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# Austria 2023
## Practice and qualifying



**With the F1 World Championship back in Europe, the drivers headed into qualifying in Austria hoping to find a way to overcome the unstoppable Max Verstappen. However, Oracle Red Bull Racing approached the decisive weekend with some doubts.**

On Friday, June 30, 2023, the Red Bull Ring hosted the season's ninth Grand Prix, on the eve of a month that would see four rounds of the championship take place on the fringes of the European continent: Spielberg, Silverstone, Hungaroring, and Spa. Although Oracle's Red Bull Racing team were the favorites for the races, with Max Verstappen clearly dominating the championship, rumors that Sergio Pérez was in poor health led some to believe that the energy drinks team could be vulnerable.

### Adapting to the new format

The weekend was a repeat of the Baku format with a Sprint race, which meant one free practice session, two qualifying sessions, and two races. Free practice got underway at 13:30 pm on Friday, with enormous pressure on Oracle

Max Verstappen went into the 2023 Austrian Grand Prix with a 69-point lead in the Drivers' Championship.




After finishing second in the Sprint race, Sergio Pérez was confident going into qualifying for the Grand Prix in Austria.

Red Bull Racing. Verstappen had been the undisputed king of the circuit up to that point, winning three Austrian Grands Prix, and all the spectators were expecting the best from him; Checo, meanwhile, was hoping to break the poor qualifying streak that had plagued him in recent races.

With a track length of 2.683 miles (4.318 km) and a fast and technical layout, the Red Bull Ring promised an exciting qualifying session. And the first practice sessions lived up to expectations. The warm, dry weather allowed the teams to play around with tire changes to fine-tune their strategies.

Max Verstappen, who knows the circuit well, set a fiendish pace, and his time of 1:05.742 was recorded as the best, ahead of the Ferraris of Carlos Sainz Jr. and Charles Leclerc, who were only 0.24 and 0.27 seconds off the pace respectively. Despite not feeling quite right, Checo was an honorable fifth.

The new format left little practice time for the drivers, who were soon forced into the qualifying sessions.

## The nightmare of track limits

The Red Bull Ring is unforgiving of mistakes. Strict track limit rules played a crucial role during the three qualifying sessions, leaving several key contenders out of the running. Qualifying turned into a nightmare for many of them. From 17:00 pm onwards, the cars started to run in fear of the rain that had been forecast. A premature off-track incident by Bottas on lap 1 brought out a red flag, which damaged the early lap times of some drivers, but the RB19s were able to defend themselves with ease.

In Q2, things started to get a little more complicated for Oracle Red Bull Racing. Verstappen went on the charge, ready to go under the 1 minute 5 seconds barrier, but a violation of the track limits nullified his time. It was a warning for the drivers. Checo ignored it and, seeing himself leading the race, pushed hard. When he felt the pressure of his teammate again, he wanted to impose his pace without realizing that he was not managing to keep his car within the allowed limits at all times. Three of his laps were disallowed for exceeding the limits, a devastating blow that relegated him to 15th on the grid. "It's frustrating. We had the pace to be higher up, but this cost us dearly," confessed the Mexican, who saw a repeat of the unpleasant situation he had already experienced in Monaco, Spain, and Canada.

Sergio Pérez was not the only one affected by the track limits. Several drivers had their times disallowed for the same reason, prompting more than one to criticize the consistency of the rules, pointing out that on such a fast circuit it is extremely difficult not to drive on the lines. "At these speeds it's very difficult to judge the limits of the track," Verstappen himself commented, regretting what happened to his teammate.




A composed-looking Christian Horner ponders the outcome of the 2023 Austrian Grand Prix, where his drivers would start on pole and from P15.




Verstappen's Q3 time of 1:04.391 was less than a tenth of a second quicker than Charles Leclerc, but enough to secure pole position.

## Max always on top

As soon as Q3 got underway, Max Verstappen showed why he was the undisputed leader of the 2023 season. His lap of 1:04.391 not only secured his third consecutive pole at Spielberg, but reaffirmed his dominance on a circuit that seemed tailor-made for the RB19. Behind him, Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz Jr. were the surprise package for Ferrari. The Monegasque driver, who seemed to have regained his confidence after an inconsistent season, was just 0.048 seconds behind the Dutchman, showing the progress in the SF-23's updates.

For his part, Sainz Jr. secured third position, completing a promising performance from Scuderia Ferrari.

Lando Norris was another of the day's big surprises. The British driver, who benefited from updates to his McLaren, qualified fourth, a result that marked a remarkable progress for the Woking-based team. For his part, Fernando Alonso, one of the strongest drivers of the season, had to settle for seventh, behind teammate Lance Stroll. Despite not being in contention for the front rows, the Aston Martin team showed some consistency, with the potential to surprise at any time.

## Qualifying classification

| Pos. | Nº | Driver | Constructor | Q1 | Q2 | Q 3 | Final grid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | Max Verstappen | Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT | 1:05.116 | 1:04.951 | 1:04.391 | 1 |
| 2 | 16 | Charles Leclerc | Ferrari | 1:05.577 | 1:05.087 | 1:04.439 | 2 |
| 3 | 55 | Carlos Sainz Jr. | Ferrari | 1:05.339 | 1:04.975 | 1:04.581 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | Lando Norris | McLaren-Mercedes | 1:05.617 | 1:05.038 | 1:04.658 | 4 |
| 5 | 44 | Lewis Hamilton | Mercedes | 1:05.673 | 1:05.188 | 1:04.819 | 5 |
| 6 | 18 | Lance Stroll | Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes | 1:05.710 | 1:05.121 | 1:04.893 | 6 |
| 7 | 14 | Fernando Alonso | Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes | 1:05.655 | 1:05.181 | 1:04.911 | 7 |
| 8 | 27 | Nico Hülkenberg | Haas-Ferrari | 1:05.740 | 1:05.362 | 1:05.090 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | Pierre Gasly | Alpine-Renault | 1:05.515 | 1:05.308 | 1:05.170 | 9 |
| 10 | 23 | Alexander Albon | Williams-Mercedes | 1:05.673 | 1:05.387 | 1:05.823 | 10 |
| 11 | 63 | George Russell | Mercedes | 1:05.686 | 1:05.428 | N/A | 11 |
| 12 | 31 | Esteban Ocon | Alpine-Renault | 1:05.729 | 1:05.453 | N/A | 12 |
| 13 | 81 | Oscar Piastri | McLaren-Mercedes | 1:05.683 | 1:05.605 | N/A | 13 |
| 14 | 77 | Valtteri Bottas | Alfa Romeo-Ferrari | 1:05.763 | 1:05.680 | N/A | 14 |
| 15 | 11 | Sergio Pérez | Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT | 1:05.177 | 2:06.688 | N/A | 15 |
| 16 | 22 | Yuki Tsunoda | AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT | 1:05.784 | N/A | N/A | 16 |
| 17 | 24 | Zhou Guanyu | Alfa Romeo-Ferrari | 1:05.818 | N/A | N/A | 17 |
| 18 | 2 | Logan Sargeant | Williams-Mercedes | 1:05.948 | N/A | N/A | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | Kevin Magnussen | Haas-Ferrari | 1:05.971 | N/A | N/A | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | Nyck de Vries | AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT | 1:05.974 | N/A | N/A | 20 |

# 2023 Austrian Grand Prix

## The champion is unforgiving




Max Verstappen soon built up a healthy lead over his pursuers in the 2023 Austrian GP.

After the thrills of qualifying and the sprint race, the moment of truth arrived on Sunday, July 2, 2023. The cars took up their positions as they waited for the lights to change color at 15:00 pm and the great motor-racing spectacle about to begin. The clouds did not dampen the extraordinary atmosphere, which was tinged with blue and red by the high concentration of Oracle Red Bull Racing fans.

Before the start of the race, a minute's silence was observed in tribute to the young Dutch driver Dilano van't Hoff, victim of a fatal accident at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit the day before. There was also an emotional remembrance for Dietrich Mateschitz, one of the co-founders of the Red Bull company and the driving force behind the Formula 1 team, who passed away on October 22, 2022.




The Dutchman enters the first corner ahead of the two Ferraris at Spielberg.

### Like lightning

The race started with Max Verstappen on pole, determined to claim another victory. And, with his mind set, he made an impeccable start, defending himself from the constant attacks from Ferrari, who tried insistently to snatch first position from him during the opening moments of the race. Leclerc had no choice but to take second place, ahead of his teammate Carlos Sainz Jr.

Further back, from 15th, Sergio Pérez was faced with the almost impossible task of making a historic comeback to score points. It was not the first time he had faced an epic task, but his recent health problems cast doubt on whether he was up to the challenge.

The RB19s lived up to their reputation and the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers lifted the fans out of their seats from the first minute: Verstappen for his astonishing cornering control, which allowed him to maintain and even increase the lead over his closest pursuers;

### FINAL CLASSIFICATION

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yuki Tsunoda<br>AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT | | Nyck de Vries<br>AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT | | Valtteri Bottas<br>Alfa Romeo-Ferrari | | Logan Sargeant<br>Williams-Mercedes | | Alexander Albon<br>Williams-Mercedes | | Lance Stroll<br>Aston Martin A.M. | | George Russell<br>Mercedes | | Fernando Alonso<br>Aston Martin A.M. | | | | Max Verstappen<br>Red Bull-Honda RBPT | |
| 19 | | 17 | | 15 | | 13 | | 11 | | 9 | | 7 | | 5 | | | | 1 | |
| RET<br>Nico Hülkenberg<br>Haas-Ferrari | | 18<br>Kevin Magnussen<br>Haas-Ferrari | | 16<br>Oscar Piastri<br>McLaren-Mercedes | | 14<br>Esteban Ocon<br>Alpine-Renault | | 12<br>Zhou Guanyu<br>Alfa Romeo-Ferrari | | 10<br>Pierre Gasly<br>Alpine-Renault | | 8<br>Lewis Hamilton<br>Mercedes | | 6<br>Carlos Sainz Jr.<br>Ferrari | | 4<br>Lando Norris<br>McLaren-Mercedes | | 3<br>Sergio Pérez<br>Red Bull-Honda RBPT | | 2<br>Charles Leclerc<br>Ferrari |




Max Verstappen makes one of his two pit stops during the 2023 Austrian Grand Prix.

Checo for his skill in leaving Russell behind after an electrifying battle, and then setting off in pursuit of the cars ahead.

## Duels on all fronts

While Hamilton struggled to keep his car within the confines of the track, Hülkenberg was forced to retire after a loss of power in his Haas. The appearance of the virtual safety car (VSC) resulted in a noticeable increase in pit activity. But as soon as the VSC was over, the duels resumed in different areas of the circuit and, with them, the constant changes of order from qualifying.

Leclerc turned up the pressure and managed to reduce Verstappen's advantage to 15 seconds. However, he never posed a serious threat to the champion. Behind, Checo made a spectacular comeback to find himself battling with Hamilton for fourth and fifth.

Pit stops and tire strategy added to the excitement of the race. Verstappen stopped on lap 25 and switched to hard tires, while Pérez changed to mediums a lap later. When the Dutchman rejoined the race, he went straight after the Ferraris and chased them down until he was able to overtake them.

## On to the finish

In the final part of the race, there was still some extraordinary action. From fifth position, Sergio Pérez continued to fight for a podium finish. The Mexican's progression drew howls of admiration from his fans. First he put a clever strategy to the test to overtake Norris. Later, after several attempts, he managed to pull the same trick on Sainz Jr. However, Leclerc had gained enough time and Checo realized that he would secure third place, a result that was by no means insignificant considering his starting position.




A happy Oracle Red Bull Racing podium... Verstappen and Pérez celebrate their first and third places at the 2023 Austrian GP.

**The Dutch driver not only took the win, but also wowed his fans thanks to a performance that bordered on perfection.**

Verstappen, meanwhile, held on to the lead. Fans were surprised to see him make another pit stop – he was looking for new tires to go for the fastest lap. Even among his team members there were looks of surprise; perhaps he was taking too many risks? The driver himself explained his point of view in the post-race press conference: "From the outside it might look like a big risk. But when you're in the car... for me, it wasn't a risk at all. When you have the opportunity, you know..."

As if he and the RB19 were a single entity, Verstappen returned to the track in full confidence, dug his foot into the throttle and set the fastest lap before crossing the line first with a time of 1:25:33.607, more than five seconds clear of Charles Leclerc, who came in second. Sergio Pérez triumphantly secured third place, clearly beating Lando Norris and Fernando Alonso, who took fourth and fifth respectively.

The joy among the Oracle Red Bull Racing team members was clear to see. Team director Christian Horner summed it up: "Today was an incredible day for the team and a fantastic weekend. Max is obviously in exceptional form – to take qualifying, the Sprint race and now the Grand Prix is just sensational."

# A comeback to remember



After a brilliant second place in the Sprint, Sergio Pérez was especially disappointed to only qualify 15th for the main race. But the Mexican's class showed as he worked his way through to secure a podium place.

The quality of champions is measured above all in adversity and Sergio Pérez arrived at the Spielberg circuit with everything against him: mediocre results in previous races and poor health. "Every night I've had a fever and I think when that happens and then you're taking medication, you're automatically not at 100 percent at all," admitted the driver. "It's a very demanding sport, in and out of the car." To top it all off, a disappointing qualifying had condemned him to start 15th. "When you start 15th, your ability to get close to victory is obviously compromised," Horner said. But the Mexican did what he does best: drive.

Determined to make it all the way to the front, he didn't waste a second from the start. With patience and tenacity, he took advantage of every lap of the circuit to make progress and leave his rivals behind. "It was a really good race," admitted the Mexican at the end of the race. "I think we had the pace this weekend: we showed it in the Sprint and we showed it today. It was a nice comeback and I feel really comfortable with the car, it was really special." The same feeling was shared by all the fans who had gathered at the Red Bull Ring and who followed with excitement the spectacular battle between Checo and Carlos Sainz Jr. "I think we were all racing really hard and it's always a pleasure to fight with drivers like Carlos," commented Pérez. "We've had some tough races, so it was nice to come back and have that pace and form."

On a circuit that demands maximum perfection, Checo showed why he is one of the best drivers on the grid today. With his formidable performance, Pérez not only scored valuable points, but also reaffirmed his position as a key contender in the championship fight. In Austria, the Mexican made it clear that he never gives up.

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# INTAKE MANIFOLDS

**In this issue, we start assembling the intake manifolds.**

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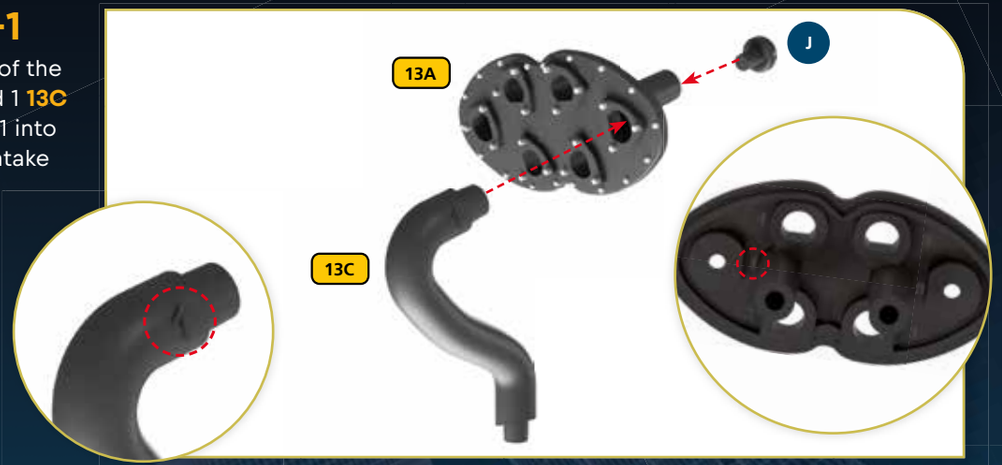



**13A** Intake housing 1
**13B** Intake manifold 6
**13C** Intake manifold 1
**13D** Intake manifold 3
**13E** Intake manifold 2
**13F** Intake manifold 5
**13G** Intake manifold 4
**J** Screws 1.7 mm x 4 mm (4 + 1*)

* Spare screw

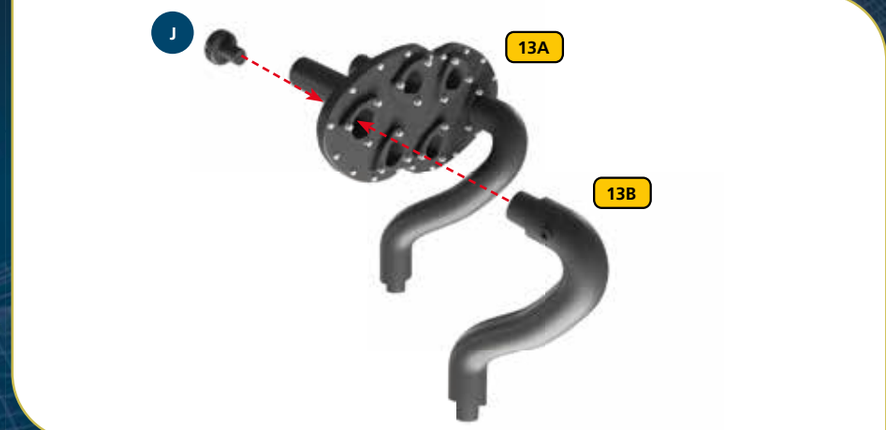
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Insert the end of the intake manifold 1 **13C** marked with a 1 into hole 1 on the intake housing 1 **13A**.



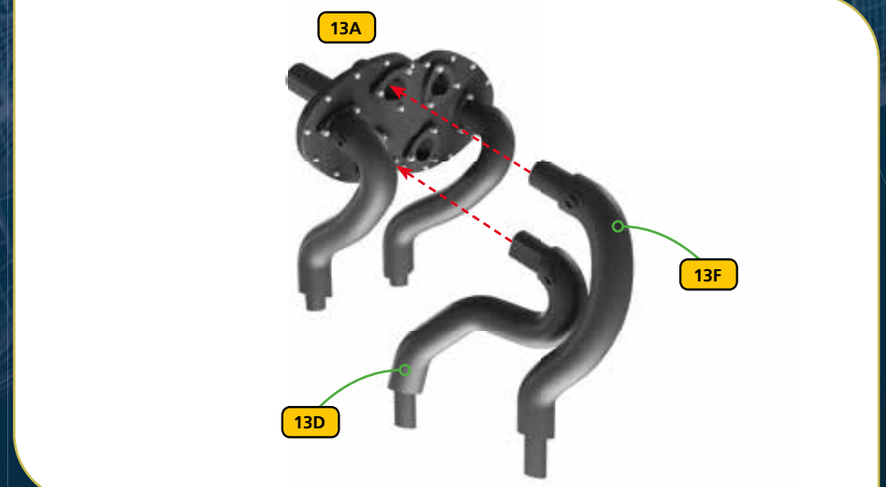

## STEP 13–2

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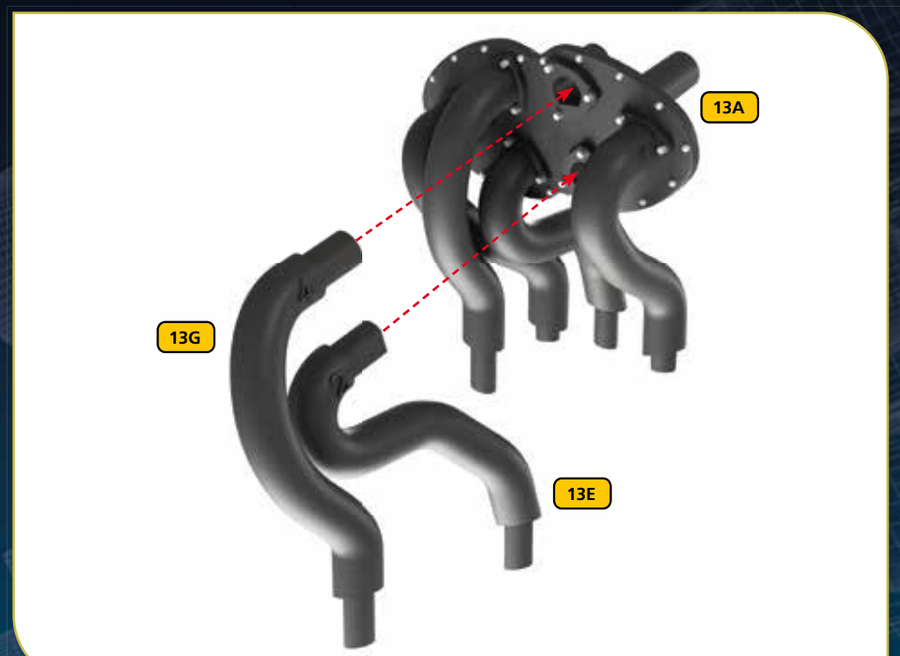

## STEP 13–3

Insert the ends of the intake manifold 5 **13F** and 3 **13D** into holes 3 and 5 on the intake housing 1 **13A**.



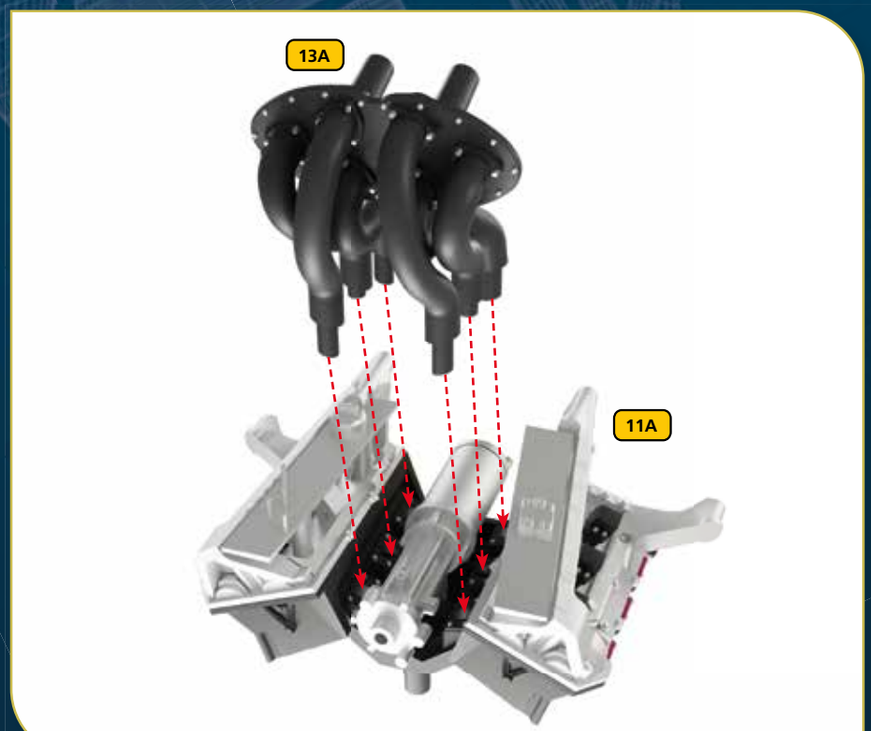

## STEP 13–4

Insert the ends of the intake manifold 4 **13G** and 2 **13E** into holes 4 and 2 on the intake housing 1 **13A**.



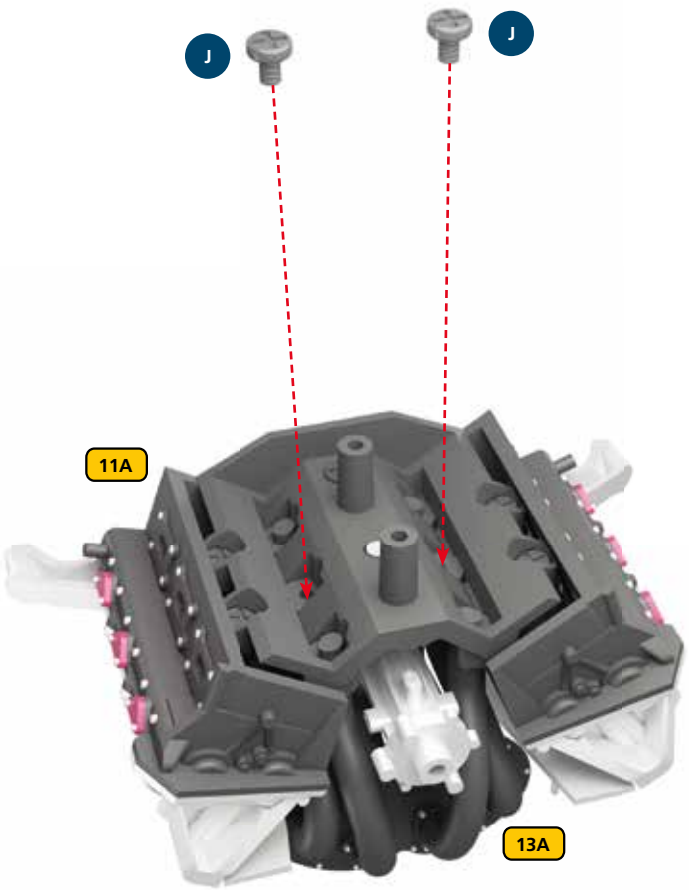

## STEP 13–5

Retrieve the central engine block **11A** from the previous issue. Attach the intake housing assembly 1 **13A** to the central engine block **11A** by inserting the six manifolds into the highlighted holes in the block.



## STEP 13–6

Connect the intake housing 1 **13A** to the central engine block **11A** using two **J** screws from underneath the block.




**FINAL RESULT**



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