



## 2005-13 C6 Corvette RACE 3" Exhaust System w/ X-pipe PN: 70501337-RHKR - No Mufflers/with Cats

### Installation Instructions



Thank you for making HOOKER HEADERS your choice in a high-performance exhaust system. Extensive dyno/track testing has enabled HOOKER to offer the most advanced design in exhaust systems. The installation, while not complex, will take a certain amount of time. However, the additional horsepower and improved performance will more than justify your efforts. Proper installation and maintenance will ensure long life and maximum performance from your HOOKER BLACKHEART exhaust system.

#### **BEFORE STARTING:**

Your vehicle must be raised a minimum of 18 inches. A floor hoist is ideal. If no hoist is available, we strongly urge the use of axle stands as a safety measure. **Please read and understand these instructions and disclaimer in their entirety before attempting installation.**

**CAUTION! WORK ONLY ON A LEVEL SURFACE. USE JACKS /JACK STANDS OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SUPPORT YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER WORK UNDER A VEHICLE SUPPORTED BY A FLOOR OR BUMPER JACK.**

#### **INCLUDED HARDWARE:**

| Accessory Pack Contents: |      |                            |
|--------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| P/N                      | Qty. | Description                |
| 556R23                   | 6    | 76mm Band Clamps           |
| 199R10887                | 1    | Instruction Sheet          |
| 505R57                   | 4    | 5mm x 14mm Bolts           |
| 546R12                   | 4    | 5mm Lock Washers           |
| 539R23                   | 4    | 5mm Nuts                   |
| 599R94                   | 2    | Blackheart Decals          |
| 517R63                   | 1    | Hooker Logo Plate          |
| 271R1125A                | 2    | 24" O2 Extension Harnesses |
| 556R27                   | 2    | 3" Torca Couplers          |

| Parts List: |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Qty.        | Description            |
| 1           | Accessory Pack         |
| 1           | Left Over-Axle Pipe    |
| 1           | Right Over-Axle Pipe   |
| 1           | Left Muffler Assembly  |
| 1           | Right Muffler Assembly |
| 1           | X-Pipe Assembly        |
| 1           | Left Link Pipe w/ Cat  |
| 1           | Right Link Pipe w/ Cat |

| Tools Needed:             |
|---------------------------|
| Spray Lube (WD40®)        |
| 3/8 Socket Wrench         |
| 12" 3/8 Drive Extension   |
| 13mm & 15mm Deep Socket   |
| 8mm & 13mm Wrench         |
| 3/8 Universal             |
| 8mm, 15mm, & 18mm Socket  |
| 18mm Box Wrench           |
| Round File or Dremel Tool |

#### **INSTALLATION:**

**NOTE:** Your Hooker Blackheart Race exhaust system is designed to be used with Hooker Blackheart Headers **PN: 70101317-RHKR** and is not designed to be used with the factory manifolds or catalytic converters.

**IMPORTANT: Inspect your accessory pack: BEFORE YOU START!**

1. Place the vehicle on flat a surface, set the parking brake, and block the front wheels.
2. **Disconnect the negative terminal of the battery.**
3. Lift the vehicle and support with jack stands.

**WARNING! Never support a vehicle with a floor or bumper jack.**

## REMOVING THE OEM EXHAUST:

1. Spray the muffler isolators, muffler clamp bolts, and the H-pipe flange nuts with WD-40® or equivalent.
2. Remove the (x2) nuts and (x2) bolts from the rear sway bar center mounting bushings. Do not remove the lower control arm bolt. Allow the sway bar assembly to swing down and away from the mufflers. See **Figure 1**.

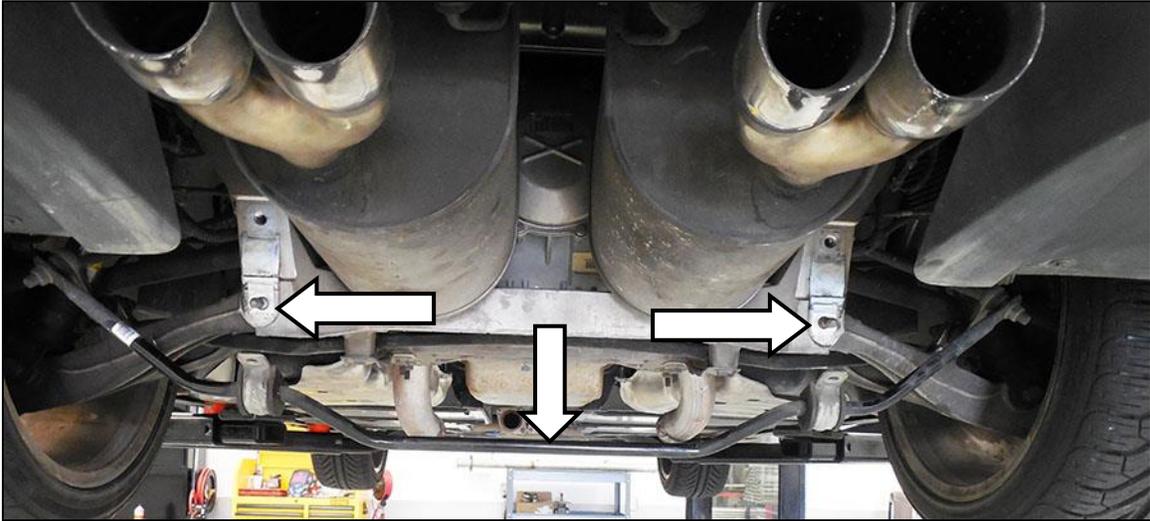


Figure 1

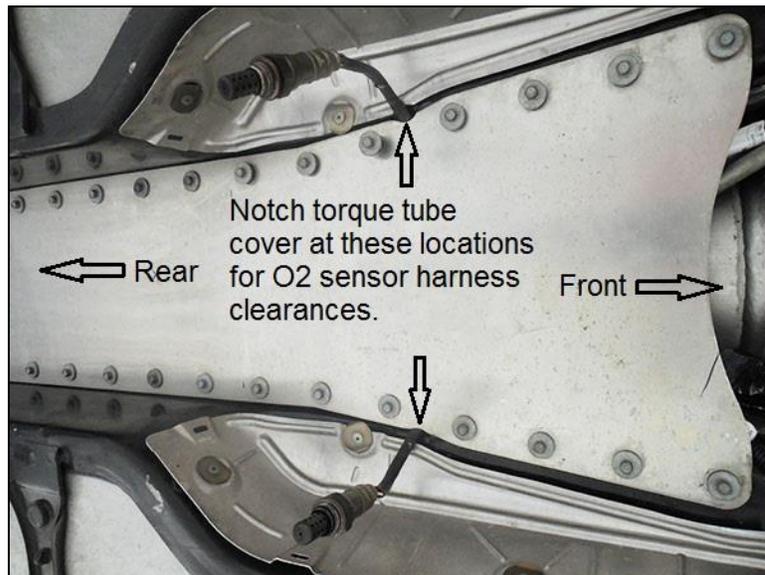
3. Loosen the clamps at the end of the H-pipe where it connects to the muffler inlet pipes.
4. Remove the (x4) nuts at the H-pipe where it connects to the catalytic converter down pipes. Remove the (x2) nuts at the center spring hangers. Slide the flanges off of the studs and remove the H-pipe from the muffler inlet pipes.
5. Remove the (x2) bolts from the muffler hangers on each muffler and remove the muffler assembly from the car. Take note of the direction the isolators are installed on the hanger rods (**Figure 2**).
6. **Follow installation instructions for Hooker Blackheart Headers PN: 70101317-RHKR for header installation.**



Figure2

## INSTALLATION OF YOUR HOOKER BLACKHEART RACE EXHAUST:

1. Inspect the exhaust hanger isolators and any OEM hardware to be reused. Replace, if necessary.
2. Install the sway bar. Torque the fasteners to the recommended specifications.
3. Mark the torque tube tunnel cover at the locations shown in **Figure 3**, outlining a penny or dime for reference works well.



**Figure 3**

4. Remove the tunnel cover and notch at the locations marked. Be sure and check for accuracy before you begin. The notch should be centered over the opening in the frame rail under the cover.
5. Re-install the cover bolts from the rear and leave the last 7 forward bolts out on each side of the cover for now.
6. Install (x2) 3" Torca couplers onto the header collector (bolt to the **inside** and nut facing down).
7. Install the post catalyst O2 sensors into the Blackheart cats and plug the extension harness into the sensor.
8. Pull the tunnel cover down slightly and slide the left O2 sensor harness between the cover and the frame rail stopping at the notch. Install the catalyst on to the header collector and tighten the clamp to allow adjustment. Push the excess harness up through the notch in the cover and adjust for slack at the sensor to allow for exhaust movement. Repeat the process for the right side catalyst and O2 sensor harness.
9. Install the remaining cover bolts and tighten the bolts from the rear forward. Check the O2 sensor harness for movement as the bolts are tightened to be sure the harness is not pinched between the cover and the frame rail. Recheck the harnesses for free movement after the bolts are tight.
10. Route the O2 sensor harness away from the exhaust pipe and connect to the factory harness. Re-mount the harness plug to the holders at the firewall if they were removed previously.
11. Install a 76 mm band clamps on to the outlet of each catalyst (bolt to the **inside** and nut facing down).
12. Position a 76 mm band clamps on to the X-Pipe outlet (bolt to the **inside** and nut facing down).
13. Position the **Right** side over-axle pipe into the car with the expanded end towards the front of the car.
14. Install the X-pipe into the right over-axle pipe (spring hanger bracket facing up).
15. Position the **Left** side over-axle pipe into the car with the expanded end towards the front of the car.
16. Install the X-pipe into the Left over-axle pipe (spring hanger bracket facing up).
17. Install the X-pipe on to the catalyst outlet pipes. Tighten the clamps to allow for adjustment. Install (x2) spring hanger nuts.
18. Install the (x2) 76mm band clamps on to the muffler delete inlet pipes (bolts on the inside of the pipe and nut facing down).
19. Install the muffler isolators on to the Hooker Blackheart Muffler Delete hanger rods in the same direction they were removed from the O.E.M mufflers. See **Figure 2** above.
20. Install the **Left** muffler delete into the car with the inlet pipe on top of the parking brake cable. Install the muffler inlet pipe on to the over-axle pipe. Align the isolator assemblies as shown in **Figure 2**. Install the isolator bolts. **NOTE:** Be sure the parking brake cable is routed under the exhaust pipe.

21. Install the **Right** muffler delete into the car with the inlet pipe on top of the parking brake cable. Install the muffler inlet pipe on to the over-axle pipe. Align the isolator assemblies as shown in **Figure 2**. Install the isolator bolts. **NOTE:** Be sure the parking brake cable is routed under the exhaust pipe.
22. Install the X-pipe spring hanger bolts and tighten the nuts.
23. Install the HOOKER logo plate between the muffler delete pipes and install the supplied hardware and tighten to allow for adjustment.
24. Tighten the (x4) bolts at the muffler isolators.
25. Check all the hardware and the connection points for proper installation and clearance.
26. Adjust all components for proper alignment and tighten all clamps and hardware starting at the front and working towards the tailpipes.
27. Align the Hooker Logo plate and tighten the supplied 5mm hardware.
28. Remove the jack stands and lower the car. Connect the battery and remove the wheel blocks.
29. Start the vehicle and check for leaks and loose hardware.
30. Check all hardware again after the first 150 miles of driving.

**NOTE: The use of a tuner is recommended to prevent the check engine light from illuminating and to take full advantage of the performance potential of this exhaust system. We recommend a DiabloSport tuner.**

**Enjoy your Blackheart Exhaust!**

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