

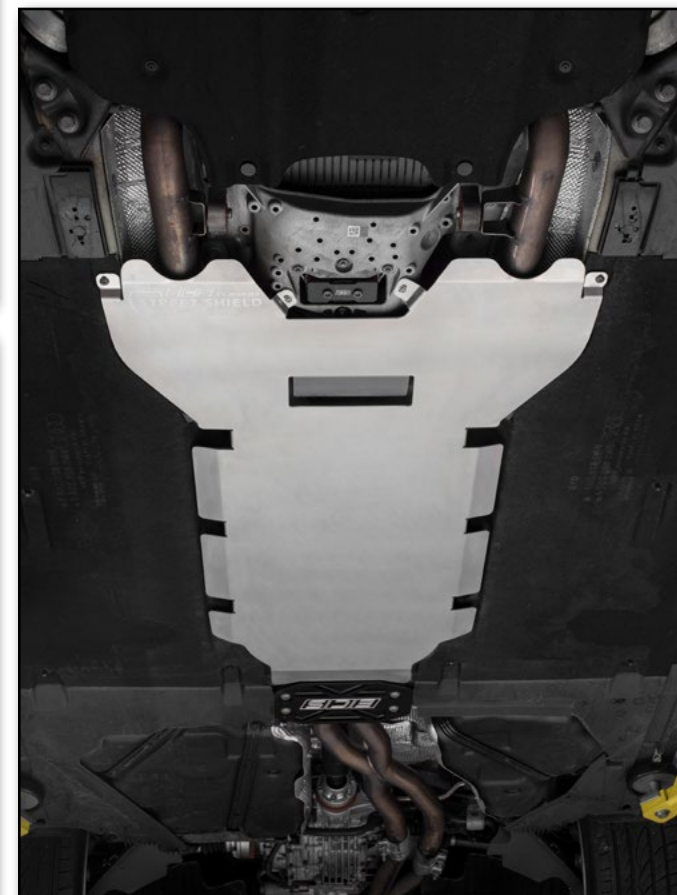
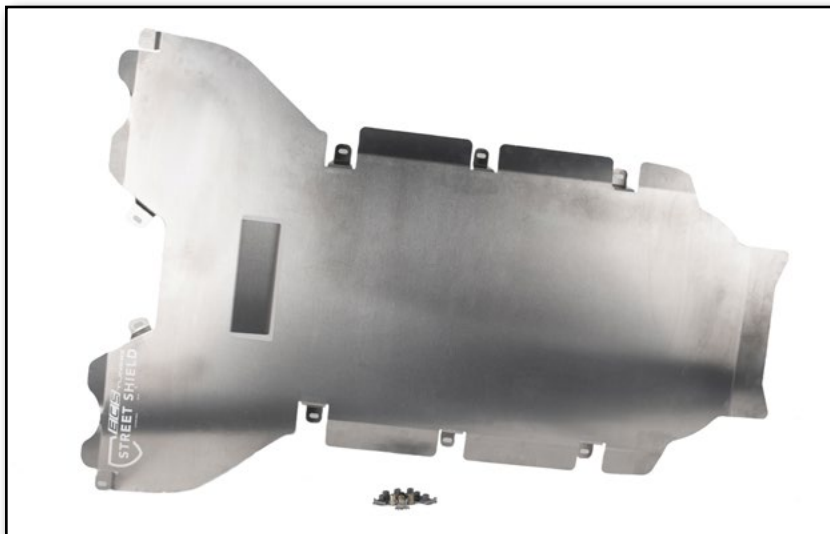


## Audi B9 Tunnel Street Shield Skid Plate Installation Instructions - [ES3610310](#)



**Skill Level 1 - Easy**

**Basic Skills  
Required**

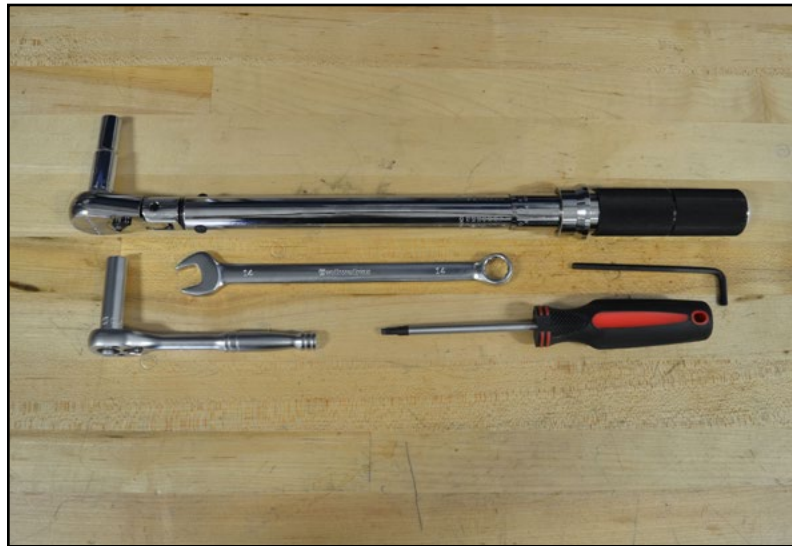


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## INTRODUCTION

### The Project:

Today we're going to install our new Audi B9 Tunnel Street Shield Skid Plate. This skid plate is the perfect compliment to our B9 Engine Street Shield Skid Plate which can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#). We'll be working on our B9 S4, but the installation procedure is the same for the B9 A4 as well. This only requires a few basic tools, and will only take about 30 minutes of your time. We'll be using an automotive lift for this job, but you can do this in your garage or driveway as long as the vehicle is safely supported from below. You'll need to lift the front and back of the vehicle up in order to install the skid plate.



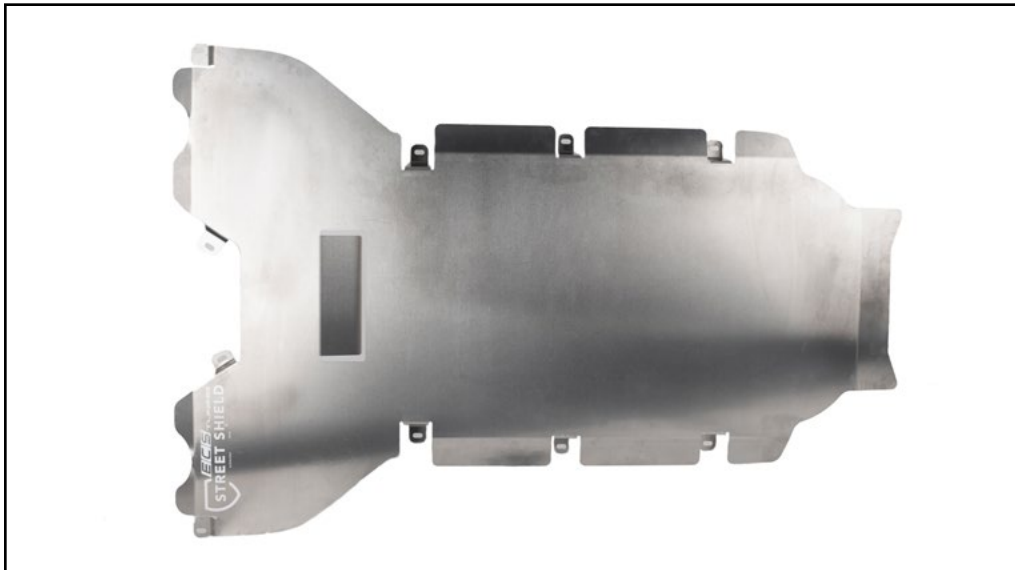
Here are all of the tools you'll need for this job:

1. 1/4" Drive 10mm Socket & Ratchet
2. 3/8" Drive 10mm Socket & Torque Wrench
3. 9/16" Wrench (or crescent wrench)
4. 1/2" Drive 18mm Socket
5. 4mm Hex (Allen) Key
6. Hydraulic Jack and Jack Stands (not shown)
7. Power drill & 25/64" drill bit (not shown)

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B9 Tunnel Street Shield Skid Plate



Hardware Kit

## 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.
- If using an automotive lift, be sure and utilize the factory specified lift points.
- Lifting a vehicle in an incorrect location can cause damage to the suspension/running gear.
- When lifting a vehicle using a jack, always utilize the factory specified lift points.
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- **ALWAYS** support the vehicle with jack stands.
- Always read and follow all safety information and warnings for the equipment you are using.



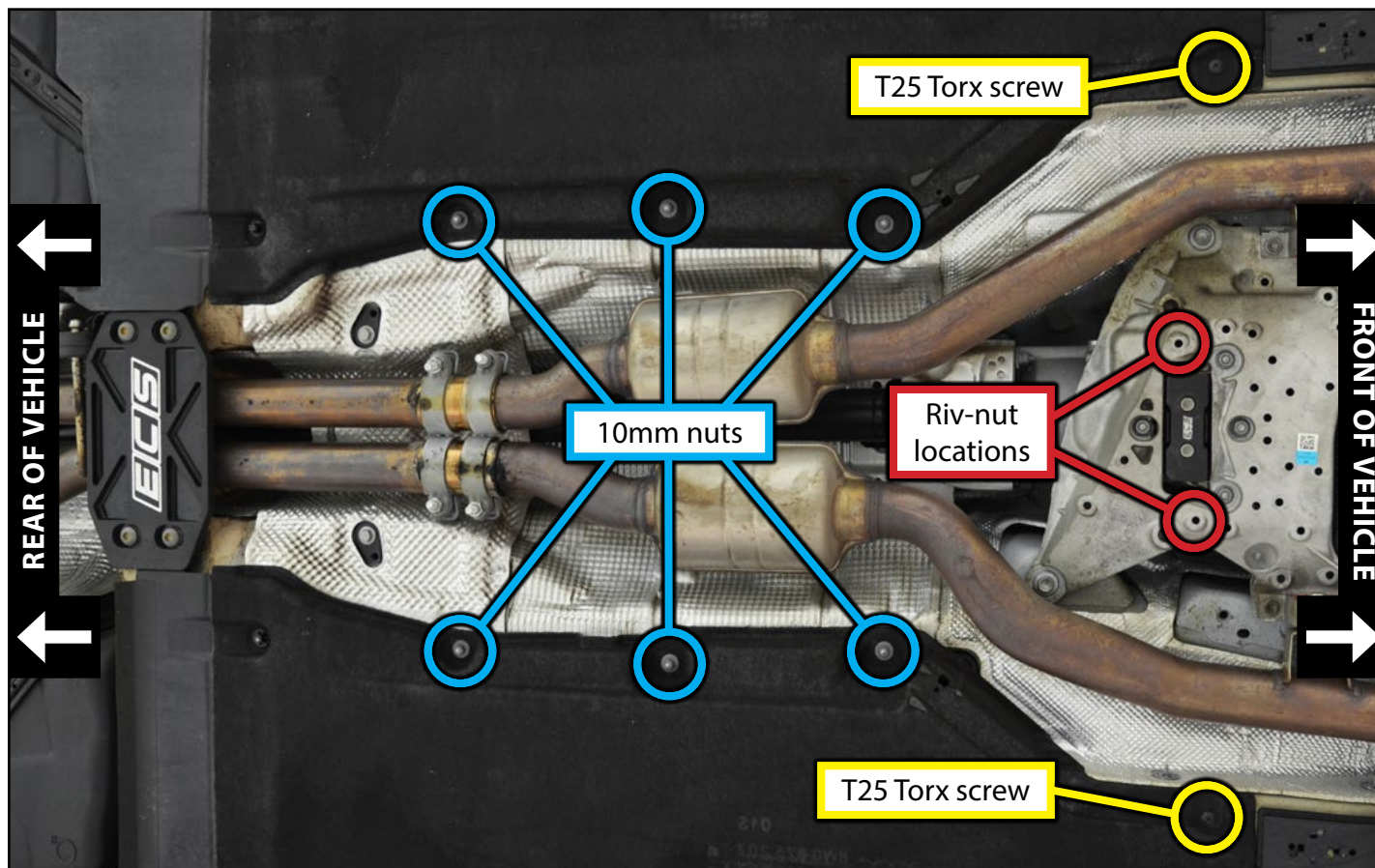
**NEVER** get underneath a vehicle that is supported only by a jack, and **ALWAYS** make sure that the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands.



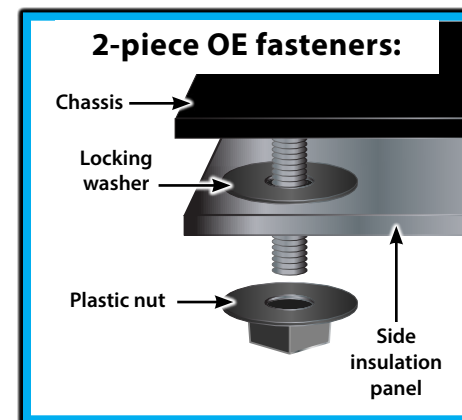
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### Step 1: 10mm Socket & Ratchet, T25 Torx

First, remove the OEM insulation panel under the tunnel (if equipped). Next, remove the six 10mm plastic nuts from the (circled in **BLUE** in the photo below) from the two side insulation panels. Depending on the build date of your vehicle you may find that there are black 2-piece nuts installed in these locations. These fasteners feature a locking washer which rests on top of the OEM insulation panel, make sure you remove that locking washer. Now, remove the two T25 Torx screws (circled in **YELLOW**) and set them aside, you will be reusing them later. Take note of the locations which are circled in **RED** in the photo. These are the locations where we will be installing the riv-nuts on Pages 6-7.



- T25 screw (QTY 2)
- 10mm nut (QTY 6)
- Riv-nut location (QTY 2)

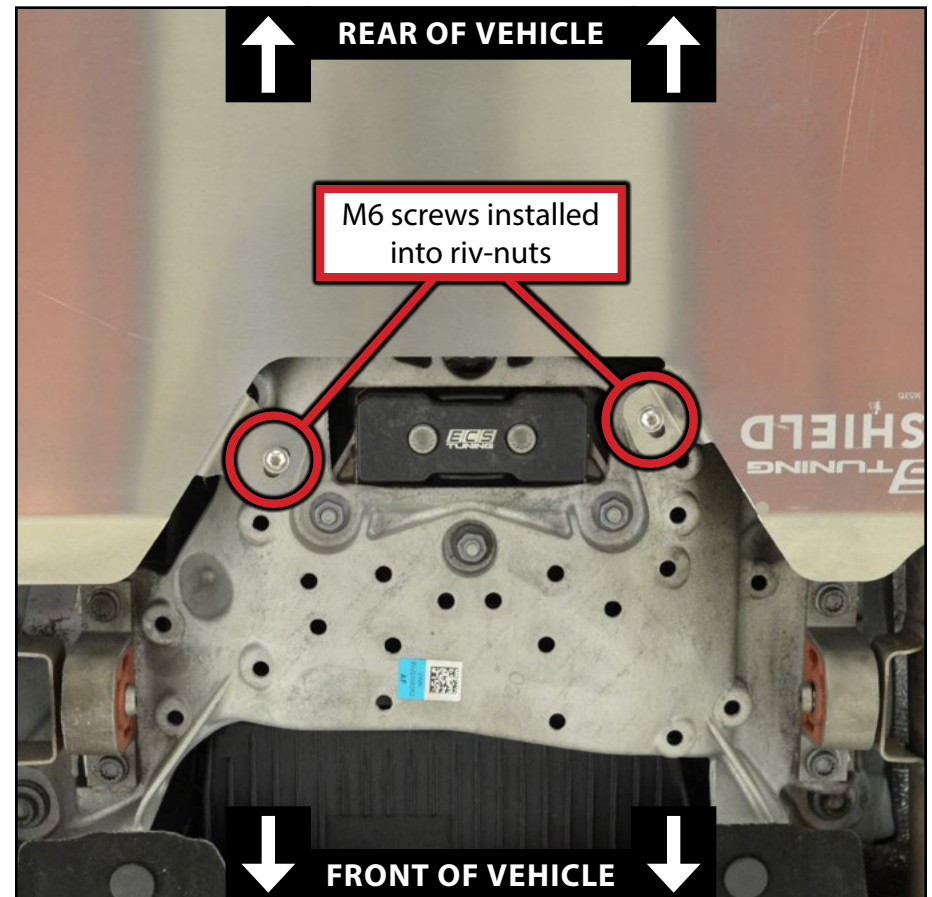
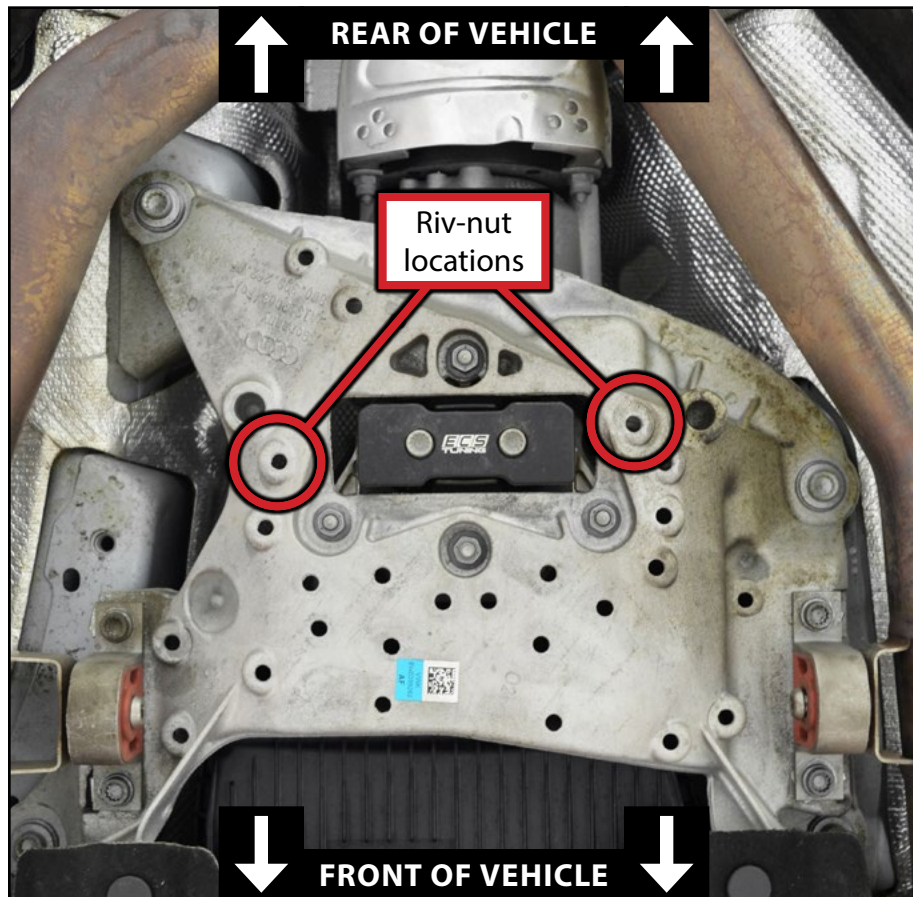


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### Step 2:

Pay close attention to the location of the two mounting holes which are circled in **RED** in the LH photo below. These are the locations where we will be installing the riv-nuts on the following page.

**NOTE:** You can also lift the skid plate into position and identify the mounting holes (shown in the RH photo below).

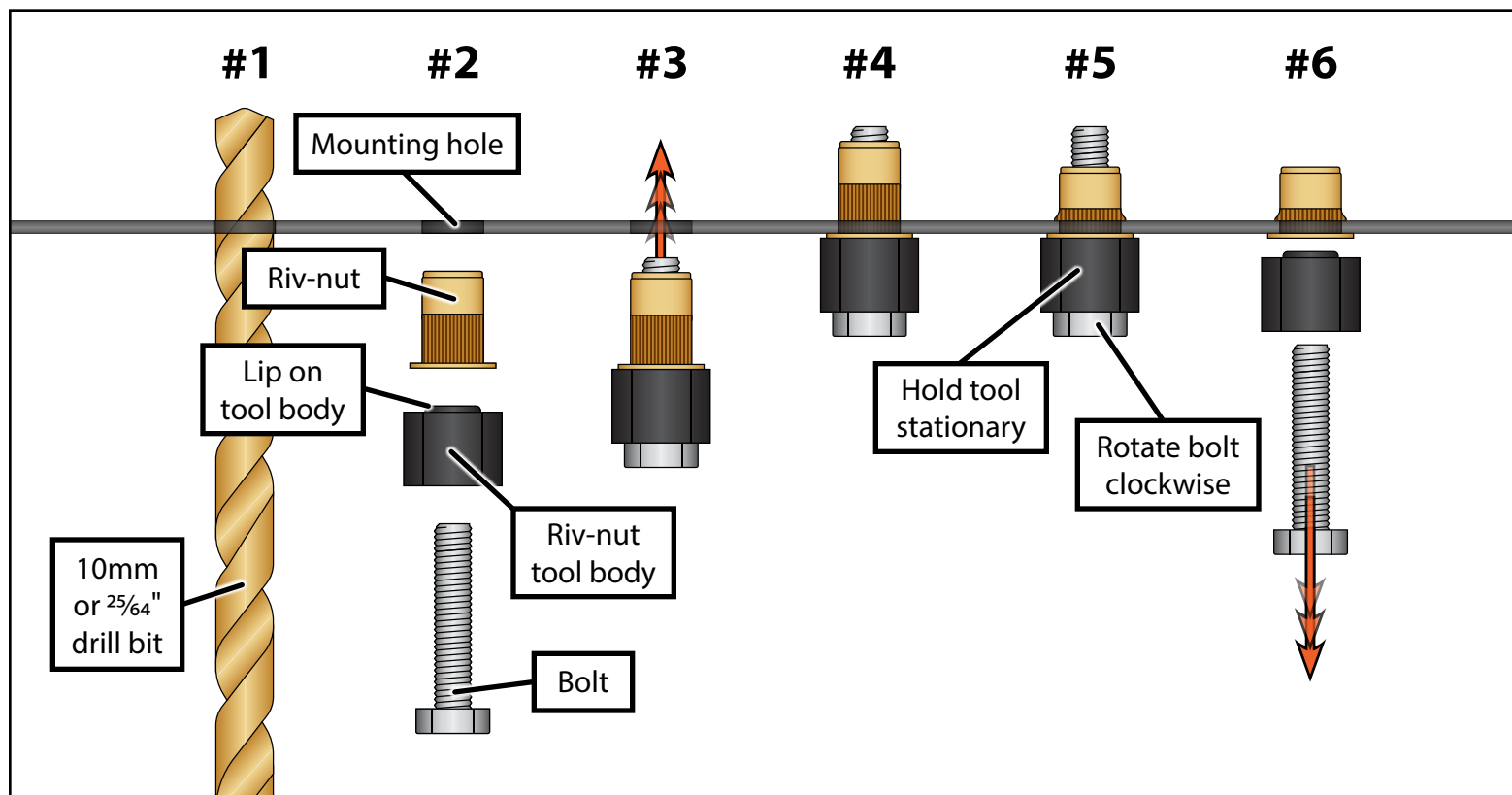


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**Step 3:** 10mm Socket & Torque Wrench,  $\frac{9}{16}$ " Box End Wrench or Crescent Wrench

**NOTE:** The riv-nut tool which is included in this kit will come assembled with an uncoated riv-nut for shipping only. Discard this riv-nut and replace it with one of the new zinc-plated riv-nuts.

Prepare the mounting hole by drilling it out using a 10mm ( $\frac{25}{64}$ " ) drill bit (#1). Be sure to apply paint to the hole after drilling to prevent corrosion. Align the lip on the riv-nut tool body with the flanged side of the riv-nut (#2), then thread the bolt through the tool body and into the riv-nut by hand until it is fully seated (#3). Insert the riv-nut into the mounting hole, making sure that it is fully seated (#4). Next, while holding the tool body stationary with a wrench, rotate the bolt clockwise to expand the riv-nut (#5). Torque the bolt to 15 Nm (11 Ft-lbs), then remove it and repeat this procedure to install the other riv-nut (#6).

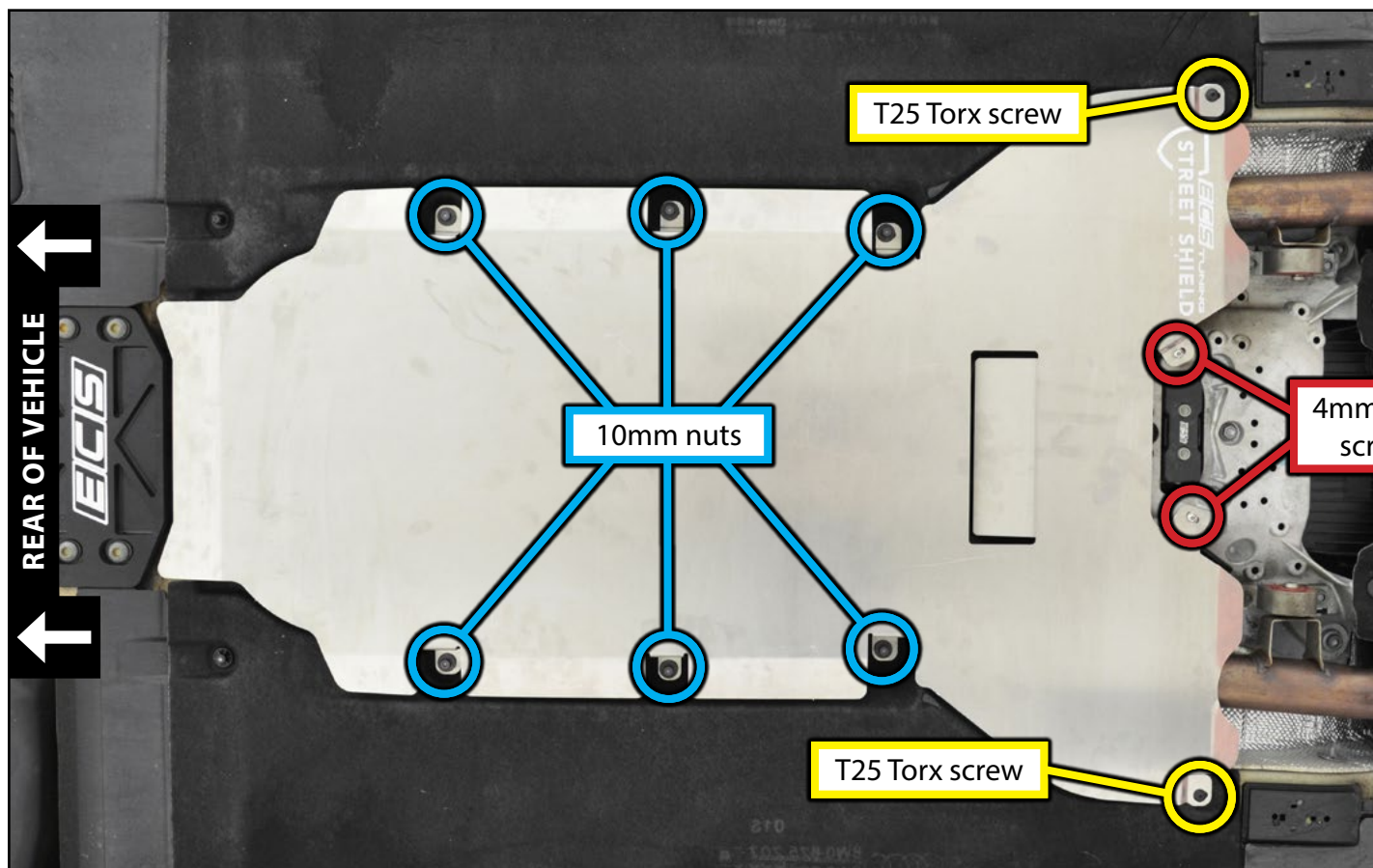




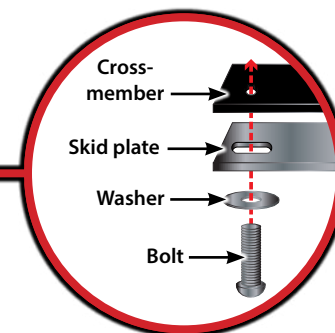
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### Step 4: 10mm Socket & Ratchet, T25 Torx

Lift the skid plate into position while you install all of the fasteners using the photo below and the color guide on the right it as a reference, then hand tighten them.



- T25 screw (QTY 2)
- 10mm nut (QTY 6)
- 4mm Allen screws (QTY 2)





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