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Hungary 2023

Practice and qualifying



With Max Verstappen always competitive and Sergio Pérez fighting hard, the Milton Keynes team sought to continue its success on the Hungaroring track in an exciting qualification marked by the unexpected dominance of Mercedes.

From the outset, Christian Horner, CEO and Team Principal, warned: "This circuit always offers surprises." And Hungary was full of them. Some were already on the cards, ever since the FIA (Fédération International de l'Automobile) and Pirelli decided halfway through the season to change the tire casing, citing safety reasons. Others, like the rain, appeared suddenly and without warning.

Adapting to the updates

At 13:30 pm on Friday July 21, 2023, the first free practice session began in Budapest, with the track damp and tricky, conditions that made the drivers extremely cautious from the first laps. Drivers' World Champion Max Verstappen and his teammate, Sergio Pérez, were looking to gather valuable data to adjust the RB19 following recent updates. However, there was an early scare: the Mexican had an accident on lap 5 that

Verstappen went to Hungary on the back of six consecutive wins in the 2023 F1 championship.



Sergio Pérez pictured during a practice session for the 2023 Hungarian GP.

removed him from the session, while Verstappen remained cautious, avoiding unnecessary risks.

With the track drying out in free practice 2, the action intensified. The teams took the opportunity to test setups and tires. Charles Leclerc led the timesheets, while Verstappen focused on long runs, finishing a discreet 11th. Although the results did not reflect the true potential of the RB19, the team was confident of improved performance for the rest of the weekend.

After a night of heavy rain, on Saturday at midday the practice sessions resumed, with only 60 minutes available to finish improving the setups of the cars. Max and Checo adapted better to their vehicles, but not enough to prevent Lewis Hamilton from leading the session; it was the first sign of Mercedes' competitiveness.

Life gives you surprises

With a feeling of uncertainty in the air, the drivers faced qualifying on Saturday afternoon without having managed to set a clear path in practice. The first qualifying session began with the drivers eager to set fast times before any change in the weather. Max Verstappen led comfortably for much of the session, while Pérez passed his first test with flying colors.

The biggest surprise came with the elimination of George Russell, who, unable to find a clear space on the track, was relegated to 18th place. While Mercedes took the blow, the Alfa Romeo team watched with satisfaction as Zhou Guanyu led the times.

In Q2, Lando Norris managed to secure the lead, taking advantage of the fact that, for the first time in a long time, Max Verstappen and his RB19 were not keeping up with the usual pace. "Max didn't seem very comfortable with his setup, he wasn't able to find his sweet spot. You could see he was struggling a bit with the car," admitted Christian Horner. For his part, Sergio Pérez celebrated his progress to Q3, banishing the qualifying ghosts that had been haunting him in recent weeks.



The two Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers look relaxed at the Hungaroring in July 2023.

A pole position to remember

The final qualifying session was one of those that fans love. Max

Verstappen came out like a bull, determined to secure another pole position. He set an initial time that seemed unattainable. However, on his next run, while trying to get the most out of the RB19, he failed to improve. "On my second lap in Q3 I tried to push a bit harder and the car just wasn't there," the Dutchman would later say. "I think our improvements worked, but it didn't show."

To everyone's astonishment, Lewis Hamilton put in a perfect final lap and managed to snatch pole position from the champion by just 0.003 seconds. Many were left speechless. Some described it as unexpected, others as sublime. The truth is that such a small time difference had enormous significance for all the teams that had been waiting for some time to find a way to dethrone Verstappen.

As usual, this last-minute setback did not wipe the smile from the Dutchman's face, who admitted with relative calm that "it's going to remain difficult to be at the front. But if we are better with the tires, I foresee a good race. All is not lost: we have a good race car and it will be a good battle tomorrow." His teammate shared the same optimistic view: "I think we can be competitive and aim for a podium finish, as we have a good race car and a strong race pace," said Checo. "The track here is more difficult for overtaking, but I am confident we will have a good performance."

Ahead of Sunday's race, thousands of fans held their breath. The pressure was now on Hamilton. His performance on the track was going to be decisive in determining whether the spectacular run of Oracle Red Bull Racing had come to an end or not.



Max Verstappen was pipped to pole position by Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q3	Final grid
1	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:18.577	1:17.427	1:16.609	1
2	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:18.318	1:17.547	1:16.612	2
3	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:18.697	1:17.328	1:16.694	3
4	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:18.464	1:17.571	1:16.905	4
5	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:18.143	1:17.700	1:16.971	5
6	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:18.440	1:17.580	1:16.992	6
7	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:18.775	1:17.563	1:17.034	7
8	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:18.580	1:17.701	1:17.035	8
9	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:18.360	1:17.675	1:17.045	9
10	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:18.695	1:17.652	1:17.186	10
11	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:18.393	1:17.703	N/A	11
12	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:18.854	1:17.841	N/A	12
13	3	Daniel Ricciardo	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:18.906	1:18.002	N/A	13
14	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:18.782	1:18.144	N/A	14
15	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:18.743	1:18.217	N/A	15
16	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:18.917	N/A	N/A	16
17	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:18.919	N/A	N/A	17
18	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:19.027	N/A	N/A	18
19	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:19.206	N/A	N/A	19
20	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:19.248	N/A	N/A	20

2023 Hungarian Grand Prix

Oracle Red Bull Racing make a statement



Max Verstappen takes the checkered flag in Hungary after another commanding performance.

The 2023 Hungarian Grand Prix was a historic milestone for the Oracle Red Bull Racing team. With Max Verstappen clinching another victory and Sergio Pérez returning to the podium, the powerful team recorded its 12th consecutive win, surpassing the McLaren-Honda record from 1988. It was an extraordinary feat that confirmed its absolute dominance in Formula 1.

An electrifying start

At 15:00 pm on Sunday, July 23, the stakes were high. After taking pole position, Lewis Hamilton started the race as favorite, aware that his role in the opening moments of the race would determine the outcome of the championship. The pressure undoubtedly had an effect and his start was somewhat hesitant. Verstappen didn't even blink: he launched his RB19 with surgical precision, overtaking Lewis Hamilton before the first corner. "The start was very important for me," the champion later recalled. "I wanted to do a good first stint and that allowed me to take good care of the tires and extend it compared to the others."

While Verstappen took the lead, the action didn't stop behind him. Oscar Piastri took advantage of Max's move and slipped into second place, leaving Hamilton relegated to fourth place after a successful attack by Lando Norris. Further back, a chaotic incident on the first lap involved Zhou Guanyu, Ricciardo, and the Alpines of Ocon and Gasly, leaving the latter two out of the race.

Once ahead, Max did what he does best: build up a relentless lead. With each lap, his margin over Piastri widened, while Norris consolidated third place and Hamilton tried to recover.

The podium came at a price

Sergio Pérez, meanwhile, began his customary comeback, this time from ninth position. On hard tires, the Mexican managed the compound well in a long first stint, which was key to his strategy.



Verstappen's quick reflexes meant that he was able to overtake pole-sitter Lewis Hamilton at the start.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

1. Max Verstappen – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
2. Lando Norris – McLaren-Mercedes
3. Sergio Pérez – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
4. Lewis Hamilton – Mercedes
5. Oscar Piastri – McLaren-Mercedes
6. George Russell – Mercedes
7. Charles Leclerc – Ferrari
8. Carlos Sainz Jr. – Ferrari
9. Fernando Alonso – Aston Martin A.M.
10. Lance Stroll – Aston Martin A.M.
11. Alexander Albon – Williams-Mercedes
12. Valtteri Bottas – Alfa Romeo-Ferrari
13. Daniel Ricciardo – AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT
14. Nico Hülkenberg – Haas-Ferrari
15. Yuki Tsunoda – AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT
16. Zhou Guanyu – Alfa Romeo-Ferrari
17. Kevin Magnussen – Haas-Ferrari
18. Logan Sargeant – Williams-Mercedes

RET Esteban Ocon – Alpine-Renault

RET Pierre Gasly – Alpine-Renault



Checo Pérez put in another heroic performance to secure a place on the podium.

"It was difficult at first with the hard compound, but we managed to find a good pace," said Checo, who made his way up to sixth place before his first pit stop.

The Mexican maintained maximum concentration and focused on performing well on the Hungaroring circuit. "Today's race was not only very demanding physically, but also mentally. I had to focus on taking care of the tires," Pérez later explained. "It was very hot and I ended up losing 3 kg in weight."

After the first pit stops, Verstappen was still comfortably in the lead, now with Norris in second place after some quick work by the McLaren mechanics. However, the bigger spectacle was taking place behind them. Pérez, on fresh tires, displayed his overtaking skills, passing Carlos Sainz Jr. and George Russell with precise moves.

The best drivers

As the race progressed, some positions began to be in jeopardy... but not the lead. As usual, once positioned at the front, Verstappen was putting time into his pursuers lap after lap. The cars slid at full speed on the Budapest asphalt, but the Dutchman flew. In this way, he managed to put ten seconds between himself and Lando Norris, who was still his closest pursuer. Piastri fell behind the leading positions until he came into Hamilton's area of influence, although the driver who was advancing like lightning behind them was Checo.

"The podium is within reach," Checo was told over the radio. That was the definitive signal he needed. In an astonishing display of pace and confidence, the Mexican caught Hamilton and overtook him with authority, securing third place.



Hungarian GP winner Verstappen is flanked by his teammate (right) and Lando Norris (far left).

"When the pressure is on you and you are able to deliver, it makes you feel proud of what you are doing," said Pérez, who on his own merits would end up being recognized as the driver of the day. "It's a great prize, but unfortunately it doesn't get you any points!" he joked.

Verstappen and Pérez led Oracle Red Bull Racing to an historic record in Budapest.

Finally, Max Verstappen crossed the finish line with a lead of more than 30 seconds over Norris, securing another victory that confirmed him as the absolute king of the championship. Sergio Pérez came in third, fulfilling his goal of returning to the podium and silencing the voices of those who had doubted him in recent weeks. Despite all his efforts, Lewis Hamilton could only manage fourth place, ahead of Oscar Piastri and George Russell.

A historic date

The joy was visible among the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers, although most excited was Christian Horner. Oracle Red Bull Racing's 12th consecutive victory was an extraordinary achievement in the history of motorsport. "I remember as a child watching Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost racing with McLaren-Honda and they achieved 11 consecutive victories," the CEO and Team Principal recalled. "I knew then how incredible that achievement was. To think that we have surpassed it is a testament to the exceptional talent and dedication of the team, from the racetrack here in Budapest and back at the factory in Milton Keynes. It's a historic moment and it means a lot."

A very expensive mishap



Max Verstappen holds his winner's champagne in one had and the base of his broken ceramic trophy in the other on the podium of the 2023 Hungarian Grand Prix. Despite the high value of the trophy, the Dutchman took an upbeat approach to the podium incident.

An unusual situation occurred on the podium of the Hungarian Grand Prix that quickly went viral. An impetuous Lando Norris caused the ceramic trophy designed for the winner to fall to the ground and shatter when he opened his bottle of champagne. Everyone just made light of the moment. Verstappen himself went so far as to declare: "Today has been one of those days when everything goes perfectly. Well, almost perfectly. I think I'll ask McLaren to pay for a new trophy! We have to review the images, like in the VAR, to see who really broke it, because I hear Lando is blaming me."

But what seemed like an insignificant incident actually concealed real damage. Because, according to local sources, the iconic Budapest trophy that is handcrafted by the company Herendi Porcelanmanufaktura Zrt takes six months to craft and is valued at around 40,000 euros. Of course, as soon as the incident became known, the company's managers ordered that work begin again on a new piece, ensuring that the trophy would once again occupy a prominent place in the display cabinets of Oracle Red Bull Racing. Though it was an accident that everyone took with good humor, it came at a high price.

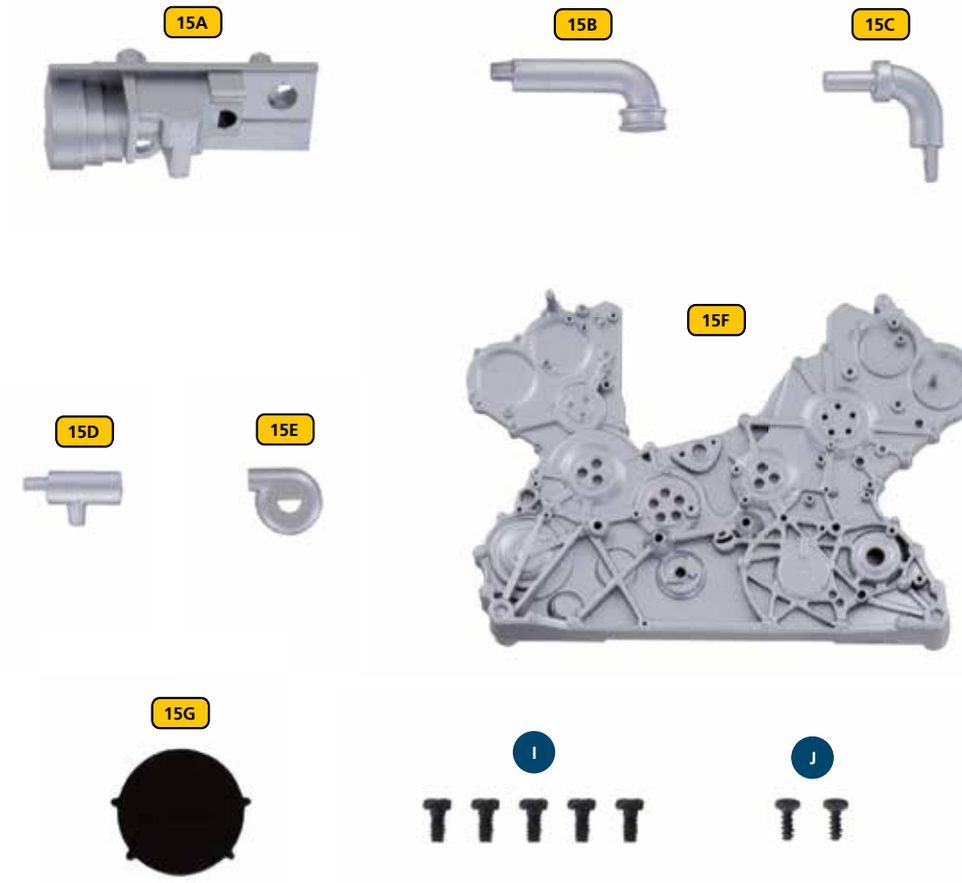
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FUEL PUMP

In this issue, we will mount the lower center block and the fuel pump on the engine assembly.

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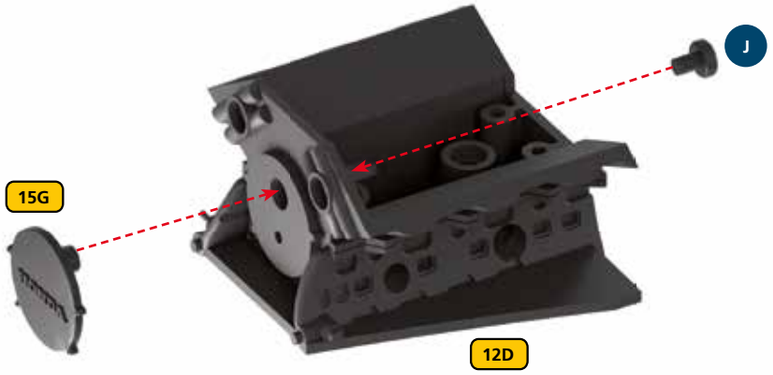


- **15A** Fuel pump
- **15B** Fuel pump tube 1
- **15C** Fuel pump tube 2
- **15D** Fuel pump tube 3
- **15E** Fuel pump tube 4
- **15F** Front panel of the engine block
- **15G** Lower center block cover
- **I** Screws 2 mm x 4 mm (4 +1*)
- **J** Screws 1.7 mm x 3 mm (1 +1*)

* Spare screw

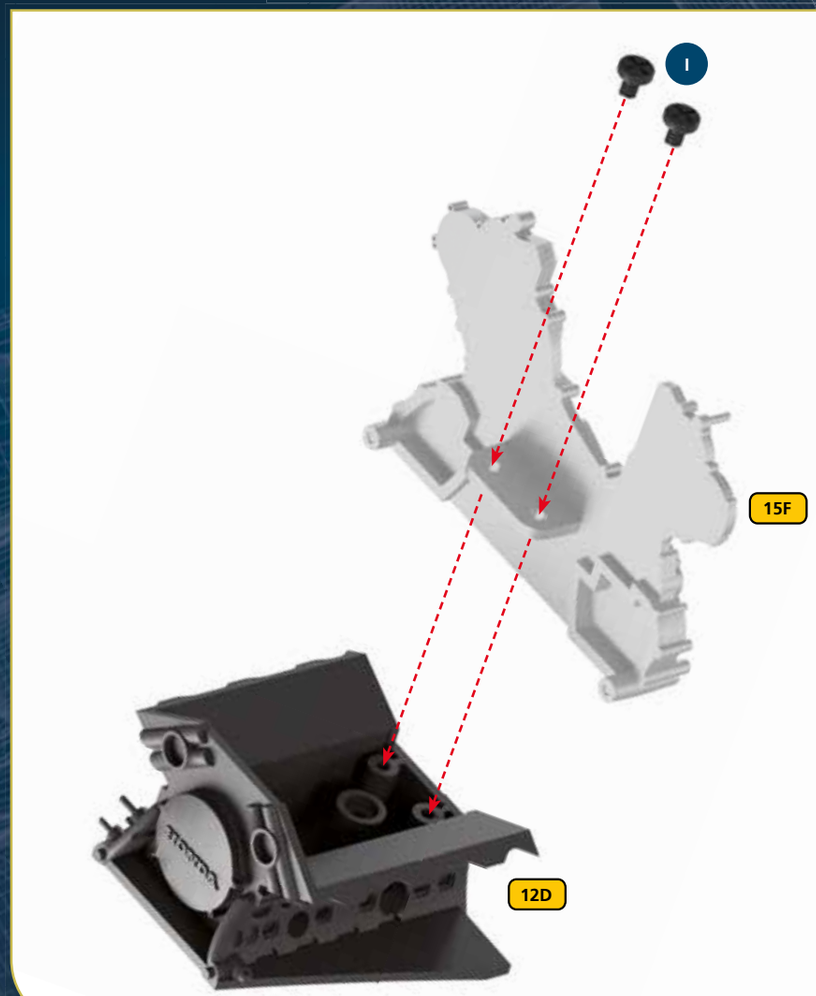
STEP 15-1

Retrieve the lower center block **12D** from issue 12. Place the lower center block cover **15G** on the front part of the lower center block **12D** and attach it from the other side with a **J** screw.



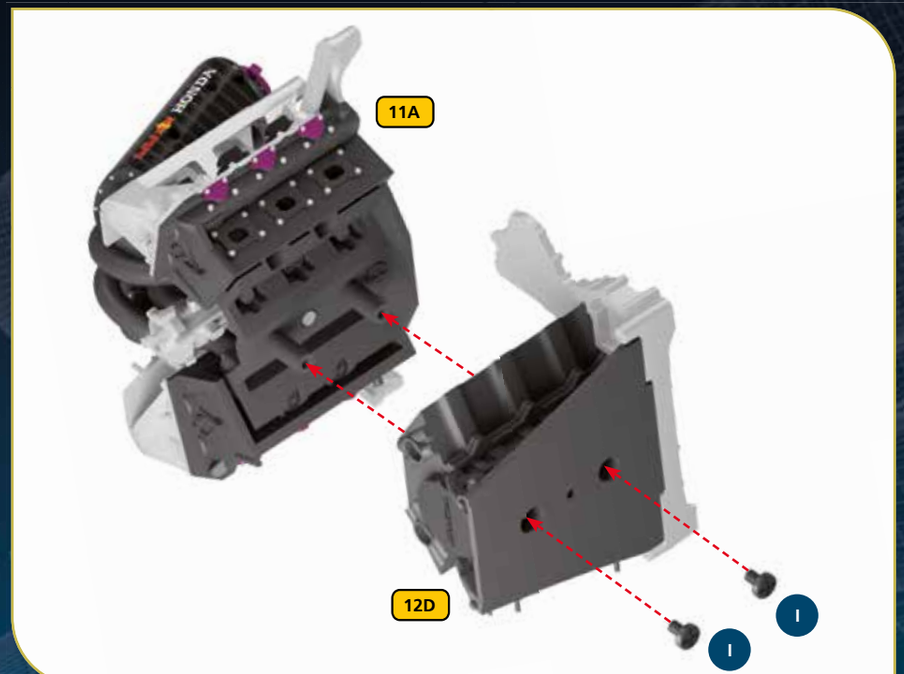
STEP 15-2

Place the tab on the front panel of the engine block **15F** over the two highlighted holes on the lower center block **12D** and fix it with two **I** screws.



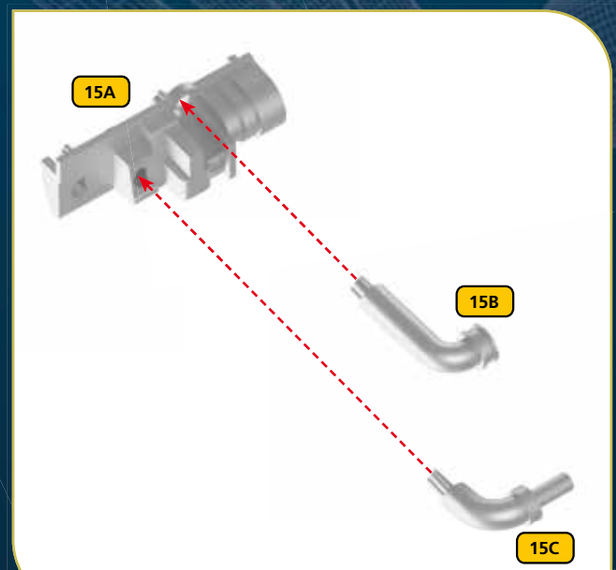
STEP 15-3

Take the assembly from the previous step and place the lower center block **12D** on the central engine block **11A**, securing it with two **I** screws.



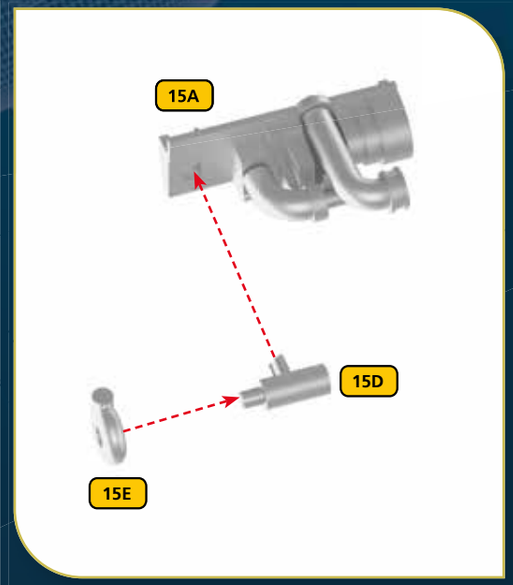
STEP 15-4

Refering to the image for the correct orientation, insert the fuel pump tubes 1 **15B** and 2 **15C** into the highlighted holes in the fuel pump **15A**.



STEP 15-5

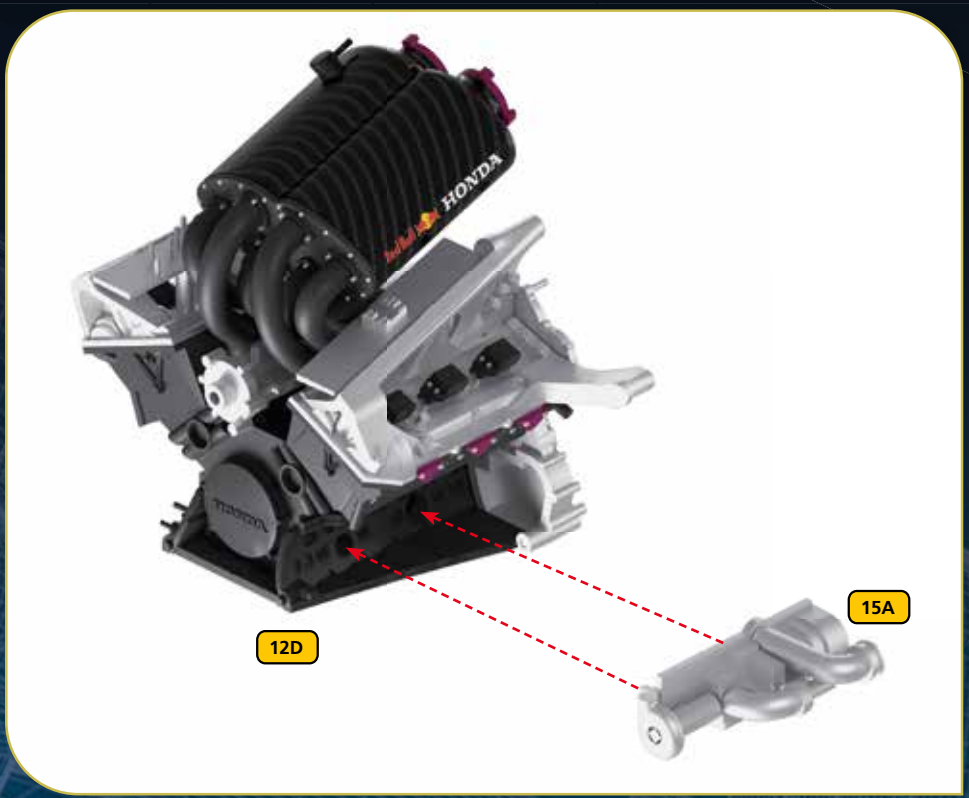
Insert the fuel pump tube 4 **15E** into the end of the fuel pump tube 3 **15D**. Then insert fuel pump tube 3 **15D** into the highlighted hole in the fuel pump **15A**.



Fuel pump

STEP 15-6

Finally, attach the fuel pump **15A** to the side of the lower center block **12D**.



FINAL RESULT



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