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## Installation Instructions

**ARK Exhaust System**

**GRiP Cat-Back**

**(SM1500-0114G, 0214G)**

**for**

**Lexus IS250/350 3rd Gen. (2.5L/3.5L V6)**

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**Congratulations on purchasing an ARK Performance premium exhaust system!** Please read and understand the installation instructions before beginning work on the installation of your new ARK Performance exhaust system.

We recommend that this exhaust system be **installed by someone qualified for this work or by a certified mechanic** with access to the appropriate hand or power tools. It is also recommended that a lift or hoist be used during the installation. By installing this ARK Performance exhaust system, you indicate that you have read the installation instructions and you agree with the terms and conditions stated.

It is your responsibility to **follow the installation instructions provided** for this ARK Performance exhaust system and exercise all necessary safety precautions. ARK Performance assumes no responsibility for damages occurring from improper installation, operation, maintenance, or from incompatibility with other manufacturer's products.

### **Important Information:**

#### **Exclusion of Certain Liability**

1. The manufacturer, importer, and dealer of ARK Performance products hold no responsibility for any incidental damage such as personal injury or any other damages due to improper installation or operation of an ARK Performance exhaust system.

When installing an ARK Performance exhaust system, make sure the exhaust system does not touch other parts of the vehicle that are sensitive to high temperature.

2. ARK Performance will not warranty any damages caused by improper installation, use, and maintenance of the ARK Performance exhaust system. The warranty is limited to defects that are recognized by our technical department, this excludes items subject to normal wear such as the flange gaskets. This warranty is void in the case of an accident, modification, improper use, or competition use.

3. Do not install any ARK Performance exhaust system on a vehicle model for which it was not intended for.

4. The exhaust system will be very hot during and immediately after operation of the vehicle, please be careful not to burn yourself on the exhaust system or parts which are in direct contact with it. Also please protect other people, especially children, from any injuries due to the hot exhaust system.

5. Technical specifications of ARK Performance exhaust systems and related products are subject to change without notice.

6. Before removing the original exhaust system from your vehicle, please compare the parts that you received with the list of materials provided in the installation instructions. If anything is missing, contact ARK Performance before beginning installation.

7. The instructions for installation should serve as a guideline only, actual installation of the exhaust system may not correspond with the pictures entirely.

8. The process of uninstalling the original exhaust system may vary depending on the existing exhaust system so please follow the original exhaust system manufacturer's instructions for removal.

#### **Trademarks**

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## Contents

- Front Pipe—2
- Mid Pipe—1
- Rear Pipe—2
- Muffler—2
- Flange Gasket—6
- Bolts & Nuts—6 Sets

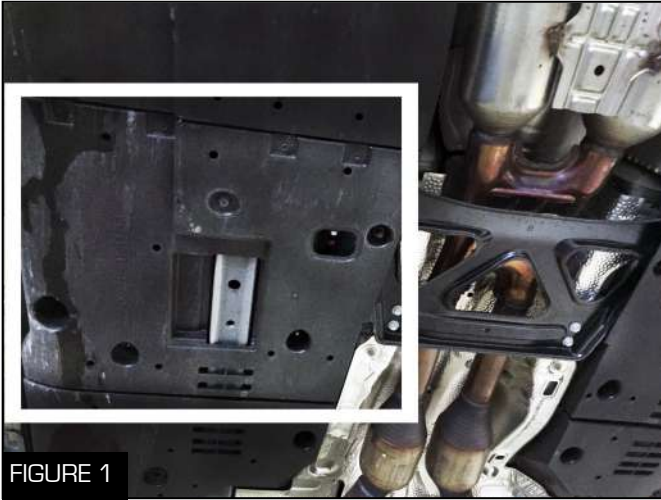
## Tools Required

- Socket Wrench/Wrench:
  - O2 Sensor Socket
  - 10 mm
  - 15 mm
  - 16 mm
  - 17 mm
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Clip Removal Tool
- Philips Screwdriver
- Lubricant (WD-40)
- Rubber Hanger Removal Tool

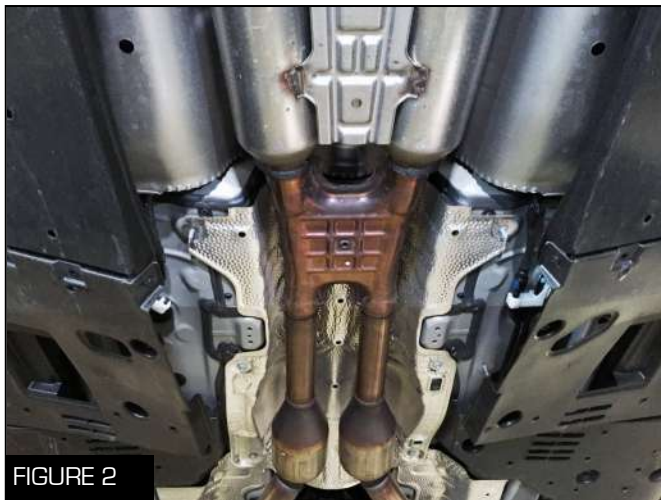
## Warning

- Before removing the original exhaust system, be sure to give sufficient time for the exhaust piping and surrounding parts to cool down. They can be extremely hot!
- If any items in the package are missing please contact your authorized dealer before installation.
- We advise you to have an experienced person or certified mechanic install the exhaust system.
- Loosely fasten all nuts and bolts until everything is installed, then tighten them down to the proper torque specs as you align the exhaust system.
- These instructions are specific for the 2014+ Lexus IS250/350 (2.5L/3.5L V6 4GR-FSE/2GR-FSE). However, please be sure to specify the exact year when purchasing the exhaust system.

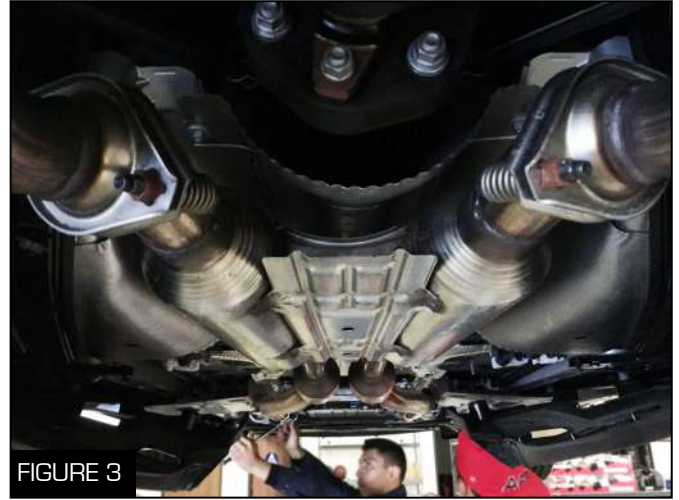
## Removal of OEM exhaust system



1. Lower the center under panel that covers the cross brace using the 10 mm socket, screwdriver, clip remover, and flat head [it does not have to be removed] (Figure 1)



2. Once the brace is exposed, use the 12 mm socket to unbolt and remove it (Figure 2)



3. Once the brace is removed then start working on the front section of the exhaust system (Figure 3)



4. Using the 14 mm socket wrench and wrench, unbolt the front section pipe from the OEM catalytic converter; be sure to have an exhaust stand or friend there to support the exhaust system once it is loose (Figure 4)

## Removal of OEM exhaust system



5. Once the front pipes are loosened, lower them so you can remove the O2 Sensors using the sensor removal socket (Figure 5)



8. Remove the two muffler metal hangers from the two rubber insulators and take the muffler out (Figure 7)



6. Unbolt the middle section from the muffler pipes using the 14 mm socket and remove it (Figure 6)

7. Remove the muffler pipe metal hanger from the rubber insulator [using a lubricant will make this easier] (Figure 6)



# Installation of ARK Performance GRiP exhaust system



FIGURE 1

1. Bolt the O2 sensor to the front pipe using the O2 sensor socket (Figure 1)

2. Bolt the front pipe to the OEM catalytic converter using the OEM gasket and hardware, repeat this for the other side (Figure 1)



FIGURE 2

3. Bolt the mid pipe section to the front pipes using the supplied gaskets and hardware with the 16/17 mm sockets (Figure 2)

4. Loosely bolt the under brace to the vehicle using the 12 mm socket (Figure 2)



FIGURE 3

5. Tighten down the under brace and reattach the under panels using the Philip's screw driver, flat head screw driver, 10 mm socket, and 12 mm socket (Figure 3)

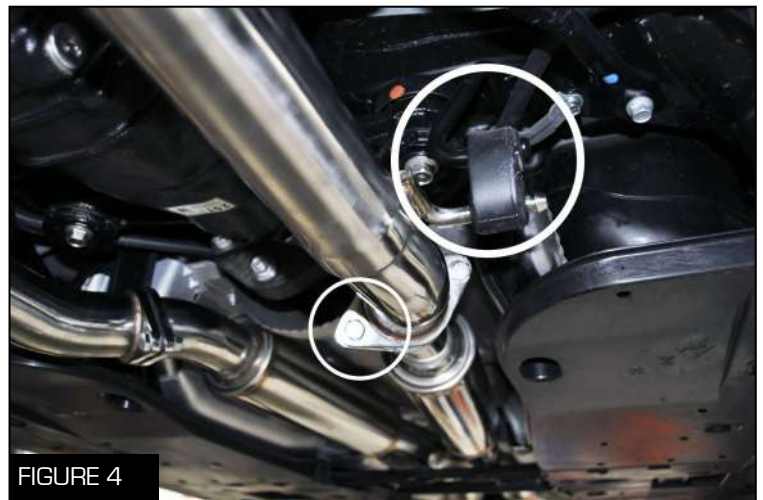


FIGURE 4

6. Attach the rear pipes metal hangers to the rubber insulators (Figure 4)

7. Bolt the rear pipe to the mid pipe section using the supplied gaskets and hardware with the 16/17 mm sockets (Figure 4)

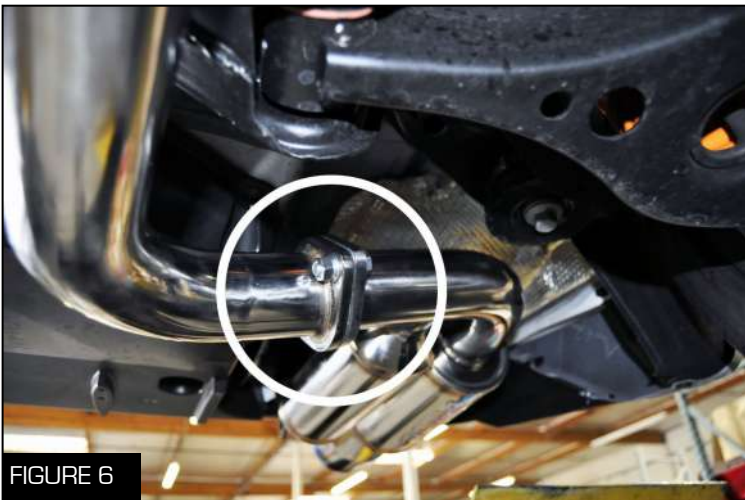
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8. Attach both metal hangers to the rubber insulators for the muffer (Figure 5)



10. To properly align the exhaust system, with all of the piping loosely fastened, one person must align the tips and piping while the other tightens down all of the hardware (Figure 7)



9. Bolt the mufflers to the rear pipes using the supplied gaskets and hardware with the 16/17 mm sockets (Figure 6)

## First Operation

Before starting the vehicle, be sure that no part of the exhaust system is touching a heat sensitive area or an area that will cause a rattle and vibration.

It is normal to have white smoke come from the exhaust system upon first start up and operation.

Be sure to check that there are no exhaust leaks, this can be done by revving the motor in neutral to 2,000-2,500 rpm and listen to the piping for any leaks.

## Maintenance

Please do not use any acidic chemicals or abrasive materials when cleaning your ARK Performance exhaust system.

We recommended that you **ONLY** use water and/or automotive soap when cleaning either the Burnt or Tecno tips.

It is recommended to check the nuts and bolts periodically to make sure they have not come loose, re-tighten them if necessary.

