

2018+ VW GOLF R EXHAUST INSTALLATION GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing the **AWE SwitchPath™** or **Track Edition Exhaust System** for the **2018+ VW Golf R**. For up-to-the-minute fitment information, be sure to visit the MK7 Golf R section of the **AWE website**.

As always, AWE Performance Specialists are standing by for any questions, at 215-658-1670, or email us **here**.

Let's go!

PARTS LIST



INSPECT ALL PARTS PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY OF VEHICLE; IF DAMAGED OR MISSING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLACE OF PURCHASE IMMEDIATELY.

SwitchPath™ & Track Edition Exhaust Parts:

- 1 Adapter to OE downpipe (part LG)
- 1 Mid section (part QV)
- 1 Rear muffler (part QW)
- 2 Inner tailpipe (part B37)
- 4 Tips (choice of size/color)

SwitchPath™ Exhaust Parts:

- 1 Valved outer tailpipe - driver (part B38)
- 1 Valved outer tailpipe - passenger (part B39)

Track Edition Exhaust Parts:

- 1 Outer tailpipe - driver (part A73)
- 1 Outer tailpipe - passenger (part A74)
- 2 Valve simulators

Hardware Kit:

- 2 3.00" Accu-Seal clamps
- 4 63.5mm Accu-Seal clamps
- 4 2.62" Tip clamps
- 2 Hanger post clamp
- 1 9/64" Allen wrench (for hanger post clamp)

STEP 1



Installation of the AWE Performance Exhaust System is the reverse of the OEM exhaust removal.



Always refer to the manufacturer service manual for precise torque specifications on all OEM fasteners.

With engine off, unplug the wiring harnesses from the valve actuation motors, at arrows in **Figure 1**.

Remove factory exhaust.



NOTE: If the AWE Performance Downpipe has been purchased, install the downpipe first to make cat-back alignment easier. Discard the supplied mating adapter for the stock downpipe (**part LG**) and use the mating coupler supplied with the AWE Performance Downpipe.



FIGURE 1

STEP 2

Install inlet adapter LG into mid section and secure with a 3" accu-seal clamp (do not fully tighten), at **Arrow A** in **Figure 2**.

Install mid section QV into muffler inlet and secure with a 3" accu-seal clamp (do not fully tighten), at **Arrow B** in **Figure 2**.

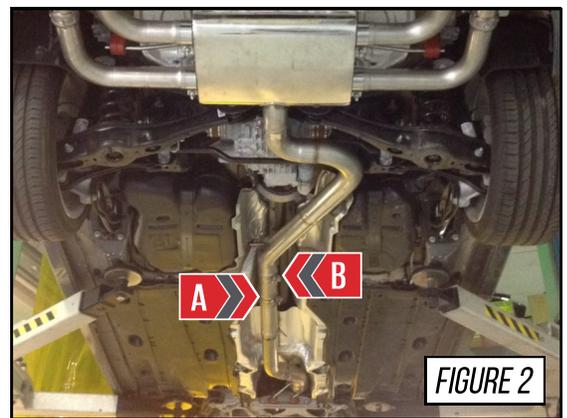


FIGURE 2

STEP 3

For both SwitchPath™ and Track Edition Exhausts, install inboard tailpipes into muffler outlets and secure with the supplied 63.5mm Accu-Seal clamps. Then install the outer tailpipes into muffler outlets and secure with the supplied 63.5mm Accu-Seal clamps. Do not tighten clamps at this time.

Install all the tips using the supplied 2.62" tip clamps and adjust depth and rotation to suit. Do not tighten at this time.



STEP 4

It is crucial to install each section and Accu-Seal clamp correctly to prevent loose joints and exhaust leaks between the tubing connections.

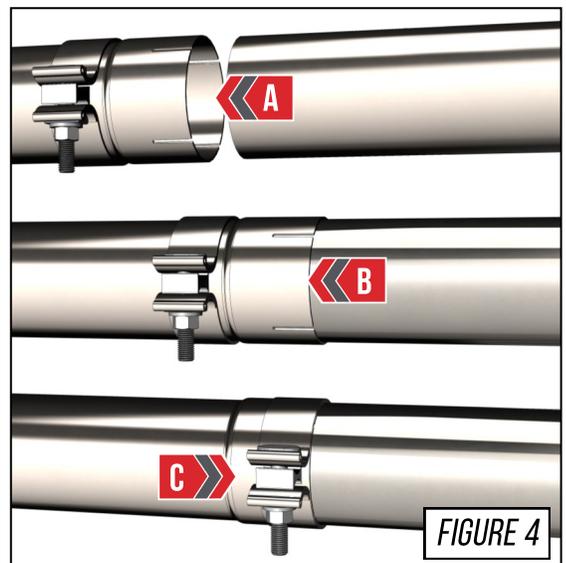
Arrow A in **Figure 4** shows the expanded pipe and the preinstalled Accu-Seal clamp being brought up to the corresponding pipe.

Arrow B in **Figure 4** shows the overlapping pipe installed correctly over the corresponding pipe.

Arrow C in **Figure 4** shows the Accu-Seal clamp being brought to the edge of the expanded pipe.

NOTES:

- Do not torque any Accu-Seal clamp until the entire exhaust has been installed and adjusted.
- Torque specification is a minimum of 40 ft./lbs.



STEP 5

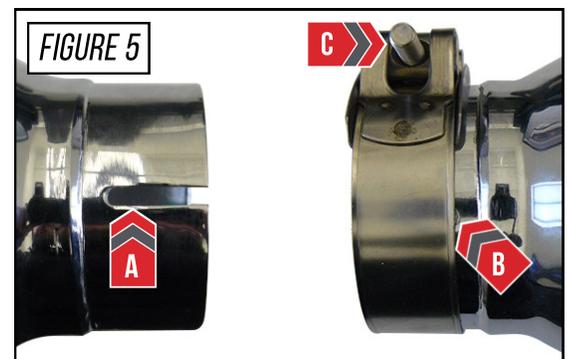
To accomplish the best tip fitment, align the 2.25" tip clamp to cover *only* the slot, as shown by **Arrow A** in **Figure 5**.

The clamp should only be covering the section of the tip that has been slotted, as shown by **Arrow B** in **Figure 5**.

Torque the tip clamp to a minimum of 11 ft./lbs.

NOTES:

- It is recommended to apply anti-seize to the threads to prevent thread binding, shown by **Arrow C** in **Figure 5**.
- It is okay to have the clamp extend beyond the edge of the tip inlet.



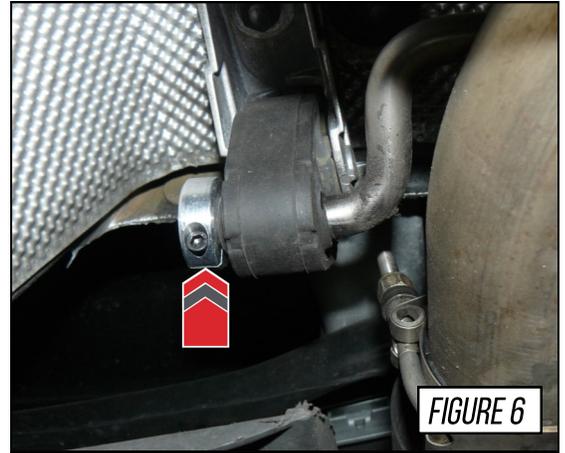
STEP 6

Once the exhaust system is properly adjusted, install a hanger post clamp on each of the rear muffler hanger posts, as shown at arrow in **Figure 6**. Slide the clamp onto the hanger post so that it sits snug against the rubber element, and then tighten down with the enclosed allen wrench.

These clamps will keep the exhaust from sliding laterally under usage and will keep the tips properly aligned in the valance openings.

Finally, on SwitchPath™ Exhausts, reconnect the valve motor wiring harness to each valve.

On Track Edition Exhaust, install supplied valve simulators into the wiring harness connectors to protect them.



ENJOY!



CARE

Once installed properly, your AWE Performance Exhaust will provide years of trouble-free performance.

The exhaust volume and sound will settle with usage; 800-1000 miles is required to break-in new exhaust systems.

Periodic cleaning of exhaust tips is necessary to maintain proper finish, especially in areas prone to road salt and caustic deicing solutions. Use a mild soap and water solution or car wax to clean the finish. Avoid using metal polishes, as they can scratch the finish.

Any questions or comments,
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WARRANTY

Summary:

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Covered:

All AWE brand products against manufacturer defect. Please note that special order items are not returnable.

Period:

Secor Ltd. (AWE) warrants this **SwitchPath™** or **Track Edition Exhaust System** for the **2018+ VW Golf R** to the original retail purchaser (Consumer) against manufacturer's defects as follows: **ONE (1) YEAR on exhaust tip finish, ONE (1) YEAR on Electronic Components, LIFETIME on balance of parts**, from purchase date from AWE directly or from an AWE authorized retailer. Proof of purchase will be required.

Condition of system:

In the event of a return, product must be returned with no signs of abuse, incorrect installation, forced installation, motorsports usage, or product altering whatsoever. Actions will be granted upon receipt of product at AWE, after inspection.

Action:

Returns and warranty claims MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH ORIGINAL LOCATION OF PURCHASE. Upon verification of warranty coverage, AWE will, at its sole option, repair, replace or consult toward remedy for the defective product, without charge. This is the only remedy the Consumer has for any loss or damage, however arising, due to nonconformity in or defect of the product. This warranty does not cover consequential damage, loss of time or revenues, labor, inconvenience, loss of use of vehicle, shipping, damage to the vehicle or components, or other incidental or indirect damage.

Labor:

Labor is not covered.

Shipping:

Shipping charges are not covered.

Restocking:

AWE reserves the right to charge a 20% restocking fee for products that are returned.

Exclusions:

Use of product in Motorsports or Racing conditions is grounds for warranty denial. Motorsports and Racing is an inherently abusive operational condition, and it is impossible to warranty for this type of usage. Warranties may be voided if product is not installed by an authorized AWE dealer. Warranties will be voided if product is improperly serviced, modified, or used in a way not intended by the Manufacturer. The Consumer is responsible for ensuring that the product is installed in a safe and proper manner, and should cease usage of the product immediately if an unsafe or improper condition is noted. If an unsafe or improper condition is noted, the Consumer should then immediately contact the facility where the product was installed, or AWE.

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