



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**21-840C (Gun Metal Gray Finish)**

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**2017-18 A3**

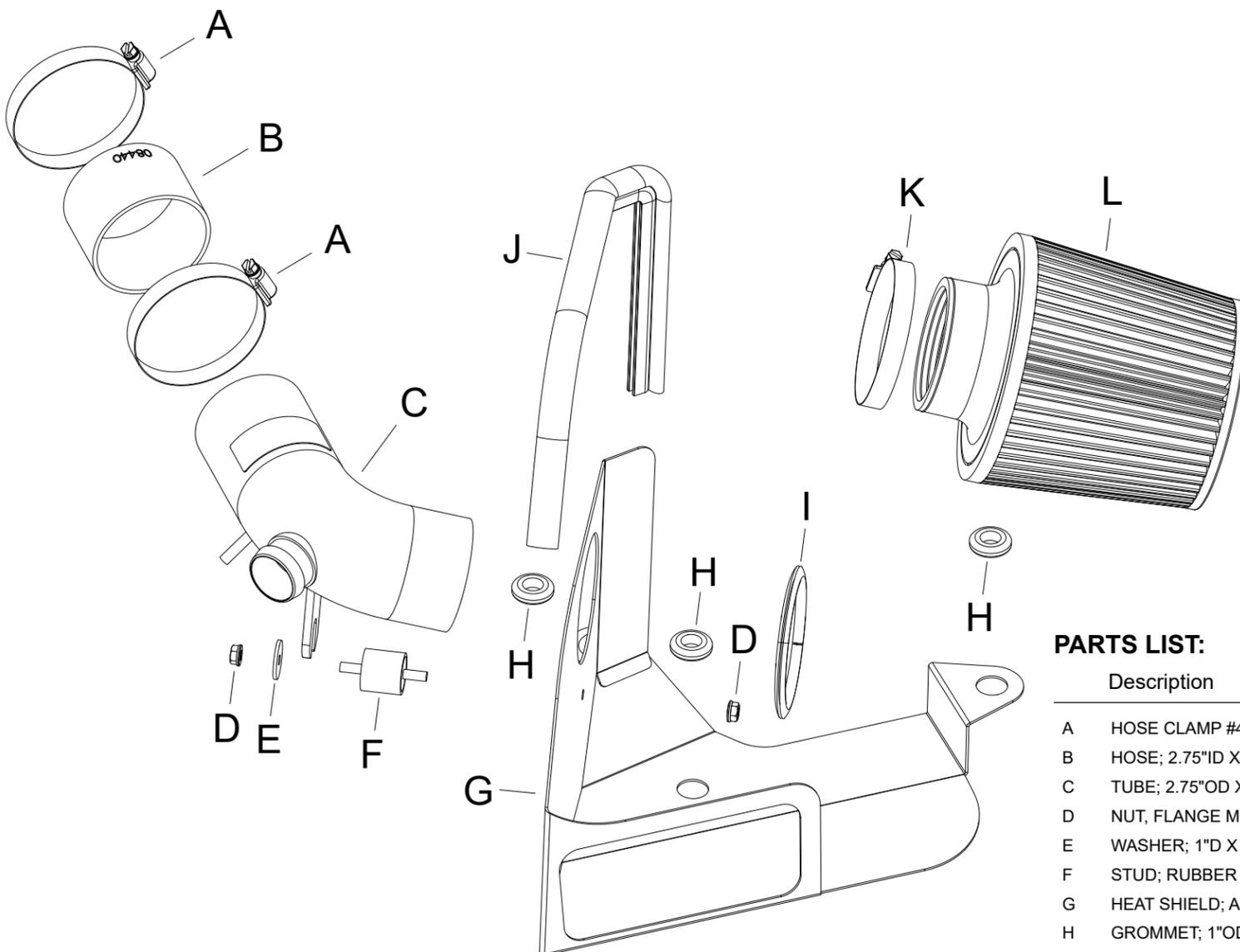
**L4-2.0L Turbo**

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### TOOLS NEEDED:

Pliers  
T25 TORX  
Flat blade screw driver  
Ratchet  
Extension  
10mm socket



### PARTS LIST:

Description	Qty.	Part #
A HOSE CLAMP #44 STAINLESS	2	08560
B HOSE; 2.75"ID X 2"L,REIN	1	08440
C TUBE; 2.75"OD X 13"L, 21-840	1	2-1609C
D NUT, FLANGE M6 HEX	2	444.460.04
E WASHER; 1"D X 1/4 FENDER	1	08160
F STUD; RUBBER MOUNTED	1	1228599
G HEAT SHIELD; AUDI A3 2.0T	1	20-8618
H GROMMET; 1"OD, 1/2"ID	3	08167
I EDGE TRIM; 1/16" GAP, 12"L	1	102466
J EDGE TRIM; 3/4 BULB, TOP	1	102471
K 1/2" BNDHOSE CLAMP, 2.56"	1	9448
L AIR FILTER; 2.75" X 5" DRY	1	21-202DK

If you need any assistance please call 1-800-858-3333 to speak with a representative in our Customer Service Center before returning the product.

Read and understand these instructions **BEFORE** attempting to install this product. Failure to follow installation instructions and not using the provided hardware may damage the intake tube, throttle body and engine.

### TO START:

1. Turn off the ignition and disconnect the negative battery cable.

**NOTE: Disconnecting the negative battery cable erases pre-programmed electronic memories. Write down all memory settings before disconnecting the negative battery cable. Some radios will require an anti-theft code to be entered after the battery is reconnected. The anti-theft code is typically supplied with your owner's manual. In the event your vehicles anti-theft code cannot be recovered, contact an authorized dealership to obtain your vehicles anti-theft code.**



2. Disconnect the mass air sensor electrical connection.



3. Disconnect the air injection hose from the upper air filter housing.



4. Remove the screws that secure the top of the fresh air duct and then remove the top from the vehicle.



5. Unclip and move the coolant hose attached to the lower fresh air duct. Unclip and remove the lower fresh air duct from the vehicle.



6. Release the spring clamp that secures the factory intake tube to the mass air sensor housing and then disconnect the hose from the sensor.



7. Pull up the air filter housing to remove it from the vehicle.

**NOTE: AEM recommends that customers do not discard factory air intake.**



8. Remove the mass air sensor from the factory air filter housing.



9. Remove the fresh air duct from the factory air filter housing.



10. Install the provided edge trim onto the heat shield.

**NOTE: Some trimming of the edge trim will be necessary.**



11. Install the three provided mounting grommets into the heat shield where shown.



12. Install the factory fresh air duct into the heat shield as shown.



13. Install the rubber mounted stud into the heat shield and secure with the provided hardware. Install the AEM® intake tube into the heat shield and secure to the rubber mounted stud with the provided hardware. Install the AEM® air filter onto the intake tube and secure with the provided hose clamp.



14. Reinstall the factory mass air sensor onto the factory intake tube and secure with the factory spring clamp.



15. Install the provided coupler (08440) onto the mass air sensor and secure with the provided hose clamp.



16. Install the AEM® intake kit so the grommets align with the mounting studs, connect the mass air sensor to the intake tube. Adjust the intake tube and filter for best fit and secure with the provided hardware and clamps.



17. Reinstall the lower fresh air duct.



18. Reinstall the upper fresh air duct and secure with the factory hardware.



19. Connect the air injection hose to the AEM® intake tube.



20. Reconnect the mass air sensor electrical connection.



### Reassemble Vehicle

Position the inlet pipes for the best fitment. Be sure that the pipes or any other components do not contact any part of the vehicle. Tighten the rubber mount, all bolts, and hose clamps. Check for proper hood clearance. Re-adjust pipes if necessary and re-tighten them. Inspect the engine bay for any loose tools and check that all fasteners that were moved or removed are properly tightened. Reconnect negative battery terminal and start engine. Let the vehicle idle for 3 minutes. Perform a final inspection before driving the vehicle.

### Service and Maintenance

AEM Induction Systems requires cleaning the intake system's air filter element every 100,000 miles. When used in dusty or off-road environments, our filters will require cleaning more often. We recommend that you visually inspect your filter once every 25,000 miles to determine if the screen is still visible. When the screen is no longer visible some place on the filter element, it is time to clean it. To clean, purchase our Synthetic air filter cleaner, part number 99-0624 and follow the easy instructions. Use window cleaner to clean your powder coated AEM® intake tube.

**NOTE: DO NOT USE aluminum polish on powder coated AEM® intake tubes.**

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### AEM Air Intake System Warranty Policy

AEM® warrants that its intake systems will last for the life of your vehicle. AEM will not honor this warranty due to mechanical damage (i.e. improper installation or fitment), damage from misuse, accidents or flying debris. AEM will not warrant its powder coating if the finish has been cleaned with a hydrocarbon-based solvent. The powder coating should only be cleaned with a mild soap and water solution. Proof of purchase of both the vehicle and AEM intake system is required for redemption of a warranty claim.

This warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of the AEM part. In no event shall this warranty exceed the original purchase price of the AEM part nor shall AEM be responsible for special, incidental or consequential damages or cost incurred due to the failure of this product. Warranty claims to AEM must be transportation prepaid and accompanied with dated proof of purchase. This warranty applies only to the original purchaser of product and is nontransferable. Improper use or installation, use for racing, accident, abuse, unauthorized repairs or alterations voids this warranty. AEM disclaims any liability for consequential damages due to breach of any written or implied warranty on all products manufactured by AEM. Warranty returns will only be accepted by AEM when accompanied by a valid Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Credit for defective products will be issued pending inspection. Product must be received by AEM within 30 days of the date RMA is issued.

If you have a warranty issue, please call (800) 992-3000 and our customer service department will assist you. A proof of purchase is required for all AEM warranty claims.