



**2016-2020 Chevrolet Camaro SS  
Blackheart RACE ONLY Mid Pipes w/ X-Pipe (Compatible w/ Blackheart Long Tube Headers)  
70501388-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 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.**

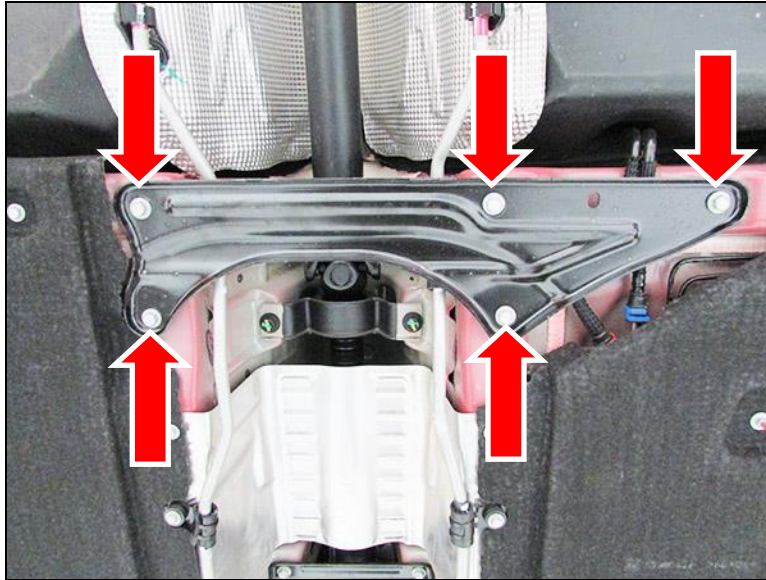
**INCLUDED HARDWARE:**

P/N	Qty.	Description
556R27	2	Exhaust Coupler, 3.0", 409SS Torca 96-0131
556R23	2	Band Clamp, 3.0" x 1.25" Wide, SS Torca
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. Disconnect the dual mode actuator wire harness off the actuator body and remove the right side post O2 sensor.
5. Remove (x4) 15mm head nuts securing the left and right side rear most aluminum hanger brackets off the vehicle.
6. Loosen the 2.75" band clamp securing the Blackheart adapter pipe to the OE mid pipe and then 3.0" band clamp securing the Blackheart Axle-Back Exhaust to the adapter pipe. Slide the Blackheart Axle-Back exhaust off the rubber isolation mounts and remove exhaust. Remove adapter pipe off the Blackheart Axle-Back Exhaust. The 2.75" band clamp and adapter pipe will not be re-used.
7. Loosen the left side band clamp securing the OE mid pipe to the left side post catalytic converter.
8. Remove (x2) 15mm head nuts securing the OE mid pipe to the right side post catalytic converter. Remove the OE mid pipe.
9. Remove the left and right side main catalytic converters and OE exhaust manifolds and install the Blackheart long tube Headers (**P/N 70101325-RHKR or 70101326-RHKR**). Refer to the Blackheart Long Tube Header (NOT INCLUDED) installation instruction sheet.
10. Using (x1) supplied 3.0" Torca clamp, install the Blackheart left side front pipe. Do not tighten the band clamp.
11. Using (x1) supplied 3.0" Torca clamp, install the Blackheart right side front pipe. Do not tighten the band clamp.
12. Using (x2) supplied 3.0" band clamps, install the left and right Blackheart X-pipe onto the left and right side Blackheart front pipes but do not tighten the clamps.
13. Using the original (x2) 3" band clamps, install the Blackheart Axle-Back onto the Blackheart X-pipe 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. Now align the Blackheart Exhaust System and tighten the (x6) band clamps from steps 10, 11, 12 and 13. Ensure that the complete Blackheart Exhaust System including the OE dual mode actuator and the Blackheart valve bracket is free and clear of the vehicle, you may have to rotate the outer tips to clear.
17. Connect the battery, start the engine, and check for leaks.
18. Re-check your work.
19. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle.
20. 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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