



**VW MK7, MK7.5 GTI Muffler Delete Kit**  
**Installation Instructions - [Click HERE to Shop](#)**



**Skill Level**  
**1 - Easy**  
**Basic Skills**  
**Required**



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## INTRODUCTION

Today we are going to install our ECS Tuning Muffler Delete Kit for the Volkswagen MK7 GTI. This kit has been designed by the engineering team at ECS Tuning to improve the flow of exhaust and give your GTI a more aggressive exhaust note without the cost of a full cat-back exhaust system. This job requires only a few basic tools and installation is a total breeze! When it comes time to make the cut and remove the stock muffler, take your time. An accurate cut is crucial for proper installation.

Be sure to read these instructions completely before you begin the project, and don't be afraid to refer back as needed. Thank you for choosing ECS Tuning for all your performance and repair needs, we appreciate your business!

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## KIT CONTENTS



Y-Pipe



Tail Pipes



Clamps



Exhaust Tips

## REQUIRED TOOLS

Note: The tools required for each step will be listed by the step number throughout these instructions.

### Standard Automotive Tools

- Protecta-Sockets (for lug nuts).....[ES#2221243](#)
- **3/8" Drive Ratchet**.....[ES#2765902](#)
- **3/8" Drive Torque Wrench**.....[ES#2221245](#)
- **3/8" Drive Deep and Shallow Sockets**.....[ES#2763772](#)
- **3/8" Drive Extensions**.....[ES#2804822](#)
- **Hydraulic Floor Jack**.....[ES#2834951](#)
- **Torx Drivers and Sockets**.....[ES#11417/8](#)
- 1/2" Drive Deep and Shallow Sockets.....[ES#2839106](#)
- 1/2" Drive Ratchet
- 1/2" Drive Extensions
- 1/2" Drive Torque Wrench.....[ES#2221244](#)
- 1/2" Drive Breaker Bar.....[ES#2776653](#)
- Bench Mounted Vise
- Crows Foot Wrenches
- Hook and Pick Tool Set.....[ES#2778980](#)

### Required For This Install

### Available On Our Website

- 1/4" Drive Ratchet.....[ES#2823235](#)
- 1/4" Drive Deep and Shallow Sockets.....[ES#2823235](#)
- 1/4" Drive Extensions.....[ES#2823235](#)
- Plier and Cutter Set.....[ES#2804496](#)
- Flat and Phillips Screwdrivers.....[ES#2225921](#)
- **Jack Stands**.....[ES#2763355](#)
- Ball Pein Hammers
- Pry Bar Set.....[ES#1899378](#)
- Electric/Cordless Drill
- Wire Strippers/Crimpers
- Drill Bits
- Punch and Chisel Set
- Hex Bit (Allen) Wrenches and Sockets.....[ES#11420](#)
- Thread Repair Tools.....[ES#1306824](#)
- Open/Boxed End Wrench Set.....[ES#2765907](#)

### Specialty Tools

- **Exhaust Pipe Hanger Remover Pliers**.....[ES#2784927](#)
- **Exhaust Pipe Cutter**.....[ES#3106581](#)

## INSTALLATION NOTES

- **RH** refers to the *passenger side* of the vehicle.
- **LH** refers to the *driver side* of the vehicle.
- Always use the proper torque specifications.
- If applicable to this installation, torque specifications will be listed throughout the document and at the end as well.
- Please read all of these instructions and familiarize yourself with the complete process **BEFORE** you begin.

## GENERAL PREPARATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION

ECS Tuning cares about your health and safety, please read the following safety information. This information pertains to automotive service in general, and while it may not pertain to every job you do, please remember and share these important safety tips.

- Park your car in a safe, well lit, level area.
- Shut the engine off and remove the key from the ignition switch.
- Make sure any remote start devices are properly disabled.
- **ALWAYS** wear safety glasses.
- Make sure the parking brake is applied until the vehicle is safely lifted and supported.
- Whether lifting a vehicle using an automotive lift or a hydraulic jack, be sure and utilize the factory specified lift points.
- Lifting a vehicle in an incorrect location can cause damage to the suspension/running gear.
- **ALWAYS** support the vehicle with jack stands.
- **ALWAYS** read and follow all safety information and warnings for the equipment you are using.



**NEVER** get underneath a vehicle that is supported only by a jack, and **ALWAYS** make sure that the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands.

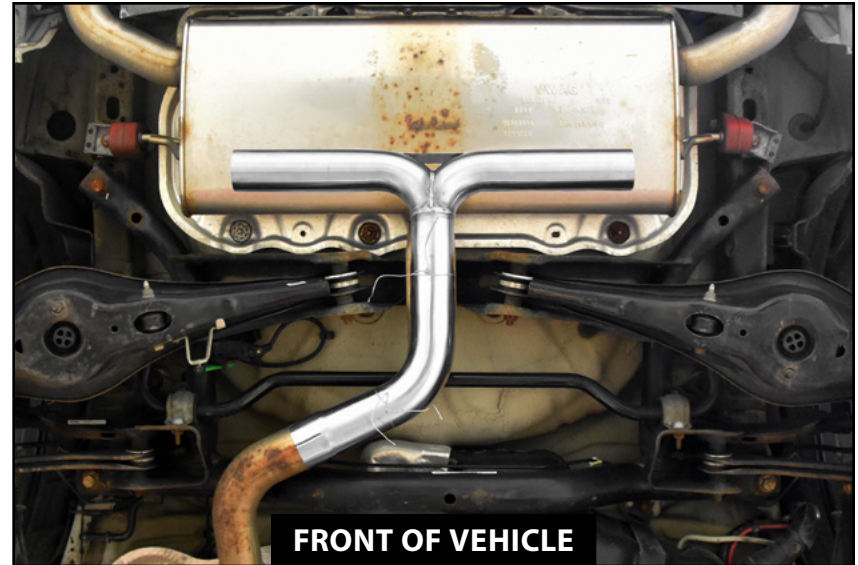
## REMOVING THE STOCK MUFFLER

### Step 1:

Lift the muffler delete Y-pipe up against the stock muffler as shown. Line up the two pipes so that the bends match up and the rear portion of the pipe is parallel with the muffler, then secure them together with mechanic's wire.



Take your time here and double check that the pipes are properly aligned. All of your cuts are going to be based off of this alignment, so it's worth taking your time to ensure that it's done right.



### Step 2: Marker -or- Masking Tape

Using a marker or masking tape, make a mark on the stock exhaust where the muffler delete pipe ends.



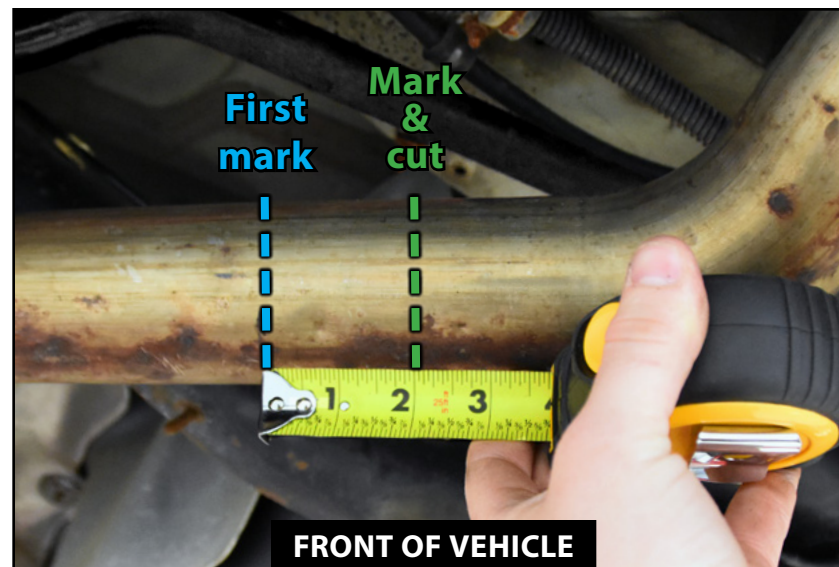
## REMOVING THE STOCK MUFFLER

### Step 3: Measuring Tape & Marker -or- Masking Tape

Now we can measure 2" downstream from the first mark we just made and make a second mark all the way around the pipe. **THIS** is where we will be making our cut.



It is **absolutely imperative** that you take your time here and double or triple check your marks before you cut anything. There is no turning back once the pipe has been cut, so measure twice, cut once!



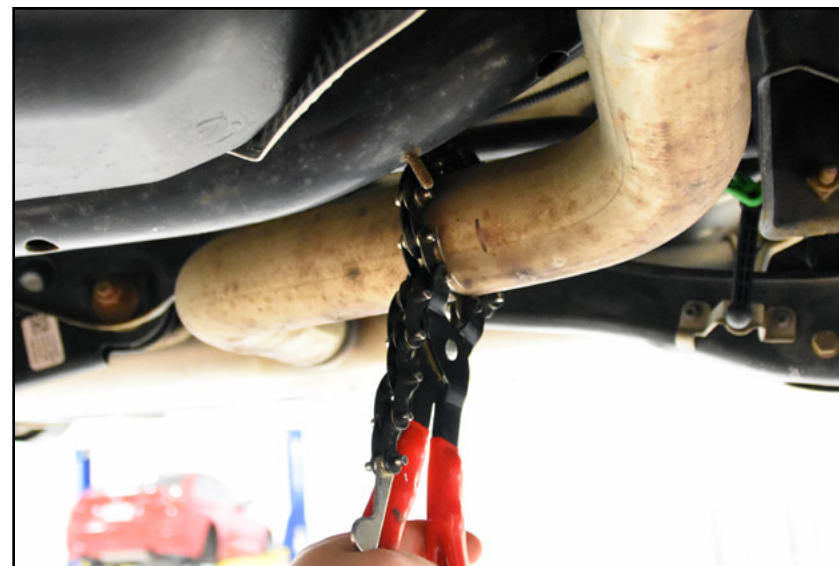
### Step 4: Exhaust Pipe Cutter -or- Reciprocating Saw

Cut along the line you made in the previous step being sure to cut as straight as possible until you cut all the way through the pipe.



**MK7 only:** Installing the 65mm clamp available [HERE](#) will allow you to reinstall your stock muffler if desired.

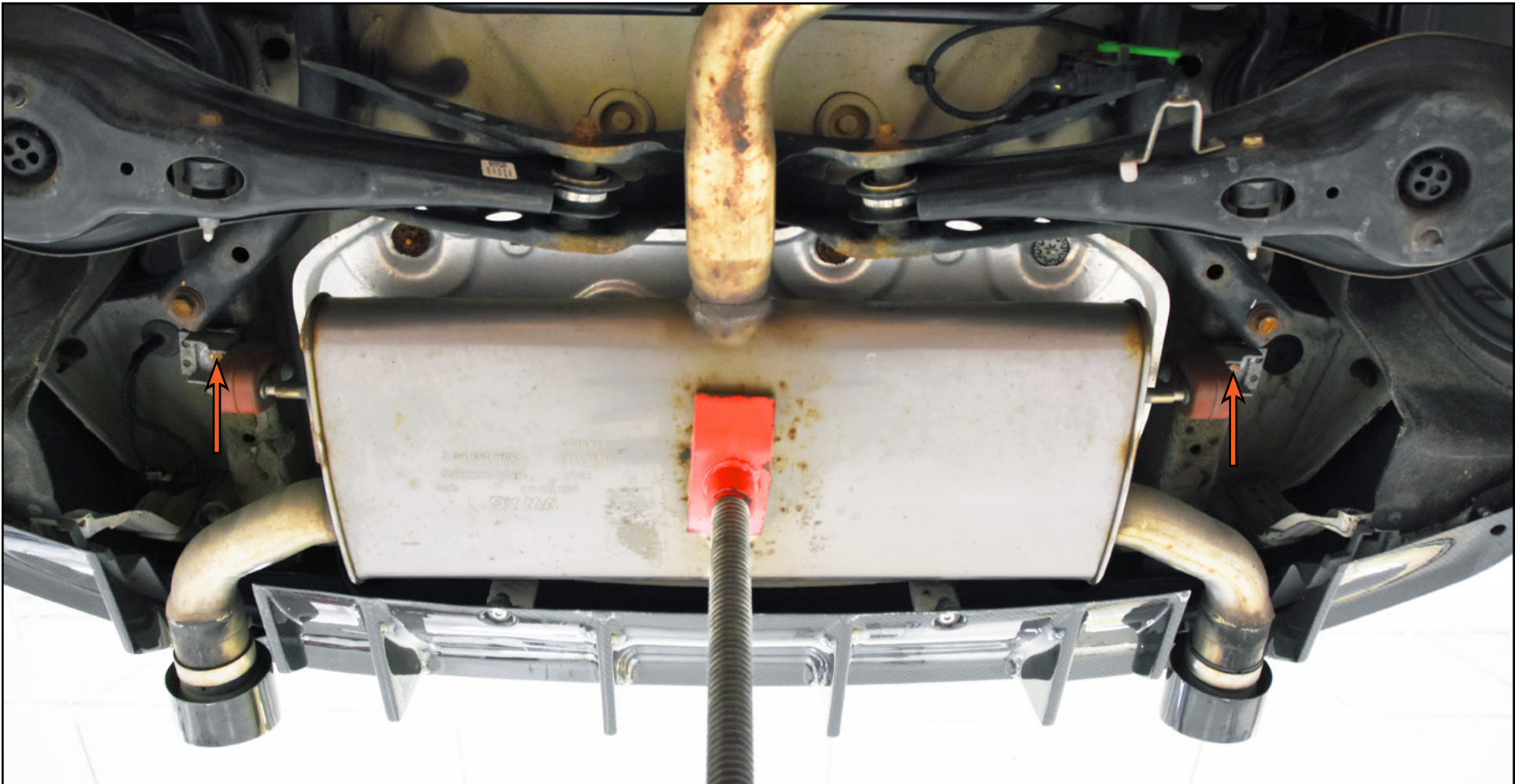
**MK7.5 only:** Installing the 60mm clamp available [HERE](#) will allow you to re-install your stock muffler if desired.



## REMOVING THE STOCK MUFFLER

### Step 5: Exhaust Hanger Removal Pliers, 13mm Socket & Ratchet

Support the muffler from below so that it does not drop and cause damage. Remove the two bolts (arrows) which secures the muffler hangers to the vehicle, then remove the muffler.



## REMOVING THE STOCK MUFFLER

### Step 6: Metal File -or- Die Grinder

Use a metal file or die grinder to remove any burrs from the exhaust pipe that we cut, this will ensure a proper fit and seal once the new pipe is installed.



### Step 7: Exhaust Hanger Removal Pliers

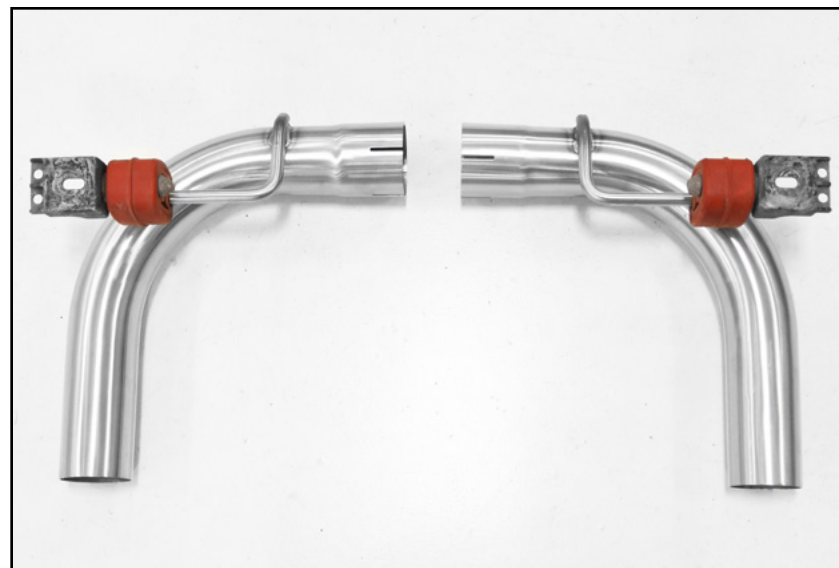
Pull the exhaust hangers (arrows) off of the muffler.



## INSTALLING THE MUFFLER DELETE KIT

### Step 1:

Slide the hangers over the rods on the tailpipes as shown.



### Step 2: 15mm Socket & Ratchet

Slide the 65mm clamp (arrow) over the end of the Y-pipe and slide it onto the stock exhaust as shown.



## INSTALLING THE MUFFLER DELETE KIT

### Step 3: 13mm, 15mm Socket & Ratchet

Slide a 63.5mm clamp (arrow) over the end of the LH tail pipe and slide it onto the Y-pipe, then reinstall the bolt which secures the exhaust hanger to the vehicle.



### Step 4: 13mm, 15mm Socket & Ratchet

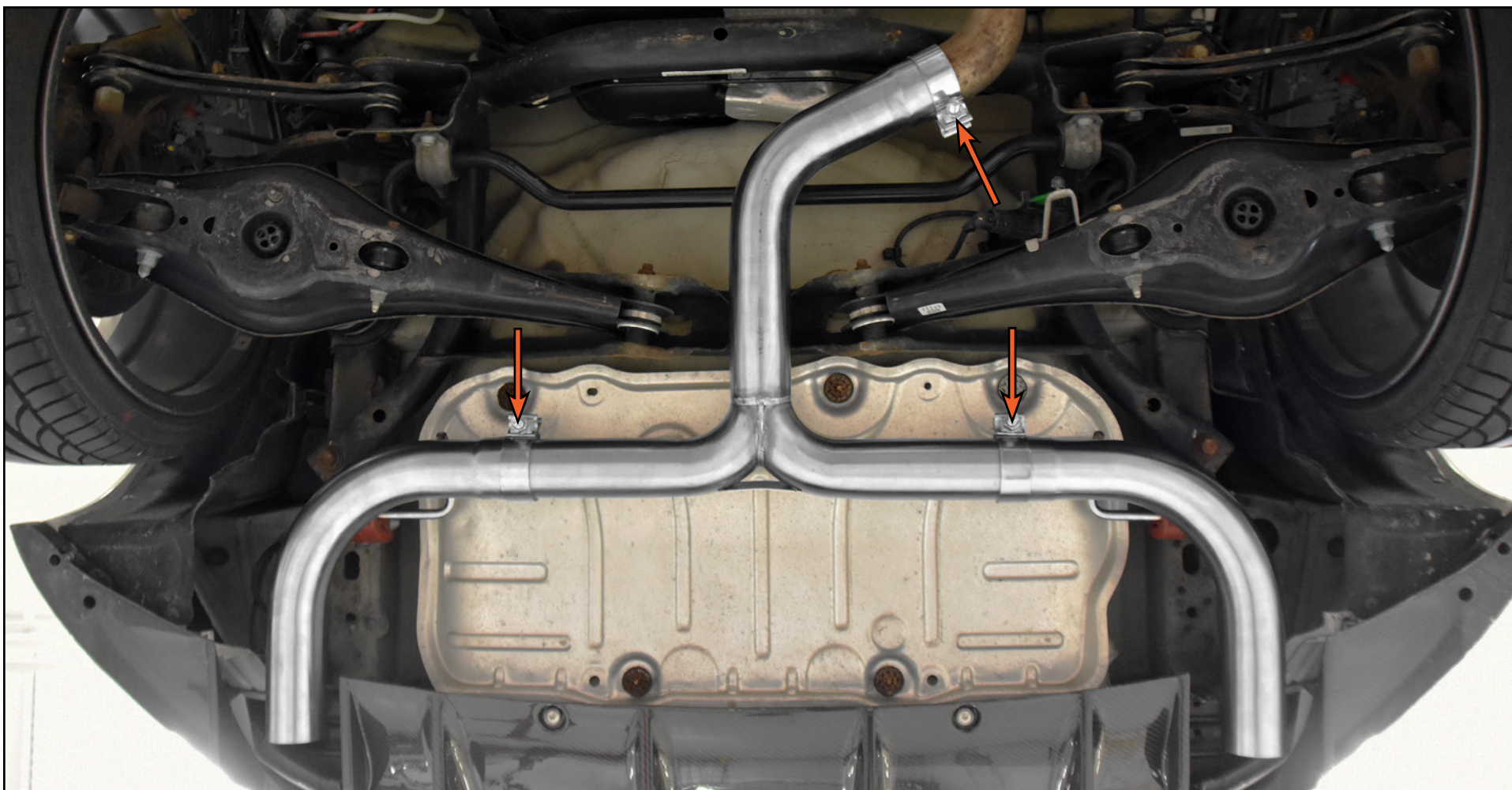
Slide a 63.5mm clamp (arrow) over the end of the RH tail pipe and slide it onto the Y-pipe, then reinstall the bolt which secures the exhaust hanger to the vehicle.



## INSTALLING THE MUFFLER DELETE KIT

### Step 5: 15mm Socket & Ratchet

Rotate and slide the pipes until both sides of the exhaust are equal lengths and are angled correctly to allow adequate clearance around the valance, then fully tighten all the clamps (arrows).



## INSTALLING THE MUFFLER DELETE KIT

### Step 6: 13mm Socket & Ratchet

Slide the swivel exhaust tips onto the ends of the exhaust and adjust until proper fitment is achieved. Ensure that the ECS logos face upward and there is adequate clearance between the tips and the rear valance. Once proper alignment is achieved, tighten the clamps to 19 Nm (14 Ft-lbs).

***Congratulations, your installation is complete!***



**Your Muffler Delete Kit installation is complete!**



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