicle.

WARNING: the replacement of the stock rear bumper's diffuser with the GTI model's diffuser is mandatory!

INSTALLATION TIP: check vehicle manufacturer manual for correct diffuser disassembly procedure.

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





INSTALLATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEMS:

1. **For optional Link-Pipe only:** hang the Akrapovič Link-Pipe onto three stock rubber brackets and slide the original double clamp over the joint. Center the double clamp on the middle of the joint and tighten the nuts to a specified torque (**Figure 7, 8**).

! WARNING: use anti-seize copper paste on all bolt and nut threads!

✕ INSTALLATION TIP: for easier mounting, lubricate the stock rubber brackets.

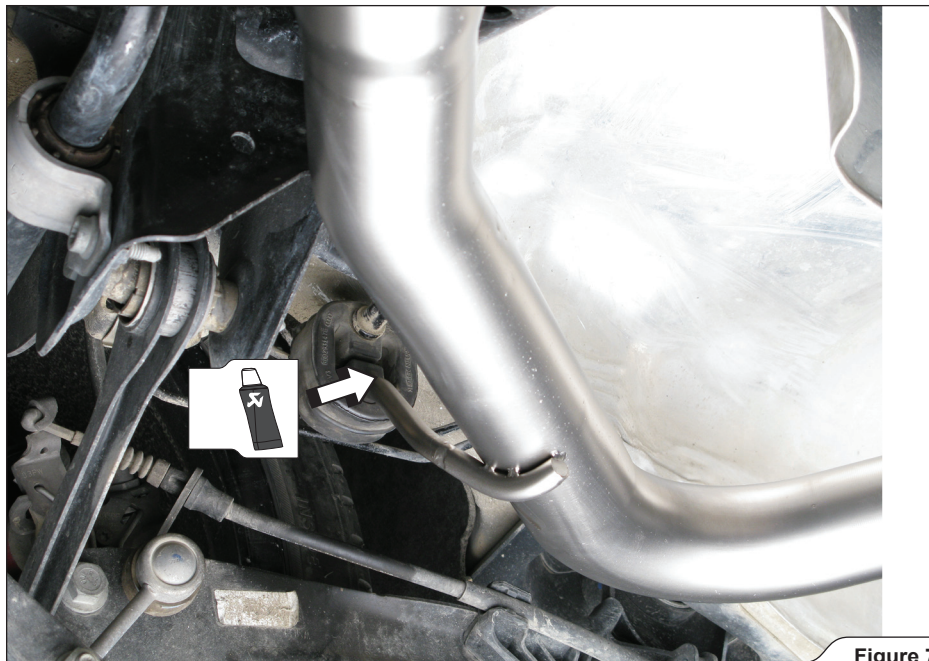


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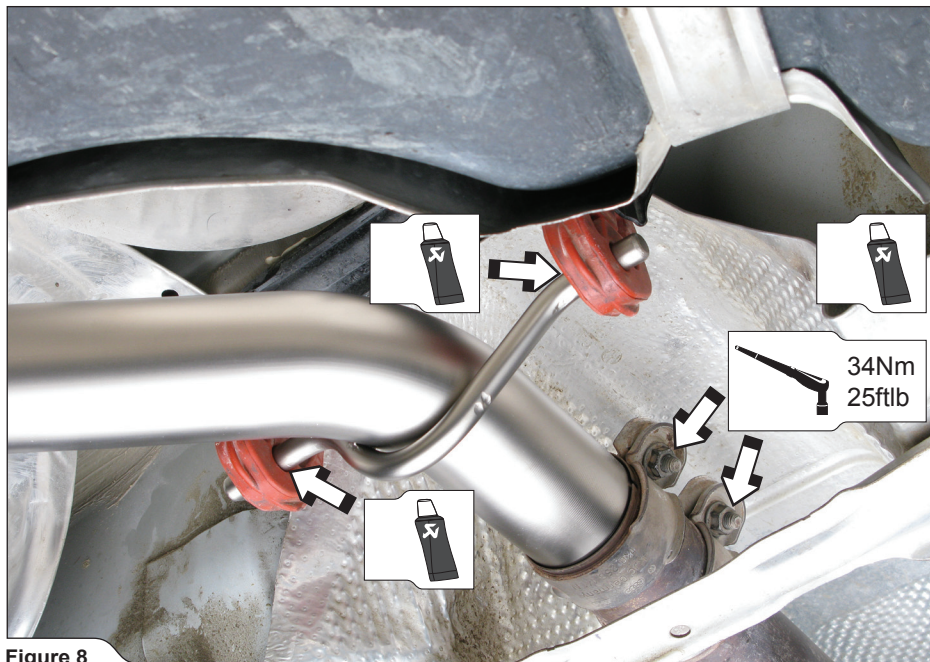


Figure 8

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2. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** attach the right side stock rubber brackets onto Akrapovič muffler, as shown (Figure 9).

 **INSTALLATION TIP:** for easier mounting, lubricate the stock rubber bracket.



Figure 9



3. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** slide the Akrapovič double clamp over the optional or stock Link-Pipe, as shown (Figure 10).

! WARNING: use anti-seize copper paste on clamps' bolt and nut threads!

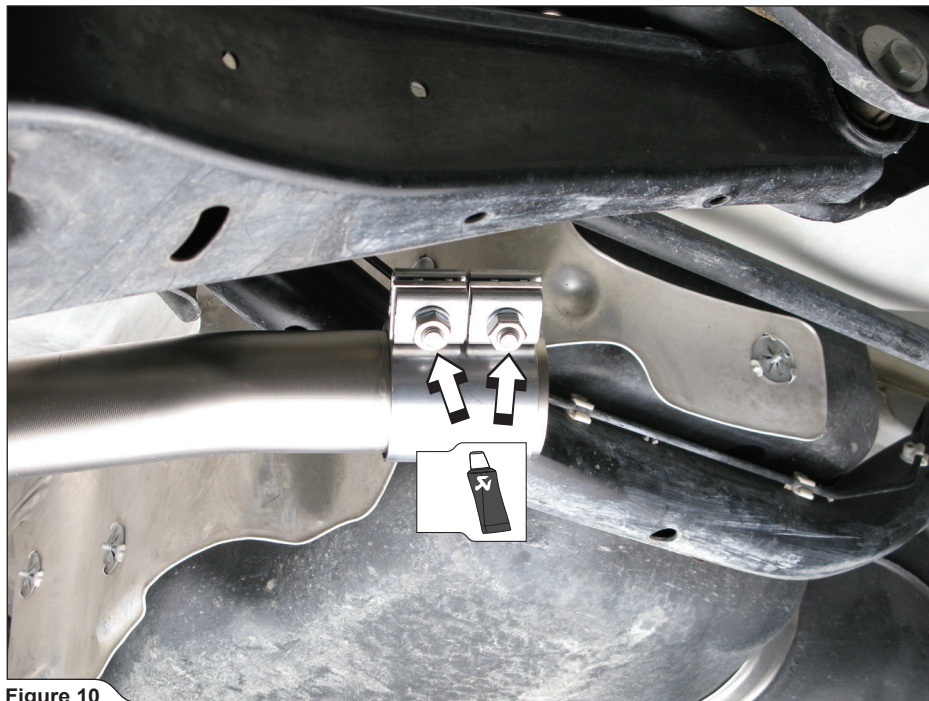


Figure 10

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4. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** hang the muffler on stock rubber bracket, as shown (Figure 11).

 **INSTALLATION TIP:** for easier mounting, lubricate the stock rubber bracket.

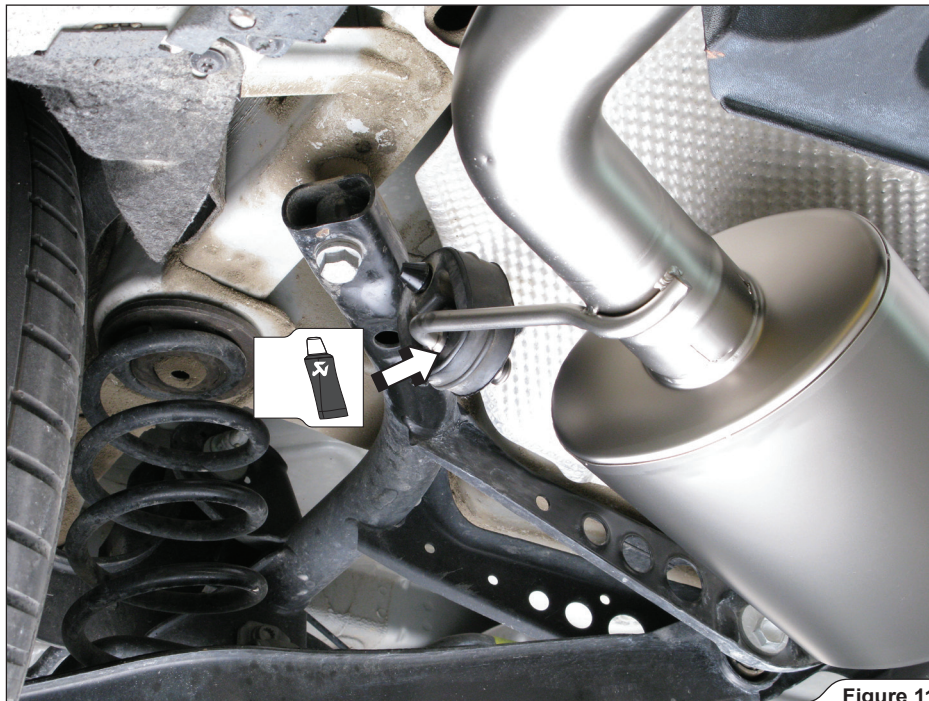


Figure 11



5. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** tighten the right side stock rubber bracket onto the vehicle (Figure 12).

! WARNING: use anti-seize copper paste on bolt threads!

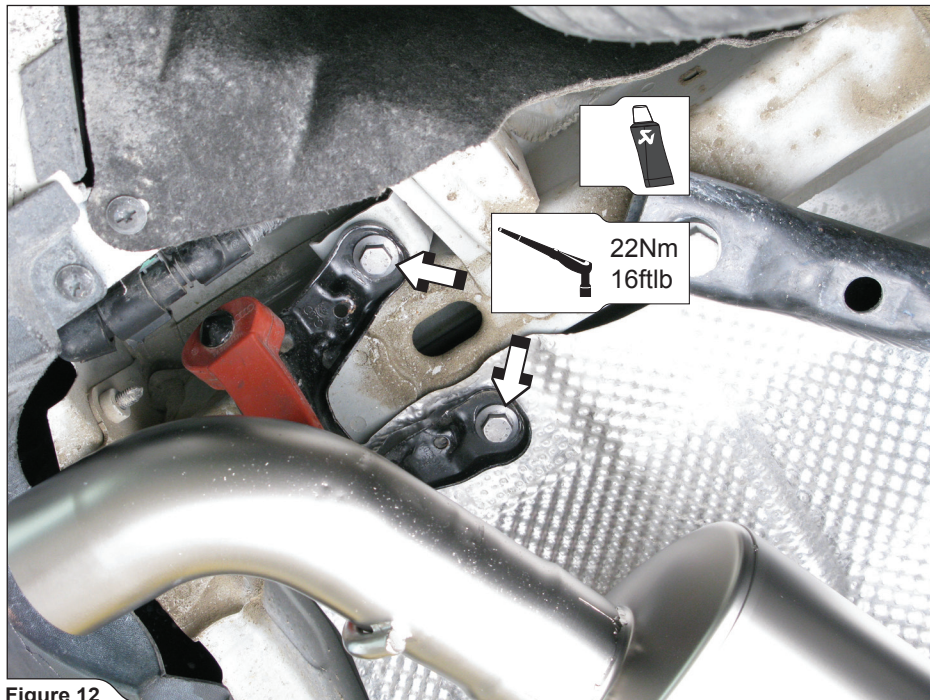


Figure 12

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6. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** push the Akrapovič muffler pipe and Akrapovič (or stock) link pipe together, center the double clamp on the middle of the pipes' joint and tighten the clamp to the specified torque (**Figure 13**).

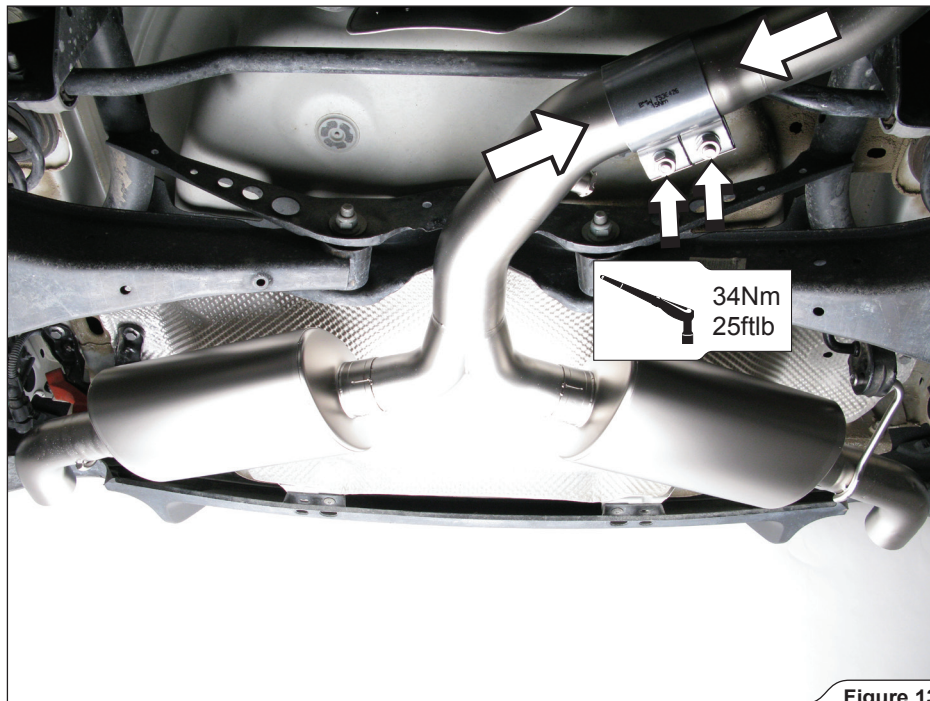


Figure 13



7. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** loosen the double clamp at the link pipe - down pipe joint and adjust the link pipe in the axial direction in such a way, that the marked clearances between Akrapovič muffler and chassis, are sufficient (**Figure 14, 15, 16**).

! WARNING: the gap between down pipe and link pipe should not exceed 8mm!

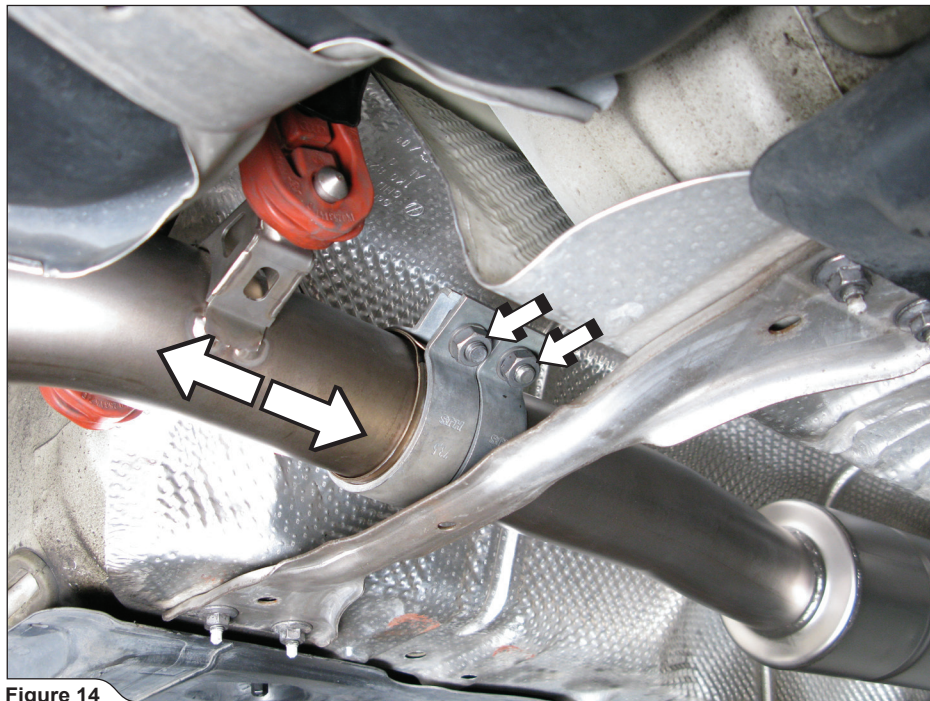


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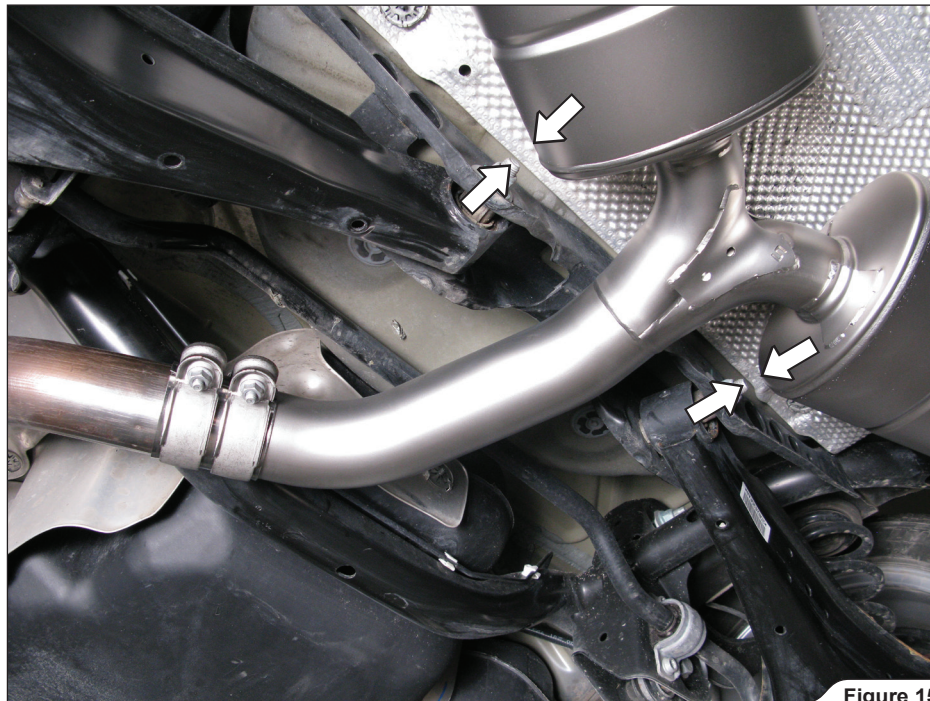


Figure 15



Figure 16

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8. **For Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** retighten the double clamp to the specified torque (Figure 17).

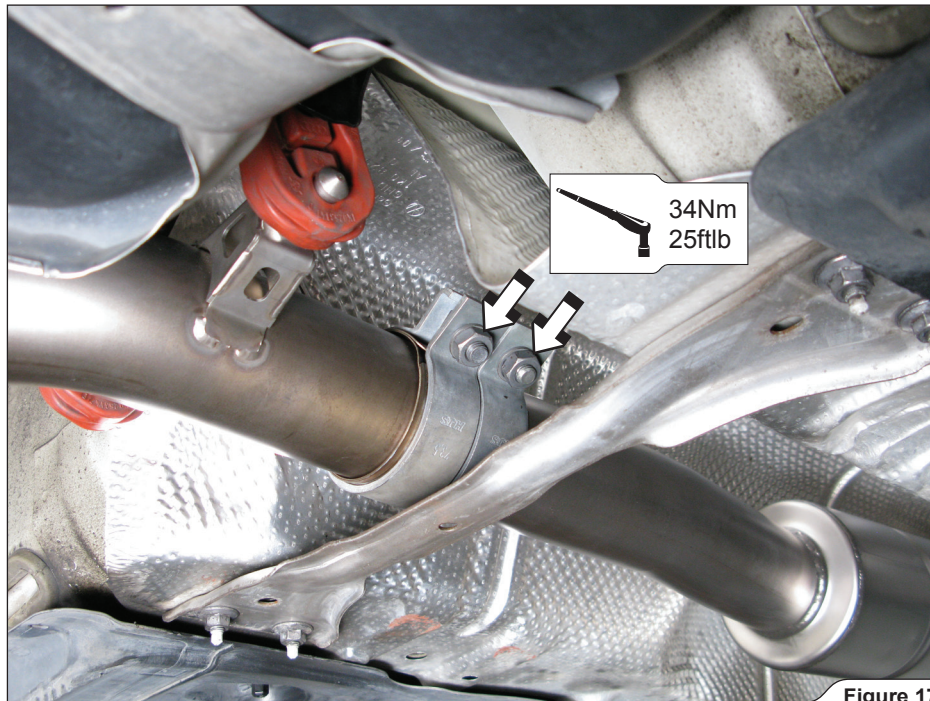


Figure 17



9. **For Tail-Pipes only:** assemble the clamps onto the connecting pipes, as shown **(Figure 18)**.

! WARNING: use anti-seize copper paste on clamp bolt threads!



Figure 18

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10. **For Tail-Pipes only:** slide the connection pipes all the way onto the stock mufflers' outlets, center them and tighten the clamps to a specified torque (**Figure 19**).

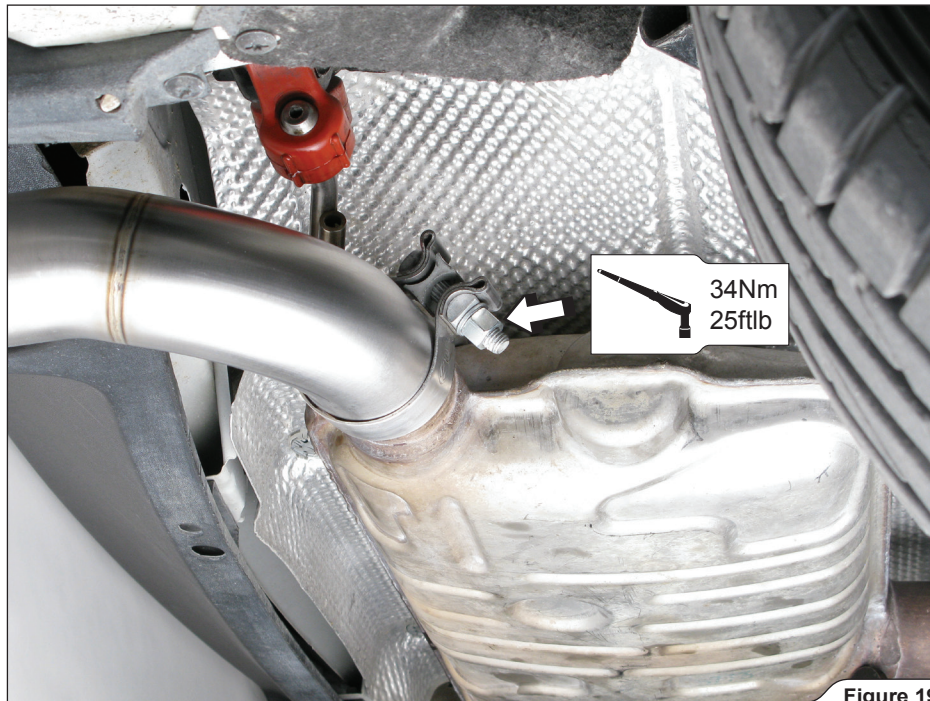


Figure 19



11. **For Tail-Pipes, Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** assemble the clamps and spherical rings onto the Tail Pipes (Figure 20).

! WARNING: use anti-seize copper paste on clamp bolt threads!



Figure 20

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12. **For Tail-Pipes, Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** slide the Akrapovič Tail-Pipes onto the connection pipes/muffler outlets . Center them in respect to rear bumper as shown (**Figure 21**).



Figure 21



13. **For Tail-Pipes, Slip-On and optional Link-Pipe:** tighten Tail Pipe clamps to a specified torque on both sides of the vehicle (**Figure 22**).

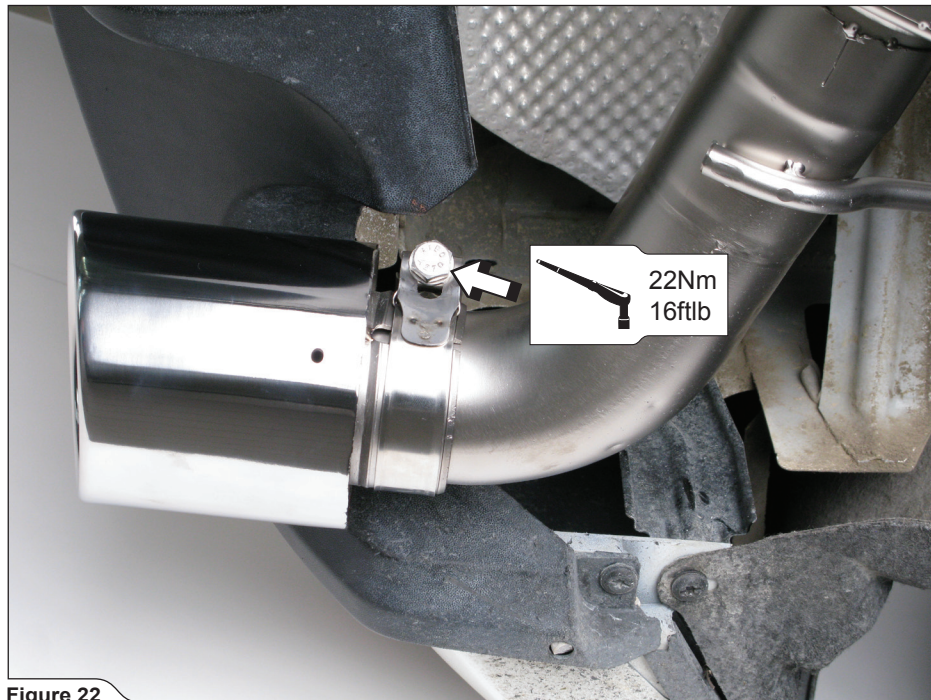


Figure 22

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14. **For 1.4TSI and 1.8TSI models only:** replace the stock bumper with the GTI model's bumper in the reverse order from the order in which it was removed. Check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques.

! WARNING: the replacement of the stock rear bumper with the GTI model's bumper is mandatory!

✂ INSTALLATION TIP: check vehicle manufacturer manual for correct bumper installation procedure.

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

15. **For GTD model only:** replace the stock bumper's diffuser with the GTI model's bumper's diffuser in the reverse order from the order in which it was removed. Check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques.

! WARNING: the replacement of the stock rear bumper's diffuser with the GTI model's diffuser is mandatory!

✂ INSTALLATION TIP: check vehicle manufacturer manual for correct diffuser installation procedure.

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





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 IF WHITE SMOKE COMES OUT OF THE MUFFLER ON FIRST OPERATION.**
- ! **DO NOT STAND BEHIND THE MUFFLER ON FIRST OPERATION.**
- ! **DO NOT USE AUTOMOTIVE WHEEL CLEANERS OR ANY CLEANING PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN ACIDIC ADDITIVES TO CLEAN AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**



WARNING

Please note that certain aftermarket exhaust systems may not comply with applicable California laws and regulations, and may therefore be prohibited for use on California highways or roads, or on roads or vehicles otherwise subject to emissions control requirements.

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