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Below are installation pictures for the R32 rear bumper cover on to a 2008 4dr GTI. All-in-all, a pretty straight forward installation. With the right tools, you really don't have to take off the wheels, but it helps. The installation would probably take an hour to do, now that we've done it and had to pull the bumper cover off once or twice during the process.

This is for informational purposes and may not contain all the details necessary to complete (most of the big things are listed) - attempt at your own risk as we are not responsible for anything that may or may not happen during your specific installation experiences.

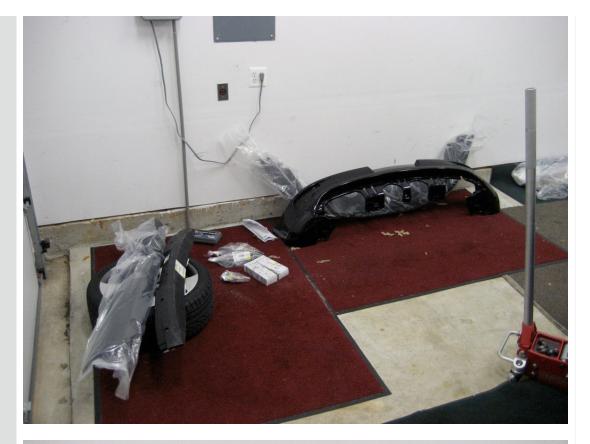
- Items of note:
 one person could do the installation but two make it go much quicker and less frustrating
 installation time about and hour to hour and a half. Now that we've done this, the hardest part was separating the lower stock GTI piece from
- Recommend removing the entire bumper cover (top & bottom together)
 be sure to install the new R32 foam properly. The foam does not rest on top, it goes underneath. The part number in the license plate area
- should not be upside down.

 If your hatch does not securely shut, check to make sure the foam is on properly.

- If your red reflectors do not sit securely, check to make sure the foam is on properly.
 Torx 25 and 20 screwdriver version as well as 1/4" socket are handy.
 The cover does fit with the stock GTI exhaust still on. You can install the cover at home and head to a muffler shop to have the exhaust mods done later.

Rear Bumper parts: Foam Absorber 1K6-807-251-A Lower Spoiler 1K6-807-433-E-GRU (primered) Tail pipe surround 1K6-807-568-9B9 Tow Hook Cover 1K6-807-441-E-9B9 LH Support 1K6-807-739 RH Support 1K6-807-740 LH Reflector 1K6-945-105-A RH Reflector 1K6-945-106-A

Step 1: Gather all of the parts - make sure you have everything needed



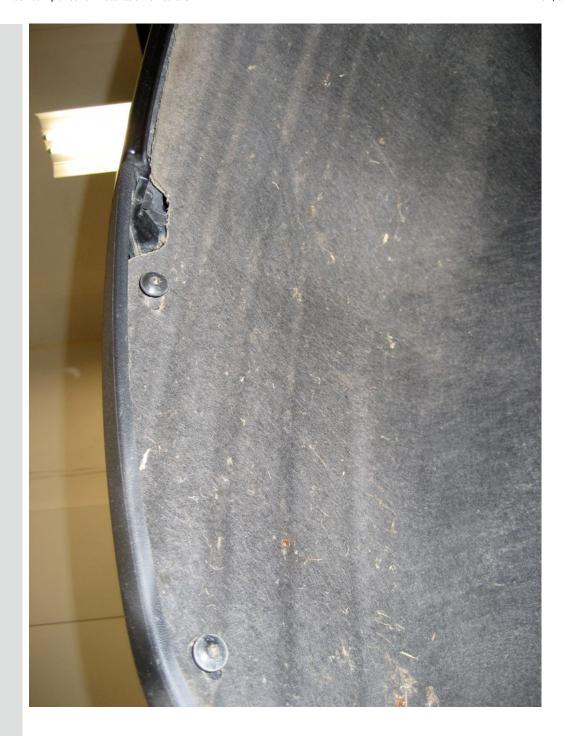


Step 2: Jack up the rear and use a jack stand for safety





Step 4: Remove the screws from the fender well, across the bottom, & top:

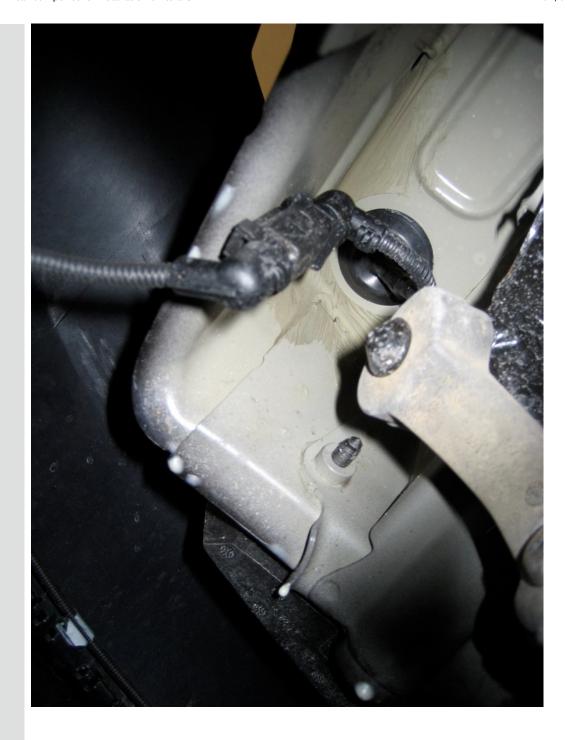


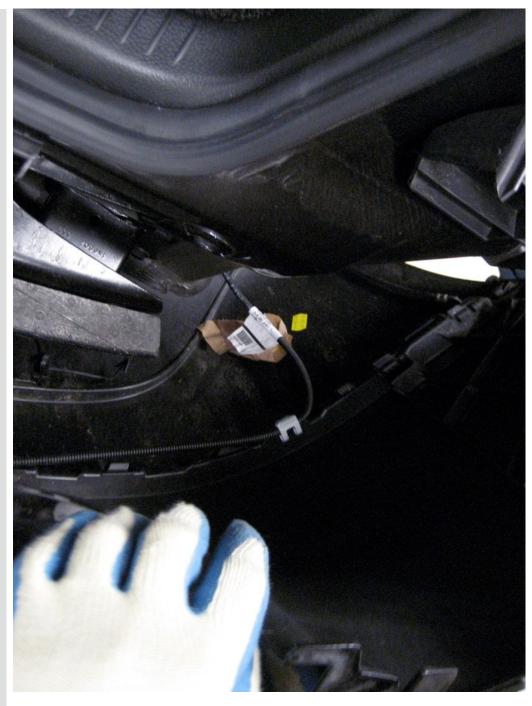






Remove the wiring harness for the license plate light:





Step 5: pull off cover - give a pull, you may hear a popping sound, that's ok

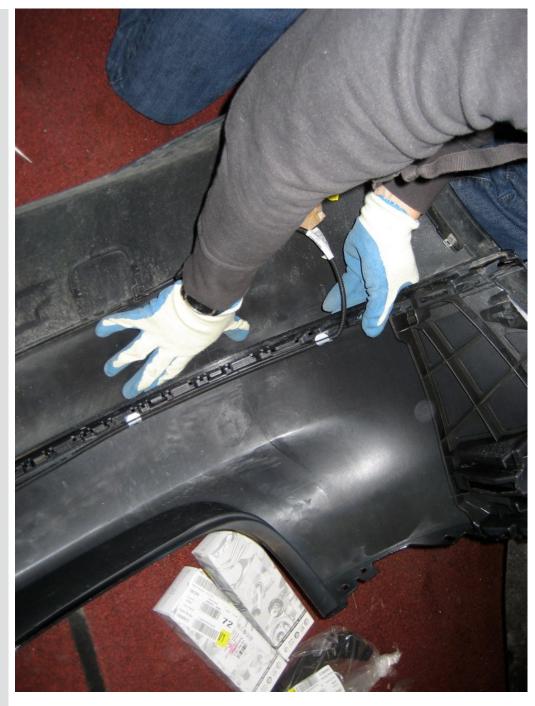




Step 6: Separate the GTI cover top from the bottom:



Set the cover, face down. Start on one end to pop the clips out and then "roll" across the cover pulling out the plastic clips. Once it starts to go, you will get the hang of it and it will come apart.



Step 7: Attach the R32 bottom

Much like the removal, start at one end and "roll" around to the other side pushing the clips together. be sure to seat them completely, if you do not, you may see a slight line (we did) on the painted side of the cover indicating that the clips are not fully seated.



Pull off a couple of the screw clips from your GTI cover and slide on to the R32 cover:







Step 8: Remove the GTI's foam



Expect it to break:



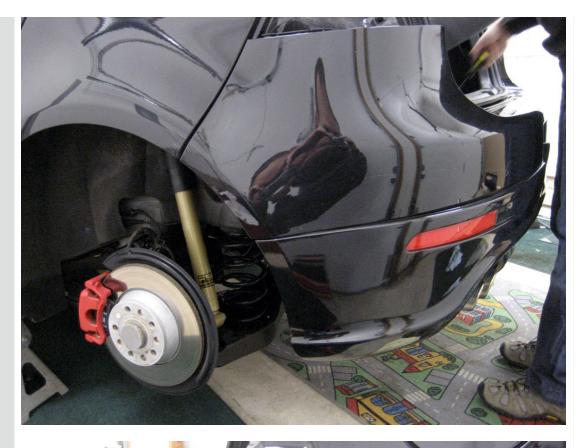
Clean the surface, prep for the adhesive tape:



Step 9: install the R32 foam - it wraps around the bottom, not top



Step 10: slide on the R32 bumper cover:
There are "channels" on the both sides that the top cover support plastic will slide into.





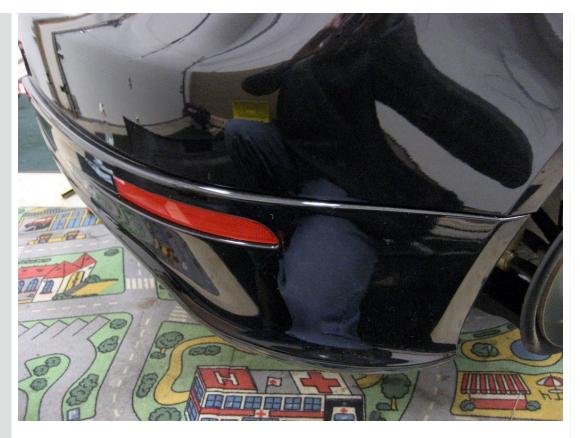


The two support pieces that are down on the bottom (near the muffler) need to be lifted around the metal allowing the bumper cover to fully slide on.

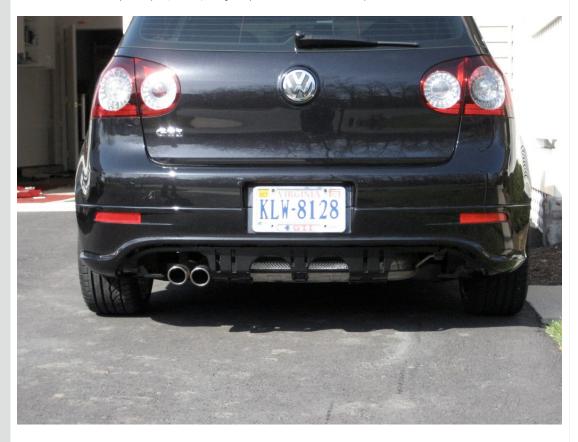
Replace all of the Torx screws you removed:

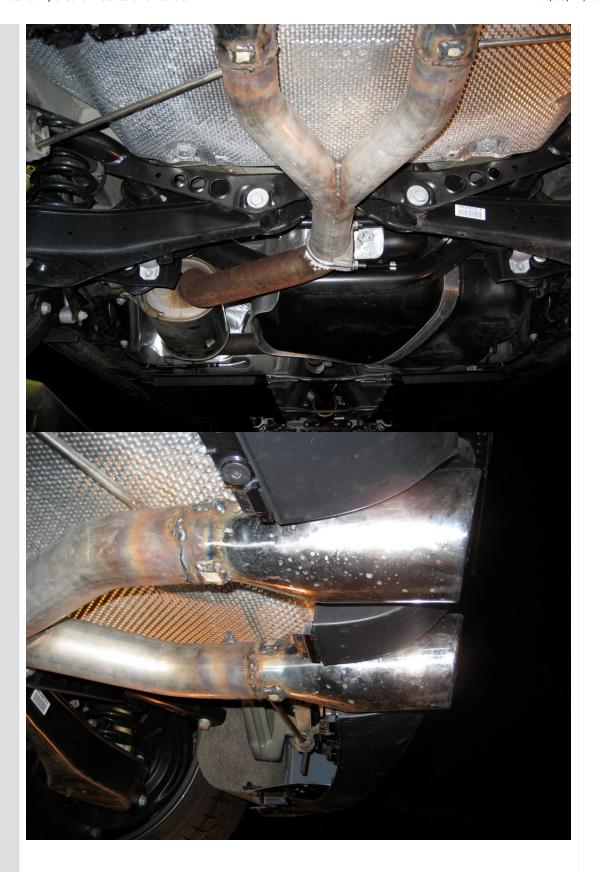


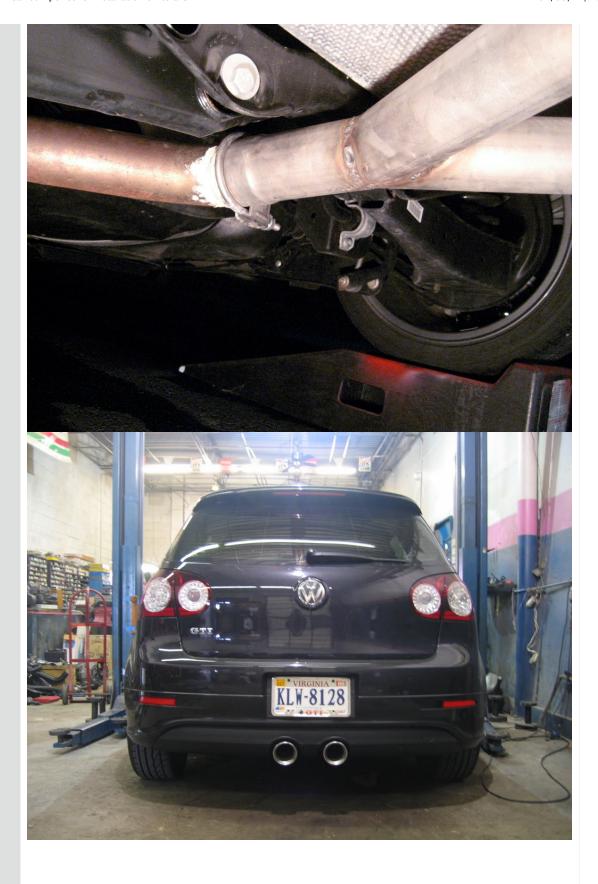
Step 11: install reflectors and button everything back up



Stock Exhaust: The GTI exhaust clears the plastic by a 1/4" or so, enough for you to make it to a muffler shop









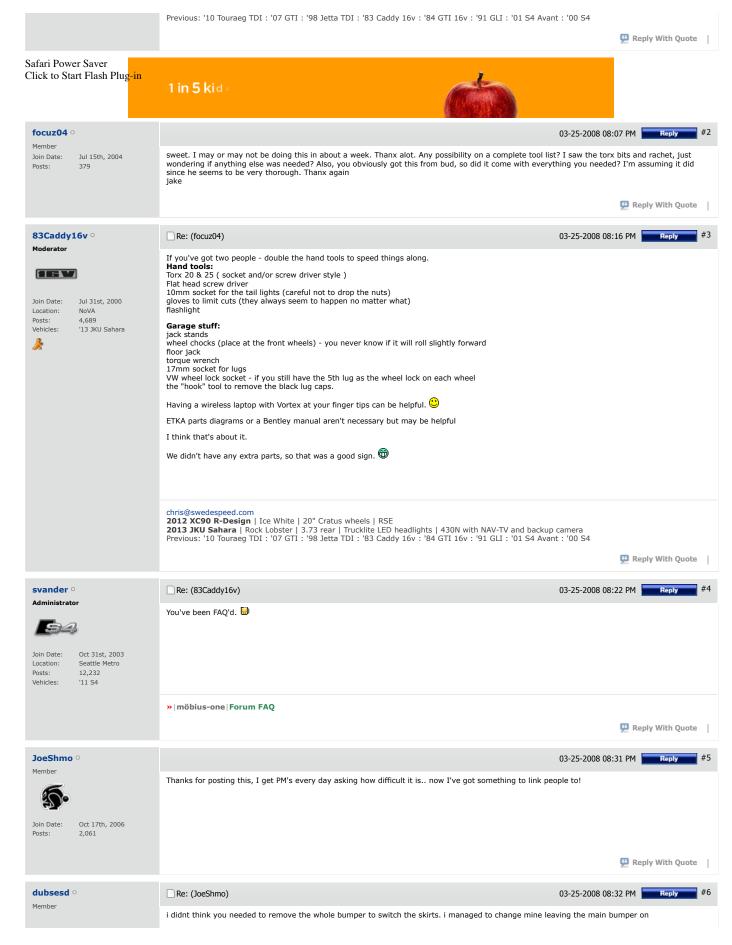
Once the exhaust has been modified, snap on the center piece and enjoy.

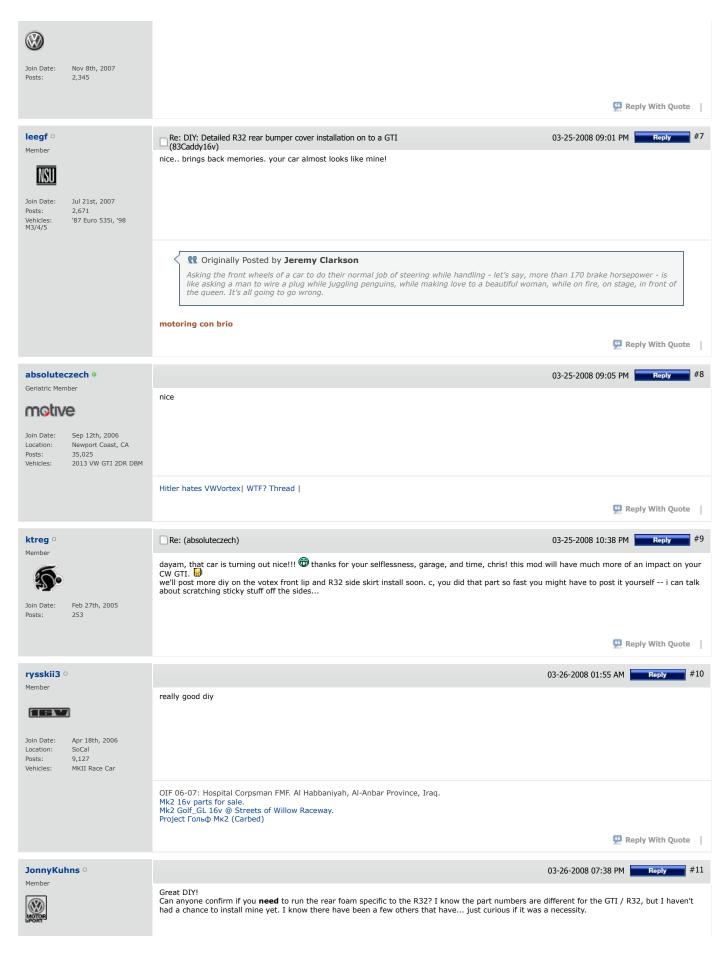


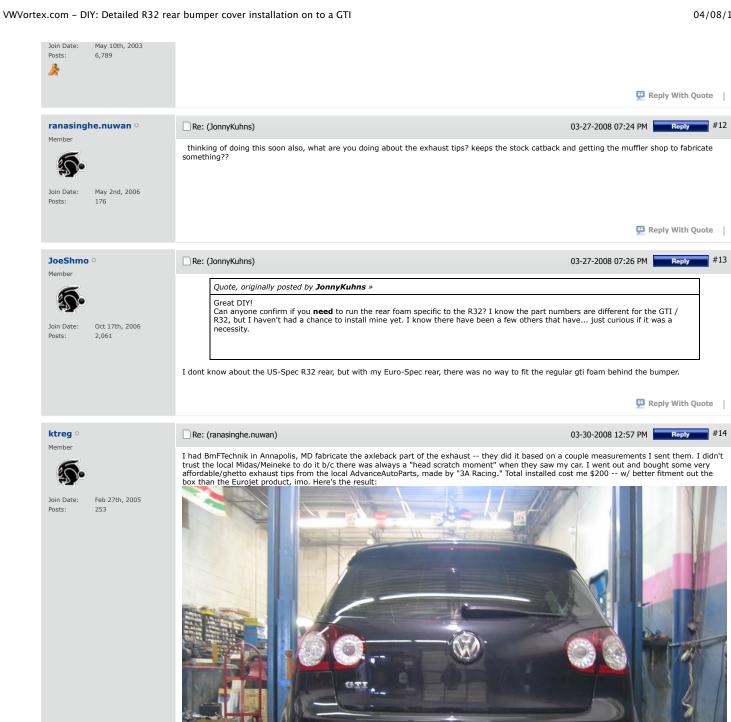


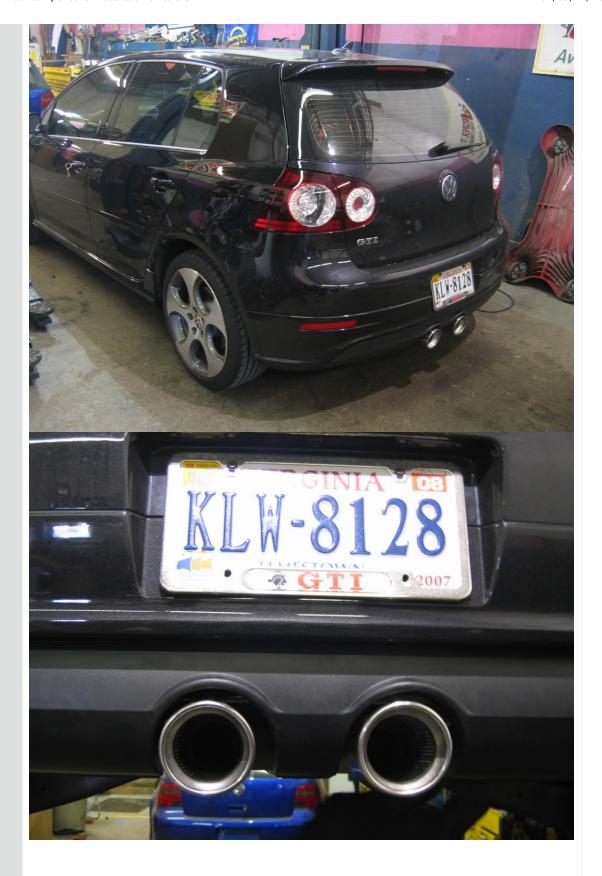
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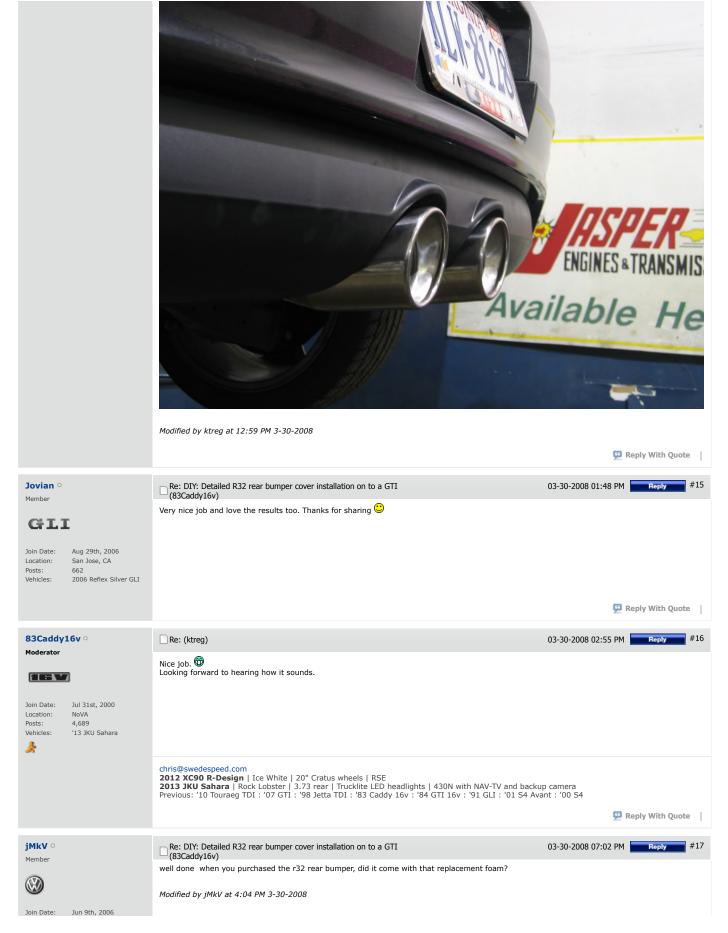
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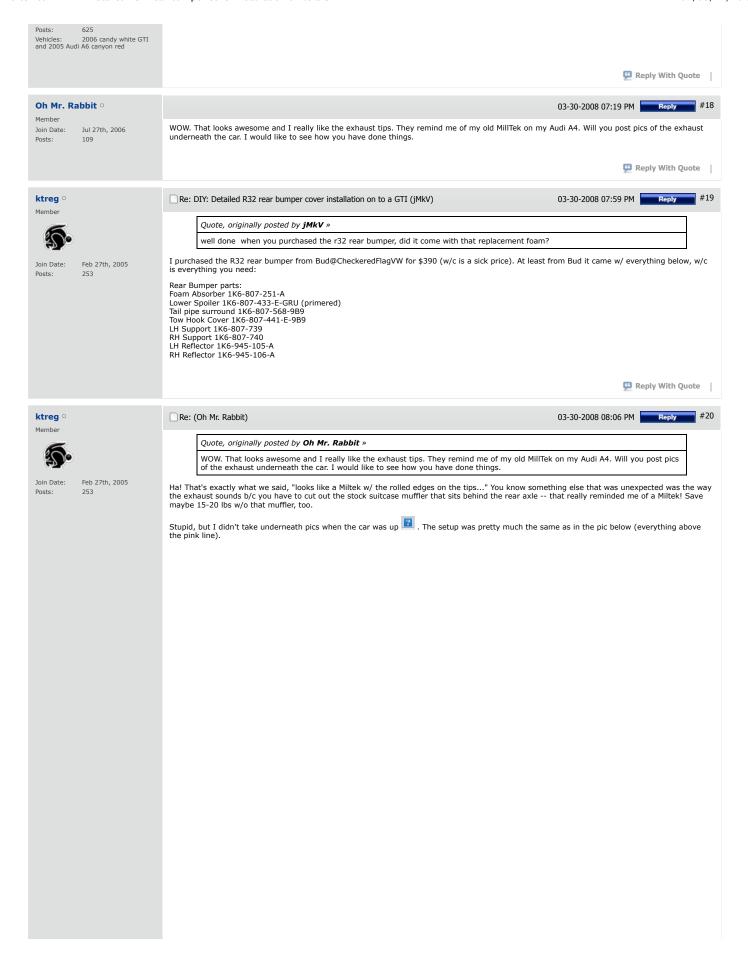














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Quote, originally posted by ktreg >

Ha! That's exactly what we said, "looks like a Miltek w/ the rolled edges on the tips..." You know something else that was unexpected was the way the exhaust sounds b/c you have to cut out the stock suitcase muffler that sits behind the rear axle -- that really reminded me of a Miltek! Save maybe 15-20 lbs w/o that muffler, too.

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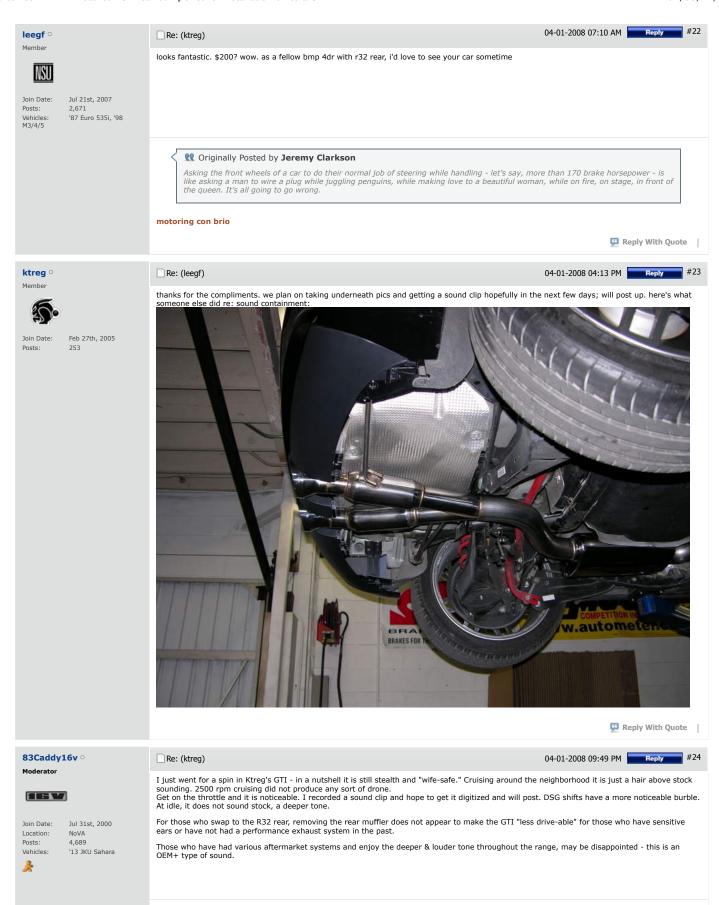
Yes but props to you for posting an inexpensive but great looking alternative to purchasing a full blown Turbo or Cat back system. The Eurojet axle back item didn't look too impressive either. This is a great alternative for those not chipping or looking to alter their stock exhaust for performance. BTW, what's the tip size of those 3A Racing? 3A Racing! Ha! Gotta love it.

Just curious what the sound is like though. As I understand it, you just left the exhaust stock with resonator on. But you did cut out the suitcase muffler and replaced that with straight pipes to the resonator. I've always heard of GTI guys cutting out the resonator and leaving the muffler on but not the other way around. Hence my curiosity how it would sound without the muffler. If someone was wanting the same stock sound, they would have the shop install a (smaller) muffler to replace the suitcase muffler but have twin center tips, correct?

Props to you again. You've renewed my interests in a rear R32.

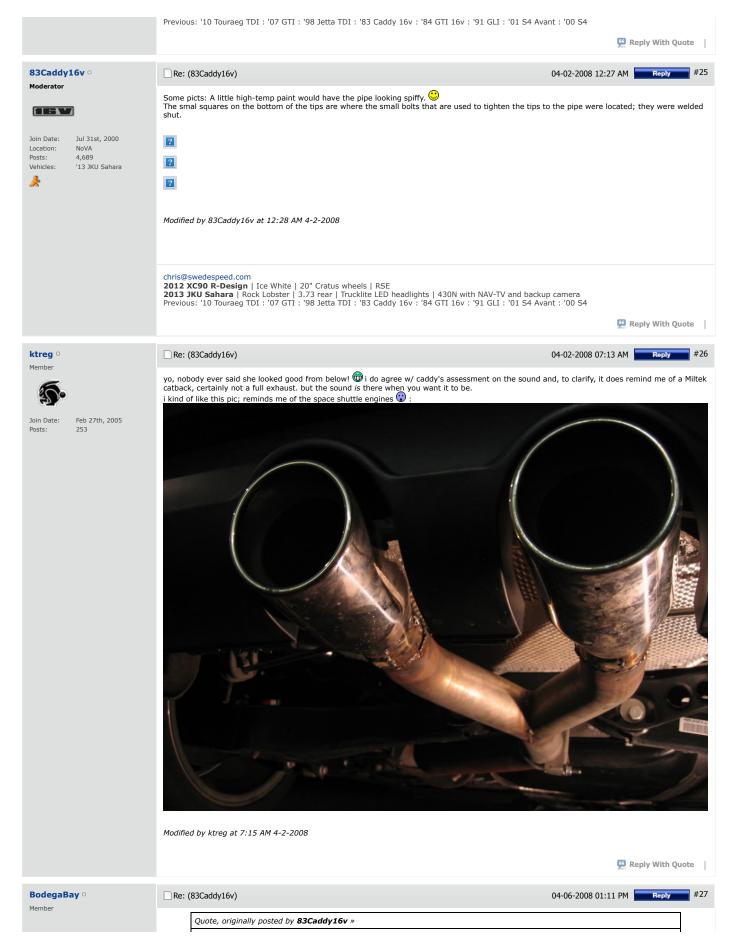
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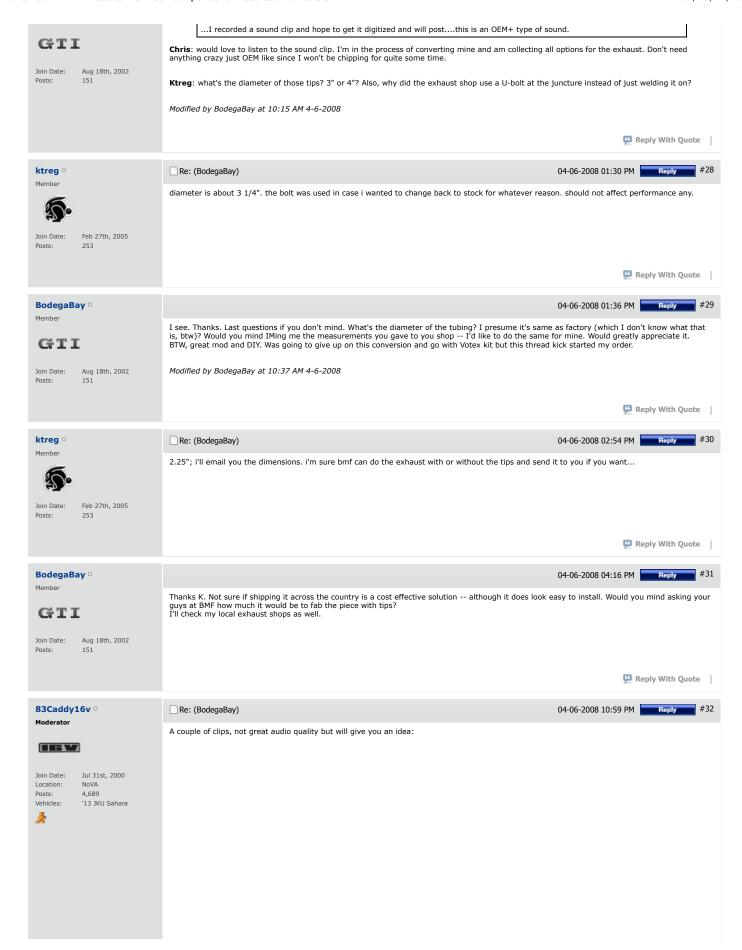
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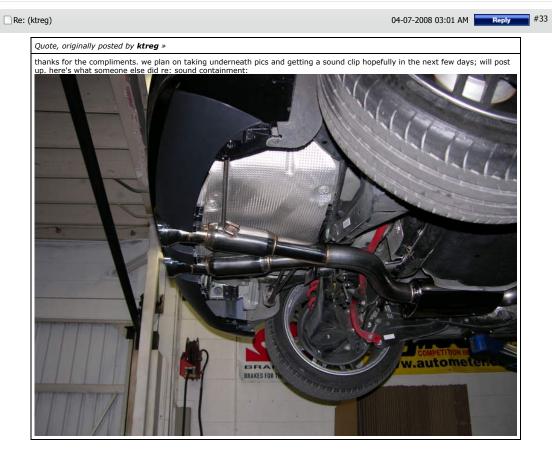


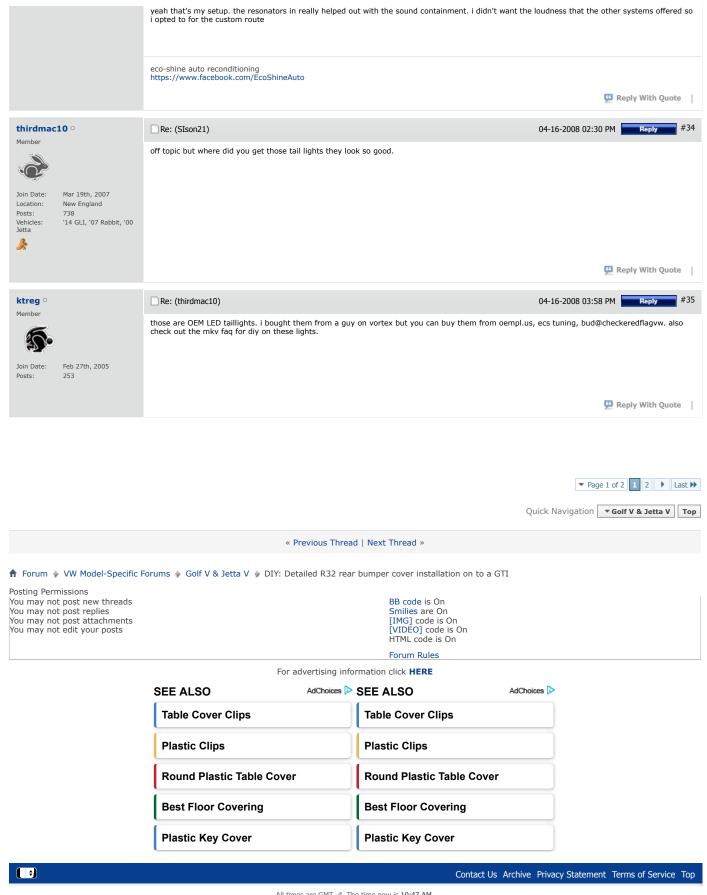
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