



## Installation instructions

Akrapovič Exhaust System:

**Open**

for the

**Harley-Davidson**

models:

**V-Rod Muscle**

**V-Rod Night Rod**



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**Congratulations on purchasing an Akrapovič exhaust system. Please read the entire installation manual prior to undertaking any activities related to installation of your new Akrapovič exhaust system. In case you do not fully understand the manual or any of its parts, please contact your authorized dealer!**

**This product should be installed by someone with sufficient knowledge of exhaust systems and their installation, and appropriate hand or power tools. If you are not qualified for this work, please utilize a certified mechanic for installation. By installing Your Akrapovič exhaust system, you indicate that you have read the installation manual in its entirety and you agree with the terms stated herein.**

**It is your responsibility to follow all installation instruction guidelines supplied with the Akrapovič exhaust system and undertake all necessary safety precautions. Akrapovič d.d. assumes no responsibility for damages occurring from misuse, abuse, improper installation, improper operation, lack of responsible care, or all previously stated reasons resulting from incompatibility with other manufacturer's products and/or systems.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Exclusion of Certain Liability**

1. The manufacturer, importer or dealer shall not be liable for any incidental damage including personal injury or any other damages caused by improper installation or operation of the Akrapovič exhaust system. When installing the Akrapovič exhaust system be careful that the exhaust system does not touch other parts sensitive to high temperature.
2. Akrapovič makes no representation or warranties with regard to damage caused by the improper installation, use and maintenance of the Akrapovič exhaust system. The warranty is limited to defects recognized by our technical department and due to normal use, and excludes items subject to normal wear (gaskets and damping wool). The guarantee is void in case of accident, modification, improper or competition use.
3. Do not attempt to install the Akrapovič exhaust system on a vehicle model for which it was not made or tested by Akrapovič.
4. When the exhaust system gets very hot during operation, be careful not to burn yourself on the exhaust system or parts which are in direct contact with it, even when the engine is not running. Also protect other people, especially children, from the injuries mentioned above.
5. In some cases Akrapovič exhaust system kits contain chemical products (ceramic anti-seizing grease; bolt sealant). Handle with care, do not inhale or swallow. Avoid excessive contact with skin, eyes or mucous membranes. Keep out of reach of children.
6. Technical specifications of Akrapovič exhaust systems and related products are subject to change without notice.
7. Before removing the original exhaust system from your vehicle, please compare the parts you received with the list of materials provided in the installation manual in order to assure that you have all the parts necessary for the installation of your new Akrapovič exhaust system.
8. Although this manual consists of instructions for installation in written form, as well as photographs and pictures representing individual steps of the installation, please note that the photographs and pictures are symbolic and are intended for representation of general overview only. The photographs and pictures contained herein should serve as a guideline only and actual installation of the exhaust system may not correspond with the photographs and pictures entirely.
9. The process of uninstalling the original exhaust system may vary depending on the existing exhaust system. Please follow the original exhaust system manufacturer's instructions for uninstalling the original exhaust system.

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## Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout these installation instructions:



TOOLS REQUIRED



TIGHTENING TORQUE



INSTALLATION TIP



CAUTION OR WARNING



**USE BOLT SEALANT;** Apply 3 to 4 small drops of bolt sealant onto the cleaned and degreased threads before tightening the bolts. **WARNING! Avoid contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Do not inhale fumes. Keep out of reach of children.**



**USE ANTI-SEIZE LEAD-FREE COPPER PASTE** (black tube); Provides trouble-free and long-lasting protection against seizing, corrosion and rusting of bolts, threaded ends, nuts, joints, etc. Also protects against vibration, wear and impact. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Avoid excessive skin contact. Keep out of reach of children.**



**USE ANTI-SEIZING GREASE** (white tube); Prevents seizing, corrosion and excessive wear between the titanium components of your exhaust system. **WARNING! Avoid eye contact. Avoid excessive skin contact. Keep out of reach of children.**



T-handle 6 mm three hexagon key wrench  
T-handle 8 mm wrench  
T-handle swivelling 13 mm wrench  
Combination 13 mm wrench



**BEFORE INSTALLING, CHECK THE PARTS LIST AND SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM! THE LATEST VERSION OF THE PARTS LIST AND SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS OF THE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE.**



**IF ANY ITEMS IN THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM PACKAGE ARE MISSING, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED DEALER. KEEP THE SCHEMATIC FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**



**THESE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM.**



**THE EXHAUST SYSTEM CAN BE EXTREMELY HOT. ALLOW THE EXHAUST AND ENGINE TO COOL DOWN BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.**



**WE ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE INSTALLATION TO A QUALIFIED SERVICEMAN. IMPROPER INSTALLATION MAY RESULT IN A SHORTER LIFETIME OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM AND/OR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE.**



**THIS MANUAL IS SPECIFIC TO THE HARLEY DAVIDSON V-ROD MUSCLE. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR OTHER MODELS.**



**AKRAPOVIČ MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE IMPROVED CORNERING CLEARANCE FOR EXHAUST SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, DUE TO DESIGN AND SPACE LIMITATIONS ON SOME MOTORCYCLE MODELS, GROUND AND CORNERING CLEARANCE MAY NOT IMPROVE OR MAY EVEN BE REDUCED. FOR ADVANCED USERS, WE RECOMMEND INCREASING THE SPRING PRELOAD SETTINGS TO IMPROVE GROUND CLEARANCE.**



**THE AKRAPOVIČ WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER DISCOLORATION OF ANY CHROME PRODUCTS.**

**REMOVAL OF STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM:**

1. Put the motorcycle on a side stand, we recommend a center stand.
  2. Remove the stock mufflers, heat shields, header pipes and mufflers' brackets off the motorcycle.
- ✂ **INSTALLATION TIP:** check vehicle manufacturer manual for correct disassembly procedure.
- ! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage any part of the motorcycle during this process!

**INSTALLATION OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:**

1. Install the Akrapovič header pipes, using original nuts (**Figure 1**).
- ! **CAUTION:** we advise, that you use new original gaskets in the exhaust ports!
- ! **WARNING:** hand tighten the flanges only! Do not fully tighten them yet!



Figure 1



2. Install and tighten lambda sensors into the header pipes with specified torque (**Figure 2**).  
**!** **WARNING:** grease only the threads of the lambda sensors with Akrapovič anti-seize lead-free copper paste!  
**!** **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the sensors or wiring harnesses!

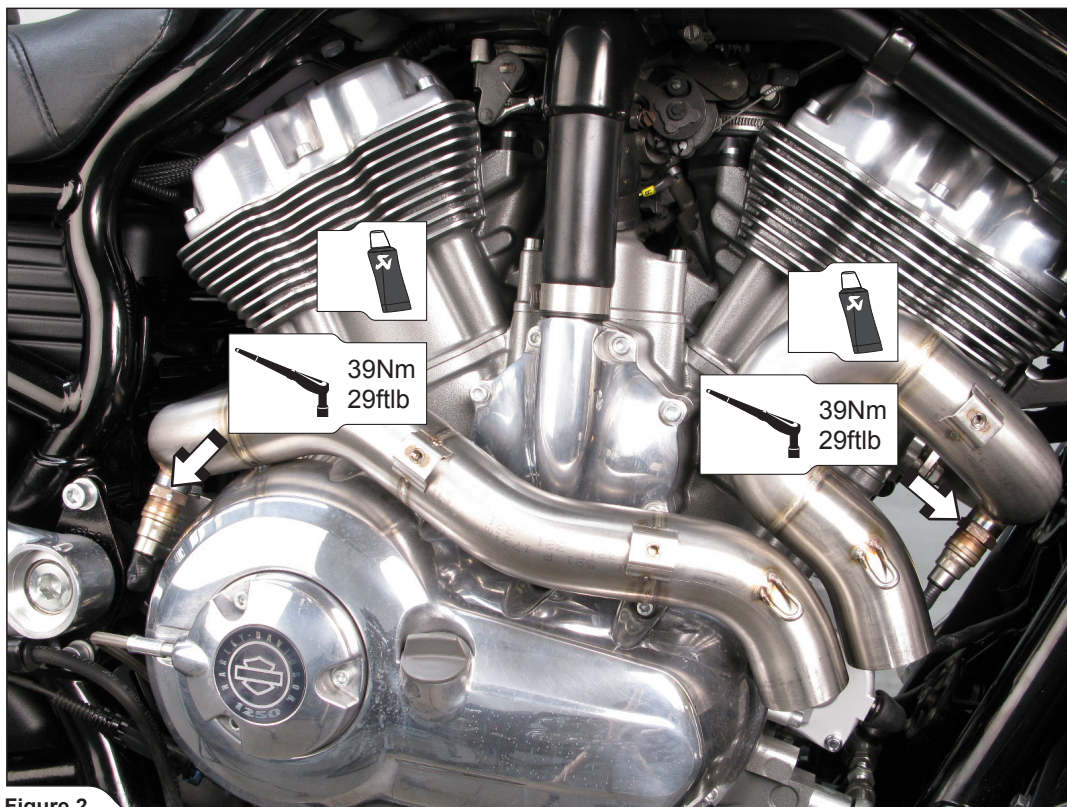


Figure 2

3. Slide the Akrapovič collector onto the header pipes and attach springs (**Figure 3**).  
**!** **WARNING:** make sure not to scratch or damage any part of the motorcycle during this procedure!  
**!** **WARNING:** make sure, that springs pull the collector all the way onto the headers – use rubber mallet if necessary to tap the connections into place!



Figure 3



4. Position the muffler correctly, slide it onto the outlet side of the Akrapovič collector and attach the springs. Align the muffler in respect to the motorcycle (**Figure 4**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, that springs pull the muffler all the way onto the collector – use rubber mallet if necessary to tap the connection into place!



Figure 4

5. **Passenger Footrests' brackets mounting (for Muscle models only):** assemble stock rubber dampers from stock footrest brackets onto the Akrapovič footrest brackets (**Figure 5**).

! **WARNING:** make sure, not to damage the rubber dampers or brackets during this procedure!



Figure 5

6. **Passenger Footrests' brackets mounting (for Muscle models only):** correctly assemble the footrest brackets onto the motorcycle using bolts and washers from Akrapovič installation kit and tighten them to the specified torque (**Figure 6**).

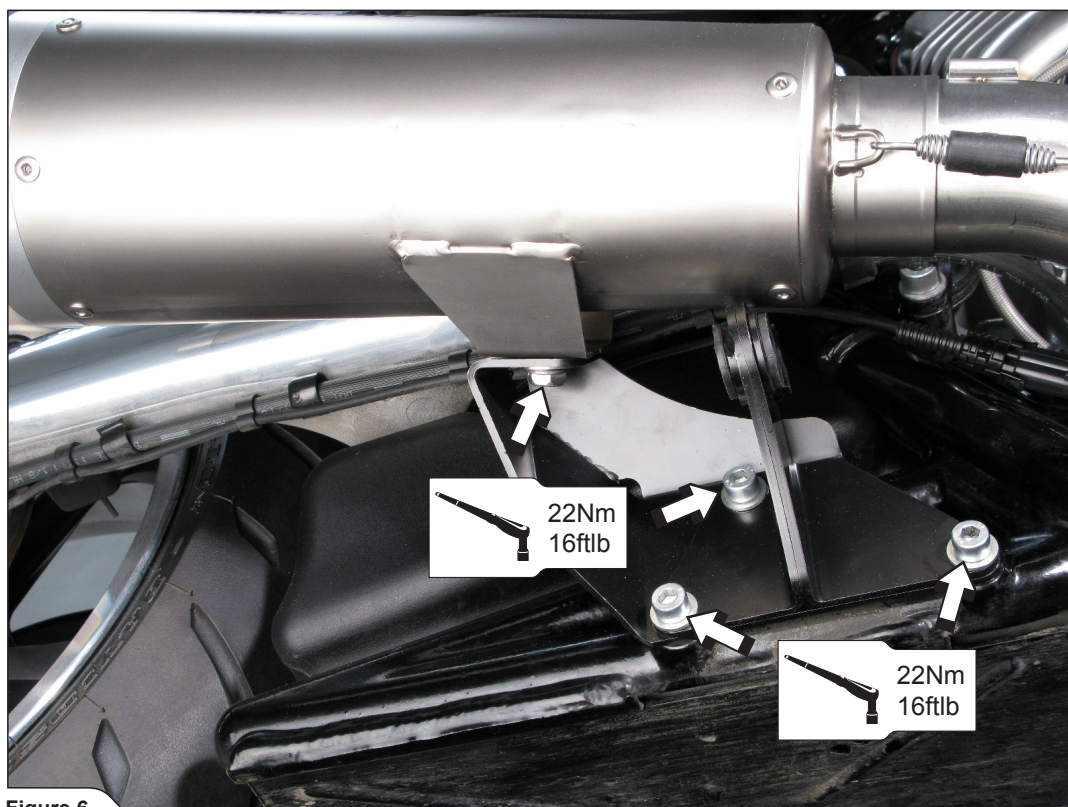


Figure 6

7. **Passenger Footrests' brackets mounting (for Muscle models only):** place the marked stock screws and additional washers from Akrapovič installation kit onto the footrest bracket as shown (**Figure 7**).
- ! WARNING:** make sure, not to damage or scratch the brackets, muffler or any other part of the motorcycle!



Figure 7



8. **Passenger Footrests' brackets mounting**

(for Muscle models only): install stock footrests onto the brackets and tighten the marked stock nuts with specified torque (Figure 8).



**WARNING:** make sure, not to damage or scratch the brackets, muffler or any other part of the motorcycle!

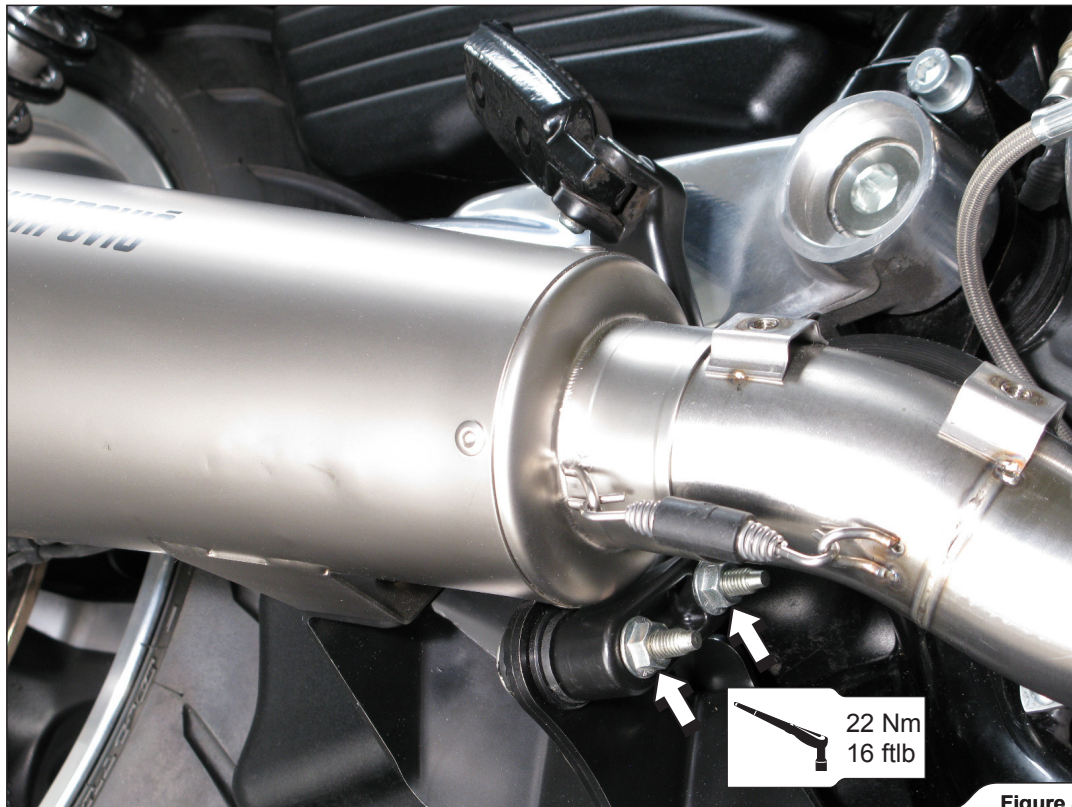


Figure 8

9. Align the header pipes and tighten both headers' flanges to the specified torque (Figure 9, 10).



**CAUTION:** before tightening the flanges make sure, that pipes don't touch the engine or any other part of the motorcycle!

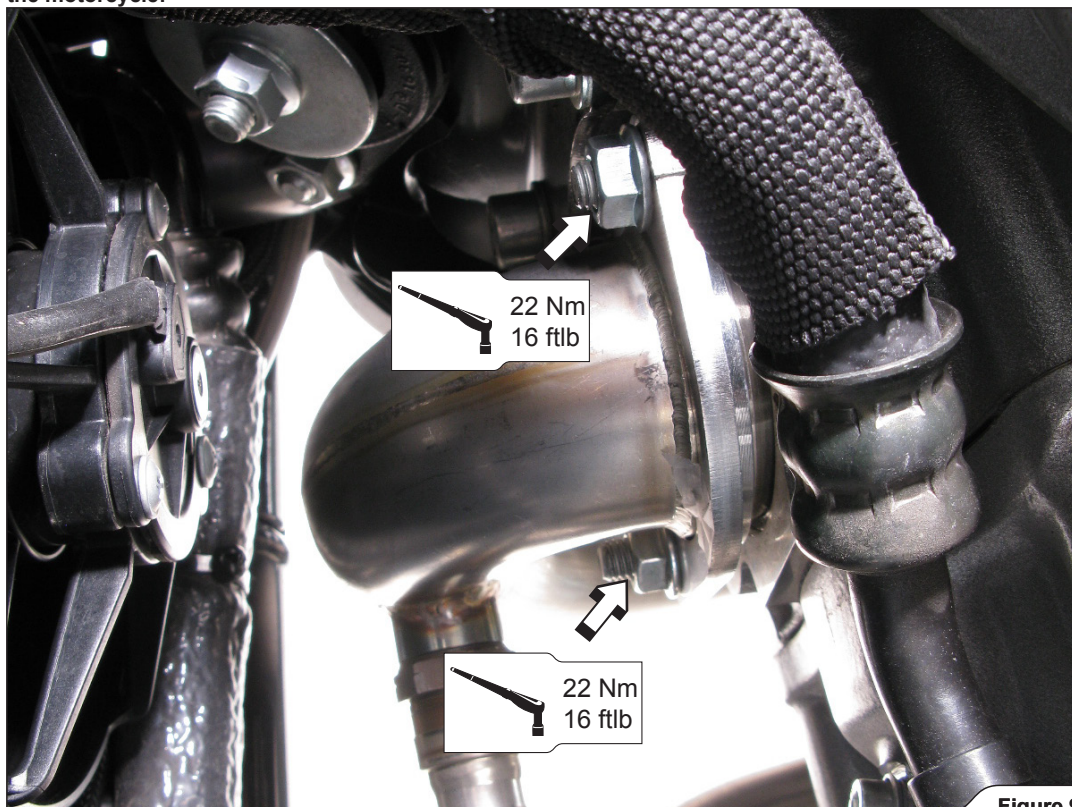


Figure 9



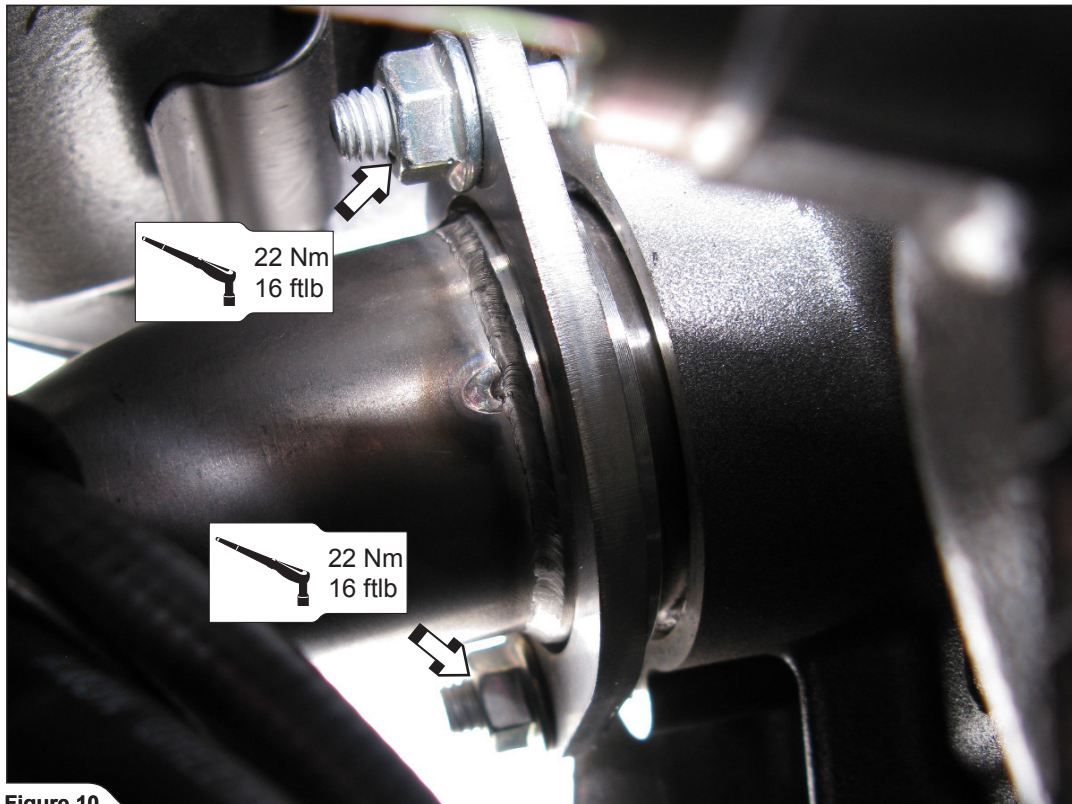


Figure 10

10. Assemble heat shield's bolts and heat resistant washers onto the carbon fibre heat shields, as shown (Figure 11).

**✂ INSTALLATION TIP:** screw the heat resistant washers onto the bolts; do not try to push them on!

**! WARNING:** make sure, not to damage or scratch the heat shields or any other part of the motorcycle!



Figure 11

11. Attach the heat shields onto the Akrapovič exhaust shield brackets and tighten the shield's bolts (Figure 12).

! **WARNING:** make sure heat shields are not touching the muffler, collector and header's pipes!



Figure 12



## Final installation:

Thoroughly clean all grease spots on headers, heat shields and muffler; use a soft cloth sprayed with a contact cleaner (brake cleaner), then wipe with a soft dry cloth.

Cleaning will prevent spots from burning onto the surface. Do not use aggressive chemical cleaners, because they can damage the logo/sticker.

**! WARNING: make sure all the bolts are sufficiently tightened. In case the exhaust system touches the cowlings or other parts, repeat the adjustment of the exhaust system or contact your authorized dealer.**

**! WARNING: check vehicle manufacturer manual for tightening torques (for dismantled stock parts)!**

**! IT IS NORMAL IF WHITE SMOKE COMES OUT OF THE MUFFLER ON FIRST OPERATION.**

**! DO NOT STAND BEHIND THE MUFFLER ON FIRST OPERATION.**

**! DO NOT USE AUTOMOTIVE WHEEL CLEANERS OR ANY CLEANING PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN ACIDIC ADDITIVES TO CLEAN AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**

## **MAINTENANCE OF THE AKRAPOVIČ EXHAUST SYSTEM:**

1. Clean the titanium exhaust components with a multi-purpose spray lubricant (WD-40 or equivalent), carbon fiber exhaust components with soft and dry cloth and stainless steel, mortemp powder coated or chrome plated components with soft cloth sprayed with contact cleaner, then wipe with soft and dry cloth. A change in the color of the exhaust system is normal due to the high temperatures.
2. Periodically make sure all the bolts and springs are sufficiently tight.

## **WARNING:**

Please note that certain aftermarket exhaust systems may not comply with applicable California laws and regulations, and may therefore be prohibited for use on California highways or roads, or on roads or vehicles otherwise subject to emissions control requirements.

Akrapovič exhaust systems for automobiles and motorcycles mounted downstream of the catalytic converter (also known as “cat-back systems”) are considered “replacement parts” in California by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and do not require an exemption or executive order from CARB to be sold in California. However, California prohibits the use of any aftermarket exhaust system that modifies, removes or replaces original equipment catalysts, unless CARB has issued an Executive Order as to such part or system.

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