

VW MK7 Golf R Carbon Fiber Rear Diffuser Installation Instructions - ES3985143





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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.

Step 1: T15

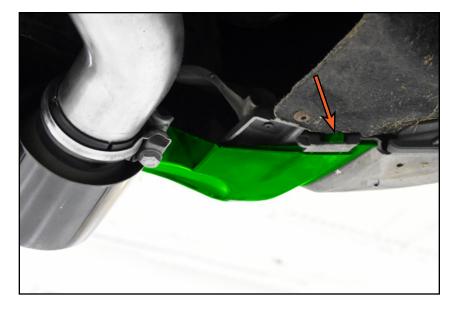
T15 Torx

First, remove the two small T15 torx plastic screws from the rectangle-shaped clips (circled in YELLOW) on the underside of the stock rear valance, then pull down to pop the clips free from the valance.



Step 2:

Pull the corner of the valance (highlighted in **GREEN**) free from the bumper by popping the mounting tab (arrow) free from the bumper on either side.



Step 3:

Firmly pull the valance away from the bumper, starting on the sides and slowly working your way towards the center until it pops free.

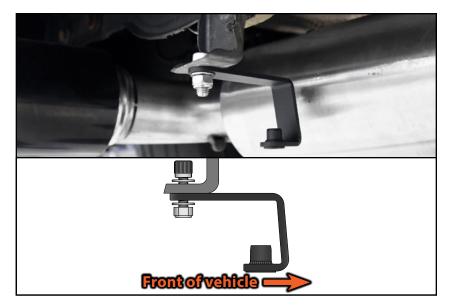


Removing the stock rear valance will take a good bit of force. Place one hand on the rear bumper to brace it, then grip the valance at the first clip and firmly pull back until the clip pops free from the bumper. Repeat this process with each clip until the valance comes free.



Step 4: 6mm Hex (Allen), 13mm Wrench

Install the provided brackets into the two factory mounting brackets, making sure the brackets face towards the front of vehicle as shown in the illustration on the bottom.



Step 5:

Peel 1-2 inches of backing off of the double sided tape and fold it over to the side as shown. The goal here is to "dog ear" the backing strip so we can still pull it out even after the diffuser is installed into the bumper.



Step 6:

Carefully lift the new carbon fiber diffuser into place and gently push inward to pop the mounting clips into the bumper, holding it in place.

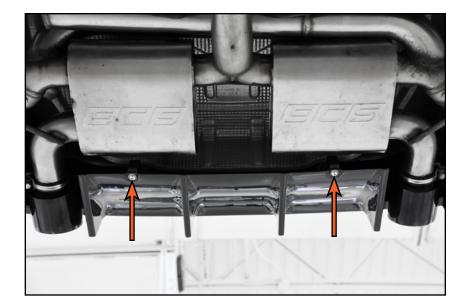


Step 7: 6mm Hex (Allen)

Install the two mounting bolts (arrows) through the diffuser and into the mounting brackets as shown and tighten until snug.



Be careful not to over tighten the bolts. Over tightening the bolts can crack the carbon fiber.

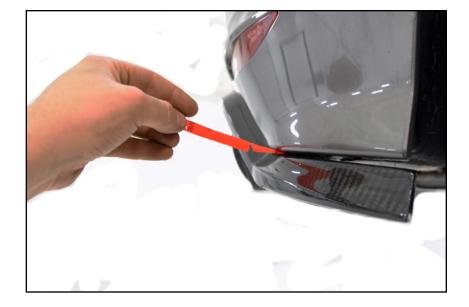


Step 8:

Push upward on the diffuser to hold it in place while slowly pulling the backing strip out.



Take your time here, a little patience can help you to avoid accidentally tearing the backing strip, or causing the double sided tape to not fully adhere to the vehicle.



Step 9: T25

T25 Torx

Secure the sides of the diffuser to the bumper using three of the supplied self-tapping screws on either side.



The holes in the bottom of the diffuser are only meant to be large enough to allow a torx screwdriver to pass through. Hold the screw in place and slide the screwdriver up through the hole and tighten the screw until snug.



Step 10:

Carefully remove any smudges, residue, or fingerprints from the carbon fiber using a clean microfiber cloth and quick detailing spray.

To help keep your diffuser looking like new, we highly recommend investing in a carbon fiber cleaning and care kit (<u>ES2914954</u>). Each kit includes everything you need to maintain the gloss coat to prevent fading and clouding, ensuring that your diffuser keeps looking sharp for years to come.

Congratulations, your installation is complete!



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