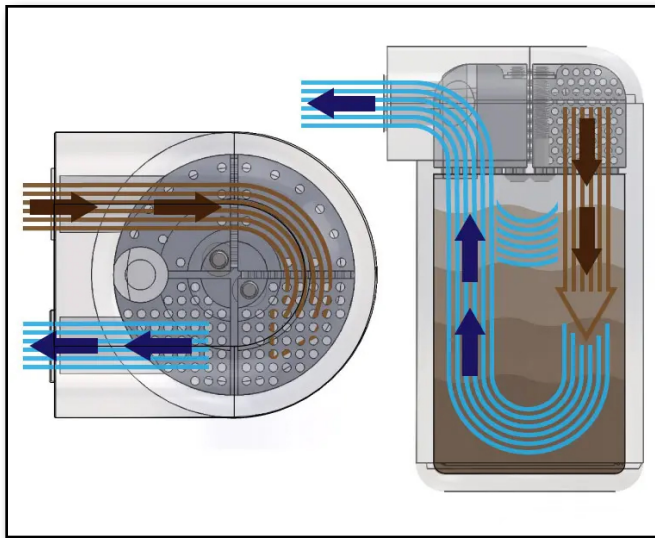
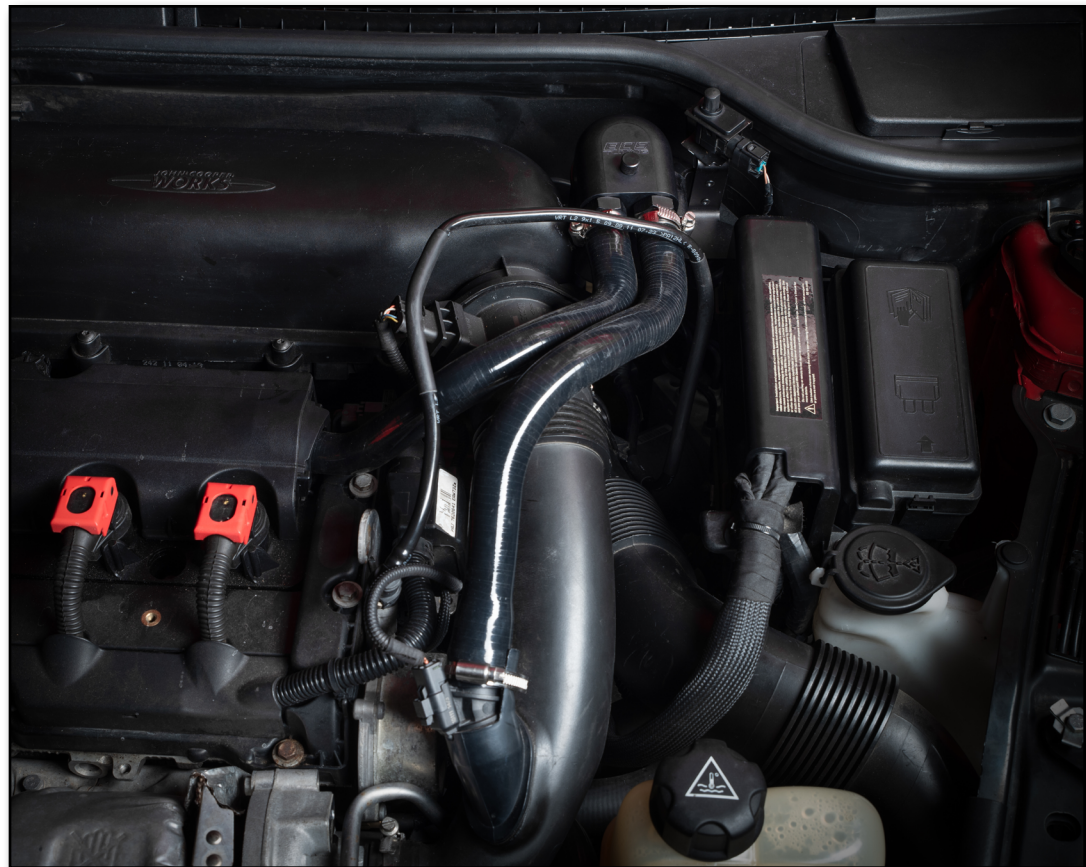




Mini R56-R59 M2 N12/N14 Catch Can System Installation Instructions



Proper service and repair procedures are vital to the safe, reliable operation of all motor vehicles as well as the personal safety of those performing the repairs. Standard safety procedures and precautions (including use of safety goggles and proper tools and equipment) should be followed at all times to eliminate the possibility of personal injury or improper service which could damage the vehicle or compromise its safety.

INTRODUCTION

ECS Tuning Mini R56-R59 N12/N14 Catch Can System

Our Catch Can System offers the following features:

- Constructed of strong and lightweight 6061-T6 billet aluminum
- Black anodized for corrosion resistance
- In-house designed and engineered
- Easy installation thanks to a chassis specific mounting bracket
- All mounting hardware included
- Vehicle specific silicone feed and return hoses
- Includes a dipstick to check content level
- An optional drain system can be added for easy evacuation of collected oil from below the vehicle (sold separately)
- Fully serviceable

ECS Difficulty Gauge



1 - Easy

2 - Moderate

Pro - 4

Advanced - 3

Excess oil coating the inside of the intake from the crank vent system on your Mini will lead to excessive deposits and carbon build up on the back of the intake valves, resulting in power loss and poor driveability. Stop the problem from developing and prevent expensive repairs by installing our ECS Tuning catch can system. These systems utilize a mounting bracket, silicone hoses and hardware which are all specific for Mini R56-R59 N12/N14 for a simple, straight-forward install.

Thank you for purchasing our Catch Can Kit, we appreciate your business!

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KIT CONTENTS



Catch Can Reservoir (QTY 1)
(Includes a 1/4" Allen Key for drain installation)



Baffled Separator (QTY 1)
2.5mm Allen Key (QTY 1)
Dipstick (QTY 1)



Silicone Hose Set (QTY 1)



Mounting Bracket (QTY 1)
Hardware (QTY 5)



16-27mm Hose Clamp (QTY 3)



20-32mm Hose Clamp (QTY 1)



-10AN ORB X 3/4" Hose Fitting (QTY 2)

*F87 silicone hoses and bracket are also available, their appearance differs slightly.

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

- **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
- **Adjustable (Crescent) Type Wrenches**
- Punch and Chisel Set
- **Hex Bit (Allen) Wrenches and Sockets** [ES#11420](#)
- Thread Repair Tools [ES#1306824](#)
- **Open/Boxed End Wrench Set**..... [ES#2765907](#)

Available On Our Website

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.

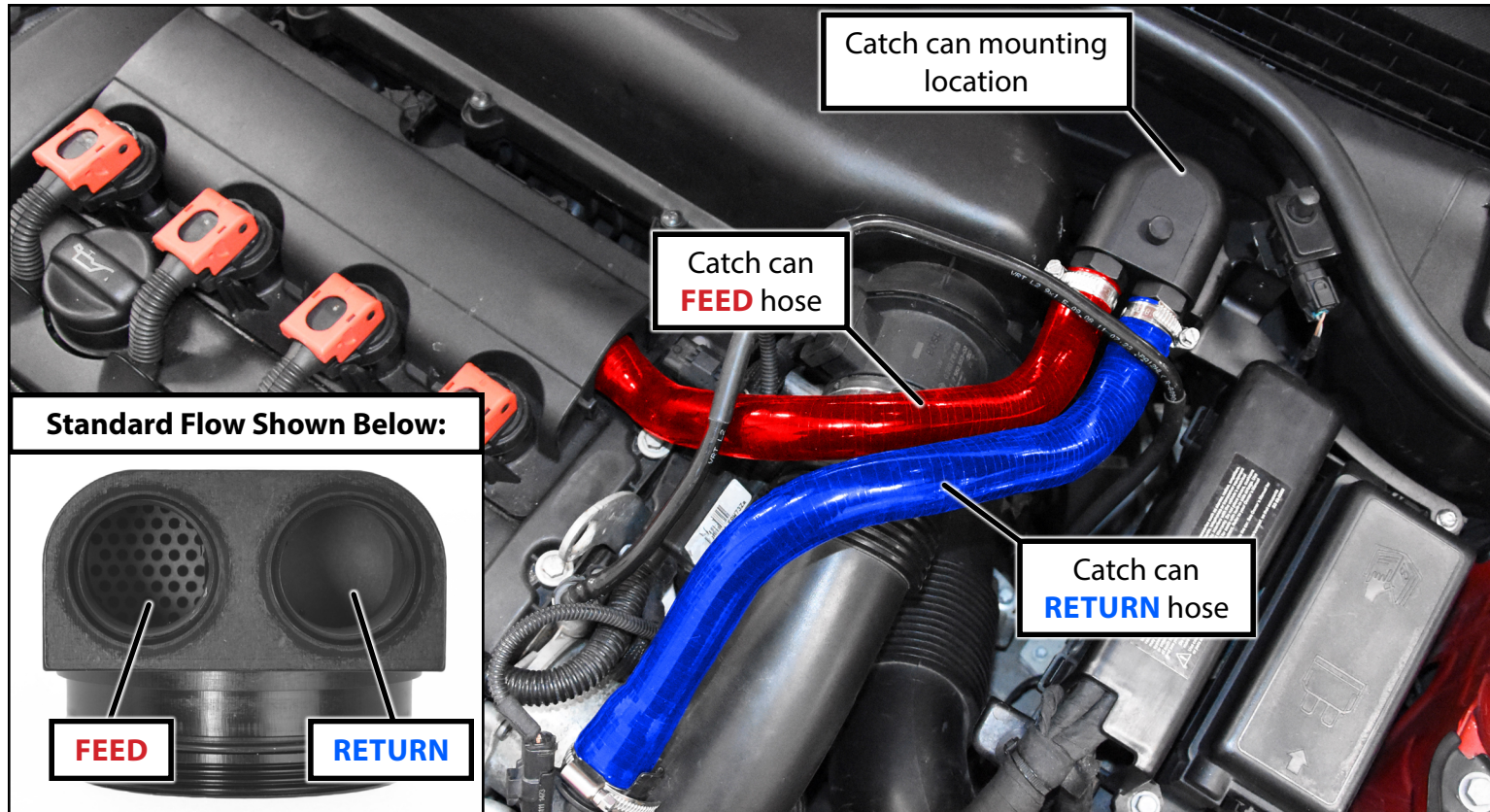


NEVER get underneath a vehicle that is supported only by a jack, and **ALWAYS** make sure that the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands.

INSTALLING THE CATCH CAN SYSTEM

Here is an overview of the engine compartment. As you can see, the catch can will be mounted on the LH (driver's) side. Once we remove the stock crankcase vent tube, we will install the catch can and bracket, install the new silicone hoses, and clamp everything together.

Take a look at the photo below and familiarize yourself with the mounting location and hose routing for this system. It's important to note that the catch can system needs to be setup in **STANDARD FLOW**. Be sure to confirm that your catch can is set up for standard flow **BEFORE** connecting the hoses (see inset photo below).



INSTALLING THE CATCH CAN SYSTEM

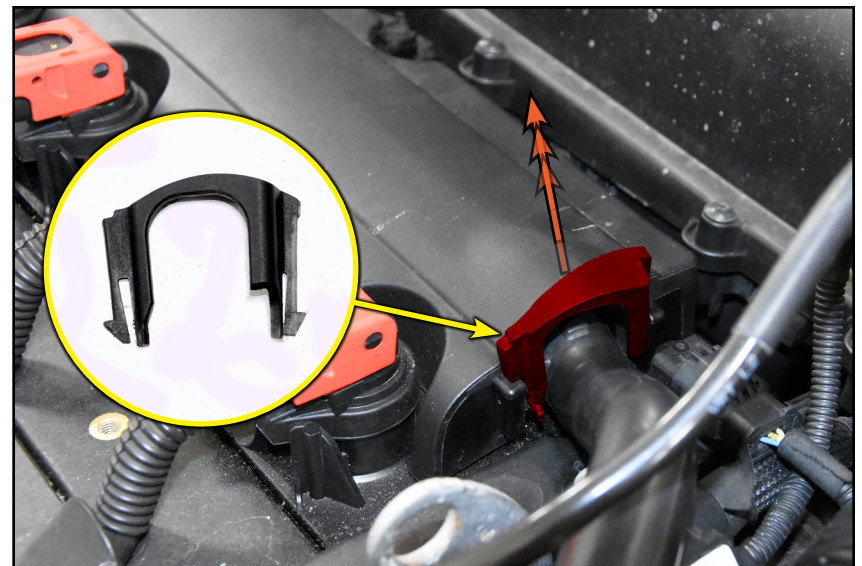
Step 1: Razor Blade

Using a razor blade, cut the plastic cable tie (highlighted in **RED**) which secures the crankcase vent tube to the intake pipe.



Step 2: Pick-or- Flat Head Screwdriver

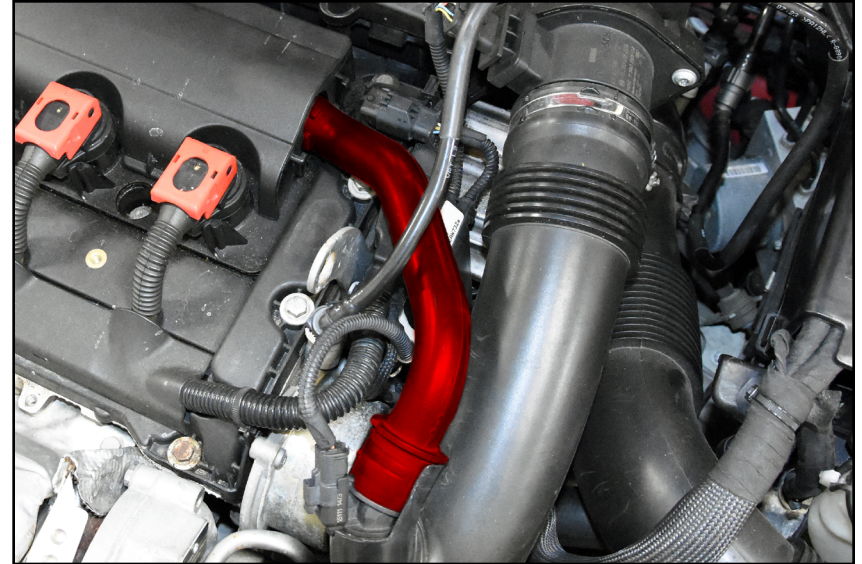
Gently pry inward on the two side tabs of the retaining clip (highlighted in **RED**) which secures the crankcase vent tube to the flange on the valve cover.



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Step 3:

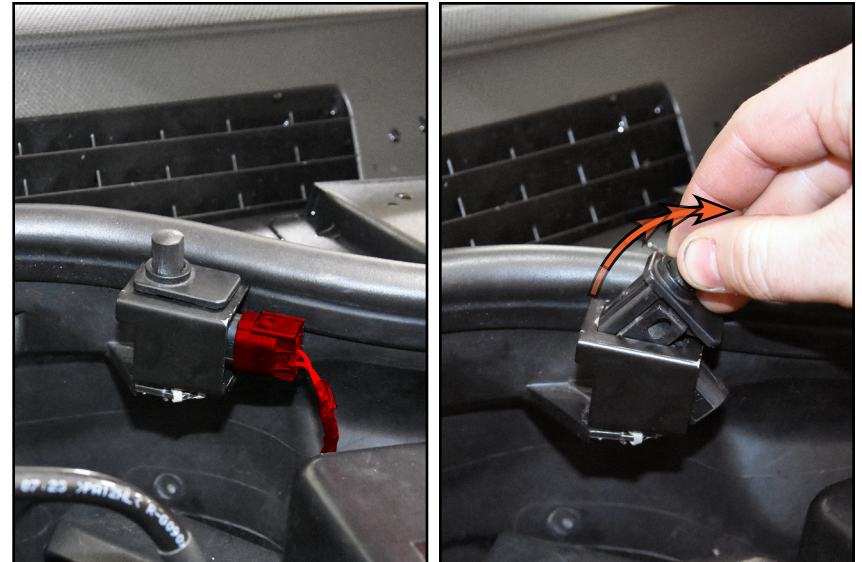
Pull the crankcase vent tube (highlighted in **RED**) out from the vehicle.



Step 4:

Depress the two retaining tabs on the hood sensor connector (highlighted in **RED**) and remove it.

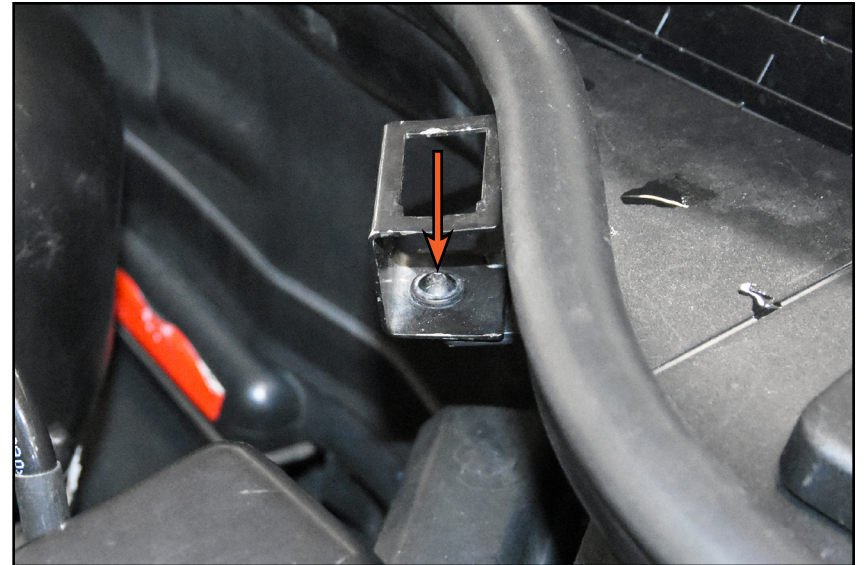
Depress the tabs on either side of the sensor, then rotate it out of the mounting bracket and set it aside.



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Step 5: T25 Torx

Remove the screw (arrow) which secures the sensor bracket to the vehicle. Set the bracket aside.



Step 6:

Remove the clip nut (arrow) for the sensor bracket.



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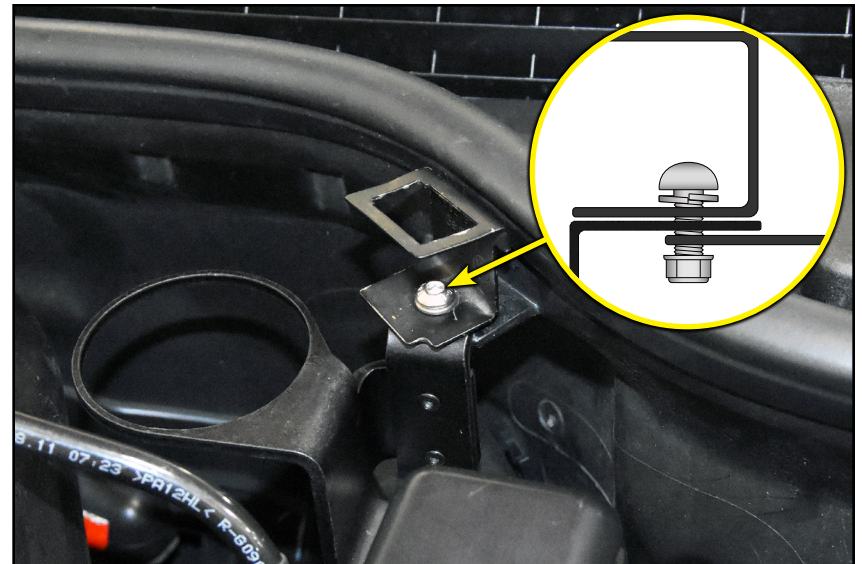
Step 7: 10mm Socket & Ratchet, 5mm Hex (Allen)

Remove the 10mm bolt located behind the fuse box cover (not shown). Slide the catch can mounting bracket into place as shown, then install the supplied M6 screw and flat washer (arrow) in the bolt's place.



Step 8:

Place the hood sensor bracket onto the catch can mounting bracket and secure it to the vehicle with the supplied M6 screw, split-washer, and nut (as shown in the inset illustration).



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Step 9:

Reinstall the hood sensor into the bracket and connect the wiring harness (highlighted in **GREEN**).

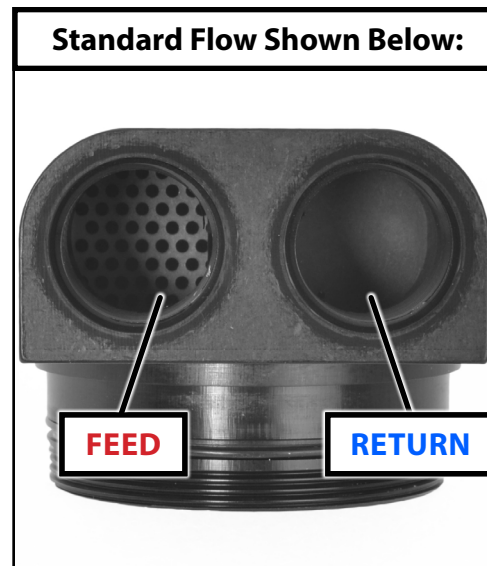


Step 10: 25mm Wrench

If you haven't done so already, now is the time to confirm that the catch can is set up for **STANDARD FLOW** (shown in the LH photo). Thread the hose fittings into the catch can separator and tighten them.



If your catch can is not set up for **STANDARD FLOW**, please click [HERE](#) to jump ahead to our instructions on reversing the flow of your catch can.



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Step 11:

Install the catch can into the bracket by doing the following:

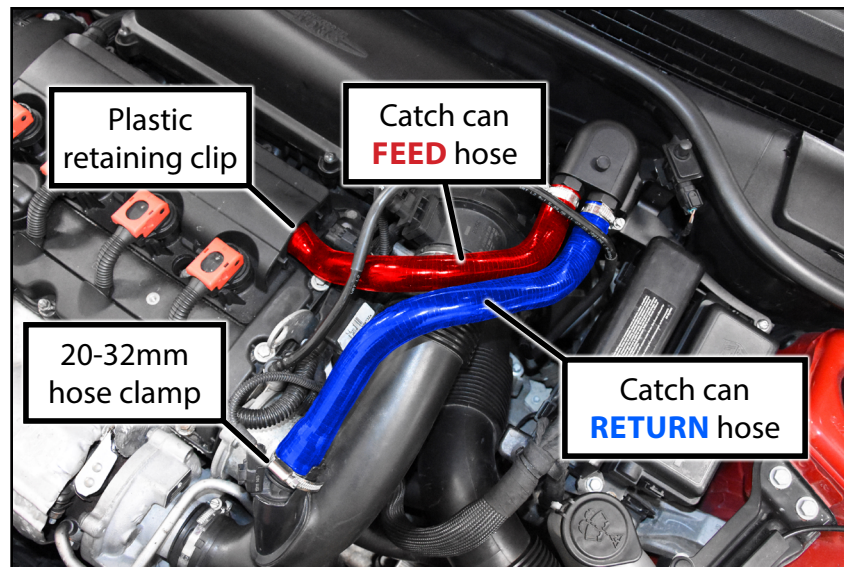
- Remove the dip stick from the catch can separator.
- Unthread the catch can reservoir **and** remove the O-ring from the catch can separator.
- Lubricate the O-ring with clean engine oil, then install it into the groove in the separator.
- Slide the separator into the mounting bracket on the vehicle.
- Thread the reservoir back onto the separator to lock the catch can into the bracket.
- Reinstall the dipstick into the separator.



Step 12: 25mm Wrench

Install the new silicone catch can hoses. The **FEED** hose slides onto the flange on the valve cover and the **RETURN** hose connects to the flange on the intake pipe. Install the supplied 20mm-32mm clamp on the return hose but leave it loose enough to allow for adjustment, then do the following:

- Slide the two remaining hose clamps onto the silicone hoses, then slide the hoses onto the fittings in the catch can separator.
- Adjust the orientation of the catch can and hoses as needed, then tighten down all of the hose clamps.
- Reinstall the plastic retaining clip to secure the feed hose to the valve cover flange.



CATCH CAN DRAIN SYSTEM COMPONENTS



36" Section of 1/4" ID Hose (QTY 1)



1/4" Shut Off Valve (QTY 1)
3/8" Clamps (QTY 2)



3/32" to 5/8" Clamp (QTY 1)



1/4" Hose x 1/4" Male NPT Brass Hose Barb
(QTY 1)



1/4" Hose x 1/4" Male NPT 90° Brass Hose Barb
(QTY 1)

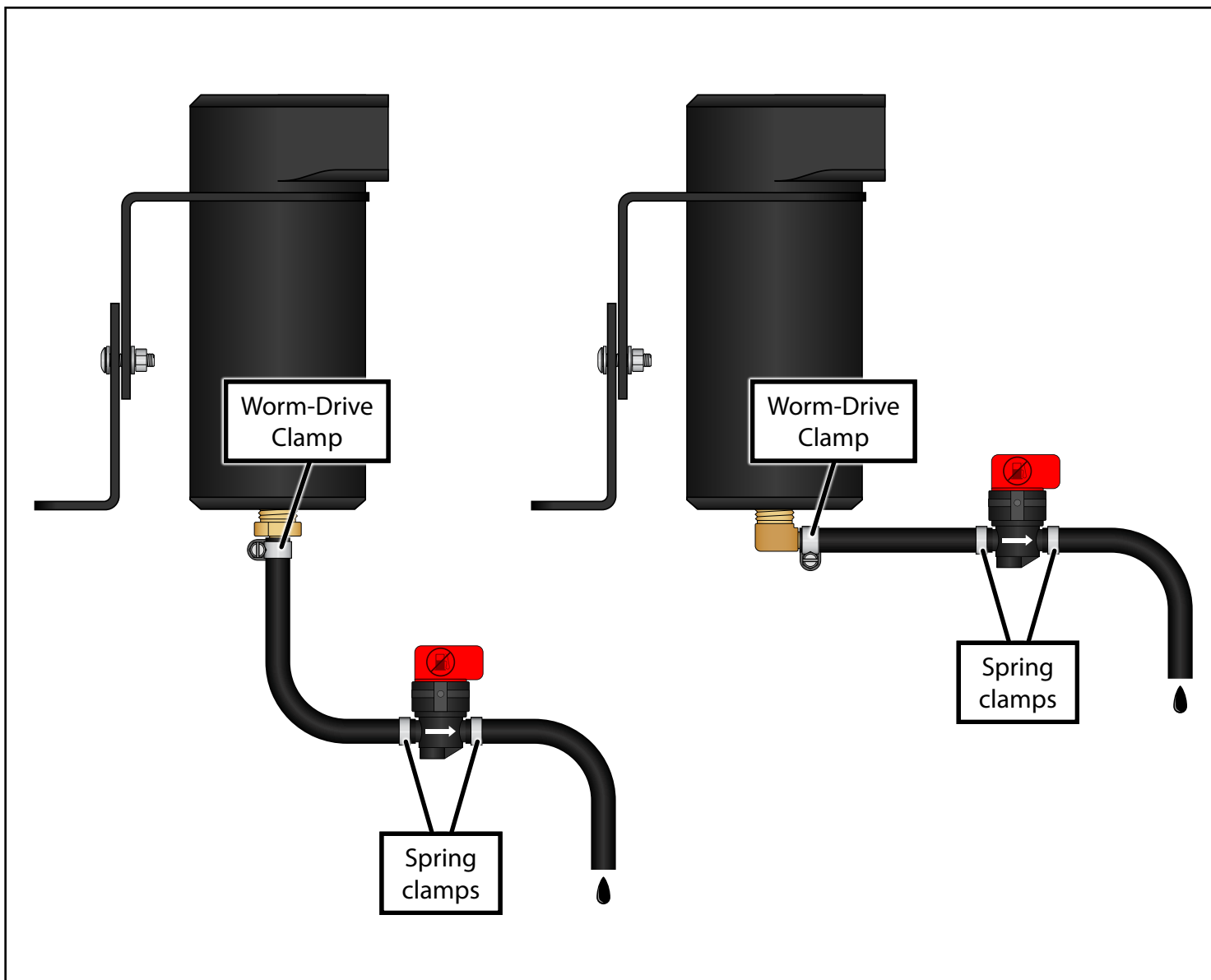
CATCH CAN DRAIN SYSTEM INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Step 1:

Let's take a moment and look at the catch can drain system, the diagram on the right shows two different system configurations.

This system has been designed with flexibility in mind, YOU get to choose where you want the drain valve to be located in the vehicle. You want the valve mounted up high so you can drain the system from under the hood? No problem! You want to route the hose down to the bottom side near the oil pan for easy access during oil changes? You got it!

Reference the diagram on the right and familiarize yourself with the overall system layout, then proceed to the next page.



CATCH CAN DRAIN SYSTEM INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Step 2:

All of our catch cans feature a 1/4" NPT black zinc plated brass plug in the bottom of the can, you can easily remove this plug with the included 1/4" allen key.

You will need to select one of the two 1/4" NPT to 1/4" brass hose barb fittings; one is straight, while the other has a 90° bend. Select the fitting which allows you to route the drain hose to wherever you want to access it from in the vehicle.

Apply thread sealant to the threads on one of the two 1/4" NPT to 1/4" brass hose barb fittings, then install the new fitting in place of the plug we removed earlier.

Route the hose to your desired location, securing it along the way, then attach the drain valve and tighten all of the clamps.



Use an appropriately sized wrench to turn the hose barb fitting into the catch can, stop once it is snug.



Your catch can drain installation is complete!

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

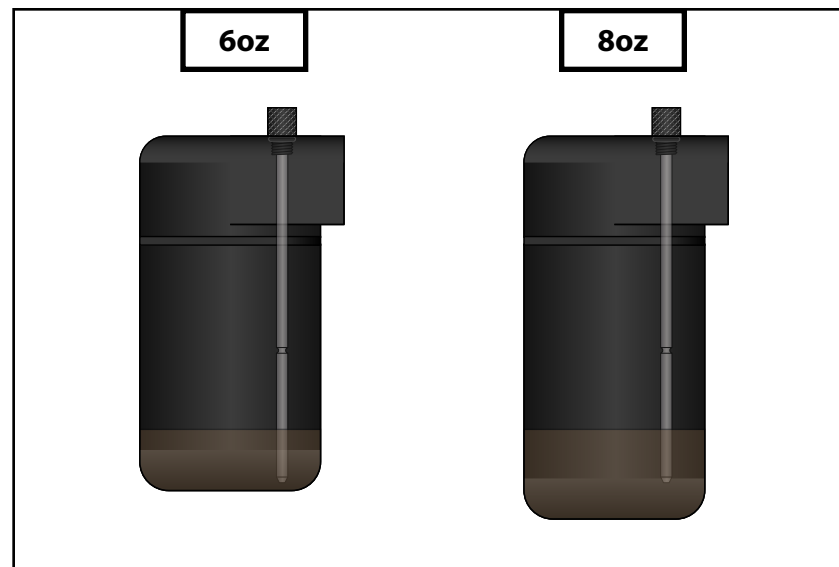
Step 1:

We recommend that you check the level of the waste in your catch can on a regular basis. Start with once a week until you determine the amount of time it takes your car to fill the reservoir.

Note that if you have the 8oz reservoir the dipstick will not reach all the way to the bottom. When you begin to see waste register on the dipstick you will already have some buildup in the bottom.

The dipstick reaches the bottom on the 6oz reservoir, waste will register on the dipstick as soon as it begins to collect.

Empty and clean either reservoir when the waste registers approximately 2" up on the dipstick.

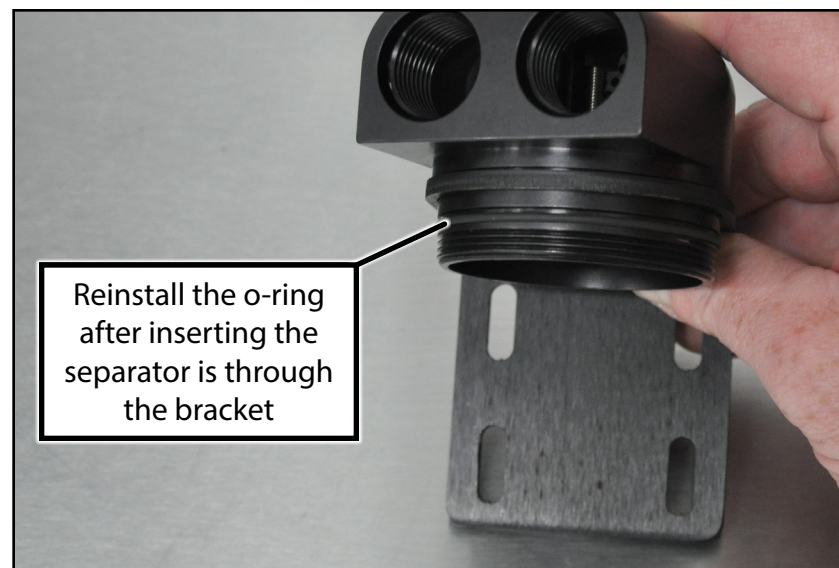


Step 2:

About twice a year, we recommend that you remove the separator for cleaning. To remove it, remove the hoses and the reservoir. Remember to remove the o-ring seal, then lift the separator out of the bracket.



If the o-ring seal needs to be replaced, it is available as a replacement part on our website: [ES#3097721](#).



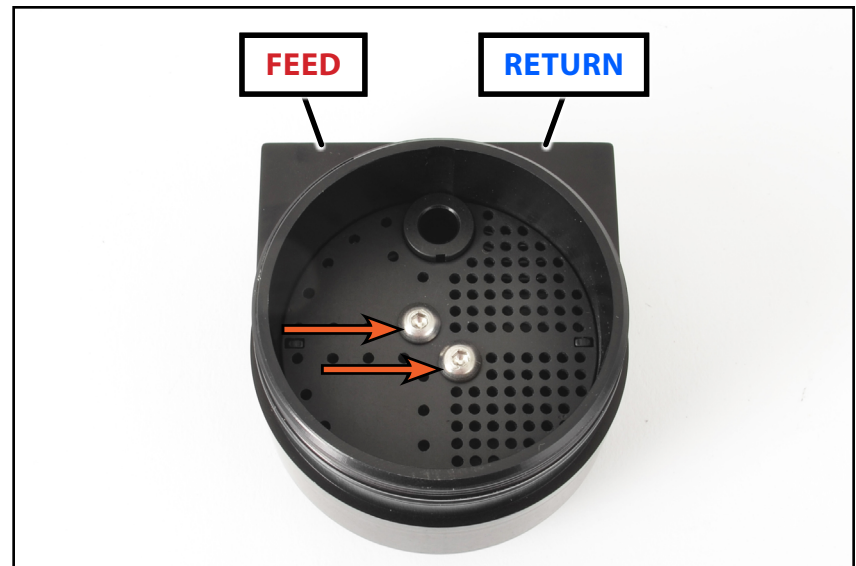
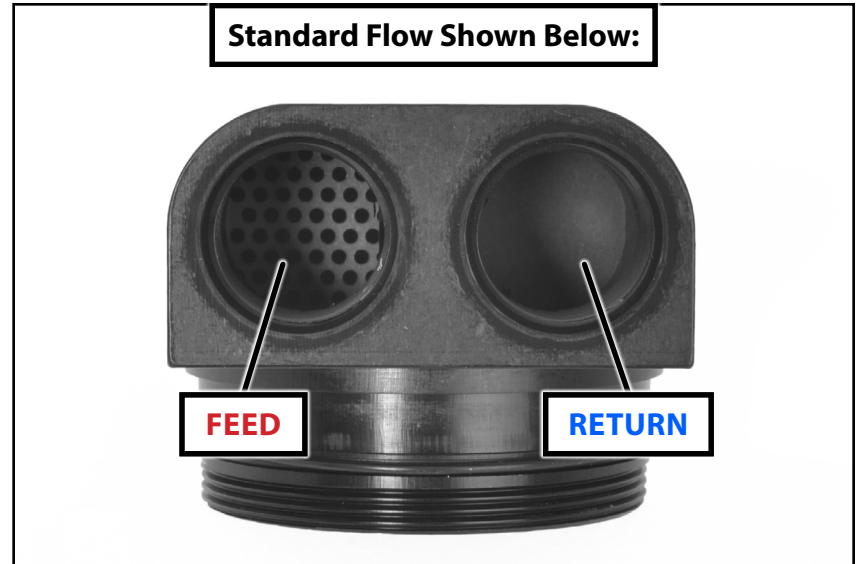
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Step 3:

Once you have removed the separator, note the orientation of the baffle inside. The feed side of the separator has a number of small holes in it, the return side looks like a flat plate.

Step 4:

Using the 2.5mm allen wrench included with the kit, remove the two baffle plate screws.



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Step 5:

Lift the baffle plate out of the separator housing.



Step 6:

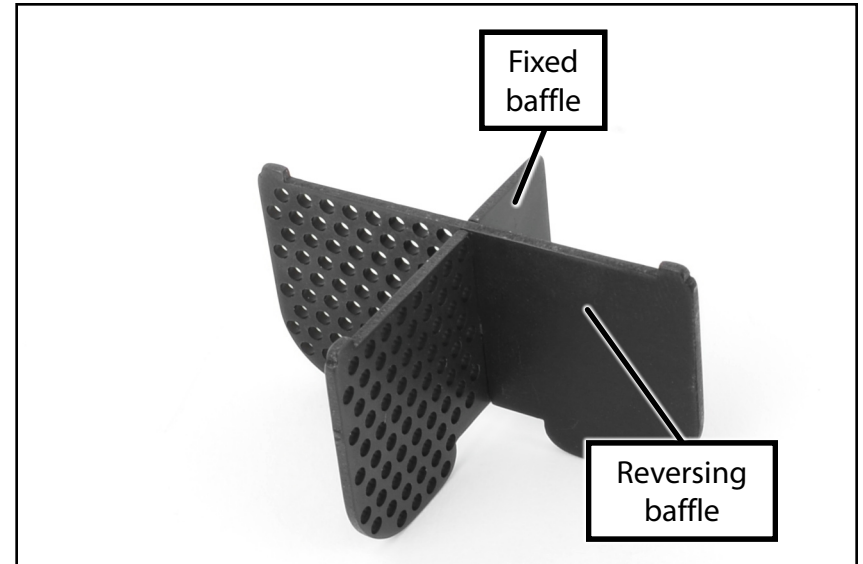
Lift the remaining baffles out of the separator housing.



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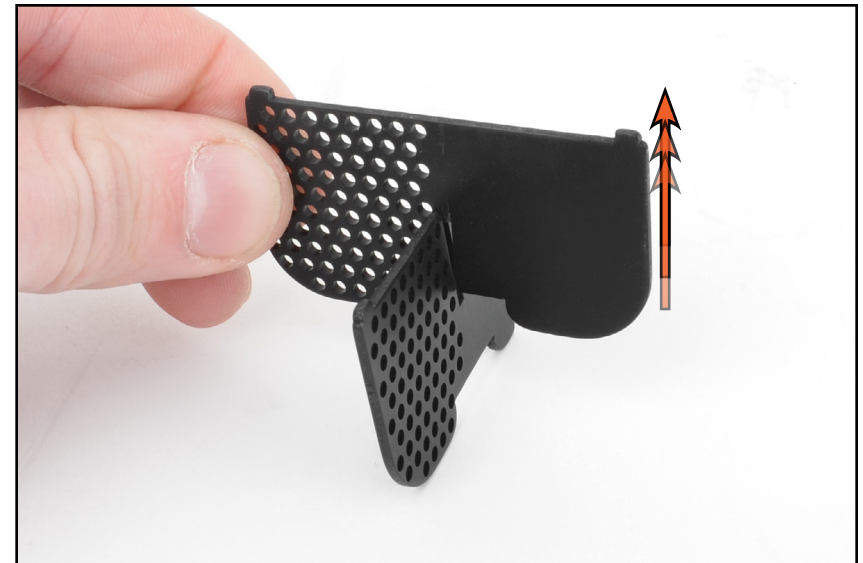
Step 7:

Note the positions of the fixed baffle and the reversing baffle.



Step 8:

Slide the two baffles apart.



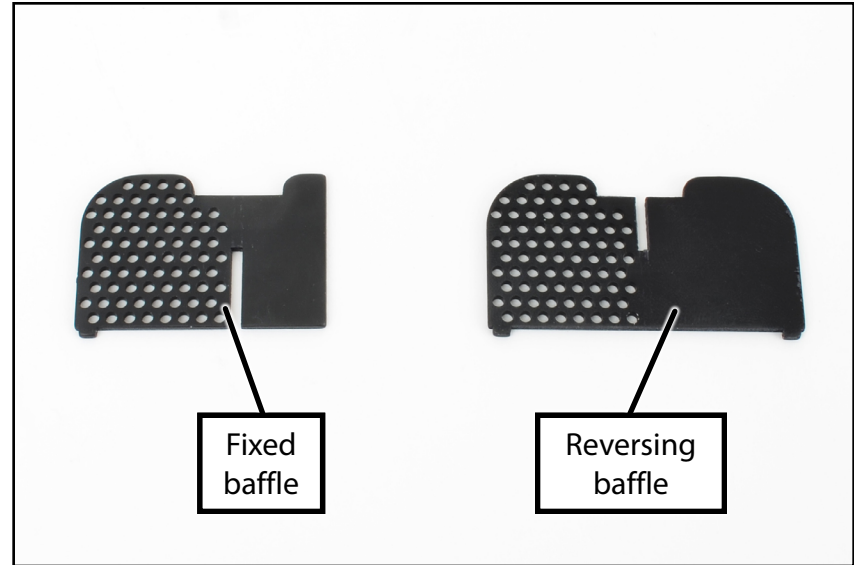
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Step 9:

Clean the separator baffles, housing, and reservoir, using any mild cleanser or solvent. Note in the picture on the right that the fixed baffle is shorter than the reversing baffle.

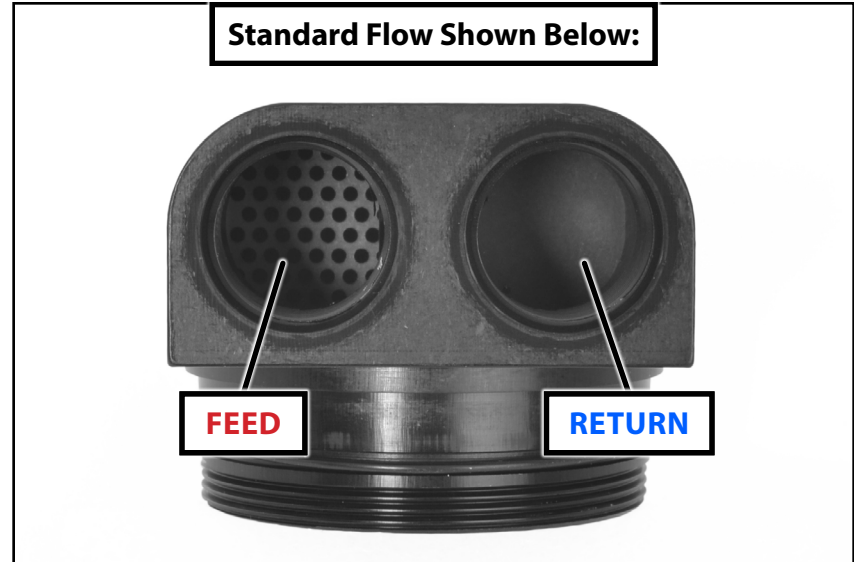


Any mild cleanser or solvent can be used to clean the catch can, however we recommend that you test all cleansers on an inconspicuous area inside the reservoir to check for discoloration before you clean the outside surfaces.



Step 10:

Reassemble the baffles into the separator housing and make sure that the baffles have not been reversed and the feed and return sides are positioned correctly. Reference step 4 in this section to make sure it is properly installed.



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE - COLD WEATHER

COLD TEMPERATURE WARNING



In cold temperatures, the crank vent system will generate a much greater amount of moisture which can present a risk of freezing.

When the temperature outside approaches freezing, your catch can should be cleaned on a weekly basis to prevent freeze up of the crank vent system and damage to engine seals.

When the temperature drops below freezing, we recommend reinstalling your original crank vent system components to prevent freeze up of the crank vent system and damage to engine seals.

REVERSING THE FLOW OF THE CATCH CAN

Step 1:

You can reverse the flow of your catch can in order to create the best mounting location and hose routing for your application. To begin, look into the separator and identify where the feed and return sides are oriented from when the catch can was originally assembled. The feed side of the separator has a number of small holes in it, the return side looks like a flat plate.

Step 2:

Using the 2.5mm allen wrench included with the separator, remove the two baffle plate screws (arrows).

Reverse Flow Shown Below:



RETURN

FEED



REVERSING THE FLOW OF THE CATCH CAN

Step 3:

Lift the baffle plate out of the separator housing.



Step 4:

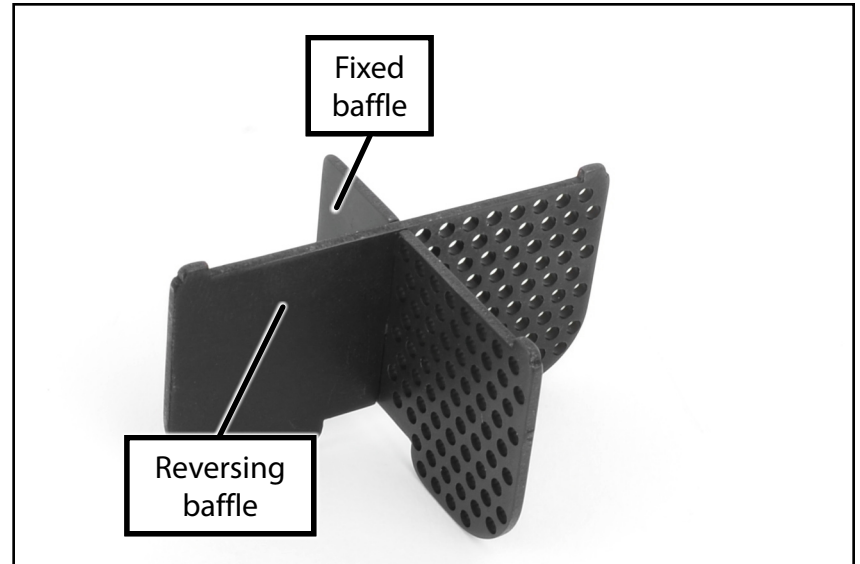
Lift the remaining baffles out of the separator housing. Note the position of the inlet screen on the reversing baffle (arrow).



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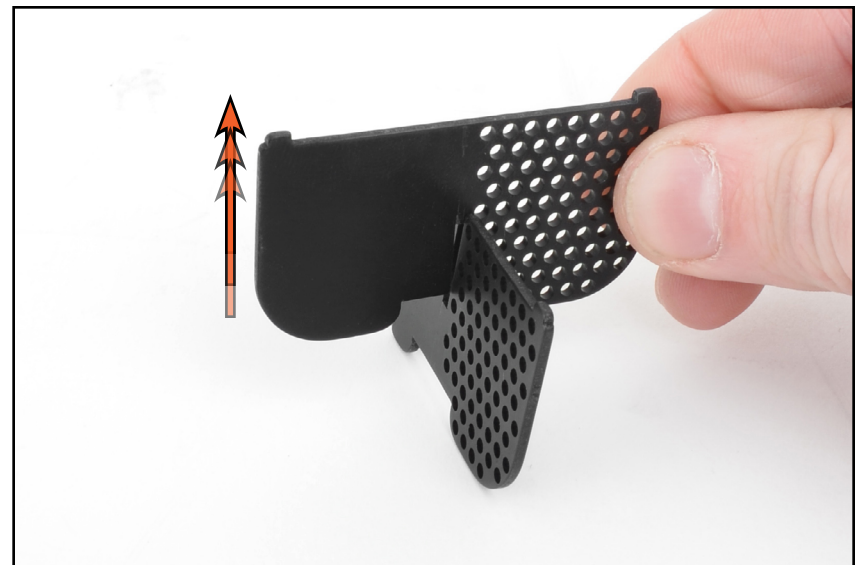
Step 5:

Note the positions of the fixed baffle and the reversing baffle.



Step 6:

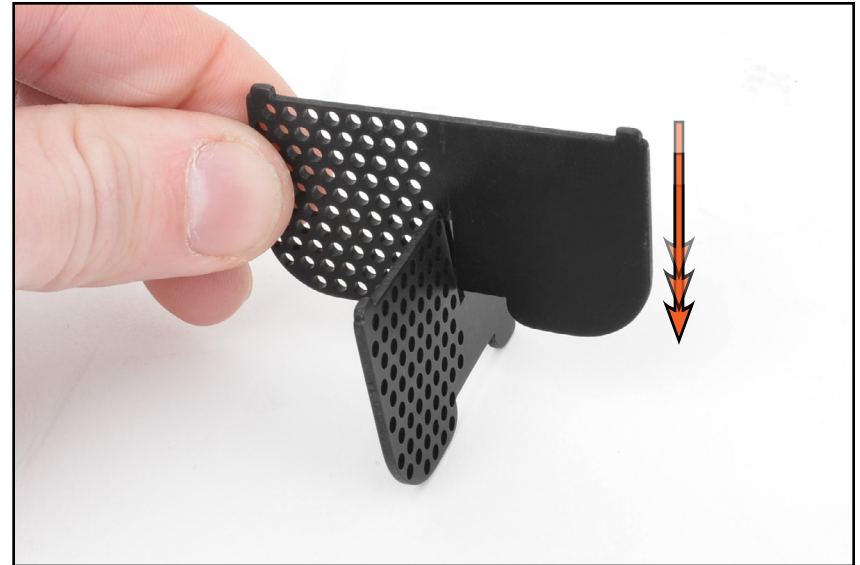
Slide the two baffles apart.



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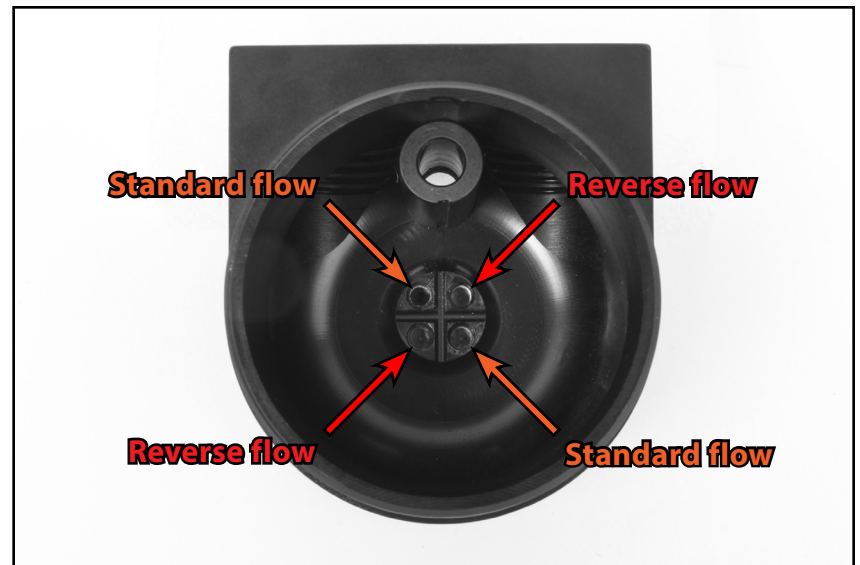
Step 7:

Flip the reversing baffle and slide it back onto the fixed baffle.



Step 8:

Inspect the inside of the separator housing. You will see that there are two sets of threaded holes for the baffle plate screws. When you reverse the flow, you will use the opposite holes when reinstalling the baffle plate screws.



REVERSING THE FLOW OF THE CATCH CAN

Step 9:

Reinstall the baffles into the separator housing. Note that the inlet screen on the reversing baffle should now be located on the opposite side.



Step 10:

Flip the baffle plate so it is opposite of the removal position and place it back into the separator housing.



REVERSING THE FLOW OF THE CATCH CAN

Step 11:

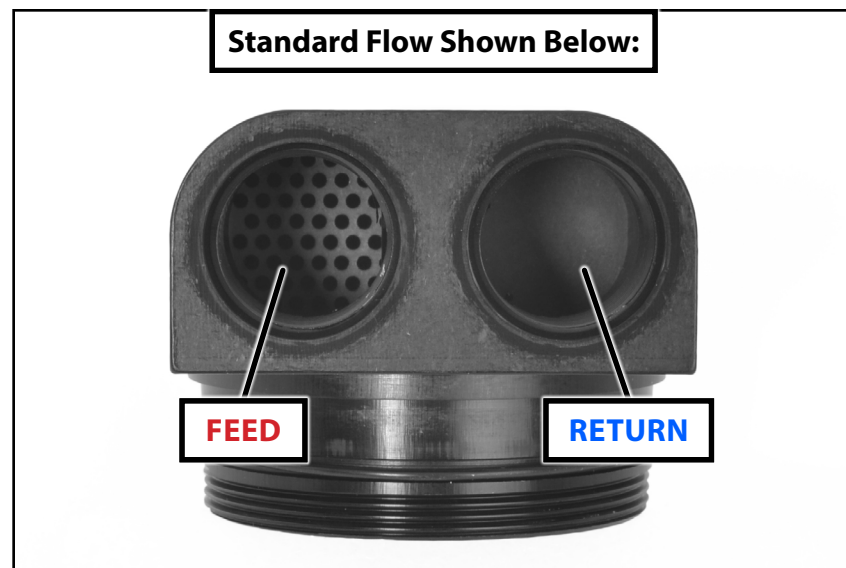
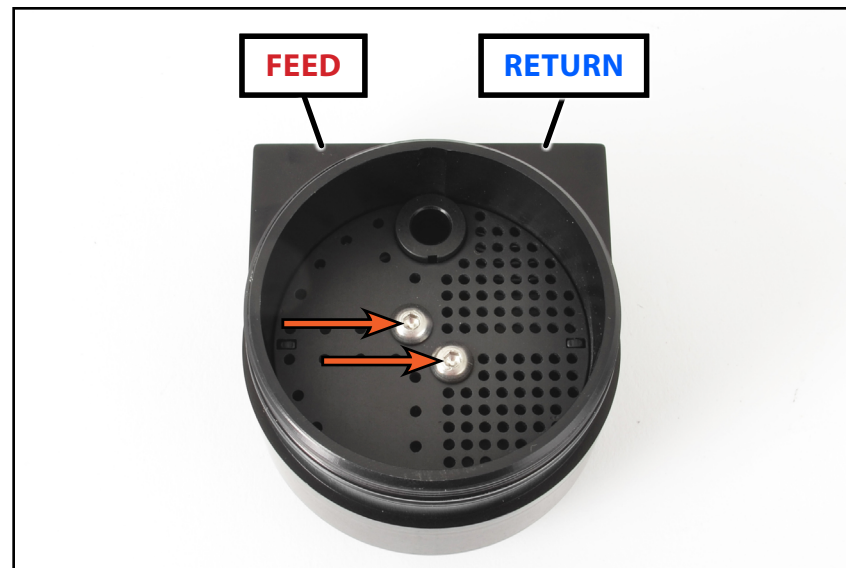
Reinstall the baffle plate screws utilizing the opposite holes in the separator housing. Compare the new baffle plate position with step 2 in this section to make sure it is properly installed for standard flow.

Step 12:

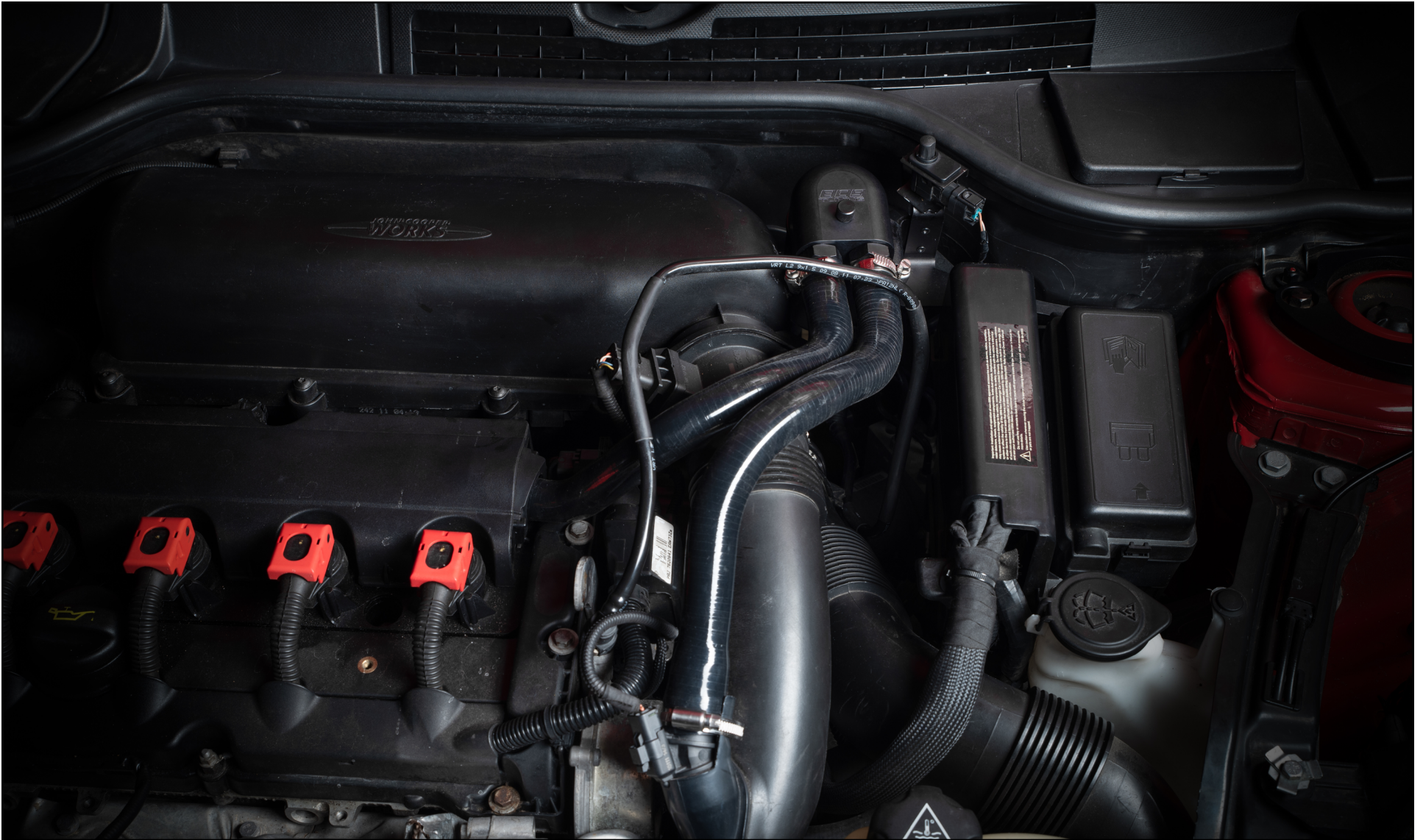
Your standard flow separator will now have the feed side and return side located as shown in the photo.



If you need to return to the installation steps please click [HERE](#).



Your Catch Can System installation is complete!



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