



VW MK7 Jetta GLI Rear Diffuser Kit
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Skill Level
1 - Easy
Basic Skills
Required



Gloss black finish shown here



Textured black finish shown here



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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.

REMOVING THE STOCK REAR VALANCE

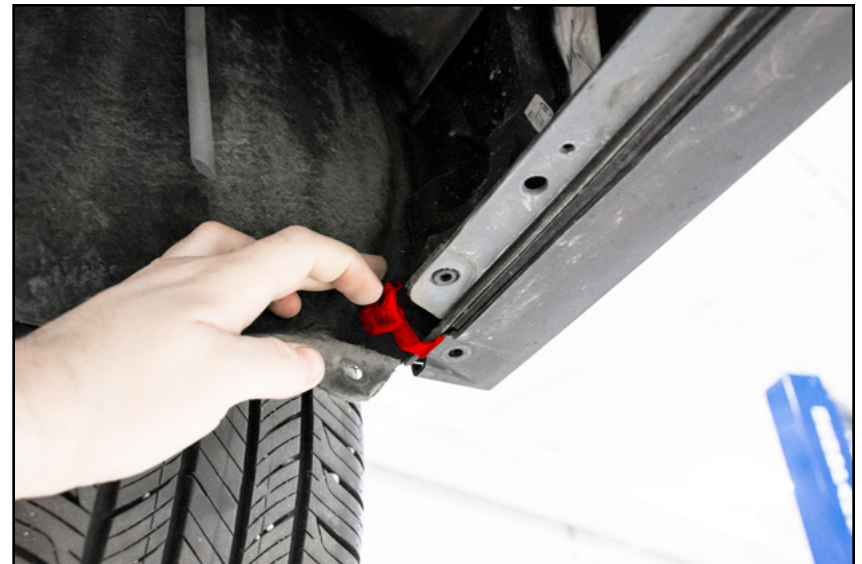
Step 1: T25 Torx

Remove the two screws (arrows).



Step 2:

Pry the side spat mounting tab (highlighted in **RED**) free from the bumper on either side.



REMOVING THE STOCK REAR VALANCE

Step 3:

Remove the three screws (arrows) on the inside of the bumper which secure each side spat.



Step 4:

Carefully pry each side spat (highlighted in **RED**) downward as shown to pop the mounting clips free.



REMOVING THE STOCK REAR VALANCE

Step 5:

Carefully pull the side spat away from the bumper and clean up any leftover adhesive.



Step 6:

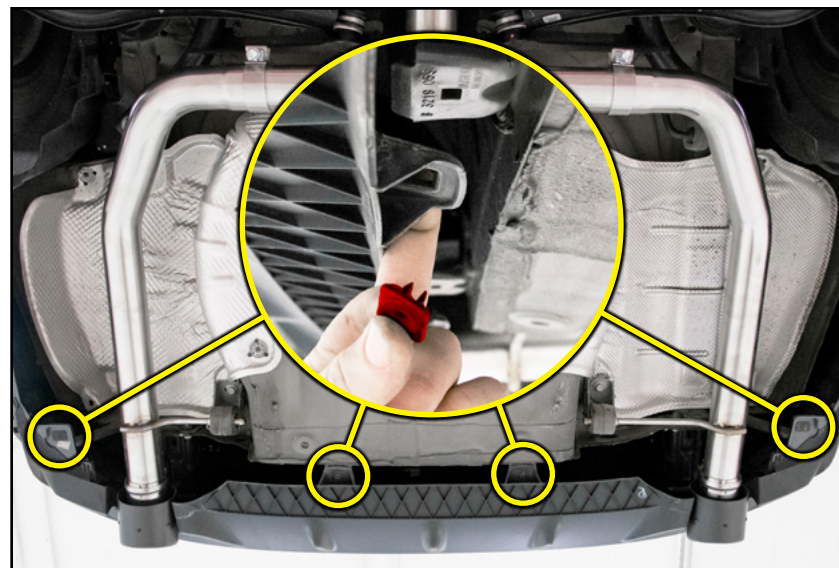
Remove each plastic panel (highlighted in **RED**) from the inside of the bumper.



REMOVING THE STOCK REAR VALANCE

Step 7: T15 Torx

Remove the four small T15 torx plastic screws from the rectangle-shaped clips (circled in **YELLOW**) on the underside of the stock valance, then pull down to pop the clips (highlighted in **RED** in inset photo) free from the valance.



Step 8:

From the inside of the bumper, pry the first few valance tabs free from the bumper on either side. Firmly pull the rear valance (highlighted in **RED**) 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. A non-marring pry tool can be used to help free the clips from the inside of the bumper as well. Repeat this process with each clip until the valance comes free.

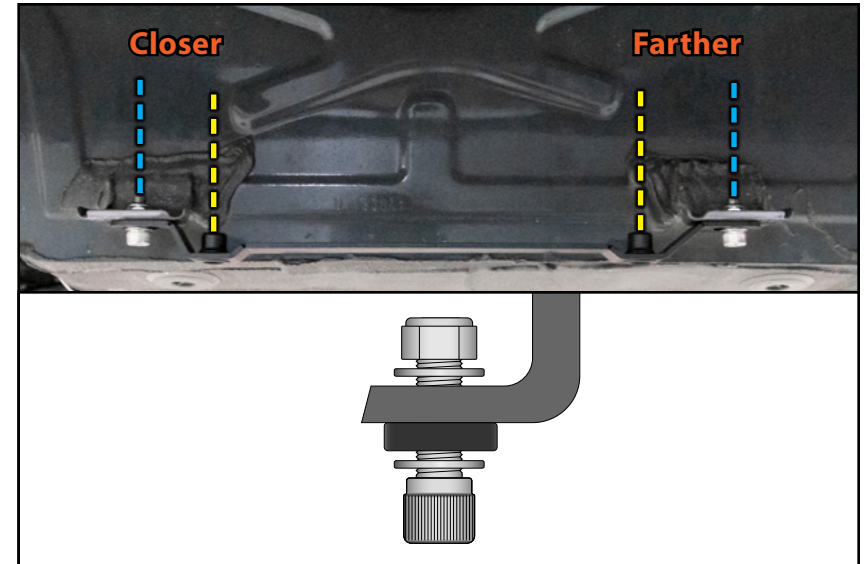


ECS REAR DIFFUSER INSTALLATION

Step 1: 5mm Hex (Allen), 13mm Wrench

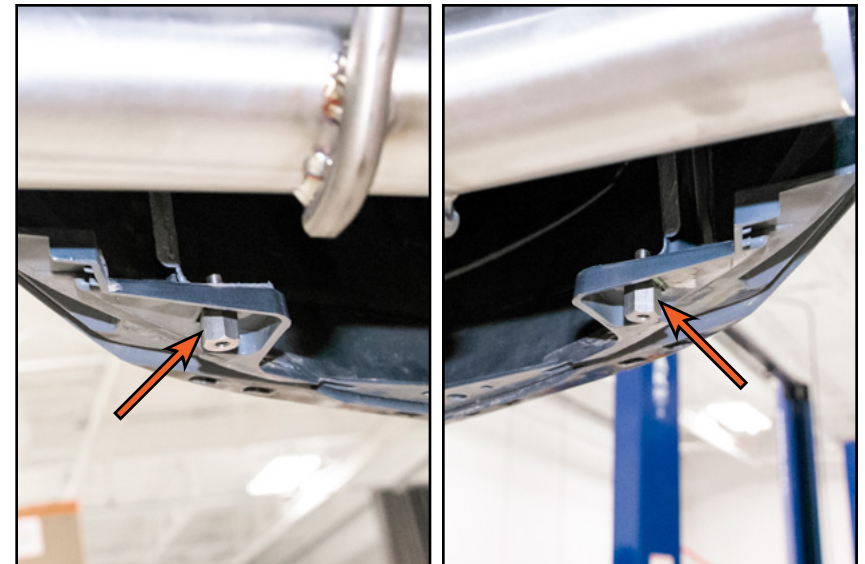
Install the provided bracket onto the two factory mounting brackets as shown, making sure the bracket is oriented correctly, with the riv-nuts shifted over towards the LH side of the vehicle.

It will be easy to tell if you got the orientation correct because the riv-nut on the LH side of the bracket should be CLOSER to the factory mounting bracket than the riv-nut on the RH side.



Step 2: 13mm Wrench, 10mm Socket & Ratchet

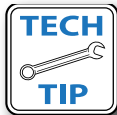
Install the provided standoffs (arrows) into the openings where the rectangular clips used to be, then install the provided nuts to secure them in place.



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Step 3:

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



It can be a little tricky to get the center clips on the diffuser to fully engage the bumper, we found that if you slide your hand *inside* the bumper and support it while your push the diffuser into place, it helps those clips pop into place a LOT easier.



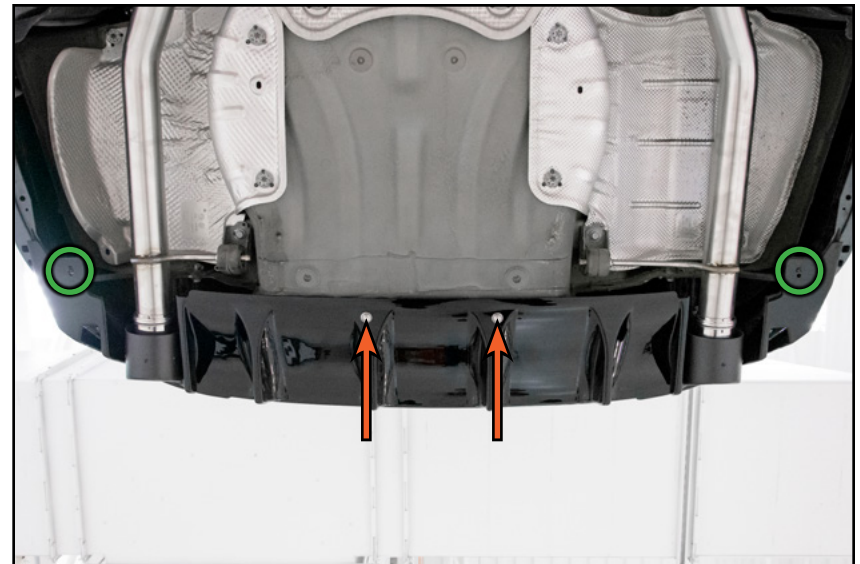
Step 4: 4mm Hex (Allen), 6mm Hex (Allen)

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

Install the provided M6 screws (circled in **GREEN**) to secure the diffuser to the standoffs and tighten them until snug.



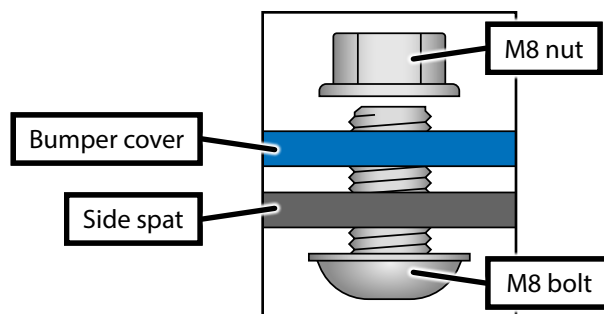
Be careful not to over tighten the bolts. Over tightening the bolts can crack the diffuser.



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Step 5: 6mm Hex (Allen), 13mm Wrench

Lift the new side spat up into place, then slide the four M8 mounting bolts (arrows in upper photo on the right) through the holes in the spats and bumper before securing it on the inside with the provided nuts (illustration below). Leave the screws loose enough to allow for adjustment.



Step 6:

Adjust the side spat so that it mates up smoothly and seamlessly with the diffuser as shown, then tighten the mounting screws until snug. Reinstall the fender liner screw on either side.



Congratulations, your installation is complete!

Your Rear Diffuser Kit installation is complete!



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