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Your safety is our number one priority. Please drive your car responsibly, safely and always obey local traffic rules.

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The product may only be used in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, including state and federal, where applicable.

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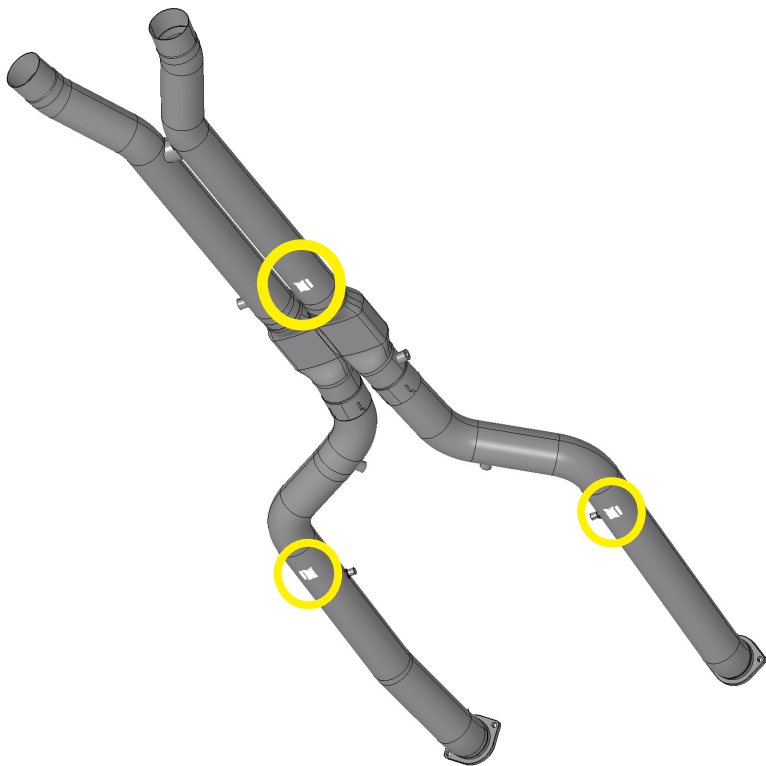
BEFORE REMOVING THE STOCK PARTS AND BEGINNING THE INSTALLATION OF YOUR NEW AKRAPOVIČ PRODUCT, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE VERIFIED:

- This manual is specific to the car indicated on the cover page, for which it is designed. Installation procedures vary depending on the type of car. Please verify that the Akrapovič **product and this installation manual correspond to the type of your car.**
- **For exhaust system only:** the exhaust system can get extremely hot during and after it is used. Make sure not to touch the exhaust system until it is completely cool. **Allow the exhaust and engine to cool down before beginning installation.**
- Make sure the car is **securely positioned to prevent** damage to yourself and other, or the car.
- Please check the parts you received against the parts list available on our website (please use the QR code on the front page or look for “schematic view” in the respective product page on www.akrapovic.com). Make sure that you have **all the parts necessary for the installation** of your new Akrapovič product. If any of the parts is missing, please do not proceed with uninstalling your stock parts/installing the Akrapovič product and contact the retailer where you purchased the Akrapovič product.
- **For exhaust system only:** every exhaust system has its unique serial number, which identifies the authenticity of the product. You can find the serial number on the exhaust system. Please refer to the **picture 1**. Please verify that your exhaust system is an original Akrapovič product. If you have any doubts, please contact the reseller where you purchased the exhaust system or Akrapovič partners. This manual, any certificates and Akrapovič warranty apply to original products only.

GENERAL NOTE

Photographs and other illustrations in this manual are symbolic and are intended to help represent individual steps for proper installation and use, as well as for a general overview. The actual component parts of the Akrapovič product may not entirely correspond to the photographs and other illustrations.

Picture 1 - SERIAL NUMBER POSITIONS:



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SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout these installation instructions:



**TOOLS AND PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**



TIGHTENING TORQUE



LUBRICATION



HAND TIGHTEN



INSTALLATION TIP



CAUTION OR IMPORTANT

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 reach of children.

USE ANTI-SEIZE LEAD-FREE COPPER PASTE (black tube)



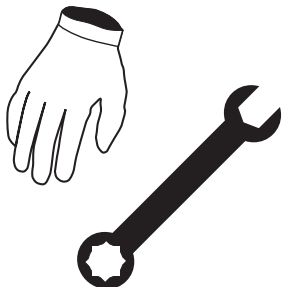
Provides trouble-free and long-lasting protection against seizing, corrosion and rusting of bolts, threaded ends, nuts, joints, etc. Also protects against vibration, wear and impact. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Keep out of reach of children.**

USE ANTI-SEIZING GREASE (white tube)



Prevents seizing, corrosion and excessive wear between the titanium components. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Keep out of reach of children.**

Tools & equipment



- mechanic gloves
- eye protection
- Pipe cutting tool
- Torx 40
- Socket 13 mm
- Socket 15 mm
- Socket 16 mm
- Socket 17 mm
- Socket 18 mm
- Combination 14 mm
- Combination 17 mm
- T-handle 8 mm wrench
- T-handle 10 mm wrench
- T-handle 13 mm wrench
- T-handle swivelling 11 mm wrench
- Rubber bracket unhooking tool
- Crosshead screwdriver
- Cutting nippers

PARTS LIST

The packaging box should contain one or more of the following items:

- Akrapovič product
- Homologation certificate/ compliance documents if applicable
- Warranty
- Fitting material
- Installation Manual

Detailed list of parts can be found on the Akrapovič website (please use the QR code on the front page or look for "Schematic view" in the respective product page on www.akrapovic.com).

IMPORTANT: The car should be in the off position throughout the dismantling and installation process, as well as any other work done on the Akrapovič product!

REMOVAL OF STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM OR OTHER VEHICLE'S STOCK PARTS:

The process of uninstalling the original exhaust system or other parts may vary depending on the existing exhaust system or other vehicle parts. Please follow the original vehicle manufacturer's workshop manual for uninstalling the original exhaust system or other parts.

If you for any reason decide otherwise, please note that any information provided in this respect herein should be considered as general information provided for your convenience only. Akrapovič shall not assume any liability or responsibility with regard to uninstalling your existing exhaust system or other parts, warranty coverage of such exhaust system or other parts vehicle or their further fitness for use.

In case your Akrapovič exhaust system or other vehicle parts may not be used on certain roads or under certain conditions, please keep the stock (or other) exhaust system or other parts that you can use in such circumstances legally.

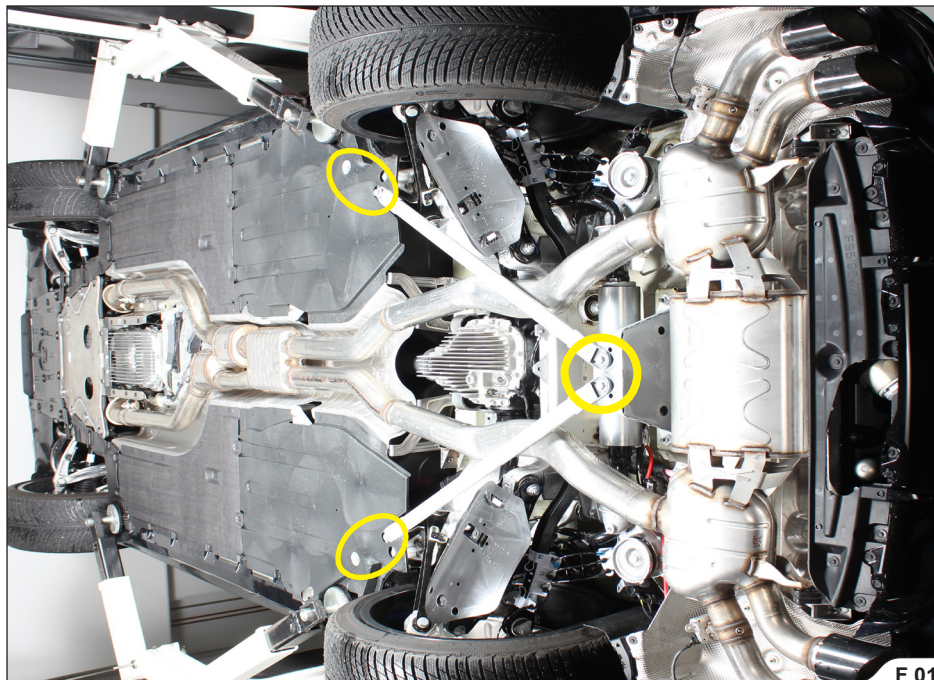
REMOVAL OF STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM:

Put the vehicle onto a car lift.

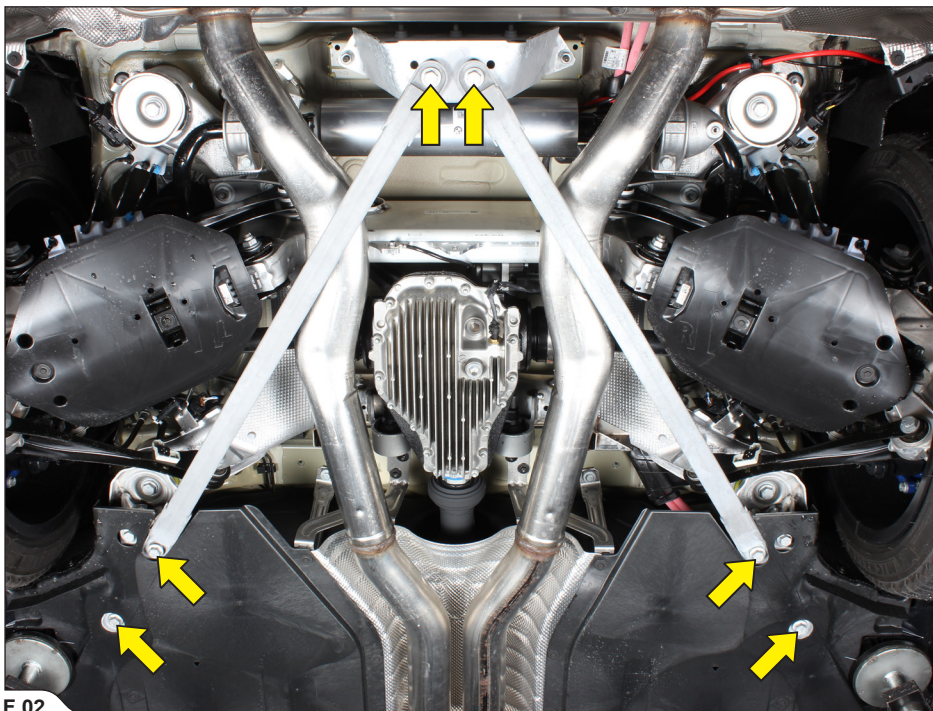
! **CAUTION:** ensure that the car is lifted safely and properly in order to avoid the risk of vehicle damage, injury, or even death!

1. Unscrew and remove the chassis reinforcements (F 01, 02).

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



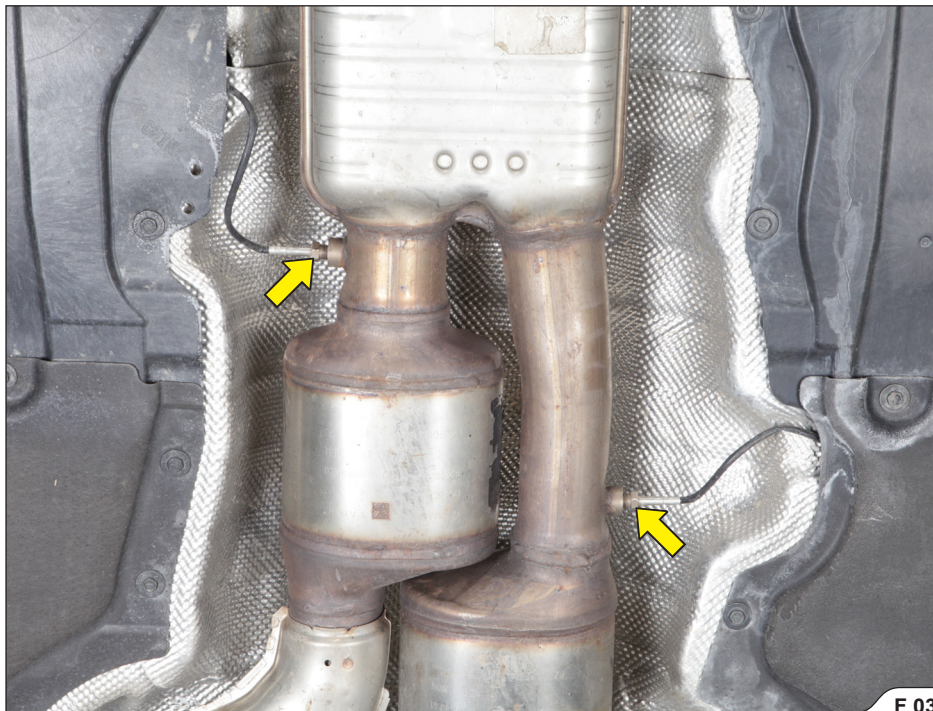
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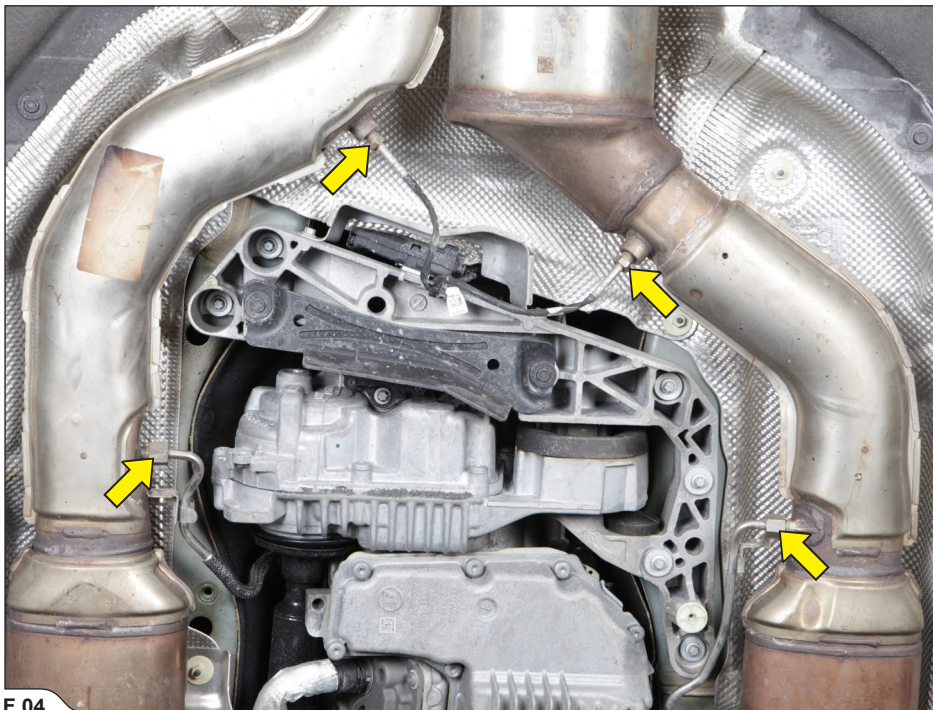
F 02

2. **For vehicle types with particulate filter only:** unscrew the marked exhaust gas temperature and back pressure sensors out of link pipe (F 03, 04).

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



F 03



F 04

- Support the exhaust system, unscrew the middle rubber brackets, disconnect the actuators' connectors, unscrew the flange nuts, unscrew the rear rubber brackets and carefully remove the exhaust system off the vehicle (F 05, 06, 07, 08).

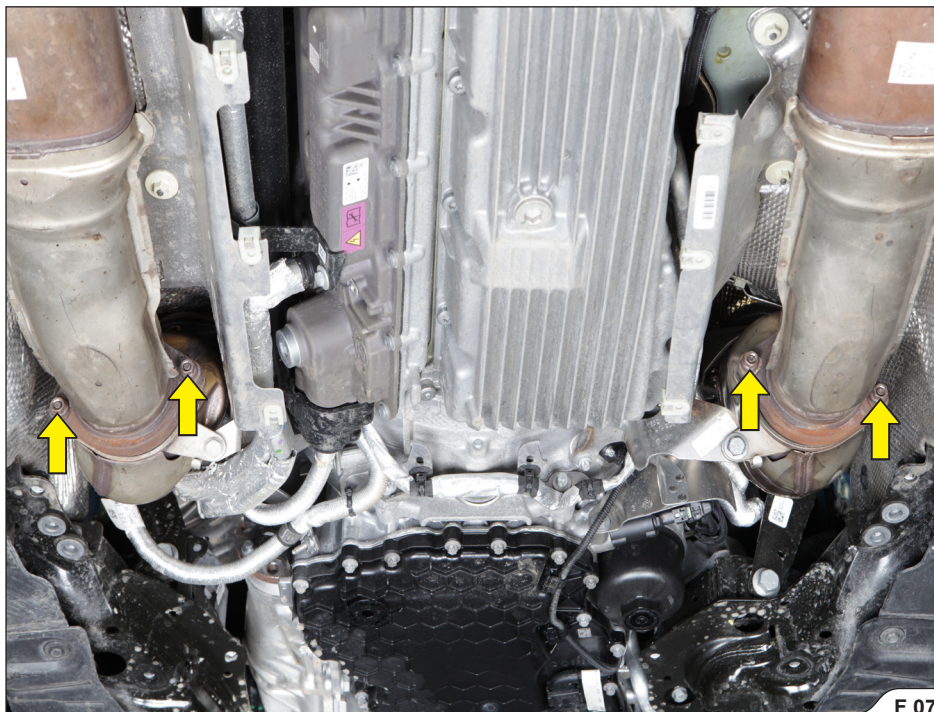
! CAUTION: make sure not to injure yourself or damage any part of the vehicle during this process!



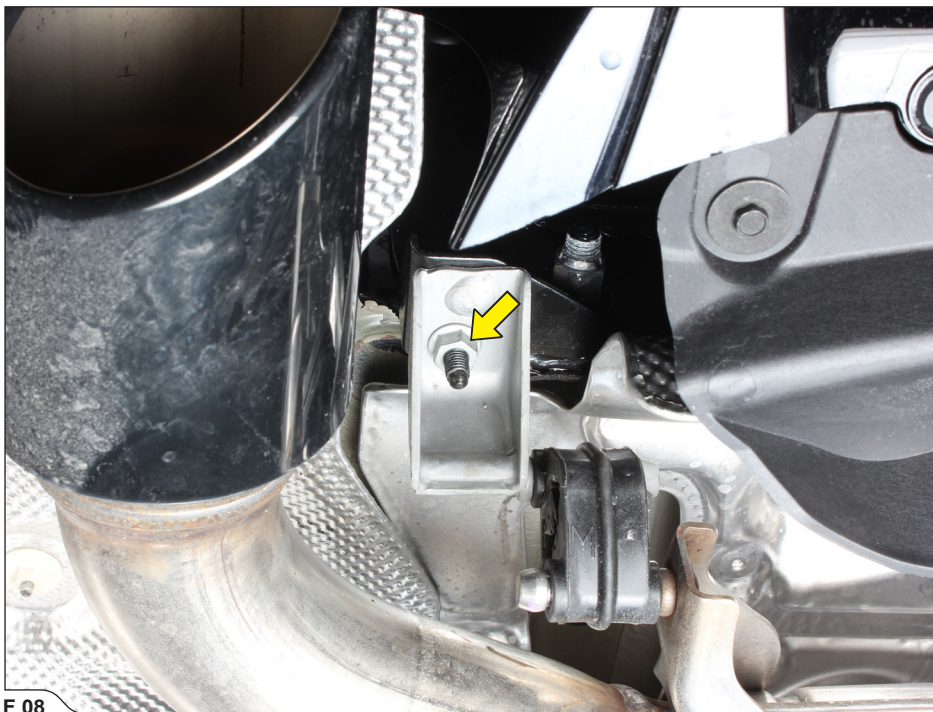
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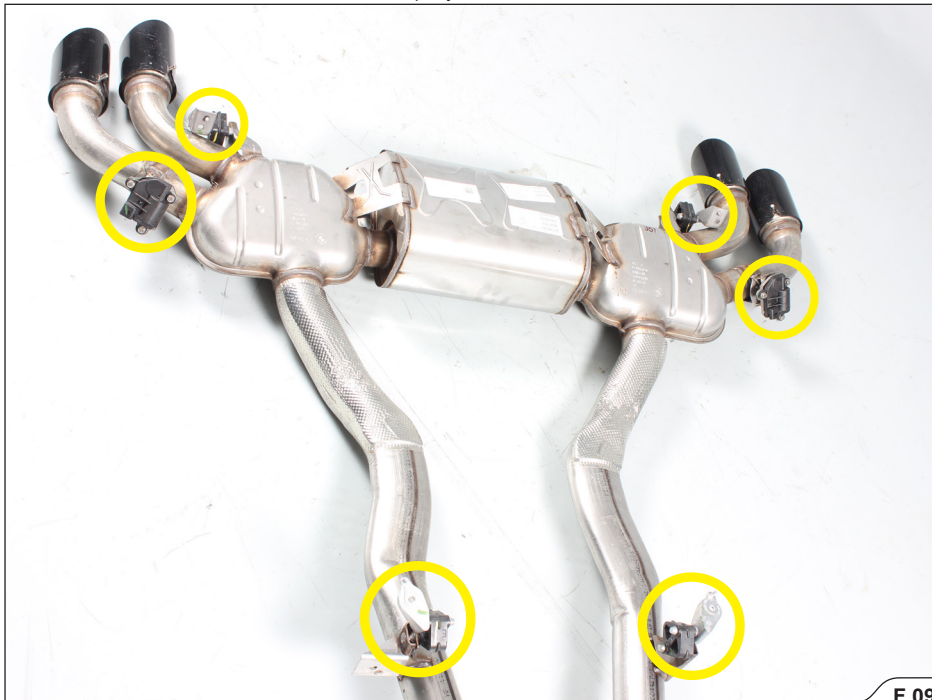


F 08

- Carefully remove the rubber brackets and unscrew exhaust valves' servo motors off the stock exhaust system (F 09, 10, 11, 12).

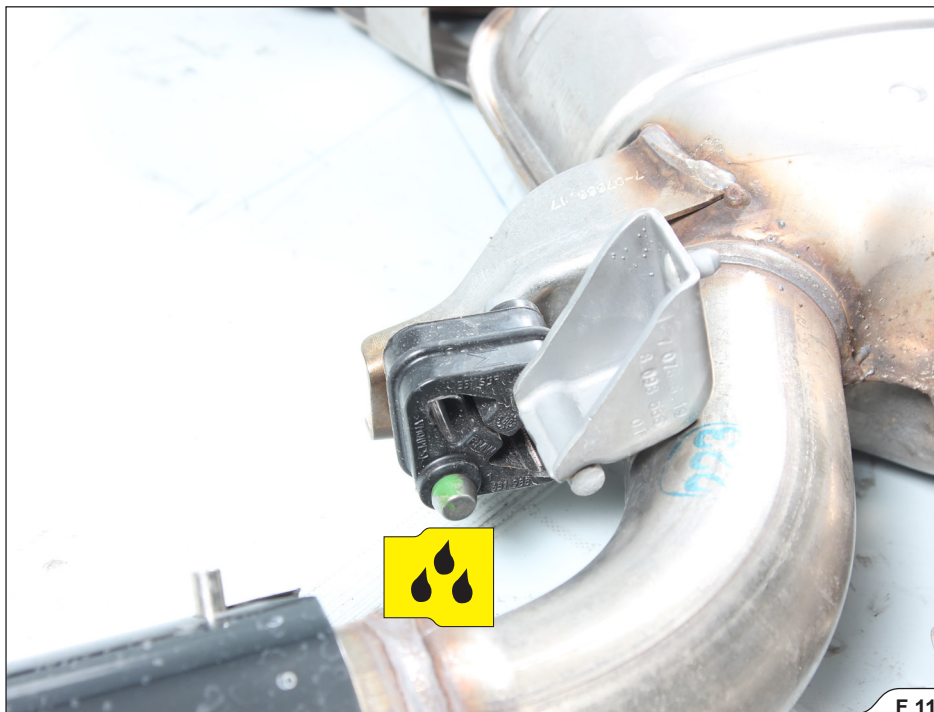
✂ **INSTALLATION TIP: for easier dismounting, lubricate the rubber brackets (WD40®)*.**

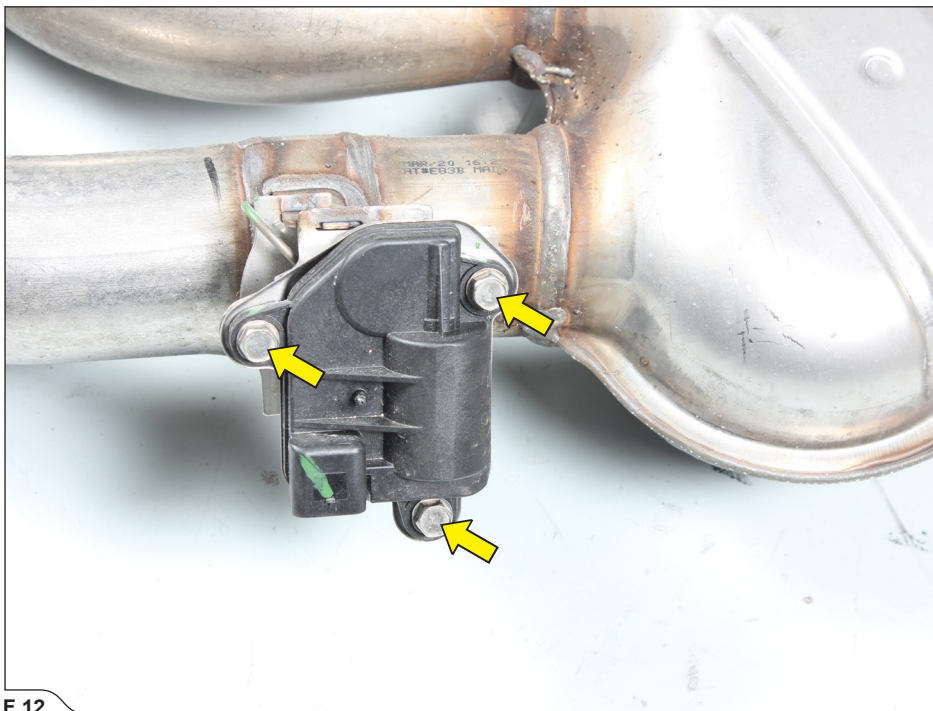
*WD-40® is a trademark of the WD-40 Company.





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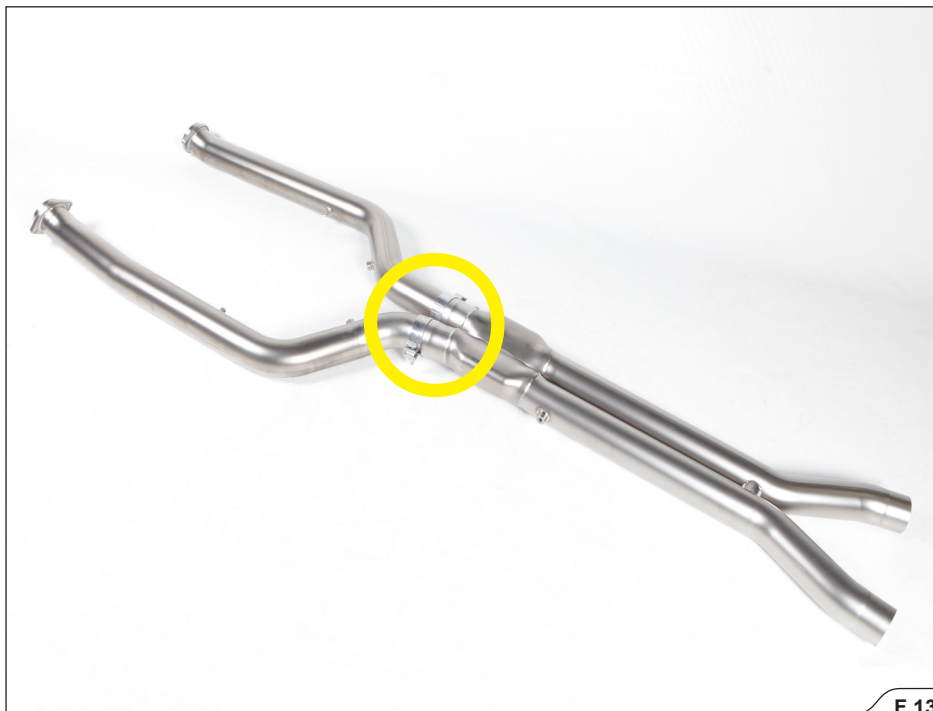


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INSTALLATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:

1. Install the clamps from Akrapovič installation kit and assemble the link pipes, as shown (F 13, 14, 15).

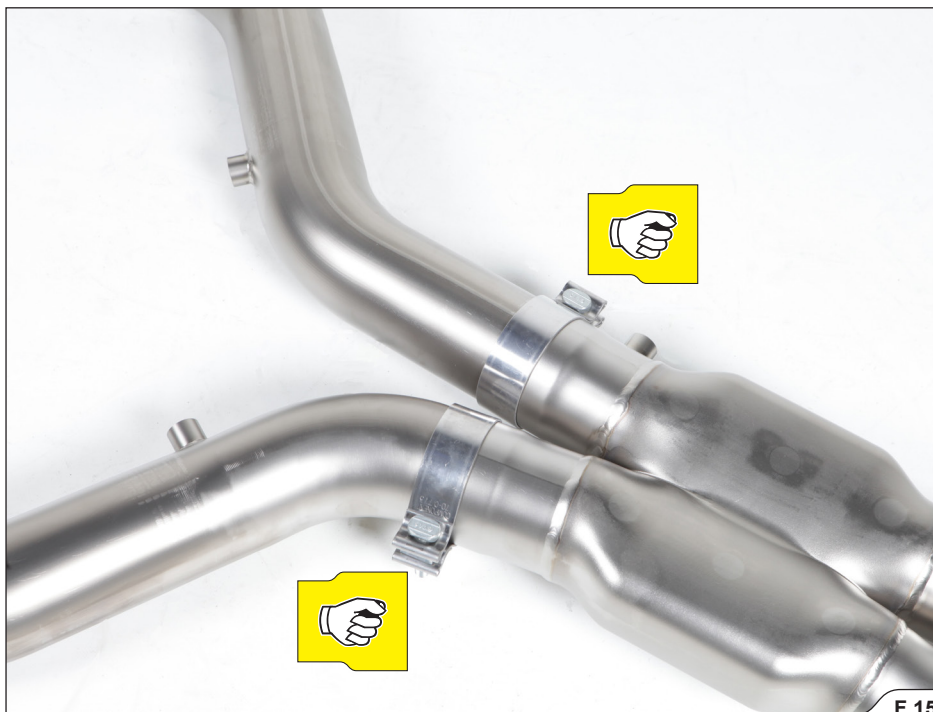
! **IMPORTANT:** hand tighten the clamps only; do not fully tighten them yet!



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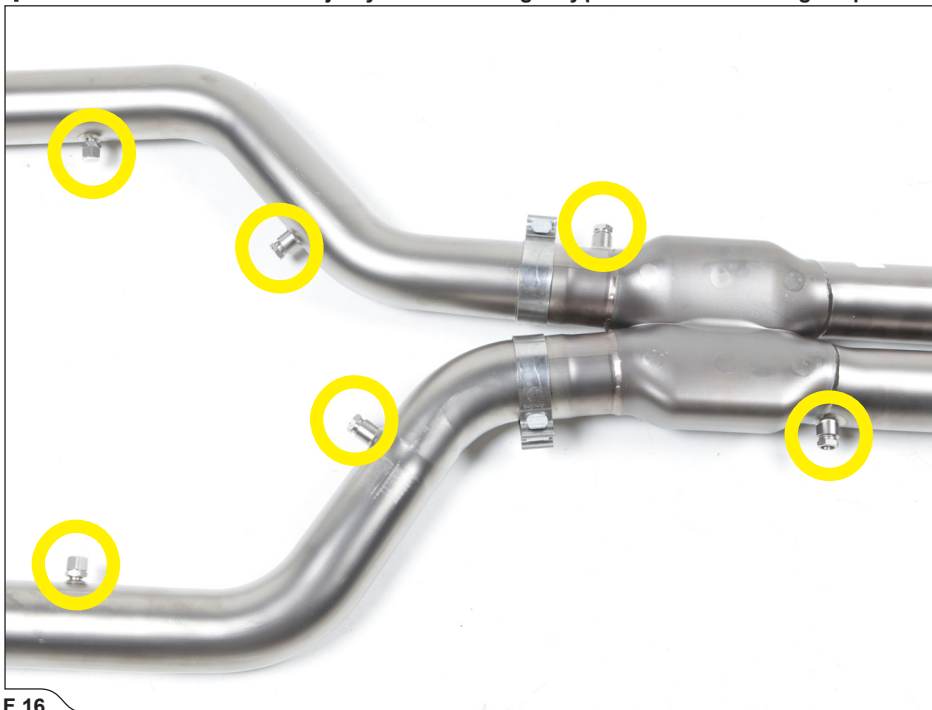
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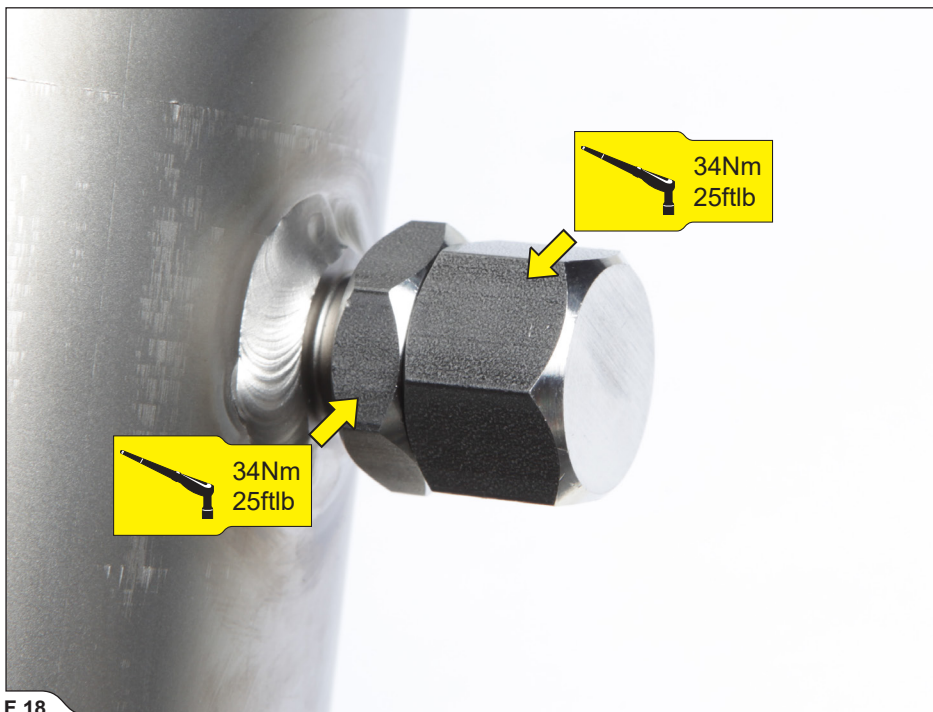
2. **For vehicle types without particulate filter only:** install the blank plugs from Akrapovič installation kit on the marked exhaust gas temperature (plug+gasket) and back pressure (plug+conical insert+lock nut) connections on link pipe, as shown (F 16, 17, 18, 19).

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



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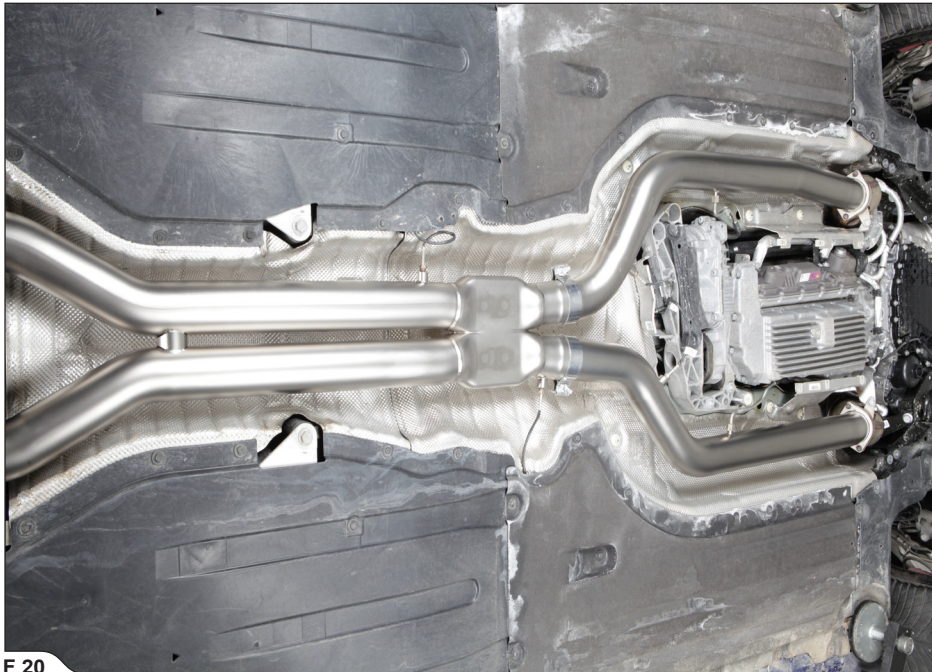


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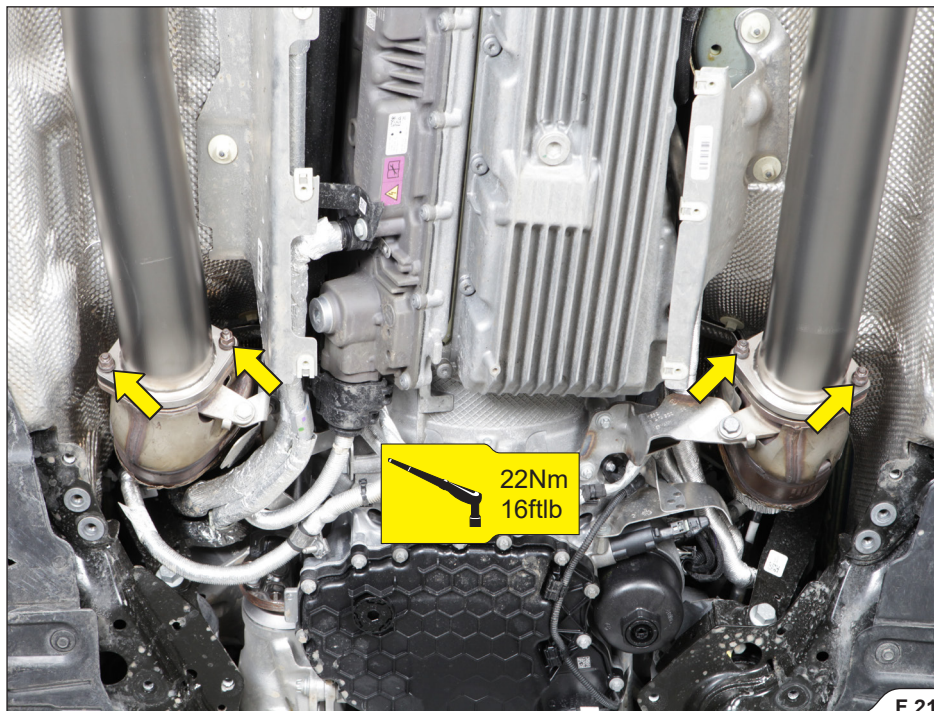
- Carefully install the link pipes onto the vehicle and support them; tighten the link pipes' flanges onto the down pipes (using stock nuts), align the pipes in respect to the chassis, align the clamps as shown and tighten them to the specified torques (F 20, 21, 22).

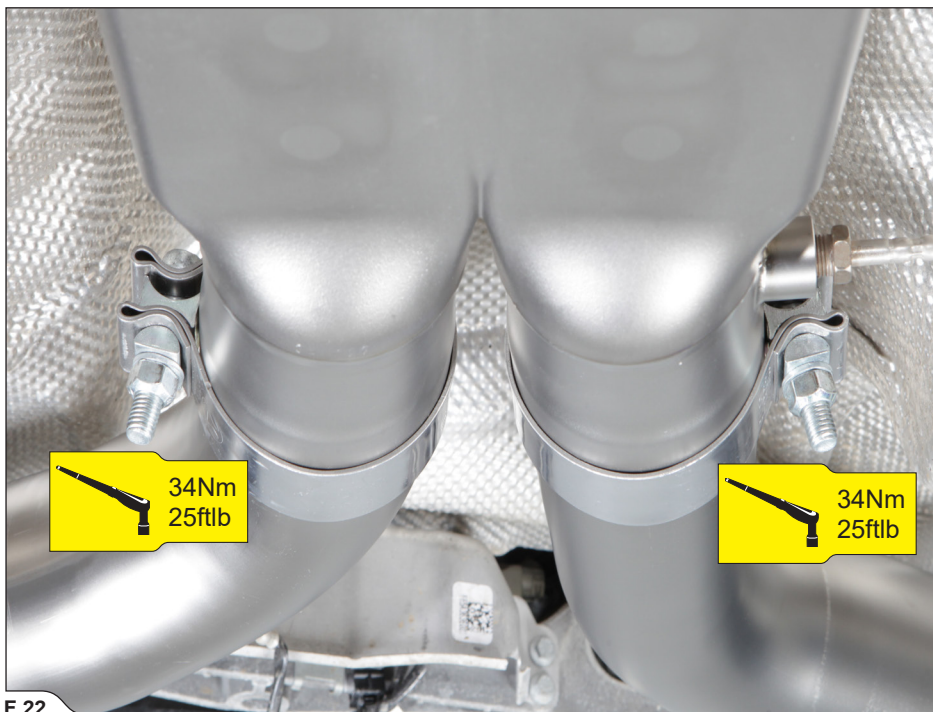
! **IMPORTANT:** use new, original gaskets in down pipes - Akrapovič link pipes connections!

! **CAUTION:** make sure not to injure yourself or damage the link pipes during this process!



F 20

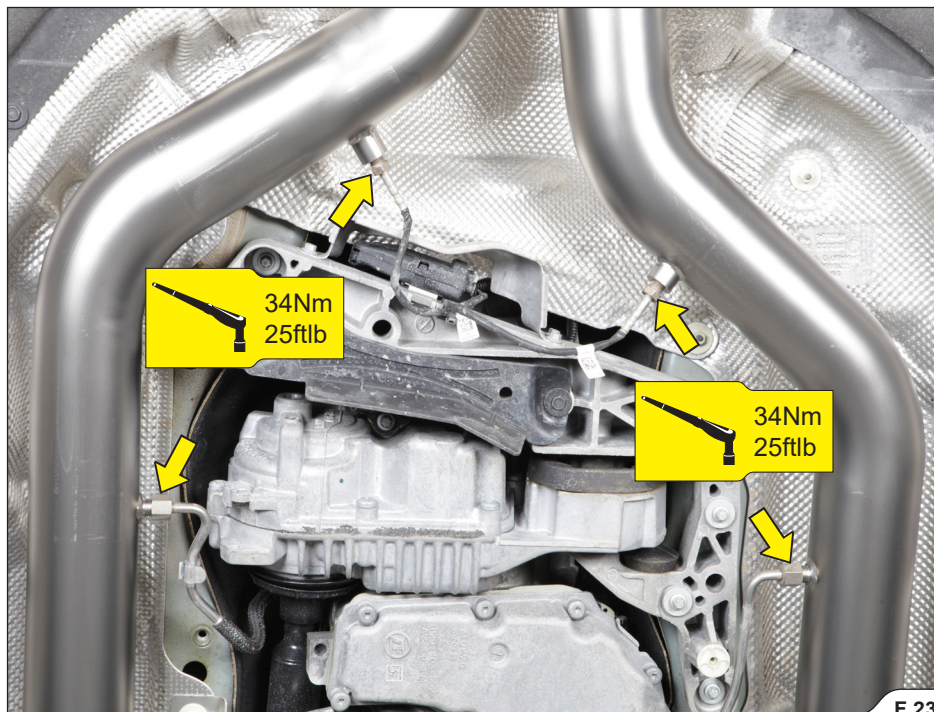


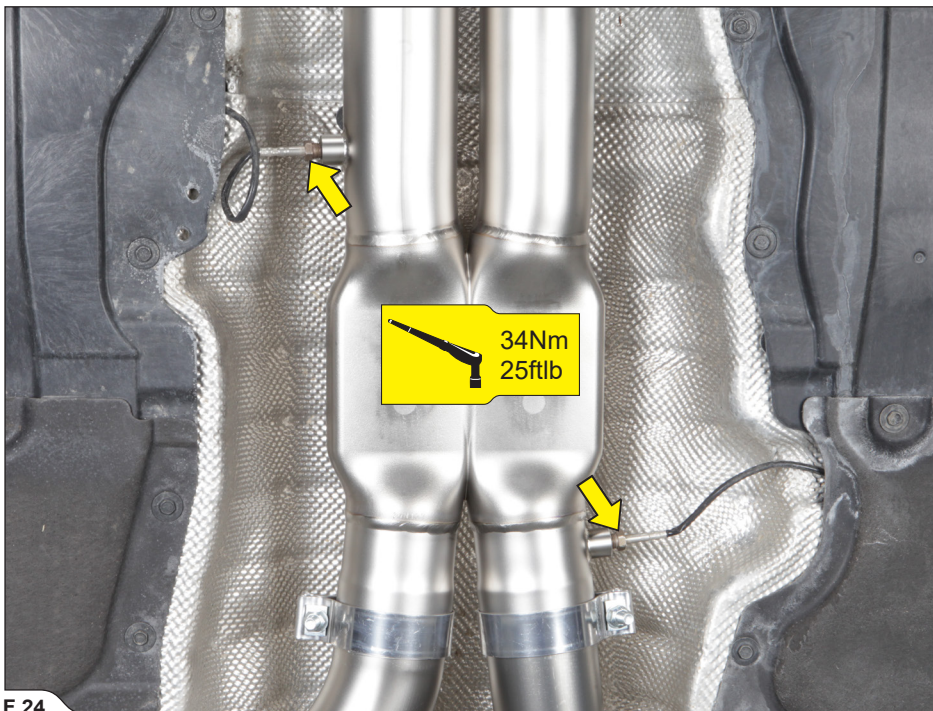


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4. **For vehicle types with particulate filter only:** install the marked exhaust gas temperature and back pressure sensors into the link pipe (F 23, 24).

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

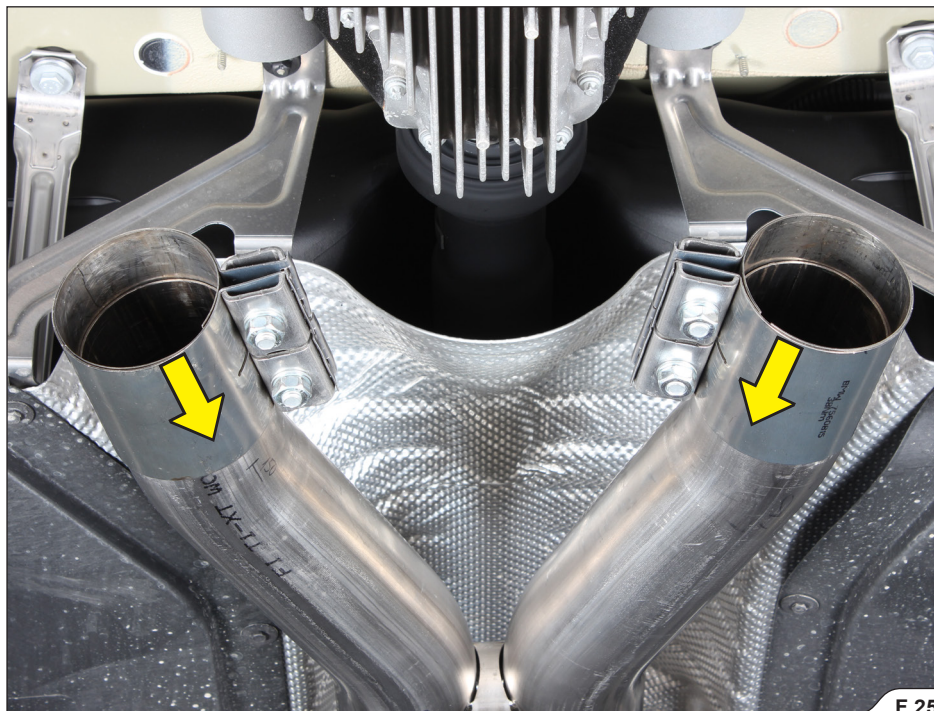




F 24

5. Slide the double clamps from Akrapovič **Slip-On installation kit** onto the link pipes' outlets, as shown (F 25).

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



6. Reinstall the chassis reinforcements onto the vehicle; check vehicle manufacturer's workshop manual for details.

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

7. Install the Akrapovič Control Kit and Slip-On muffler onto the vehicle; check the **Slip-On** exhaust system installation manual for details.

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

FINAL INSTALLATION:

- ! **IMPORTANT:** reinstall the dismantled or partially removed stock parts (wheel arches, bumper etc.); check vehicle manufacturer workshop manual for correct procedures and tightening torques.
- ! **IMPORTANT:** make sure all the nuts and bolts are sufficiently tightened. In case the Akrapovič product touches the cowling or other parts, repeat the adjustment of the product or contact your authorized dealer.
- ! **IMPORTANT:** clean all Akrapovič product's surfaces before the first start of the engine or the stains will burn onto the surfaces!
- ! **IMPORTANT:** in case any component of the Akrapovič product is equipped with DMC code sticker, the sticker and glue residue should be removed from the component, before first use!

MAINTENANCE OF THE AKRAPOVIČ PRODUCT:

1. Clean all Akrapovič product's surfaces. Cleaning will prevent spots from burning onto the surface. Do not use aggressive chemical cleaners, because they can damage the surface:
 - **Titanium surfaces** (titanium muffler's outer sleeve, titanium pipes etc): use a soft cloth sprayed with a multi-purpose spray lubricant (WD-40® or equivalent)*, then wipe with a soft dry cloth.
 - **Carbon-fiber surfaces** (carbon-fiber outlet cap, carbon-fiber muffler's outer sleeve, carbon-fiber bracket etc): use a soft dry cloth sprayed with all purpose foam cleaner, then wipe with a soft dry cloth.
 - **Painted surfaces** (painted outlet cap, painted muffler's outer sleeve, painted bracket etc): use a soft cloth sprayed with all purpose foam cleaner, then wipe with a soft dry cloth.
 - **Chrome plated surfaces** (chrome plated outlet cap, chrome plated muffler's outer sleeve etc): use a soft cloth sprayed with all purpose foam cleaner, then wipe with a soft dry cloth.
 - **Stainless steel surfaces** (stainless steel muffler's outer sleeve, stainless steel pipes etc): use a soft cloth sprayed with a contact cleaner, then wipe with a soft dry cloth.
- *WD-40® is a trademark of the WD-40 Company.
2. Periodically check if all the Akrapovič product's nuts and bolts are sufficiently tightened.

- ! **IMPORTANT: IT IS NORMAL FOR WHITE SMOKE TO COME OUT OF THE MUFFLER AT FIRST OPERATION.**
- ! **CAUTION: DO NOT STAND BEHIND THE MUFFLER AT ANY TIME.**
- ! **IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE AUTOMOTIVE WHEEL CLEANERS OR ANY CLEANING PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN ACIDIC ADDITIVES TO CLEAN THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**
- ! **IMPORTANT: WE RECOMMEND HIGH CAUTION WHEN USING POWER / PRESSURE WASHER FOR CLEANING PAINTED / LACQUERED SURFACES OF THE AKRAPOVIČ COMPONENTS, TO AVOID PAINT / LACQUER DAMAGE.**
- ! **IMPORTANT: SOME OF THE AKRAPOVIČ CARBON FIBER COMPONENTS ARE ADDITIONALLY PROTECTED AGAINST ROCK CHIPS WITH CLEAR LACQUER PROTECTION FILM. THE PROTECTION FILM IS AVAILABLE AS SPARE PART BY AKRAPOVIČ COMPANY. THE PROTECTION FILM IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF THE AKRAPOVIČ WARRANTY.**
- ! **IMPORTANT: ALL AKRAPOVIČ PRODUCTS ARE DEVELOPED AND DESIGNED TO BE USED ON SPECIFIC VEHICLES, FOR THEIR ENTIRE EXPECTED LIFETIME. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT END-OF-LIFE AKRAPOVIČ PRODUCT IS DISASSEMBLED TO COMPONENTS SHOWN IN THE PRODUCT'S SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM AVAILABLE ON THE AKRAPOVIČ WEBSITE AND EACH COMPONENT SCRAPPED RESPONSIBLY AND ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. AKRAPOVIČ DOES NOT ASSUME ANY OBLIGATION OR RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE SCRAPPING PROCESS OR PROVIDING INFORMATION RELATED THERETO.**
- ! **CAUTION: THE EXHAUST SYSTEM CAN BE EXTREMELY HOT. ALLOW THE EXHAUST AND ENGINE TO COOL DOWN BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION OR ANY OTHER WORK ON THE EXHAUST SYSTEM. THIS MANUAL IS SPECIFIC TO THE BMW X5M COMPETITION TYPE F95. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR OTHER MODELS.**

TROUBLESHOOTING:

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Exhaust gas leaks out of the muffler/ pipe clamp connections	loosened clamp	tighten the clamp to specified torque
	connection is not completely joined	tap the connection into place and tighten the clamp to specified torque

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