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Canada 2023

Practice and qualifying



In a weekend where rain and changeable conditions tested the drivers' abilities, the Oracle Red Bull Racing team was forced to fight tooth and nail against its closest rivals.

Many had hoped that, in mid-June, the weather would be fine at the Gilles Villeneuve circuit in Montreal. However, as early as the practice sessions, the teams realized that the weather was going to interfere with their plans and force them to fine-tune their strategies to the maximum.

Nerves from the start

On Friday, June 16, the weekend began with the first free practice session. Cloudy skies and a threat of rain pushed the drivers to quickly take to the track before the conditions deteriorated. But the session was unexpectedly disrupted with a red flag caused by Pierre Gasly, who had stalled on the tarmac due to transmission problems.

Alfa Romeo driver Valtteri Bottas ended up setting the fastest time of the session, while Oracle Red Bull Racing – which was focused on testing new configurations and settings – managed to place Sergio Pérez and Max Verstappen in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Max Verstappen went to Canada in 2023 with a healthy lead in the Drivers' Championship.



For Sergio Pérez, it was important to try and secure a podium position in Canada.

The race authorities decided to bring the start of the second practice session forward by half an hour. Although the sky was still leaden and threatening, the clouds did not deliver rain, which allowed the drivers to proceed a bit calmer. Oracle Red Bull Racing, not entirely confident of the weather conditions, decided to focus on long runs and analyze the performance of its medium tires, leaving aside the search for fast times. Verstappen finished sixth and Checo was eighth, far behind the Mercedes of Hamilton and Russell, who led the practice times.

The situation gets more complicated

Those who were confident that things would improve on Saturday were wrong, as the rain began to fall on the circuit from early on. The teams had to face the third practice with soaked asphalt, so it was necessary to start with extreme rain tires.

Fortunately, the rain gradually eased and the track began to dry out during the session, which allowed the cars to switch to medium tires and the lap times started to drop. After the caution shown in the first two sessions, Verstappen began to ask more from his RB19 and the car did not miss the opportunity to demonstrate its power, spurred on by the Ferraris of Leclerc and Sainz Jr. The exchange of fast laps made the brave fans who had gathered at the circuit despite the rain forget about the inclement weather.



While Sergio Pérez was trying to find the rhythm to improve his lap times, tensions were evident when Sainz Jr. suffered a crash that forced the red flags to be waved. As soon as the session resumed, Verstappen pushed the pace and managed to move into the lead with a time of 1:23.106 on intermediate tires, beating Leclerc's Ferrari by just under three tenths of a second.

Slippery track

If free practice had made more than one driver sweat, the qualifying session was to become a real test of endurance. The cars would have to test their adaptability on an extremely slippery circuit, while the drivers would need all their discipline and skill.

Taking advantage of a break in the rain, the drivers started Q1 vibrantly, trying to complete their fast laps as soon as possible. A thrilling duel between Verstappen and Alonso immediately ensued. Both made it clear that the battle for pole was going to be close. Pérez, meanwhile, struggled with grip and a lack of visibility on a circuit where any mistake could be costly. The Mexican driver bore a sense of pessimism due to what had happened in the last two races. And, undoubtedly, that was decisive for him – along with Leclerc, he was on intermediates during a rainy Q2 and failed to progress. Alexander Albon surprised with the best time in his soft-tire-equipped Mercedes.

Verstappen set the fastest time in qualifying at the Canadian Grand Prix.



Caught on intermediate tires when the rain came down in Q2, Pérez did not qualify for Q3.

Adapt or lose

Some onlookers were beginning to think that things were not going too well for Oracle Red Bull Racing when it came to the final qualifying session. The weather in Montreal went completely crazy and tested the drivers' adaptability to a track that, in just a few minutes, went from damp to semi-dry to completely wet. The right choice of tires proved decisive.

In the midst of this changing weather, which increased the nervousness of the participants, there was absolutely everything: excitement, drama, and surprises. But Max Verstappen once again stood out for his serenity at the wheel and also for his courage, as in a masterful lap he secured pole position with a time of 1:12.244, more than a second faster than his rivals.

He was followed by Nico Hülkenberg, who managed an impressive lap in his Haas. However, the German would later be penalized for speeding under a red flag, giving Alonso the front-row position alongside Verstappen.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q3	Final grid
1	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:20.851	1:19.092	1:25.858	1
2	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:22.730	1:20.305	1:27.102	5*
3	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:21.481	1:19.776	1:27.286	2
4	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:21.554	1:20.426	1:27.627	3
5	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:21.798	1:20.098	1:27.893	4
6	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:22.114	1:20.406	1:27.945	6
7	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:21.998	1:19.347	1:28.046	7
8	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:22.248	1:19.856	1:29.294	11*
9	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:22.190	1:19.659	1:31.349	8
10	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:21.938	1:18.725	N/A	9
11	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:21.843	1:20.615	N/A	10
12	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:22.151	1:20.959	N/A	12
13	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:22.677	1:21.484	N/A	16*
14	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:22.351	1:21.678	N/A	13
15	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:22.332	1:21.821	N/A	14
16	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:22.746	N/A	N/A	19*
17	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:22.886	N/A	N/A	15
18	21	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:23.137	N/A	N/A	17
19	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:23.337	N/A	N/A	18
20	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:23.342	N/A	N/A	20

* Carlos Sainz Jr., Yuki Tsunoda, and Lance Stroll were penalized three positions on the starting grid for hindering Pierre Gasly, Nico Hülkenberg, and Esteban Ocon respectively.

2023 Canadian Grand Prix

Clash of the titans





Dutchman Max Verstappen took advantage of his pole position to establish an early lead in the 2023 Canadian Grand Prix.

After the thrills of qualifying, Sunday, June 18, dawned with cooler weather, but the Montreal sky no longer looked as threatening as on the two preceding days. This contributed to a large attendance at the Gilles Villeneuve circuit. Fans knew that pole position would lead to a thrilling duel between the titans Max Verstappen and Fernando Alonso, who was keen to prove he was capable of dethroning the dominating RB19.

Order and command

But if the Dutchman's discreet performance in the practice sessions had made anyone think that the champion was going through a vulnerable moment, they only had to wait until the start of the race to see the extraordinary talent of the champion. With a magnificent start, Verstappen defended his position from the first lap. Lewis Hamilton also started strong, and took second place, leaving Alonso in third position after a bad start. The champion set his sights on keeping his immediate pursuer out of DRS range in the opening laps, and boy did he succeed. With the RB19 at full throttle as he sped around the Gilles Villeneuve circuit, Verstappen managed to gain distance on the others and consolidate his lead. Everything seemed to indicate that the situation at the head of the race would be similar to that in Monaco and Spain.

Less positive was his teammate, Sergio Pérez. Using hard tires for a long-duration strategy, the Mexican was fighting to move up from 12th position after another unfortunate qualifying session. Not far behind him, Carlos Sainz Jr. went all out with Charles Leclerc at the back of the pack, while George Russell was trying to get into the top five until he made a mistake on lap 12 and ended up hitting the wall. This exit led to the first intervention of the safety car, which further threw the strategies of the teams.

While the safety car gave a breather to all participants,

Verstappen went on to dominate the 70 laps of the 2023 Canadian GP.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

George Russell Mercedes RET	Kevin Magnussen Haas-Ferrari 17	Nico Hülkenberg Haas-Ferrari 15	Lando Norris McLaren-Mercedes 13	Oscar Piastri McLaren-Mercedes 11	Lance Stroll Aston Martin A.M. 9	Alexander Albon Williams-Mercedes 7	Carlos Sainz Jr. Ferrari 5	Max Verstappen Red Bull-Honda RBPT 1											
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Sergio Pérez started from 12th on the grid and finished in a very respectable sixth position.

Verstappen, Hamilton, and Alonso took the opportunity to switch to hard tires. Max stayed in the lead and Oracle Red Bull Racing executed a flawless stop that left him in an ideal position to continue leading the race.

Pure concentration

Despite his youth, the Oracle Red Bull Racing champion once again demonstrated one of the major keys to his success: concentration. Although he was in command throughout the race, he never let up and managed to get in perfect harmony with the RB19 to impose a fast and steady pace. It forced his rivals to chase him from afar, almost without options. Despite this, Alonso and Hamilton were competing with each other as if trying to prove which one was more capable of attacking the leader.

But, while Verstappen knew that if he retained his pace it was practically impossible for anyone to catch him, Checo was having a very different experience, locked in an all-out battle with the Ferraris of Leclerc and Sainz Jr. The contest became hard for the Mexican because his chances were limited by the lack of grip of the tires: his strategy of keeping on hard tires was beginning to take its toll and he could not advance as he had hoped.

The last attacks

With a bombproof tenacity, Fernando Alonso did not let up in his efforts to prove that his Aston Martin could overcome the RB19. The Spaniard managed to secure second position and gritted his teeth to try to get as close as possible to the champion, but the latter did not yield even a second.

On lap 60, there was a brief scare. Verstappen performed a maneuver and almost touched a curb. He immediately reported the incident over the radio with a sense of humor. It served as a reminder that he himself could be his own worst enemy.

While Verstappen was cruising smoothly to victory, Pérez opted to make a final stop on the penultimate lap, switching to soft tires in search of the fastest lap and the extra point it would give him in the championship. Although he managed to set the fastest lap time, he was unable to climb much higher in the standings and finished in sixth place.

The Canadian Grand Prix displayed Max Verstappen's ability to read the characteristics of each race and manage them to perfection.

For his part, Alonso pushed to the limit, testing the new upgrade package on his Aston Martin. The effort did not allow him to catch Verstappen, who crossed the finish line in first position, but he did manage to reduce the gap to just nine seconds, a time much lower than seen so far; it gave some hope to the champion's rivals for the following races. Hamilton completed the podium, while Leclerc and Sainz Jr. had to settle for fourth and fifth places.

A record-breaking triumph

At the age of 25, Max Verstappen could not hide his satisfaction after his victory in Montreal. The victory paved the way to his third consecutive world title, but it had other very positive consequences. On the one hand, he had equaled the 41 victories of the legendary



Ayrton Senna – a dream for any Formula 1 driver, as it meant truly entering the history books of motorsport. On the other hand, it gave his team its 100th victory, a historic achievement for Oracle Red Bull Racing, which confirmed its dominance in Formula 1.

The Dutchman expressed his enormous joy on and off the podium, and generously admitted that all these great moments were only being experienced thanks to the RB19, whose preparation enabled him to face his rivals with incredible confidence. Sergio Pérez was quick to congratulate his teammate and, despite the fact that luck was not on his side in Canada, he set his sights on the next race to prove his ability to compete at the highest level.

Verstappen drove a flawless race in which he led from start to finish.

100 victories



Max Verstappen acknowledges the fans at the Gilles Villeneuve circuit after winning the 2023 Canadian Grand Prix. His victory gave Oracle Red Bull Racing its centenary of wins in Formula 1.

The spectacular triumph at the Canadian Grand Prix 2023 tasted doubly sweet, since with it, Oracle Red Bull Racing reached 100 victories in Formula 1. It became the fifth constructor in the history of the competition to achieve that milestone, joining legendary teams such as Ferrari, McLaren, Mercedes, and Williams. Since its debut in Australia in 2005, the team dared to embark on a difficult path, facing fierce competition and defying all initial expectations. Nevertheless, in record time, it succeeded in making its name highly respected on the world's major circuits.

In recent years, Oracle Red Bull Racing made the definitive leap to the podium and became a frequent winner on the circuits. Its 100th victory could not have come at a better time. In the previous 19 Grands Prix, the team had won 18 times, a strong indication of its consistency and its ability to adapt to any circuit. In its race to the top, the team had two indispensable allies: the unstoppable RB19 and the unbeatable Max Verstappen, the team's benchmark driver, who showed his absolute pride in what was achieved in Montreal. "Winning the 100th Grand Prix for the team is incredible," said the Dutchman. "I never expected to be in this kind of numbers, so today has been a great day again."

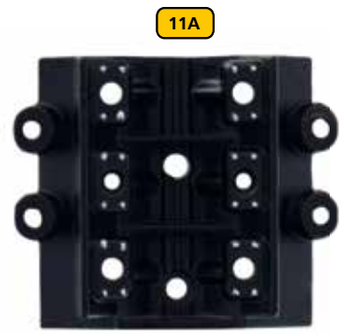
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CENTRAL ENGINE BLOCK

In this issue, you will connect the left and right engine block with the central engine block of the Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19.

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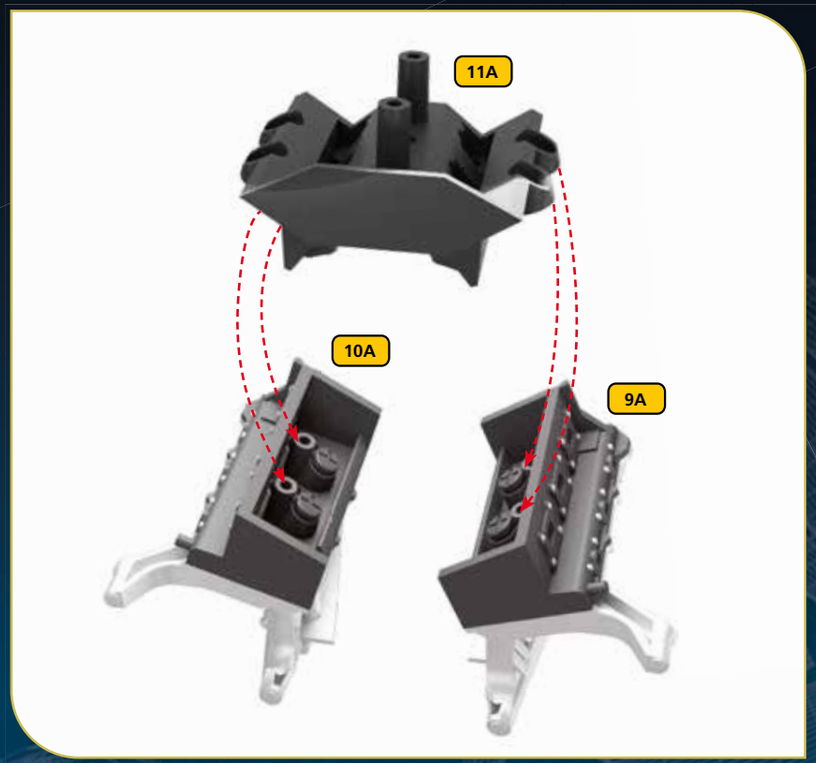






11A Central engine block
11B Spark plug cover (x 6)
I Screws 2.0 × 4 mm (4 + 1*)

* Spare screw

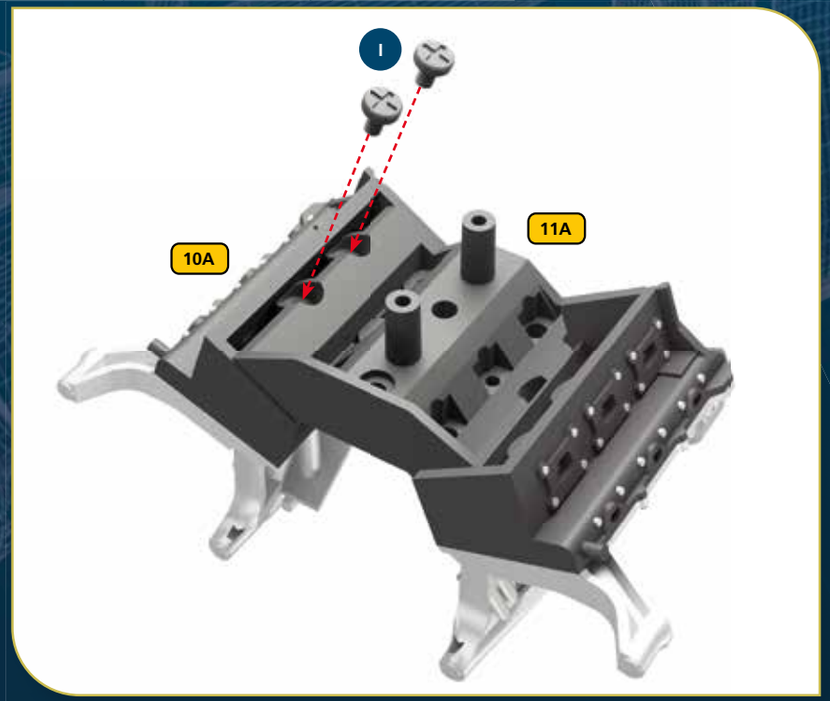


STEP 11-1

Place the central engine block **11A** on the bottom of the right-hand engine block **9A** and the left-hand engine block **10A**.

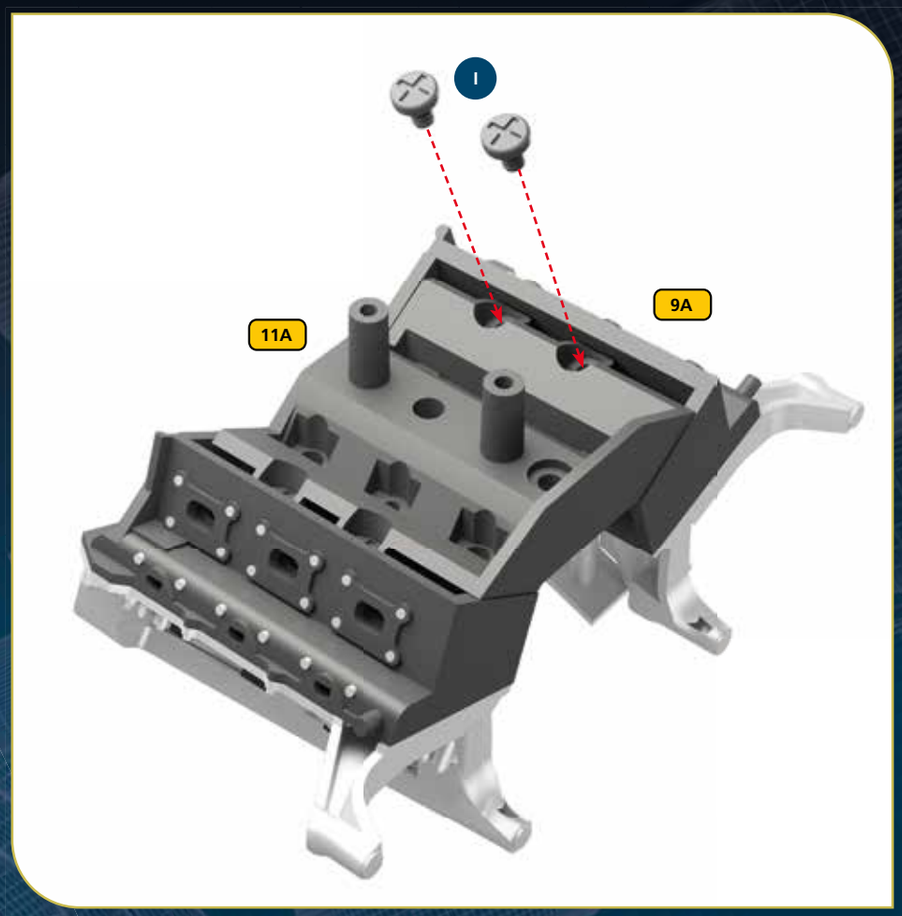
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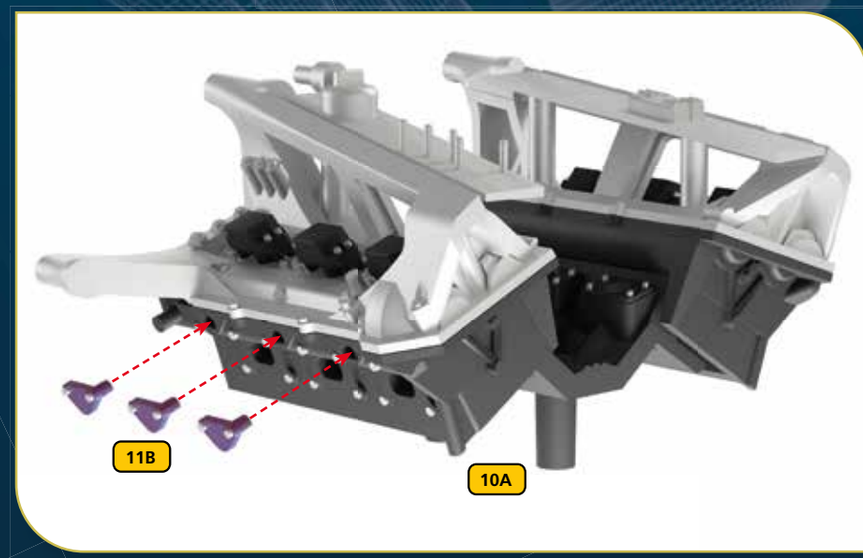
Secure the central engine block **11A** to the left-hand engine block **10A** with two **I** screws.



STEP 11-3

In the same way as in the previous step, secure the central engine block **11A** to the right-hand engine block **9A** with two **I** screws.





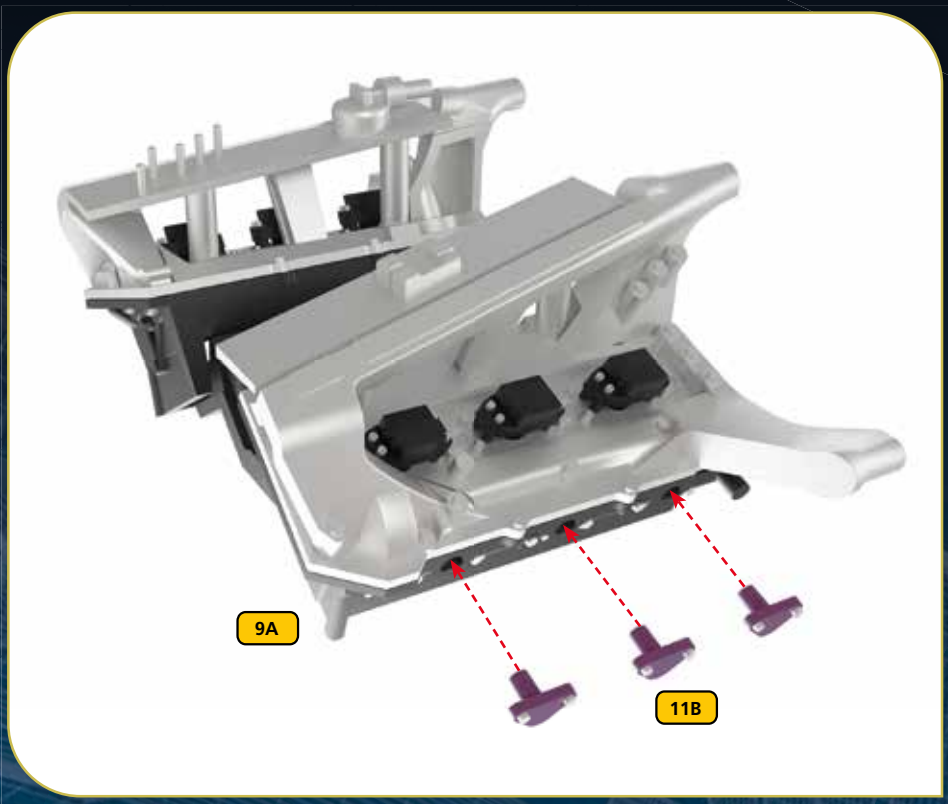
STEP 11-4

Fit three spark plug covers **11B** into the three upper semicircular holes in the left-hand engine block **10A**.

Central engine block

STEP 11–5

Fit the remaining three spark plug covers **11B** into the three upper semicircular holes in the right-hand engine block **9A**.



FINAL RESULT



This is what the parts that have been assembled at this stage of the assembly look like.