



## 2017+ AUDI S5 SWITCHPATH™ EXHAUST INSTALLATION GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing the **AWE SwitchPath™ Exhaust System** for the **2017+ Audi B9 3.0T S5**. For up to the minute fitment information, be sure to visit the Audi B9 S5 section of the [AWE website](#).

As always, AWE Performance Specialists are standing by for any questions, at 215-658-1670, or email us [here](#).

Let's go!

# PARTS LIST



**INSPECT ALL PARTS PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY OF VEHICLE; IF DAMAGED OR MISSING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLACE OF PURCHASE IMMEDIATELY.**

## **Switchpath™ Exhaust Parts:**

- 1 Driver downpipe upper section (part A10)
- 1 Driver downpipe lower section (part A12)
- 1 Passenger downpipe upper section (part A11)
- 1 Passenger downpipe lower section (part A13)
- 1 X-pipe section (part A30)
- 1 Driver axle tube (part A15)
- 1 Passenger axle tube (part A16)

## **SwitchPath™ w/ 102mm Tips Only:**

- 1 Driver rear section (part A21)
- 1 Passenger rear section (part A22)
- 4 102mm slash cut tips (optional finish)
- 4 2.25" T-Bolt clamps

## **SwitchPath™ w/ 90mm Tips Only:**

- 1 Valved driver rear section (part A28)
- 1 Valved passenger rear section (part A29)
- 4 90mm slash cut tips (optional finish)
- 1 Tip hardware

## **Hardware Kit:**

- 8 2.5" (63.5mm) Accu-Seal clamps
- 1 SwitchPath™ Remote Kit (*optional*)
- 3 M8x30mm screws
- 4 M8 copper locking nuts
- 2 M8 washer (*large diameter*)
- 1 M8 lock washer
- 1 M6 nut
- 1 M6-1.0 bolt
- 2 M6 washers
- 4 Brace spacers
- 2 Flange gaskets

## **Tools Required:**

- T25 Torx driver
- 10mm triple square driver
- 12mm socket / combination wrench
- 13mm socket / combination wrench
- 1/4" or 3/8" Universal joint
- 1/4" or 3/8" Extension
- 1/4" or 3/8" Ratchet
- Anti-Seize Lubricant

## STEP 1



Installation of the AWE Performance Exhaust System is the reverse of the removal OEM exhaust.



Always refer to the manufacturer service manual for precise torque specifications on all OEM fasteners.

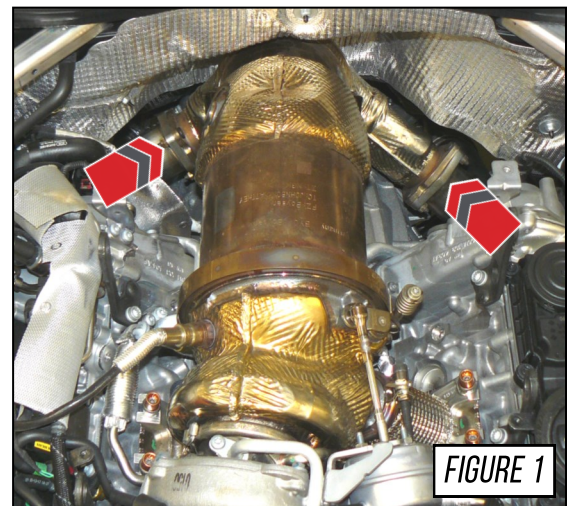
Under the hood, remove the plastic engine cover and turbo heat shield, to expose the turbo and catalyst.



**CAUTION:** The catalyst may be **HOT**, allow adequate time to cool down, before disassembly. Severe burns and injury will occur if skin comes into contact with a hot exhaust.

Before removing the factory exhaust, soak the fasteners that hold the exhaust in place with a penetrating oil.

Start by removing the two (2) 12mm nuts on the driver side flange along with the three (3) 12mm nuts on the passenger side flange, as shown by the arrows in **Figure 1**. Five (5) nuts in total can be accessed from the engine bay.



**FIGURE 1**

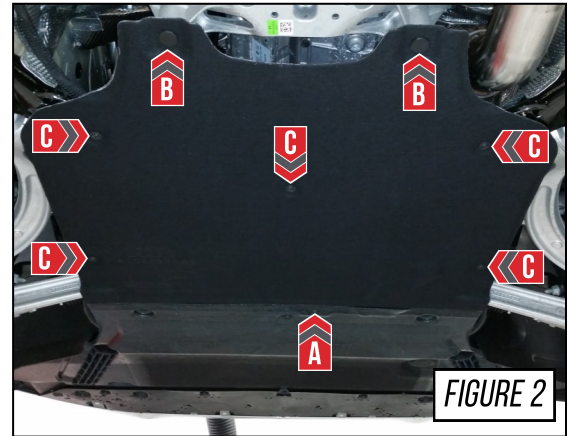
## STEP 2

The remainder of the removal process takes place under the car. Removing the belly pan is accomplished by removing the fasteners as shown by the arrows in **Figure 2**.

One (1) T25 Torx, at **Arrow A** in **Figure 2**.

Two (2) quick release fasteners, at **Arrows B** in **Figure 2**.

Five (5) quarter-turn fasteners, at **Arrows C** in **Figure 2**.



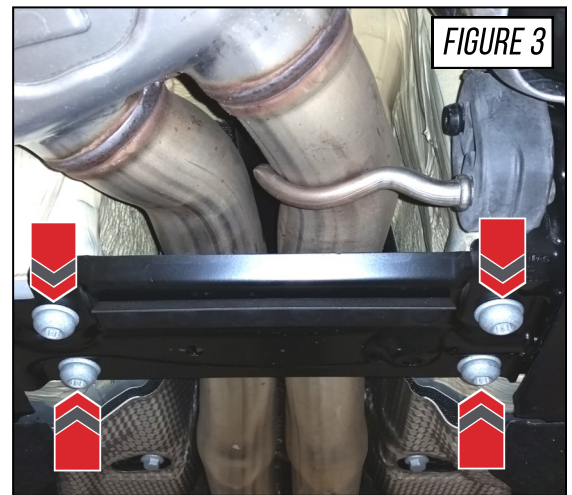
## STEP 3



Before removing any braces or hanger supports, be sure the exhaust is supported either by a second set of hands or support stands.

Remove the four (4) 10mm triple square bolts that secure the cross brace in place, as shown by the arrows in **Figure 3**.

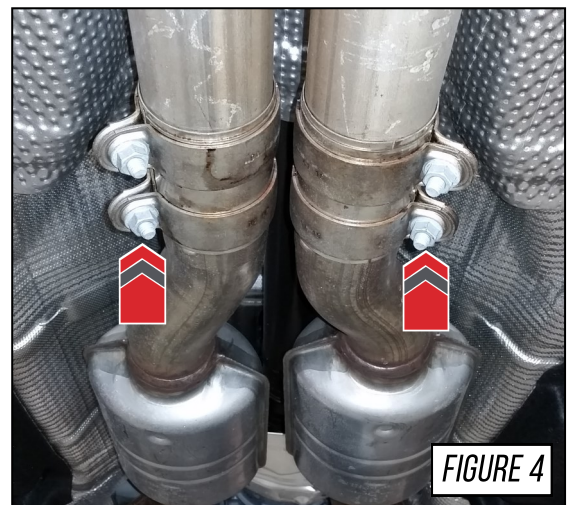
The middle muffler hanger bracket is also held into place through these bolts; once removed, set aside the hanger and bracket for reuse on the AWE X-pipe section (part A14).



## STEP 4

Starting from the rear of the car, support the OEM rear mufflers and loosen the four (4) 13mm bolts that secure the sleeve clamps into place, as shown by the arrows in **Figure 4**.

Remove the OEM rear muffler sections from the car.

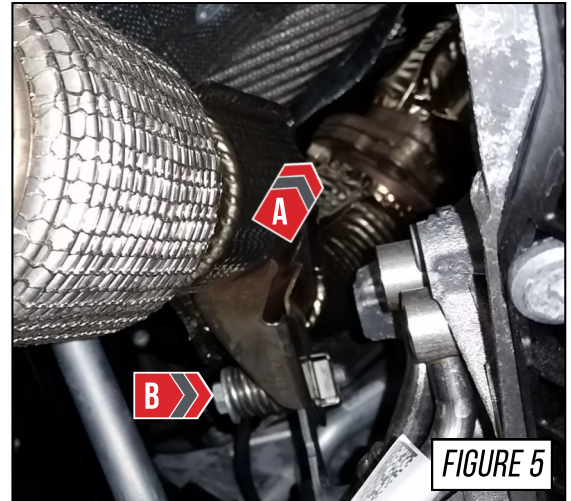




## STEP 5

Loosen and remove the last remaining 12mm nut from the driver side exhaust flange at the catalytic converter, as shown by **Arrow A** in **Figure 5**.

Loosen and remove the 13mm bolts that secures each downpipe to the support bracket, driver side shown by **Arrow B** in **Figure 5**.



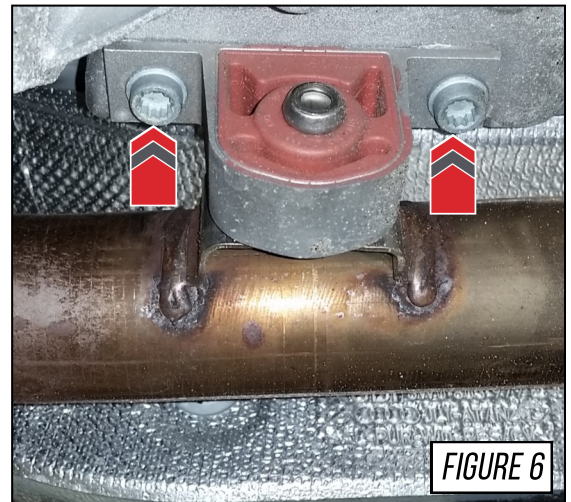
## STEP 6

Properly support the OEM mid mufflers and downpipe sections before complete removal.

Remove the four (4) 10mm triple square bolts that hold the hanger brackets onto the cross brace; driver side shown by the arrows in **Figure 6**.

The OEM exhaust can now be completely removed from the car allowing the AWE Touring Edition or Track Edition exhaust to be installed in the reverse order of removal.

Transfer the OEM hanger bushings and brackets onto the corresponding AWE Exhaust parts.




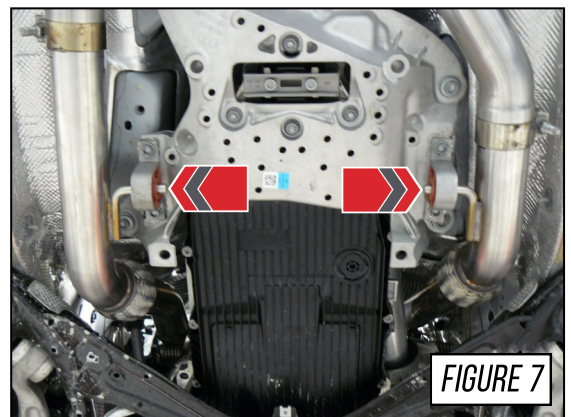
## STEP 7

Install the downpipe upper sections (part A10 & A11) using the included flange gaskets and mounting hardware to secure them to the outlet flange of the factory catalyst.

Reinstall the mounting bracket and hanger hardware for both driver and passenger sides, as shown by the arrows in **Figure 7**.

Reinstall and torque the flange nuts to manufacturer specification along with the spring-bolt into the support bracket. Be careful not to overtighten the spring-bolt.

 **NOTE:** Spraying an assembly lube into the hanger bushings will make installation easier.



## STEP 8

Place two (2) 2.5" Accu-Seal clamps over each inlet side of the downpipe lower sections (part A12 & A13), install into place as shown in **Figure 8**. Be sure to fully seat the pipes over the corresponding downpipe upper sections outlet pipe.

Do not torque any of the clamps into place until the entire system has been installed and adjusted.

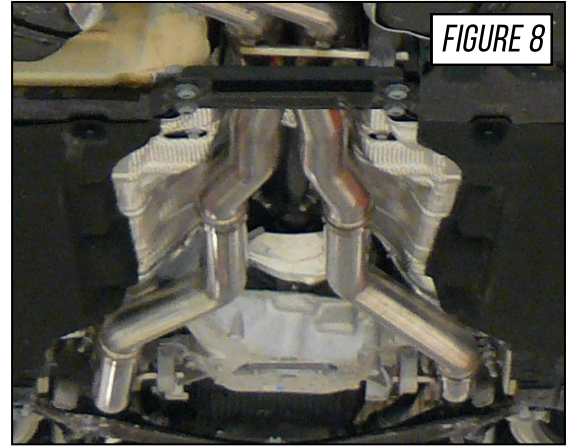


FIGURE 8

## STEP 9

Place two (2) 2.5" Accu-Seal clamps over the inlets of the X-pipe section (part A30) and install into place.

Transfer the OEM hanger bracket and bushing assemblies onto the correlating hanger posts on the exhaust.

Reinstall the cross brace with the included cross brace spacers placed between the chassis and the brace, as shown by the arrow in **Figure 9**.

**NOTE:** Installing both hangers before installing the cross-brace will make installation easier. The spacer will be placed above the hanger bracket to lower the bushing with the cross brace.

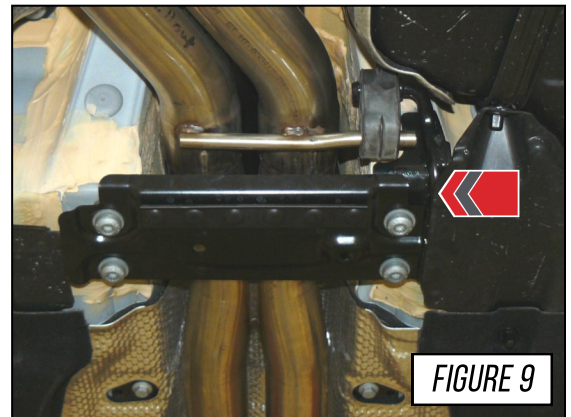


FIGURE 9

## STEP 10

Place a 2.5" Accu-Seal clamp over the inlet of the passenger axle tube (part A16) and install onto the x-pipe section, as shown by **Arrow A** in **Figure 10**. This pipe must be installed first due to the shape of the pipes.

Place a 2.5" Accu-Seal clamp over the inlet of the driver axle tube (part A15) and install onto the mid-muffler section, as shown by **Arrow B** in **Figure 10**.

With both pipes fully seated, align the two tabs and insert the M6 hardware to clamp the two tabs together, as shown by **Arrow C** in **Figure 10**.

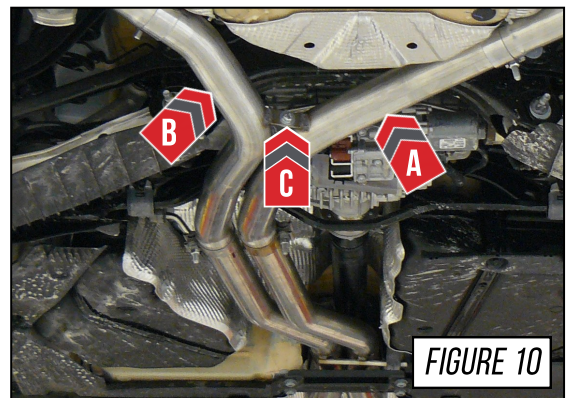


FIGURE 10



## STEP 11

It is crucial to install each section and Accu-Seal clamp correctly to prevent loose joints and exhaust leaks between the tubing connections.

**Arrow A** in **Figure 11** shows the expanded pipe and the preinstalled Accu-Seal clamp being brought up to the corresponding pipe.

**Arrow B** in **Figure 11** shows the overlapping pipe installed correctly over the corresponding pipe.

**Arrow C** in **Figure 11** shows the Accu-Seal clamp being brought to the edge of the expanded pipe.



### NOTES:

- Do not torque any Accu-Seal clamp until the entire exhaust has been installed and adjusted.
- Torque specification is a minimum of 40 ft/lbs.

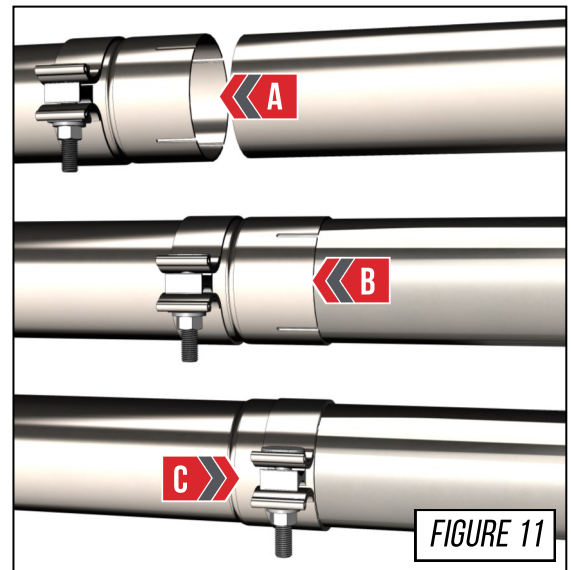


FIGURE 11

## STEP 12

SwitchPath™ Exhaust with 102mm tips shown in **Figure 12**.

Use a 2.5" Accu-Seal clamps to install the driver rear section (102mm tip part A21 ~or~ 90mm tip part A28), as shown by **Arrow A** in **Figure 12**.

Use the last 2.5" Accu-Seal clamp to install the passenger rear section (102mm tip part A22 ~or~ 90mm tip part A29), as shown by **Arrow B** in **Figure 12**.

Using the remaining 2.25" tip clamps, install the 102mm slash cut tips into location, shown by **Arrow C** in **Figure 12**. For 90mm tips, use the included hardware to install onto the tip outlets.

Once the exhaust tips are properly aligned, starting at the downpipe sections moving towards the rear of the car, torque each Accu-Seal clamp to a minimum of 40ft/lbs.

Plug the factory valve control harnesses into the new valve control motors, shown by **Arrow D** in **Figure 12**.



**NOTE:** If the AWE SwitchPath Remote Kit has been purchased, continue the installation process by downloading the next set of instructions [HERE](#).

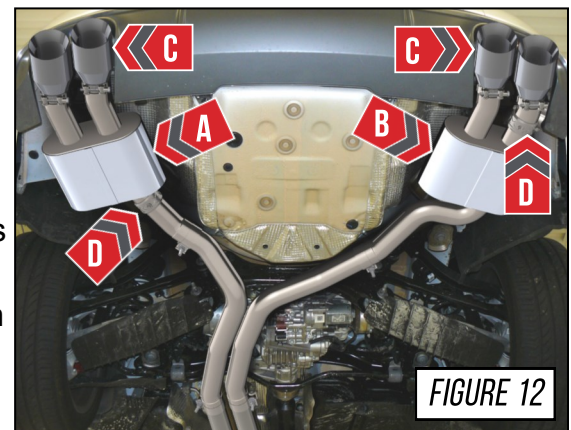


FIGURE 12

## STEP 13

To accomplish the best tip fitment, align the 3.0" tip clamp to cover *only* the slot, as shown by **Arrow A** in **Figure 13**.

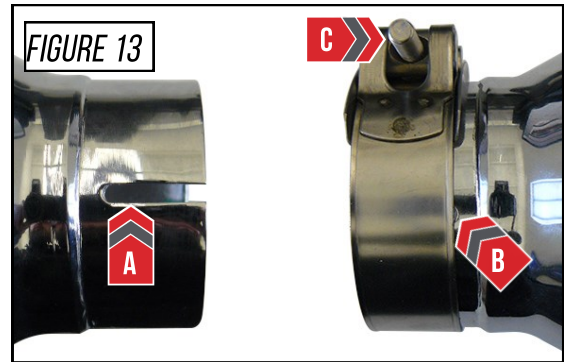
The clamp should only be covering the section of the tip that has been slotted, as shown by **Arrow B** in **Figure 13**.

Torque the tip clamp to a minimum of 18 ft./lbs.



### NOTES:

- It is required to apply anti-seize to the threads to prevent the clamps from breaking, shown by **Arrow C** in **Figure 13**.
- It is okay to have the clamp extend beyond the edge of the tip inlet.



ENJOY!



## CARE

Once installed properly, your AWE Performance Exhaust will provide years of trouble-free performance.

The exhaust volume and sound will settle with usage; 800-1000 miles is required to break-in new exhaust systems.

Periodic cleaning of exhaust tips is necessary to maintain proper finish, especially in areas prone to road salt and caustic deicing solutions. Use a mild soap and water solution or car wax to clean the finish. Avoid using metal polishes, as they can scratch the finish.

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## WARRANTY

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