



**2016 Chevrolet Camaro SS A8  
Blackheart RACE ONLY Mid Pipes w/ X-Pipe (Compatible w/ OE Main Cats)  
70501397-RHKKR  
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 HEADER exhaust system.

**BEFORE STARTING:**

Your vehicle must be raised a minimum of 36 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 these instructions 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:**

P/N	Qty.	Description
556R22	1	Band Clamp, 2.5" x 1.25" Wide, SS Torca
556R23	4	Band Clamp, 3.0" x 1.25" Wide, SS Torca
217R4	1	Cable Tie, Flame-Retardant 11.5" Long
599R94	2	Decal -Blackheart 4" x 2"

Check the hardware package. If anything is missing, please contact Technical Service at 1-866-464-6553 or 270-781-9741.

**INSTALLATION:**

1. Disconnect the negative cable from the vehicle battery.
2. Lift the vehicle and secure on jack stands.
3. From under the vehicle, remove (x5) 13mm head bolts securing the center cross brace to the chassis. Set these parts aside as they will be re-used.

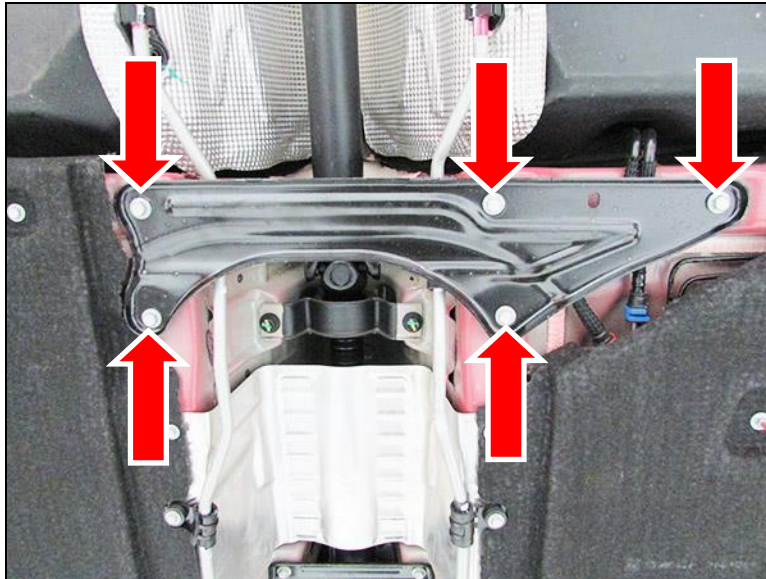


Figure 1

4. Remove (x6) 8mm head bolts securing the left and right side AFM valve actuators off the OE exhaust and remove the right side post O2 sensor.
5. Remove (x4) 15mm head nuts securing the left and right side rearmost aluminum hanger brackets off the vehicle.
6. Loosen the (x2) 2.75" band clamps securing the Blackheart adapter pipes to the OE mid pipe and then (x2) 3.0" band clamps securing the Blackheart Axle-Back Exhaust to the adapter pipe. Slide the Blackheart Axle-Back exhaust off the (x2) rubber isolation mounts, remove the aluminum hanger brackets off the vehicle, and remove the exhaust. Remove the adapter pipe off the Blackheart Axle-Back Exhaust. **NOTE:** The 2.75" band clamps and adapter pipes will not be re-used.
7. Loosen the left side band clamp securing the OE mid pipe to the left side post catalytic converter. Cut the bracket off the pipe and remove the band clamp and gasket. These parts will not be re-used.

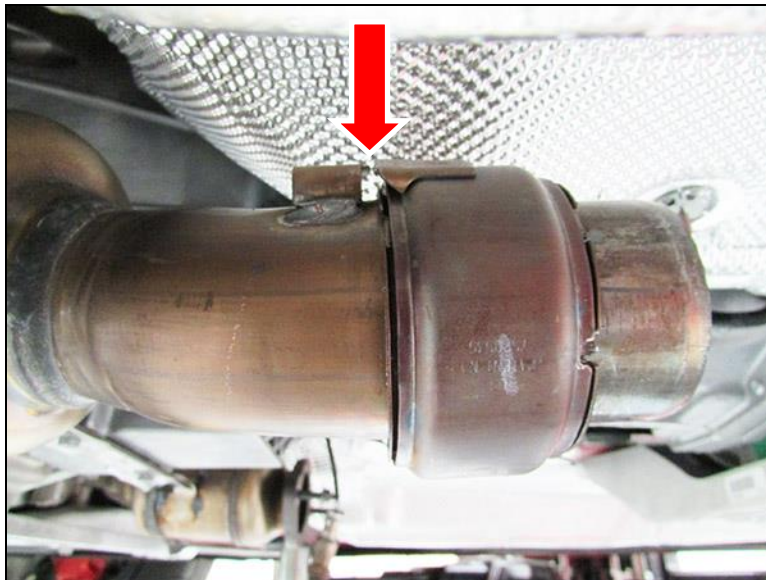
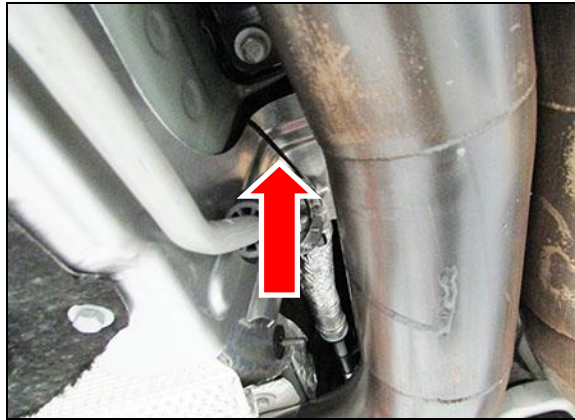


Figure 2

8. Remove (x2) 15mm head nuts securing the OE mid pipe to the right side post catalytic converter. Set these nuts and gasket aside as they will be re-used. Slide the (x2) rubber isolation mounts off the vehicle and remove the OE mid pipe. Transfer the (x2) rubber isolation mounts onto the Blackheart mid pipes.
9. Using (x1) supplied 2.5" band clamp, install the Blackheart left side front pipe. Do not tighten the band clamp.
10. Using the original gasket (replace if necessary) and (x2) 15mm head nuts removed from step 8, install the Blackheart right side front pipe. Do not tighten the (x2) nuts.

11. Using (x2) supplied 3.0" band clamps, install the Blackheart X-pipe onto the left and right side Blackheart front pipes. Do not tighten the clamps.
12. Using (x2) supplied 3.0" band clamps and (x2) original rubber isolation mounts, install the left and right side Blackheart axle pipes onto the Blackheart X-pipe. Do not tighten the clamps.
13. Using the original (x2) 3" band clamps, install the left and right side Blackheart tailpipes onto the Blackheart axle pipes and secure the rubber isolation mounts on the vehicle. Do not tighten the band clamps.
14. Secure the aluminum brackets onto the vehicle using (x4) 15mm head nuts removed from step 5 and tighten.
15. Install the center cross brace removed from step 3 using the original (x5) bolts and tighten.
16. Using the original (x6) bolts removed from step 4, install the left and right side AFM valve actuators onto the valve brackets and tighten. **NOTE:** You may have to rotate the exhaust valve to match the AFM valve actuators.
17. Install the right side post O2 sensor and tighten.
18. Align the Blackheart Exhaust System and tighten the (x2) 15mm head nuts from step 10 and then the (x7) band clamps from steps 9, 11, 12 and 13. Ensure that the complete Blackheart Exhaust System including the OE AFM valve actuators and the Blackheart valve bracket is free and clear of the vehicle.
19. Using the supplied cable tie, support the left side differential line away from the exhaust tube.



**Figure 3**

20. Connect the battery, start the engine, and check for leaks.
21. Re-check your work.
22. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle.
23. After 150 miles, re-check and tighten all bolts and clamps.

**NOTE: It is normal for the Blackheart Exhaust System to emit smoke for the first few minutes during break-in period.**

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