

WARNING HARDWARE THREAD GALLING / THREADLOCKER

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We provide Fasteners in Stainless Steel to ensure a long life span. Although Stainless Steel has many benefits like extreme corrosion resistance, threads can be sensitive to Nylon Lock Nuts. We recommend installing hardware with an Anti-Seize thread lubricant to prevent thread galling. Slowing down speed of install and keeping bolts stationary while tightening nuts are common practices to prevent thread galling.

We also recommend installing hardware with hand tools to prevent overtightening and the use of medium threadlocker where fastening locations utilize rivnuts and/or where no locking nuts are used.



COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION DIAGRAM: VW MK7/MK7.5 GTI-R_REAR DIFFUSER (COMPETITION SERIES) **END PLATE** SIDE STRAKE DIFFUSER FORMARD FLAT FLOOR



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KIT COMPONENTS

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QTY	DESCRIPTION	
1	DIFFUSER MAIN PLANE	
1	DIFFUSER FORWARD FLAT FLOOR	
2	MAIN STRAKE (PRE-INSTALLED)	
2	DIFFUSER SIDE PLANE	
2	SIDE STRAKE	
2	END PLATE	
2	REAR BRACKET ("C" SHAPED)	
2	EXHAUST BRACKET	
2	FORWARD BRACKET ("L" SHAPED)	

HARDWARE (A)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
4	M5 X 12MM BOLT
4	M5 LOCK NUT

HARDWARE (B)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
8	M5 X 12MM BOLT
8	M5 LOCK NUT

NOTES:

1. CONFIRM NO HARDWARE OR COMPONENTS ARE MISSING BEFORE INSTALL.

HARDWARE (C)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
2	M6 X 16MM BOLT
2	M6 LOCK NUT
4	M6 X 18MM OD WASHER

HARDWARE (D)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
2	M8 LOCK NUT
2	M8 X 15MM OD WASHER

HARDWARE (E)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
6	M6 X 16MM BOLT
6	M6 X 18MM OD WASHER

HARDWARE (F)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
6	M6 X 16MM BOLT
6	M6 LOCKNUT
12	M6 X 18MM OD WASHER

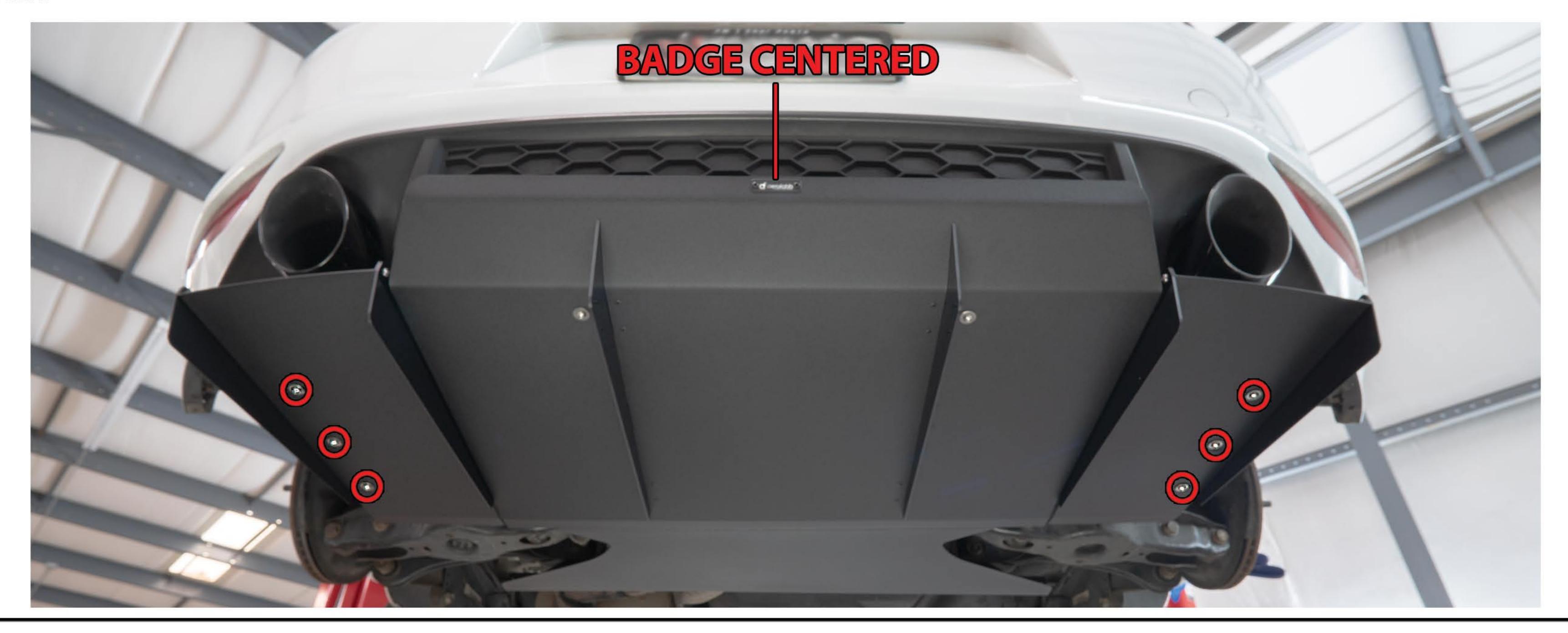
HARDWARE (G)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
6	COUNTERSUNK M5 X 12MM BOLT
6	M5 LOCK NUT



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- 8. Using a 4mm Hex Wrench and 10mm Wrench, install HARDWARE (F) through the SIDE PLANES and into the EXHAUST BRACKETS.
- -If needed, install the remaining hardware from your Drop Kit instead of using the standard fasteners from HARDWARE (F).
- 9. Ensure proper alignment of Diffuser. The aerofabb Competition Series badge should be centered with the rear bumper valance. Once Diffuser is centered, go back through all bolts and tighten.



NOTES:

- 1. *EXHAUST BRACKETS MAY REQUIRE ROTATING TO ALIGN WITH HOLES ON SIDE PLANES.
- 2. *EACH VEHICLE WILL VARY FROM THE FACTORY BUT DIFFERENT LENGTH DROP KITS MAY BE REQUIRED ON EACH SIDE PLANE TO ENSURE BOTH ARE EQUALLY LEVEL.
- 3. *EACH VEHICLE WILL VARY FROM THE FACTORY SO MINOR BENDING OF FACTORY L BRACKETS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR REAR BRACKETS TO ALIGN PROPERLY.
- 4. Use anti-seize thread lubricant on all bolts from HARDWARE (F) and do not overtighten.

Ignore installed end plates shown in photo above.



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- 10. Using a 3mm Hex Wrench and 8mm Wrench, install END PLATES with HARDWARE (G).
- -The aerofabb Logo and countersunk holes on END PLATES face outwards.
- 11. Check that all hardware is tight to complete installation.



NOTES:

1. Removal of rear wheels may be necessary to access nuts on backside of endplate.



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3/8" DROP KIT

QTY	DESCRIPTION
8	¾" OD X ¾" LG SPACER
8	M6 X 25MM BOLT

1/2" DROP KIT

QTY	DESCRIPTION
8	¾" OD X ½" LG SPACER
8	M6 X 30MM BOLT

3/4" DROP KIT [GTI ONLY]

QTY	DESCRIPTION
8	¾" OD X ¾" LG SPACER
8	M6 X 40MM BOLT

MISC

QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	MEDIUM THREADLOCKER

HAVE THE FOLLOWING TOOLS READY FOR USE

Bubble Level or Angle Finder
 Ratchet
 Tatchet
 3mm Hex Wrench
 4mm Hex Wrench
 8mm Wrench
 10mm Wrench
 13mm Socket
 Anti-seize Thread Lubricant

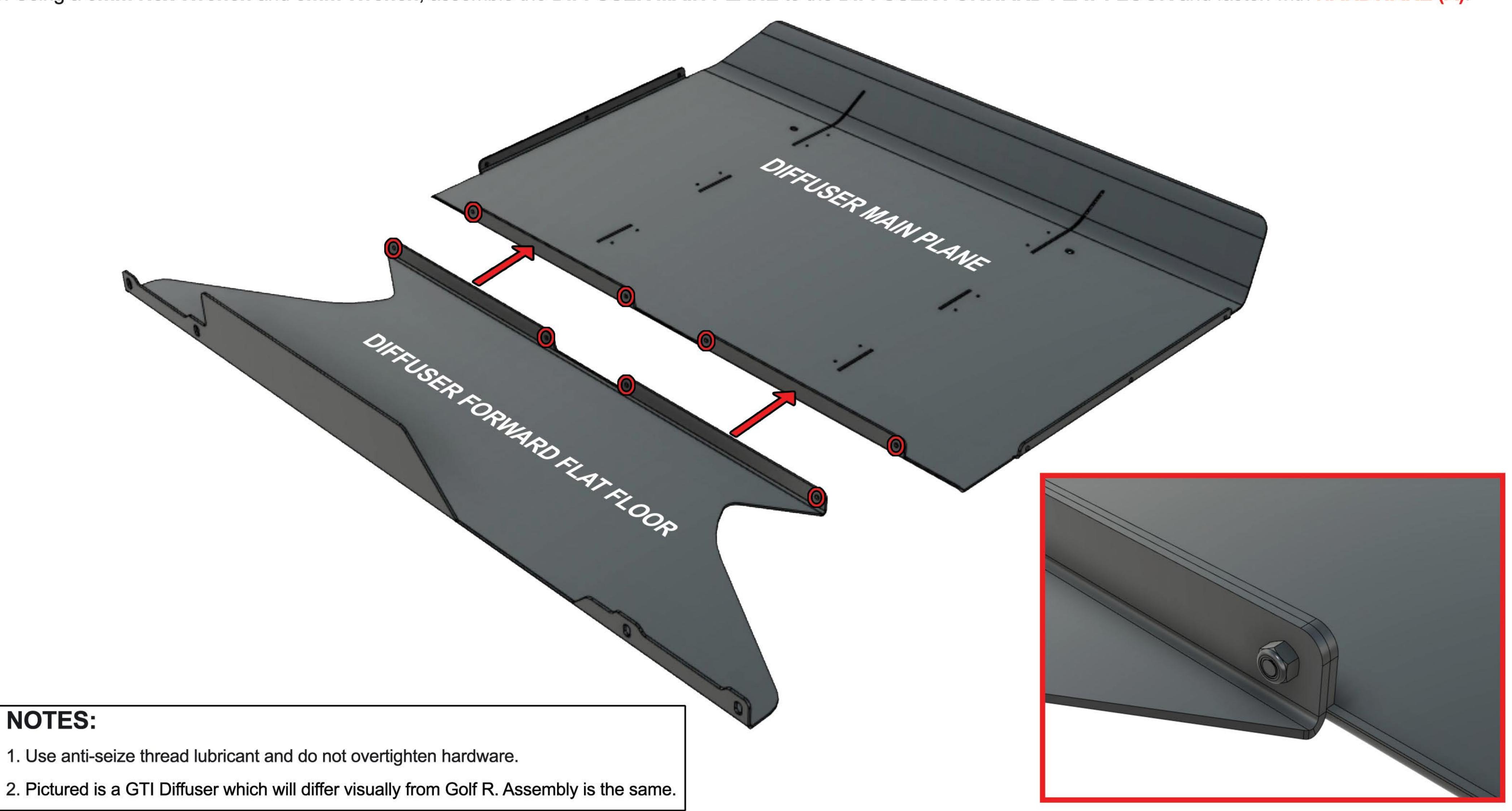
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- 1. CONFIRM NO HARDWARE OR COMPONENTS ARE MISSING BEFORE INSTALL.
- 2. Disregard 3/4" Drop Kit if you purchased a Golf R Diffuser.



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1. Using a 3mm Hex Wrench and 8mm Wrench, assemble the DIFFUSER MAIN PLANE to the DIFFUSER FORWARD FLAT FLOOR and fasten with HARDWARE (A).

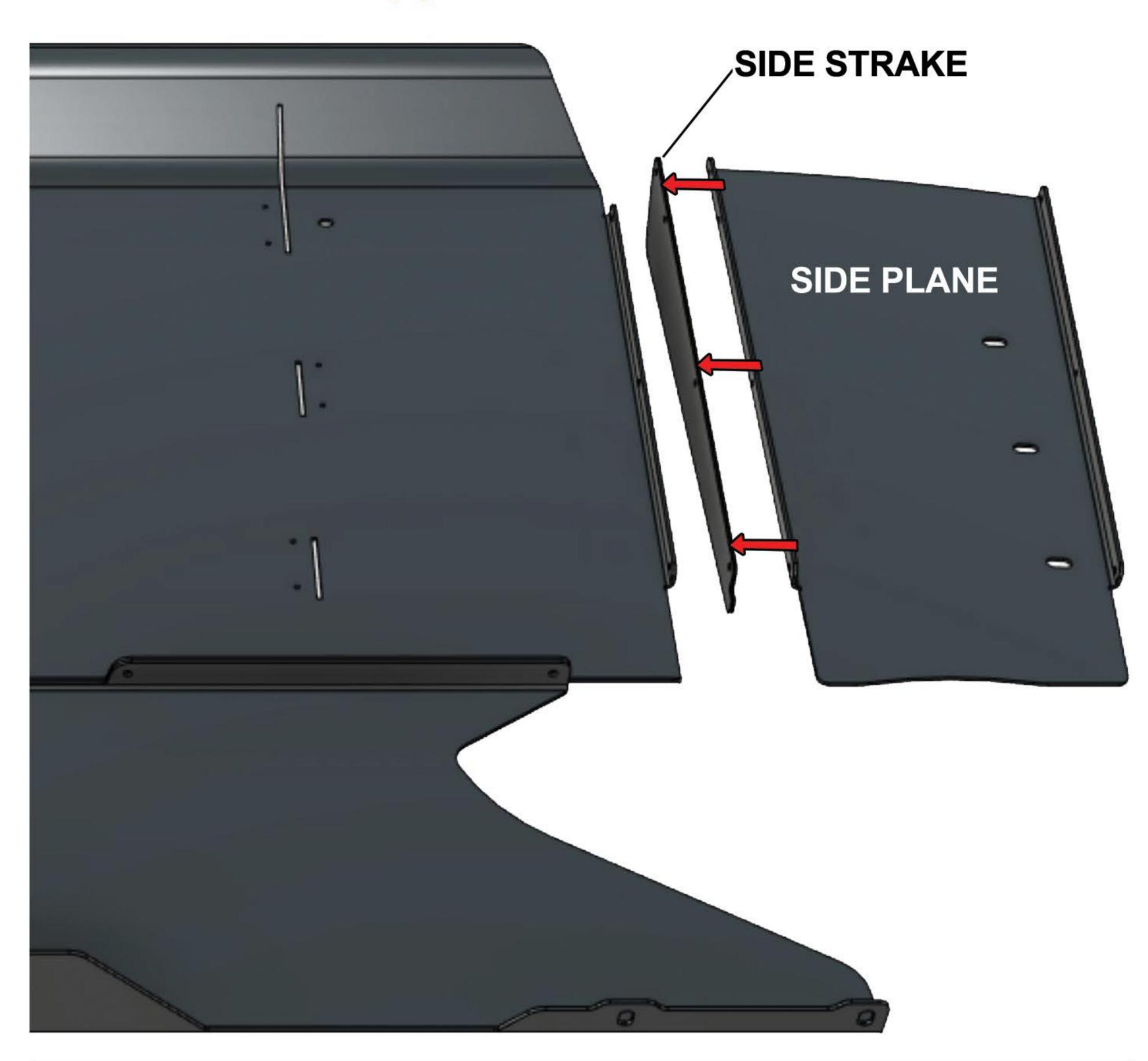




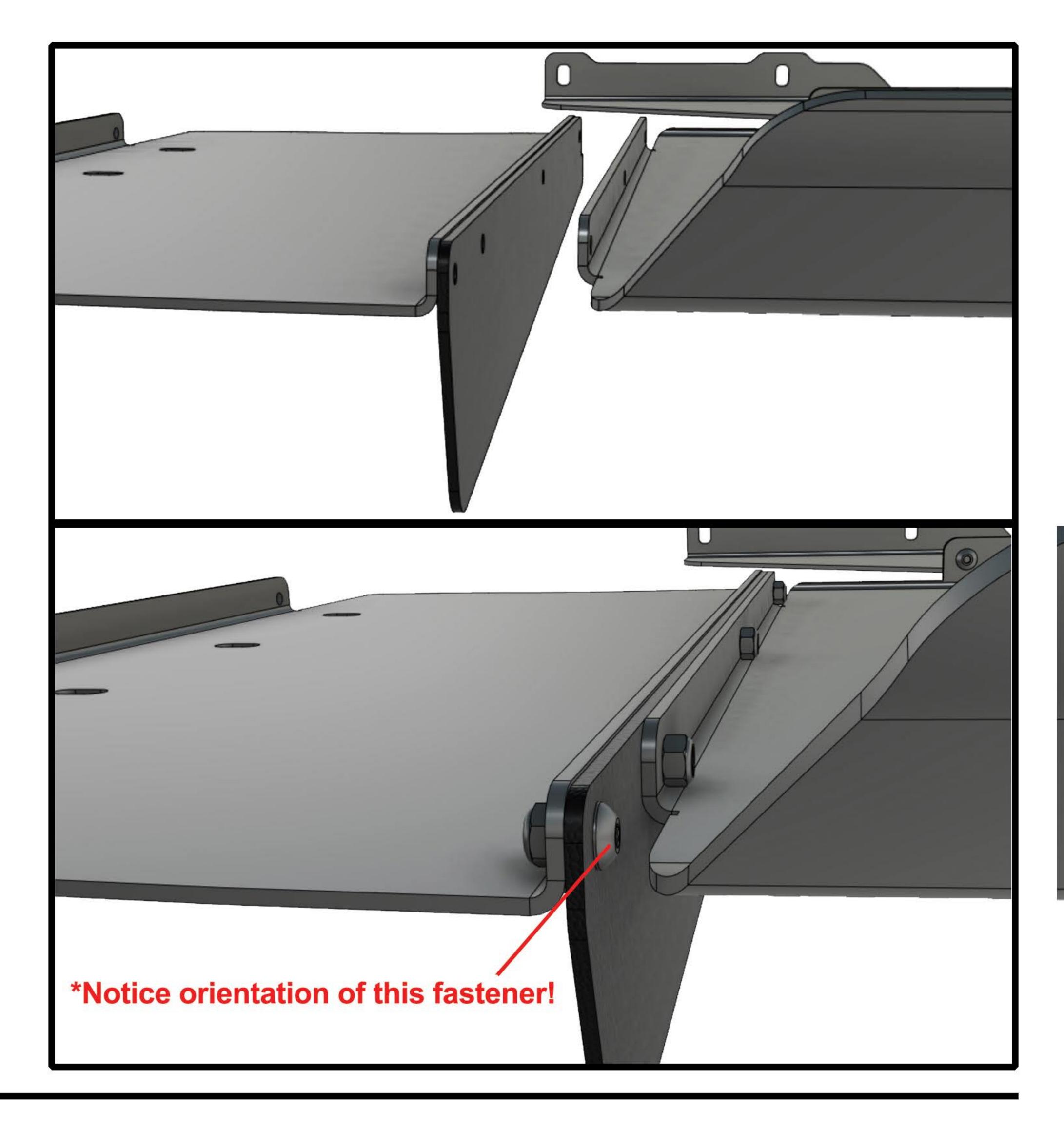
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2. Using a 3mm Hex Wrench and 8mm Wrench, assemble the SIDE PLANES and SIDE STRAKES to the DIFFUSER MAIN PLANE, sandwiching the Strakes between both

Planes with HARDWARE (B).



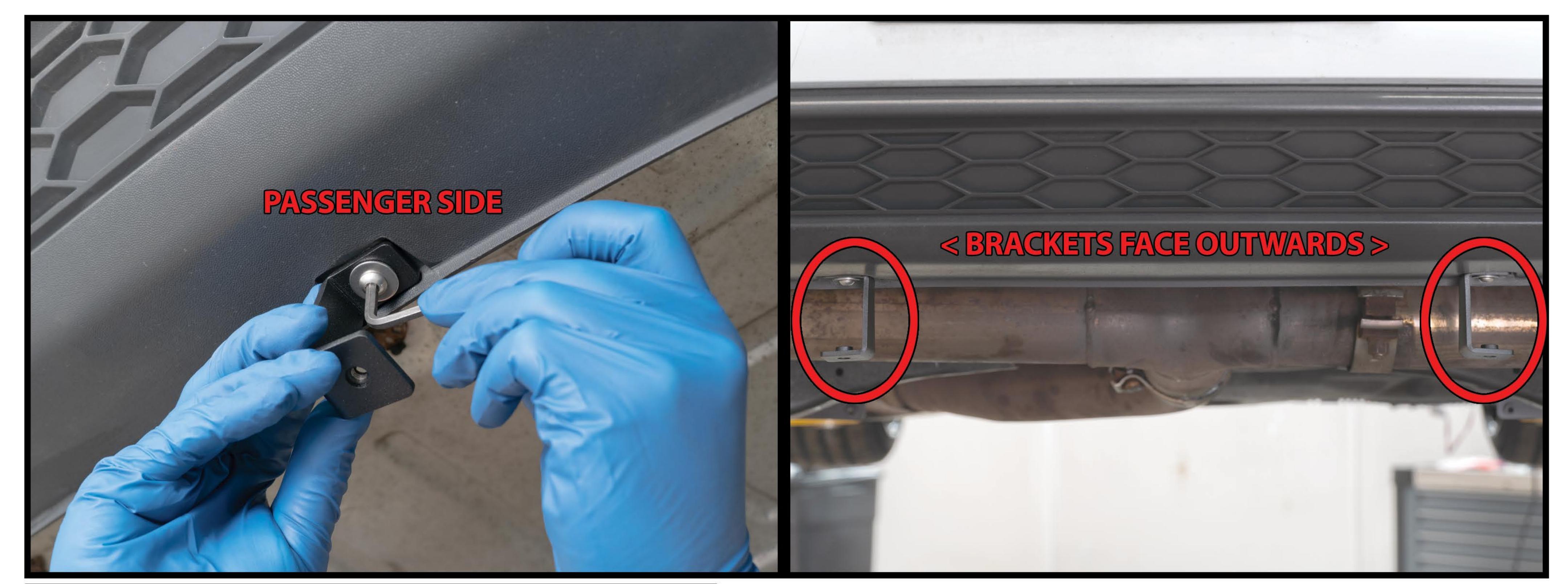
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- 2. Pictured is a GTI Diffuser which will differ visually from Golf R. Assembly is the same.





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- 3. Using a **T-15 Torx**, remove the factory plastic torx screws and retainers from the rear bumper valance.
- 4. Using HARDWARE (C), install the REAR BRACKETS ("C" SHAPED) in place of the plastic retainers with a 4mm Hex Wrench and 10mm Wrench as shown below. Washers are installed on top of fatory metal L Bracket and on bottom of REAR BRACKETS ("C" SHAPED).

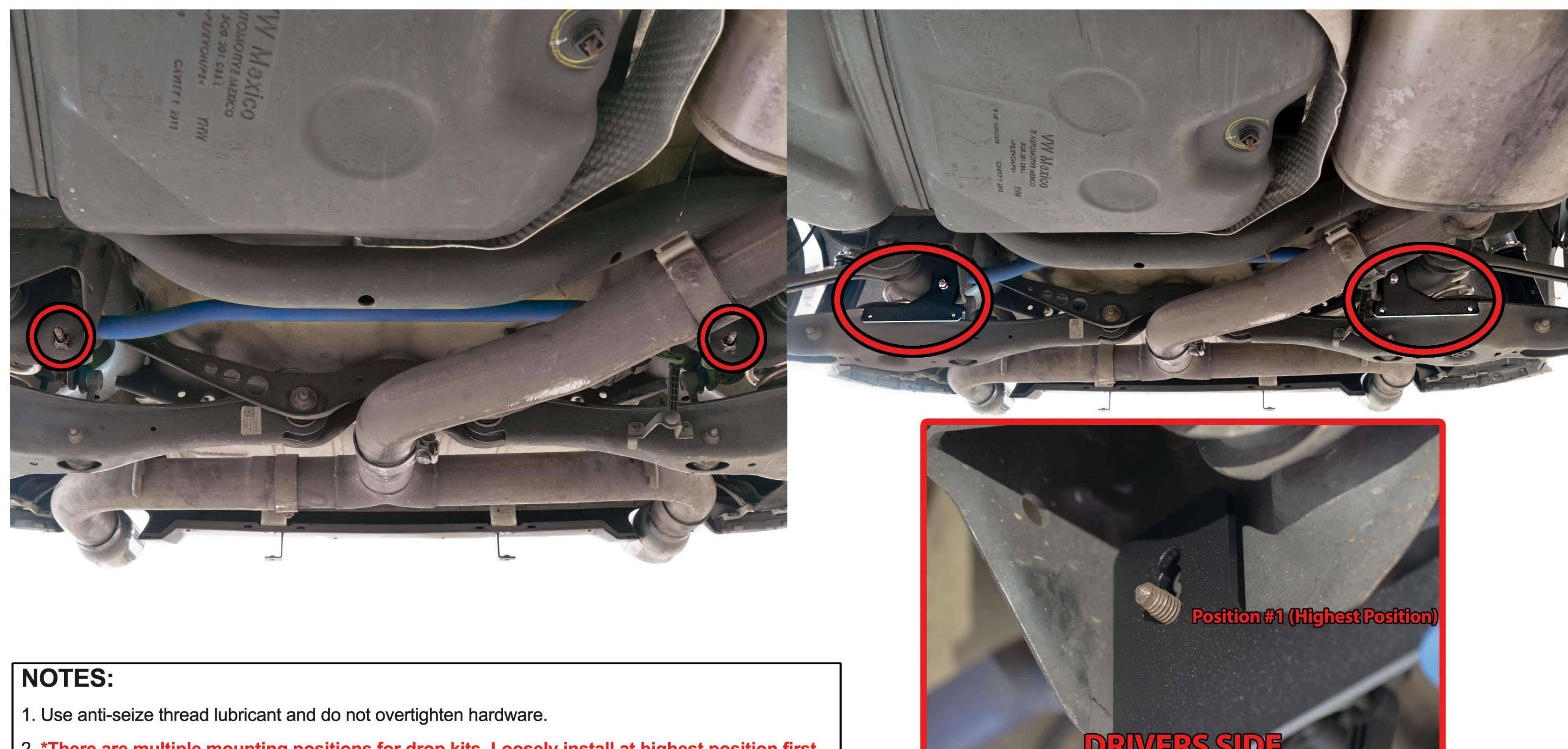


- 1. Use anti-seize thread lubricant and do not overtighten hardware.
- 2. *Brackets need to be angled upwards towards rear of vehicle.



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5. Locate the two lower rear sway bar bushing bolts on front side of rear subframe. Using HARDWARE (D), loosely install the FORWARD BRACKETS ("L" SHAPED) over the excess bolt threads of lower sway bar bolts with a Ratchet and 13mm Socket. *Press Nuts on brackets face rear of vehicle.



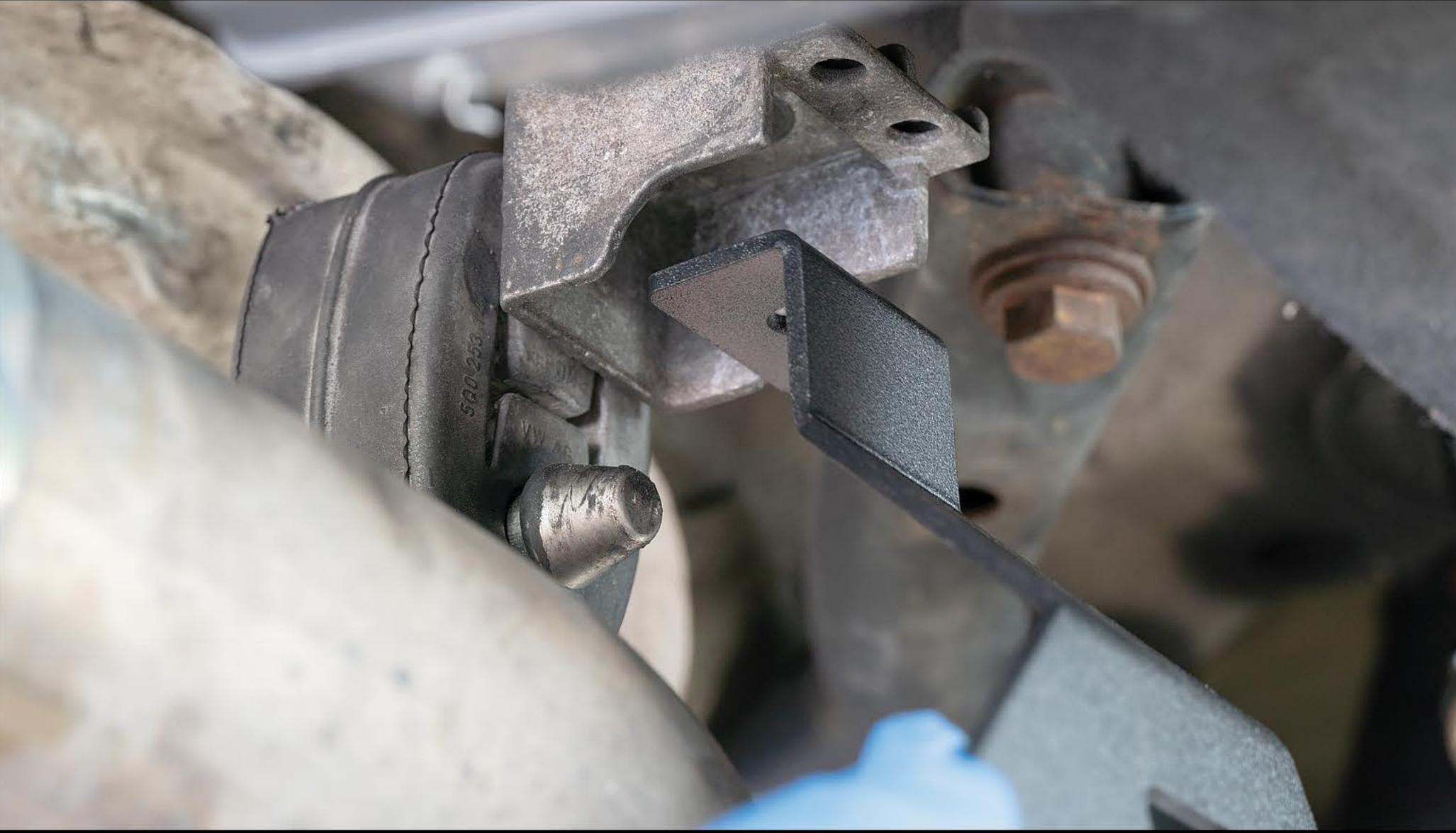
2. *There are multiple mounting positions for drop kits. Loosely install at highest position first.



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6. Locate the right rear exhaust hanger. While supporting the exhaust, use a **Ratchet** and a **13mm Socket** to remove the factory bolt. Using the factory bolt, install the right **EXHAUST BRACKET** as shown below. Repeat process on left side.





ANGLED UPWARDS

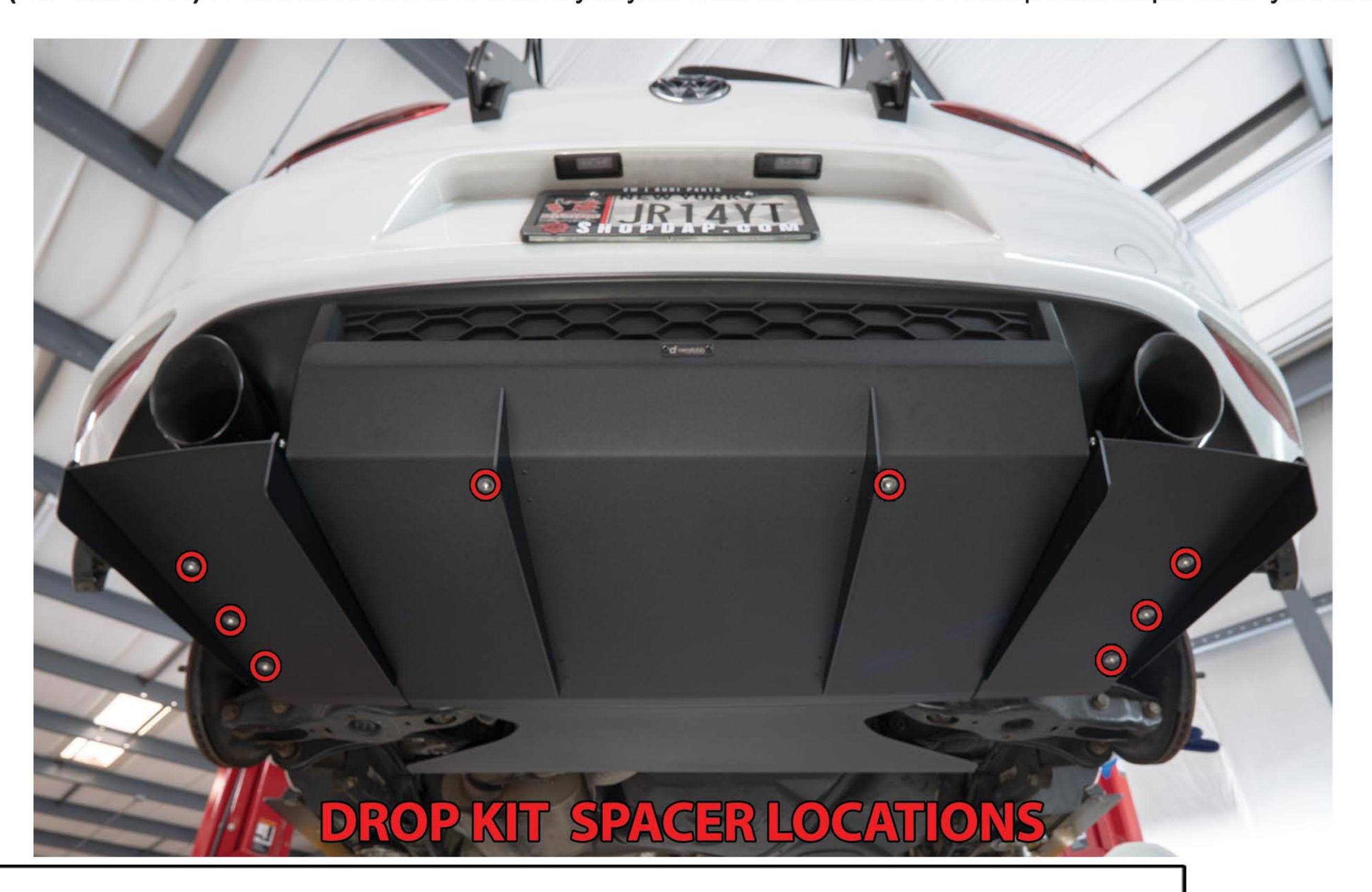
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SOME EXHAUST SETUPS MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF A DROP KIT: The FORWARD BRACKETS ("L" SHAPED) can be lowered for each kit.

-Position #2 is for the 3/8" Kit, Position #3 is for the 1/2" Kit, and Position #4 [GTI ONLY] is for the 3/4" Kit. The spacers for each kit are installed BETWEEN the Diffuser and REAR BRACKETS ("C" SHAPED) / EXHAUST BRACKETS. Dry fit your Diffuser first to see if a Drop Kit is required for your exhaust set up.



- 1. Adjustment of exhaust system and tips should be done first before dry fit. Try tucking exhaust as close to the body as possible.
- 2. Diffuser should be placed at the highest position without interference with exhaust system.
- 3. A helping hand is highly recommended when dry fitting Diffuser.



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7. Apply the MEDIUM THREADLOCK to all bolts from HARDWARE (E). Raise your assembled Diffuser and use a 4mm Hex Wrench to loosely install bolts with washers into the REAR BRACKETS ("C" SHAPED) and FORWARD BRACKETS ("L" SHAPED).

-If needed, install part of your Drop Kit into REAR BRACKETS ("C" SHAPED) and lower the FORWARD BRACKETS ("L" SHAPED) to the appropriate position based on your Drop Kit of choice.

Before tightening any bolts, use a **Bubble Level or Angle Finder** to ensure that the **DIFFUSER FORWARD FLAT FLOOR** is level to the ground or as close to 0° as possible. The **DIFFUSER FORWARD FLAT FLOOR** can be finely adjusted for leveling and/or exhaust clearance by moving up or down on the slots.



- 1. Ignore hardware on side planes and installed end plates shown in photo above.
- 2. Diffuser should be placed at the highest position without interference with exhaust system.
- 3. A helping hand is highly recommended when mounting Diffuser.