



2015-16 C7 Corvette Z06
Blackheart 3" 304SS Axle-Back Exhaust System
70401326-RHKR (w/ Mufflers) & 70401327-RHKR (w/o Mufflers)
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	2	76mm Band Clamps
199R10926	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

Parts List:	
Qty.	Description
1	Left Over-Axle Pipe
1	Right Over-Axle Pipe
1	Left Muffler or Muffler Delete
1	Right Muffler or Muffler Delete

Tools Needed:
Spray Lube (WD 40®)
3/8" Drive Metric Socket set
12" 3/8 Drive Extension
3/8 Universal
15mm & 18mm Deep Sockets
1/4" Socket Set w/ 7mm Socket
Small Flat Blade Screwdriver
8mm Wrench

INSTALLATION:

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 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:

NOTE: Removal of the rear bumper fascia is necessary and will require a second person to help with the removal and re-installation.

1. Remove the screws behind the license plate (x2), above the exhaust tips (x2) and bottom of the bumper cover (x5 each side – 10 total).
2. Remove the small plastic mud flap from inside the rear wheel arch.
3. Release the side vents from the bumper cover by pushing the tab locks from inside the wheel well. Be careful not to break the locks.

NOTE: Release the vents from the bumper cover only, the vent insert will stay connected to the fascia.

4. Remove the reflectors by pushing the mounting tabs from the back side of the fascia after the side vents have been released from the bumper cover and all the screws have been removed from the bottom of the fascia and tip box. Be very careful not to break the tabs. Remove the remaining (2) screws behind the reflectors. See **Figures 1, 2, & 3**.
5. Release the clips on the top edge of fascia from the inside and pull outward and up while holding the tabs on the clips. Be careful not to break the tabs on the clips. Take your time and do one at a time. **NOTE:** Place a small piece of tape on the fascia at the back up camera to prevent the camera from scratching the paint on the fascia as it pulls out.
6. Remove the fascia and place out of the way.



Figure 1

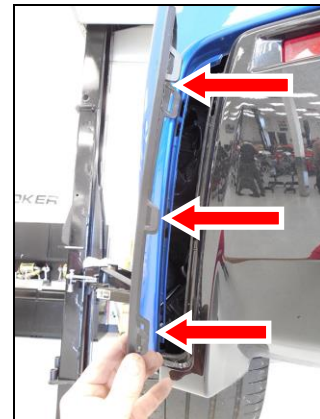


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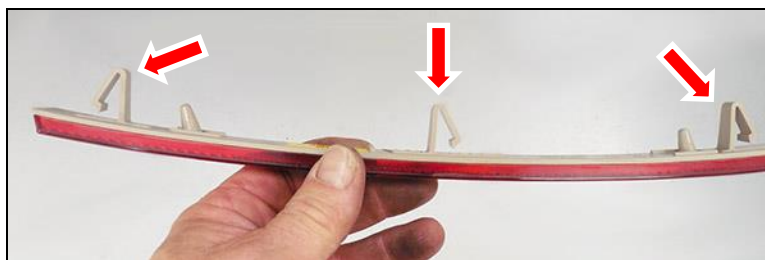


Figure 3

7. Remove the bolts on the lower skid plate and remove.
8. Support the X-pipe and remove the (x4) 15mm nuts at the flanges on the down pipes (**Figure 4**). Loosen the 15mm clamp bolts at the slip joint connecting the X-pipe to the over-axle pipes (**Figure 5**). Remove the (x2) 13mm bolts at the center support hanger on the X-pipe (**Figure 5**). Remove the X-pipe from the over-axle pipes.
9. Remove the 13mm bolts at each muffler hanger (x2 each). Remove the (x2) 13mm bolts between the mufflers.
10. Unplug the electrical connector on each valve on each muffler assembly for the NPP valve.

NOTE: To unlock the connectors, push down on the GREY lock tab and slide the lock backwards away from the valve. Unplug the connector.

NOTE: Automatic transmissions must be placed in neutral for the driver's side over-axle pipe to clear the linkage. Following the procedure to place the vehicle in "service mode" will allow the shifter to be moved from PARK with the engine off. Be sure to shut the ignition off after the shifter is moved from park to prevent the battery from being drained.

11. Remove the left and right muffler assemblies from the vehicle.

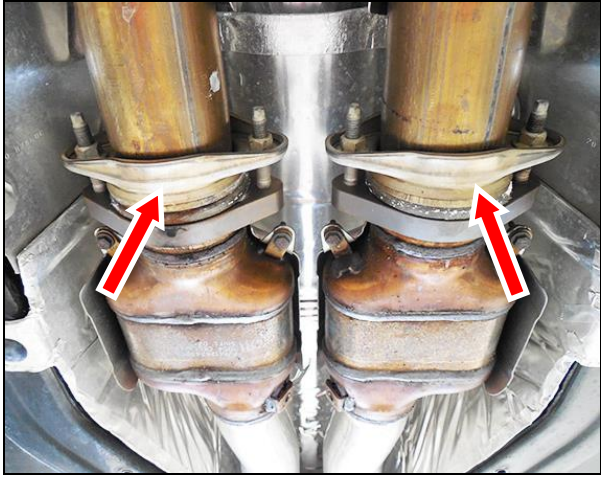


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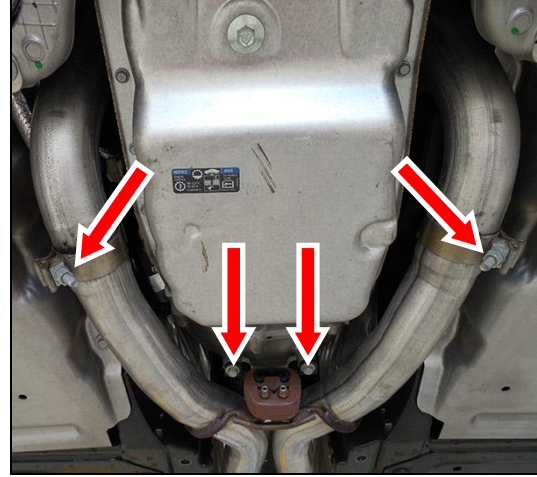


Figure 5

INSTALLATION OF THE BLACKHEART AXLE-BACK EXHAUST:

IMPORTANT: Loosen the clamp completely on the slip joint and install the left and right Blackheart over-axle pipes into the factory X-pipe to verify the X-pipe slip joints are opened far enough to accept the new Blackheart over-axle pipe. This will make installation in the car much easier.

1. Install the X-pipe onto the catalyst down pipes and install the (x4) 15mm flange nuts. Install the (x2) 13 mm bolts at the X-pipe center support hanger. Tighten the (x4) flange nuts at the down pipes.
2. Install the small end of the Blackheart over-axle pipe into the OEM X-pipe slip joint and tighten the clamps to allow for adjustment (**Figure 6**). **NOTE:** Z06 kits do not use AFM valves –photo for reference only.
3. Install the 76mm band clamps onto the inlet pipes of the mufflers or muffler delete pipes. Position the clamp with the bolt at the top of the pipe and the nut facing outwards towards the tire (**Figure 7**).



Figure 6

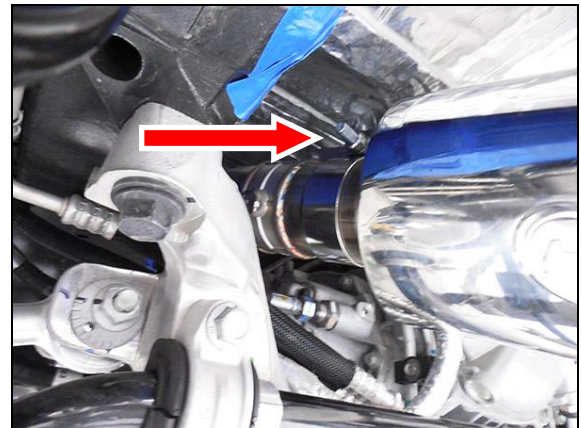


Figure 7

4. Remove the muffler hanger isolators from the OEM mufflers and install on to the Blackheart mufflers or muffler delete pipes.
5. Install the left and right mufflers or muffler delete pipes on to the over-axle pipes. Locate the muffler hangers at the bolt holes and install the (x2) 13mm bolts on each muffler isolator assembly. Tighten the 76mm band clamp on the muffler to allow for adjustment.
6. Install the Hooker Logo plate between the mufflers with the supplied 5mm hardware and tighten to allow for adjustment.
7. Adjust the pipes for best clearance and tip alignment with the rear fascia removed. Use a straight edge to align the tips and tighten all hardware starting at the front and working towards the rear. Final tip alignment will be done after the rear fascia is installed.

8. Install the rear fascia in reverse order it was removed.

NOTE: Be sure the two locator tabs on either side of the backup camera go into the slots in the bumper cover and not under them. It will be helpful to lift up on the center of the fascia through the opening in the center of the fascia pushing the tabs up into the slots and under the backup camera. Keep pressure inward as the remainder of the locking tabs are aligned and pressed into place.

9. Install the hardware, reflectors, side vent grates, mud flaps, and license plate.

10. If additional alignment is necessary, loosen the clamps at the X-pipe and the mufflers. Adjust the depth and alignment of the tips by rotating the pipes and moving the mufflers in or out on the tubes as necessary. After the desired alignment is achieved, tighten the logo plate hardware. Tighten the clamps on the X-pipe and muffler.

11. Re-check all hardware, clearances and electrical connections.

12. Install the skid plate. Do not over tighten the bolts as it is easy to damage the inserts.

13. Remove the jack stands and lower the car. Connect the battery and remove the wheel blocks.

14. Start the vehicle and check for leaks and loose hardware. Check all hardware again after the first 150 miles of driving.

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