



**2006-13 Corvette Z06
Axle-Back 3" Exhaust System w/ Dual Mode Muffler
70401329-RHKR
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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This Dual Mode exhaust system is intended to be used on vehicles originally equipped with the NPP (dual mode) exhaust option from the factory (muffler has valves Figure 2) and is NOT intended convert to a non-NPP equipped vehicle to Dual mode (muffler has NO valves Figure 3).

INCLUDED HARDWARE:

Accessory Pack Contents:		
P/N	Qty.	Description
556R23	2	76mm Band Clamp
199R10992	1	Instruction Sheet
505R73	2	1/4-20 x 3/4 SS Bolt
539R21	2	1/4-20 Lock Nut
552R234	2	6" Length 7/32 Hose
599R94	2	Blackheart Decal
517R80	1	Hooker Logo Plate

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

Tools Needed:
Spray Lube (WD 40®)
3/8 Drive Socket Set
12" 3/8 Drive Extension
13mm & 15mm Deep Socket
13mm Wrench
3/8 Universal
15mm & 18mm Socket
18mm Box Wrench
7/16 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 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**.

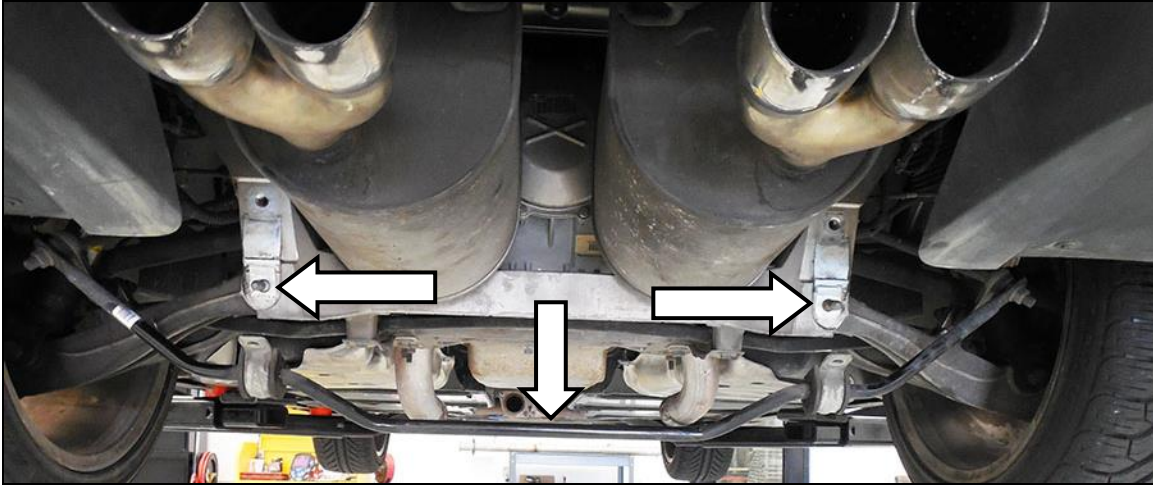


Figure 1

3. Loosen the clamps at the end of the X-pipe where it connects to the muffler inlet pipes.

4. Remove the (x4) nuts at the X-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 X-Pipe from the muffler inlet pipes.

5. Remove the bolts(x2) from the muffler hangers on each muffler, remove the Left side muffler first.

6. Remove the heat shield above the mufflers and remove the **Right** side muffler (read note below).

Z06 NOTE: Remove the 7mm screws securing the inner fender well to the lower edge of the rear valance on the passenger's side. Remove the vacuum ball inside the rear valance. This will allow the valance to be pushed up providing extra room to rotate the right muffler assembly when removing it from the car. Be patient when removing the **Right** muffler assembly. Finding the right combination of rotation and working the muffler out over the transaxle will take a few minutes. Resist the temptation to pry on the muffler against the trunk floor or against the rear valance.



Figure 2



Figure 3

INSTALLATION OF YOUR HOOKER BLACKHEART AXLE-BACK EXHAUST:

1. Inspect the exhaust hanger isolators and any OEM hardware to be reused. Replace, if necessary.
 2. Install the (x2) 76mm band clamps on to the muffler inlet pipes with the bolts on the outside of the pipe and nut facing down. Tighten the clamp just enough to hold the clamp in position. DO NOT compress the tube.
 3. Install the muffler isolators on to the Hooker Blackheart muffler hanger rods in the same direction they were removed from the O.E.M mufflers. See **Figure 3** above.
 4. Remove the rubber end from the left and right exhaust valve actuator control line and attach (x2) the supplied 6" section of 7/32 vacuum line to the actuator control lines coming from the car.
 5. Install the **Left** muffler into the car. Connect the vacuum hose to the exhaust valve actuator on the muffler assembly.
 6. Align the isolator assemblies as shown in **Figure 3**. Install the isolator bolts.
 7. Install the **Right** muffler into the car. Connect the vacuum hose to the exhaust valve actuator on the muffler assembly.
 8. Align the isolator assemblies as shown in **Figure 3**. Install the isolator bolts.
 9. Install the HOOKER logo plate between the mufflers (**Figure 4**) and install the supplied hardware. Tighten to allow for adjustment.
 10. Install the **Left** side over-axle pipe into the muffler. Leave the clamp loose for now.
 11. Install the **Right** side over-axle pipe into the muffler. Leave the clamp loose for now.
 12. Slide the H-pipe on to the over-axle pipes (spring hanger bracket facing up). Connect the X-pipe to the catalytic converter down pipes, and install the flanges and nuts. Tighten the flange nuts to allow for adjustment. Install the spring hanger and nuts.
 13. Tighten the clamps on the H-pipe where it connects to the over-axle pipes to allow for adjustment.
 14. Position the 76mm band clamp at the muffler inlet pipe and tighten the clamp to allow for adjustment.
- NOTE:** Access to the clamps can be made between the leaf spring and the K member from underneath using a long extension and a universal with a 15 mm deep socket (see **Figures 5 & 6**).
15. Install the HOOKER logo plate between the mufflers (**Figure 4**) and install the supplied hardware. Tighten to allow for adjustment.



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

16. Install the sway bar.
17. Tighten the (x4) bolts at the muffler isolators.
18. Check all the hardware and the connection points for proper installation and clearance. Adjust and tighten all clamps and hardware starting at the front and working towards the tailpipes.
19. Align the Hooker Logo plate between the mufflers and square the tips. Tighten the (x2) 1/4-20 bolts.
20. Remove the jack stands and lower the car. Connect the battery and remove the wheel blocks.
21. Start the vehicle and check for leaks and loose hardware.
22. Check all hardware again after the first 150 miles of driving.

Enjoy your Blackheart Exhaust!

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