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Italy 2023
Practice and qualifying



Monza became a real hive of activity during the Grand Prix weekend. The *tifosi* never tired of cheering on the Ferraris to take them to victory, but the Red Bulls also fought to maintain their streak of good results.

On September 1, 2023, a red wave covered the stands at Monza. Ferrari fans were up early to follow the first free practice sessions of the Italian Grand Prix. And the *Scuderia* showed that it was ready to put on a show for the home crowd: in addition to a special design for the drivers' overalls and the cars, new engines and a low-downforce aerodynamic package were unveiled to improve their performance on the track.

Ferraris vs Bulls

The first free practice sessions already set the tone for what was to become the general trend throughout the weekend: an open duel between the Ferrari drivers and those of Oracle Red Bull Racing. Max Verstappen dampened the euphoria of the local crowds by recording the best time from the outset – 1:22.657 – although he only beat Carlos Sainz Jr. by 0.04 seconds. Third place went to Sergio Pérez, relegating

Max Verstappen pictured during qualifying for the Italian Grand Prix at Monza in September 2023.



Verstappen's RB19 in the garage during the 2023 Italian Grand Prix weekend.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc to fourth. The stage was set and, once again, the strategy of choosing the right tires conditioned the performance of the cars.

Lance Stroll was the first to go in the second free practice session, which began at 5:OO pm with the asphalt completely dry and a temperature above 97ºF (36ºC). The Aston Martin driver did not have luck on his side and on the first timed lap he caused a red flag because of a breakdown.

The incidents continued throughout the afternoon. Carlos Sainz Jr. had a scare at the Variante della Roggia, but that didn't stop him finishing the lap at the top of the timesheets. Lando Norris was just 19 thousandths behind him. Sergio Pérez was in third place, although at the start of the long runs he also had a wobble when his RB19 went into the gravel at the Parabolica. Verstappen was in fifth place, behind Oscar Piastri.

The competition heats up

Saturday, September 2, kicked off with the third free practice, where the excitement was building. Oracle Red Bull Racing opted to start with a set of used soft tires, as did Ferrari and Mercedes. Max Verstappen began well, leading the times, followed by Alexander Albon's Williams. But, as the race progressed, the times narrowed and the rankings changed.

Carlos Sainz Jr. was comfortable in the SF23 and pushed hard to take the lead with a time of 1:2O.912, just O.O8 seconds ahead of Verstappen. Lewis Hamilton



Sergio Pérez arrived at Monza with high hopes of reducing the 138-point gap to his teammate in the Drivers' Championship.

also put up a fight and took third place. Leclerc, who was not as competitive as his teammate, was relegated to fourth place, while Fernando Alonso took fifth place.

Sergio Pérez did not get the day off to a good start. A problem with his RB19 prevented him from completing the final lap and he had to be grateful that he had achieved a time that would allow him to finish in tenth place.

Sainz Jr. sets Monza on fire

After the practice sessions, everything seemed to indicate that the Ferraris were getting stronger by the minute on the circuit. Their drivers were clearly fully focused on ending Verstappen's dominance. But the Bulls were not intimidated and went all out in qualifying. The session would also follow Pirelli's Alternative Tire Assignment (ATA), which proposed using hard tires in Q1, medium tires for Q2, and soft tires in Q3.

Already in a hard-fought Q1, Verstappen and Pérez made it very clear that no one could be carried away by overconfidence and they recorded a one-two ahead of the Ferraris, who risked incurring a penalty by not following the Race Director's notes regarding the maximum lap time. In the end, it didn't get any worse, but the authority shown by the RB19s made the *tifosi* fear that their party could be spoiled.

Carlos Sainz Jr.'s promising start in Q2 roused the fans, hopeful of



Max Verstappen was pipped to pole position by Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr, who secured top spot by just one thousandth of a second.

seeing the Ferraris lead the way to glory. But in the final minutes, Max Verstappen showed his genius once again and took the lead. However, the *Scuderia* drivers managed to break the previous one-two and relegated Sergio Pérez to fourth place.

With the temperature clearly rising, Q3 would enable the surviving cars to finalize the starting grid for Sunday. Max and Sergio were the first out with their RB19s, ready to spring a surprise. The champion almost caused an upset when he hit the gravel at the exit of the Variante della Roggia. The Ferrari drivers also gave it their all. And Carlos Sainz Jr. succeeded – with a masterful performance, he took his first pole position of the season, beating Verstappen by just over a hundredth of a second. The circuit erupted. The roars grew even louder when third place was confirmed for Leclerc, who narrowly beat Russell and Pérez, who would occupy fourth and fifth positions on the starting grid respectively. Max did not see it as a defeat; far from it, as he remembered what happened in 2022, when he took the victory having started the race in seventh position.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q3	Final grid
1	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:21.965	1:20.991	1:20.294	1
2	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:21.573	1:20.937	1:20.307	2
3	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:21.788	1:20.977	1:20.361	3
4	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:22.148	1:21.382	1:20.671	4
5	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:21.911	1:21.240	1:20.688	5
6	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:21.661	1:21.272	1:20.760	6
7	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:22.106	1:21.527	1:20.785	7
8	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:21.977	1:21.369	1:20.820	8
9	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:21.995	1:21.581	1:20.979	9
10	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:22.043	1:21.543	1:21.417	10
11	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:21.852	1:21.594	N/A	11
12	40	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:22.112	1:21.758	N/A	12
13	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:22.343	1:21.776	N/A	13
14	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:22.249	1:21.940	N/A	14
15	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:21.930	1:21.944	N/A	15
16	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:22.390	N/A	N/A	16
17	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:22.545	N/A	N/A	17
18	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:22.548	N/A	N/A	18
19	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:22.592	N/A	N/A	19
20	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:22.860	N/A	N/A	20

2023 Italian Grand Prix
Dreams come true at Monza





The Oracle Red Bull Racing team line up on the grid before the start of the Italian GP, with Italian Air Force planes passing overhead.

What happened at the Monza circuit on Sunday, September 3, 2023, was a real celebration for Oracle Red Bull Racing. With his tenth consecutive victory, Max Verstappen set a new record: winning more races in a row than any other driver in the history of Formula 1. At the same time, his teammate Sergio Pérez secured the sixth one-two for the team on an absolutely memorable day.

Hunter and prey

The race started 20 minutes late due to a breakdown suffered by Yuki Tsunoda's Alpha Tauri on the formation lap and a failure at the starting lights. Once both incidents had been resolved, the engines began to roar almost as loudly as the spectators waving Ferrari flags, proud to have one of their drivers in pole position. Carlos Sainz Jr. did his homework well and, on lap 1, defended his lead with great skill.

Although Sainz Jr.'s energetic defense placed enormous demands on his tires, on a track that exceeded 104°F (40°C), the brave Ferrari driver held his lead for the first 14 laps. But he felt the breath of an unstoppable Verstappen getting closer and closer.

"It was a pretty interesting little battle," the Dutchman said afterwards. "I had to wait for a small mistake, a small mistake. And at one point, Carlos had a small blockage."

Just as he started lap 15, Sainz Jr. got boxed in going into the chicane and on the next turn the world champion overtook him, establishing

Checo Pérez started the race from fifth on the grid and employed an aggressive strategy throughout the GP.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

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



Pérez leads the two Ferraris on the way to securing second place at the 2023 Italian GP.

a lead between the pair that would not be cut for the rest of the race.

"It was tough, very tough," Sainz Jr. would admit at the press conference after the race. 'It couldn't be any more difficult than it was today. I had to work really hard to keep the Red Bulls behind and, in the end, I ended up paying a bit of a price with the rear tires."

After an exciting duel throughout the weekend, the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers beat Ferrari in a dizzying race.

Checo goes on the attack

For Sergio Pérez, Monza was another of his usual battles. But, instead of defending his position as on other occasions, he devoted himself to attacking without mercy. After an eventful practice session, the Mexican had qualified fifth on the starting grid. Despite this, he made a nervy start and when he managed to overtake George Russell's Mercedes on lap 16, his view of the race changed completely.

Once his teammate took the lead of the race, Checo knew he had to attack the Ferraris of Sainz Jr. and Leclerc to secure a place on the podium. They weren't going to make it easy for him and the three cars fought hard throughout the race. On lap 32, the Mexican overtook Leclerc to take third place. But he wasn't satisfied. Brave and determined, he positioned himself just behind the spirited Sainz Jr., who began to defend himself aggressively. Pérez tried once and then again without success, but on the third attempt he managed to pass the Spaniard and pull away from him to finish second. "I think it was basically the most we could aspire to today," said Pérez, who felt more comfortable behind the wheel of the RB19 than on other occasions.



A jubilant Max Verstappen is sprayed by Sergio Pérez on the podium at Monza, while third-place Carlos Sainz Jr. also enjoys the moment.

More than heated

The emotions experienced at Monza made both the spectators and the members of the different teams sweat. Throughout the race, there were some very complicated moments, such as when Lewis Hamilton collided with Oscar Piastri on lap 43, which would result in a five-second penalty for the Mercedes driver. The team did not receive the news with much enthusiasm, as George Russell also carried a similar penalty for having been involved in an incident with Esteban Ocon. Despite both penalties, the team could not complain, as Russell would finish in fifth place and Hamilton just behind him.

Joy took hold of everyone present in the Oracle Red Bull Racing paddock at the end of the race as the victory shattered several records. Both drivers remained at the top of the drivers' standings, Max with 364 points and Sergio with 219. In the constructors' standings, the gap between Oracle Red Bull Racing and its closest rival, Mercedes, had now widened to 310 points. The team also broke its own record for the most laps in the lead in a single season, which it had achieved in 2011: 799, with eight more Grands Prix to go.

Verstappen's smile never left his face when, referring to his 10 consecutive victories, he said: "I would never have believed it was possible. We had to work for it today, so that definitely made it more fun."

Sainz Jr.'s nightmares



The Ferrari of Carlos Sainz Jr. (55) is overtaken by Oracle Red Bull Racing's Sergio Pérez at the 2023 Italian GP. The Spanish driver had started the race on pole position and was keen to deliver a victory for the *tifosi*, but on the day he could not defend his lead in the face of the powerful Red Bull RB19s.

The Madrid driver arrived at the Monza circuit determined to deliver his team a great victory. After achieving the fourth pole position of his Formula 1 career, the Ferrari driver truly believed he could keep Max Verstappen at bay and become the new idol of the *tifosi*. But what he didn't imagine was that during the Grand Prix race he would suffer not one nightmare, but two. From the moment the cars started rolling, Sainz Jr. began to be harassed by his rival. At first, the Dutchman followed him at a distance, getting closer and closer. Two attempts were enough to put the fear of God into him. Then it was simply a matter of time. The champion waited for a single mistake and took ruthless advantage of it. After that, he would give no quarter. The lead of the race was already more than secure.

Almost without time to recover from Verstappen's blow, Sainz Jr. found himself with Sergio Pérez's RB19 stuck to his rear wheels. The Ferrari driver gritted his teeth. He had already lost first place, but he was determined to defend second place tooth and nail. On this occasion, his defense became somewhat aggressive and Checo thought for a few moments that he would not have a chance to overtake him. But from the radio they sent him messages of confidence: "You're faster, you're going to do it". The Mexican kept a close eye on things and, as soon as he saw a small gap, he slipped in with his RB19 to secure second place. After such a battle, Sainz Jr. finished third under the checkered flag. This secured him a place on the podium, although the nightmare he had experienced left something of a bitter taste.

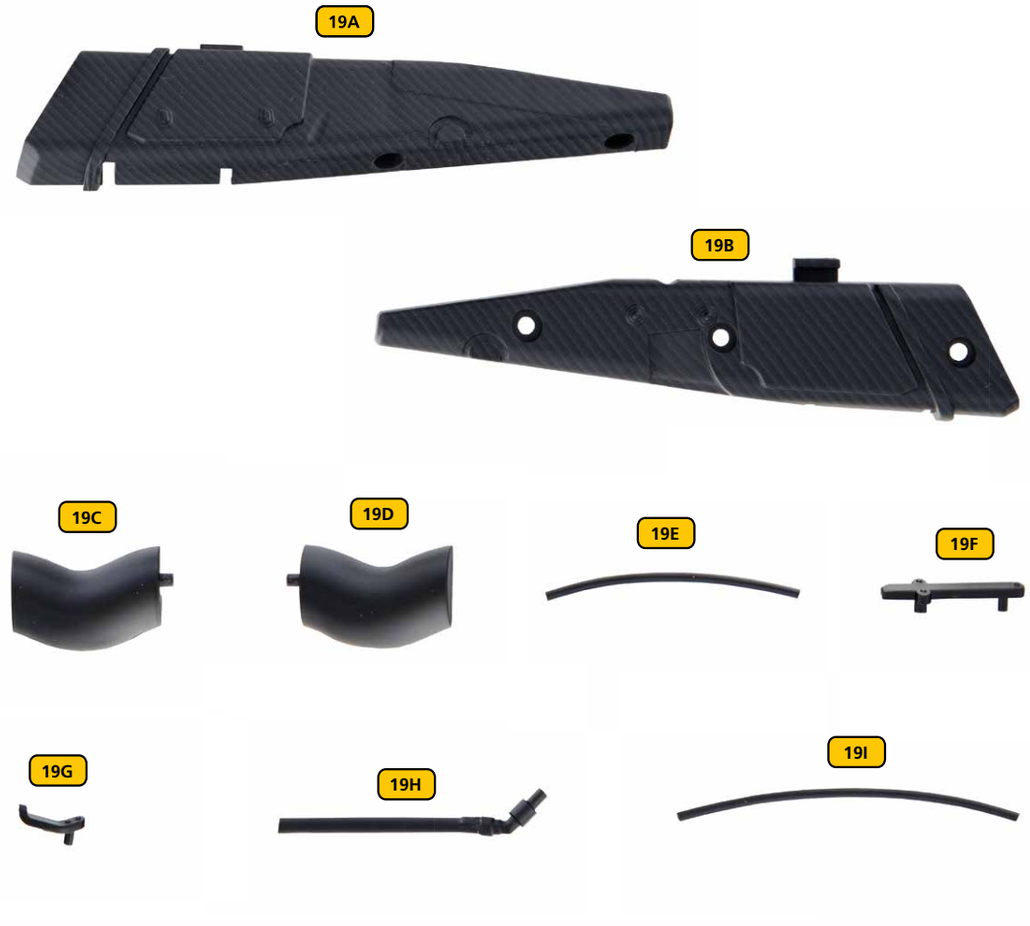
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EXHAUST SYSTEM

In this issue, we will connect some exhaust sections and pipes to the central engine block assembly.

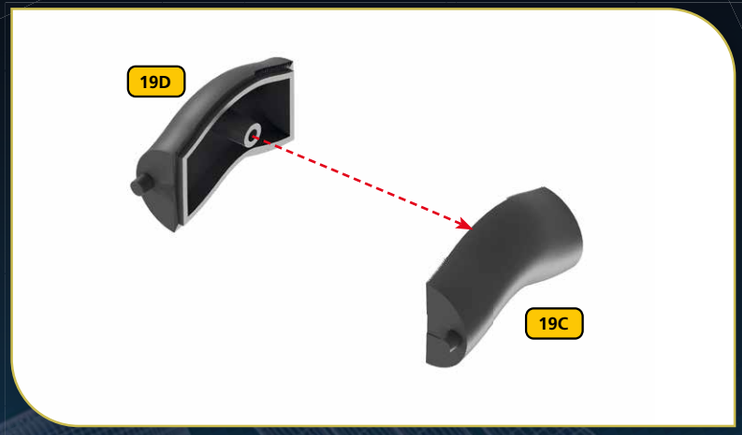
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19B Intermediate air intake housing B
19C Right-hand exhaust section A
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19E Pipe G
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19G Right-hand airbox support
19H Pipe I
19I Pipe J

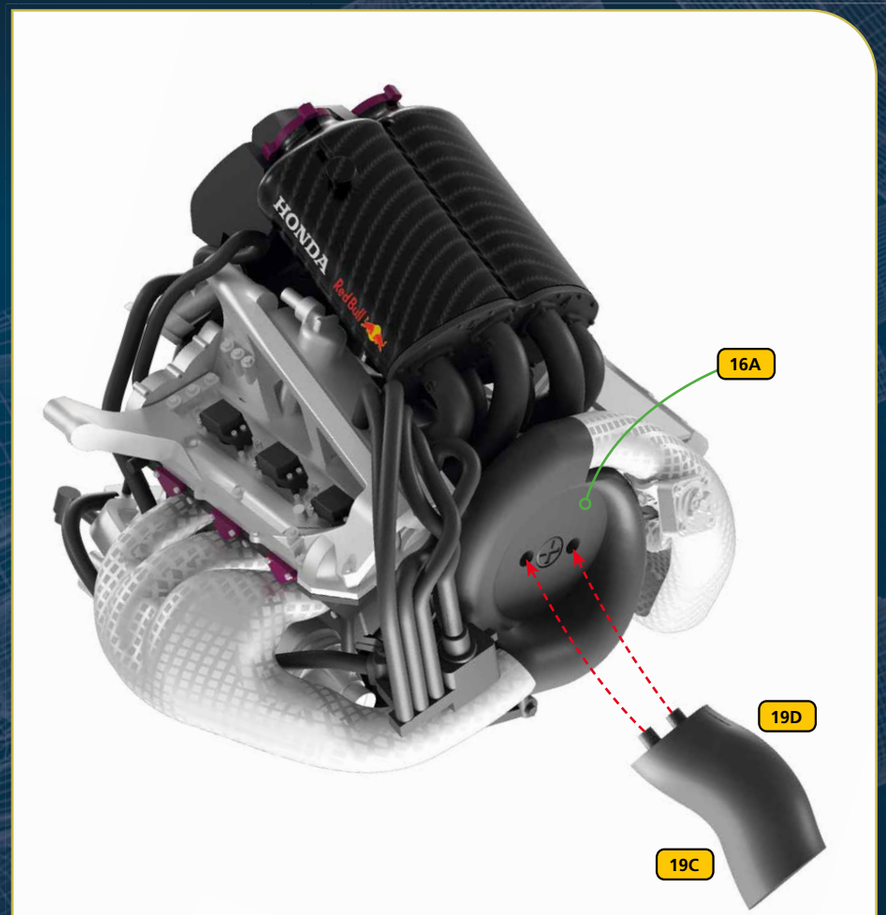
STEP 19–1

Connect the left-hand exhaust section A **19D** and the right-hand exhaust section A **19C**.



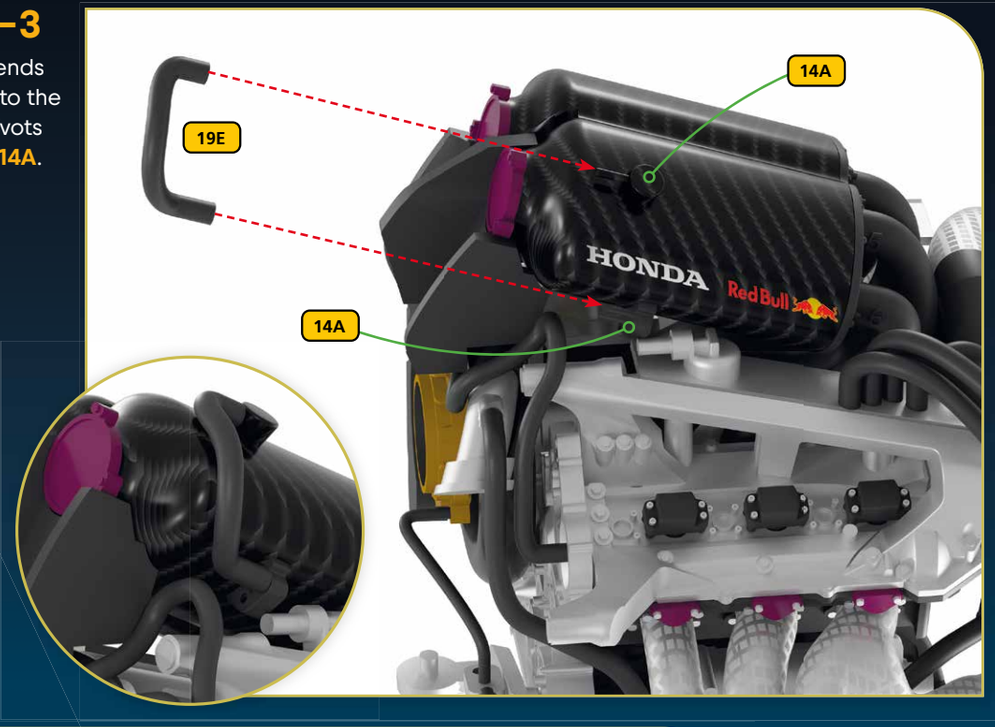
STEP 19–2

Retrieve the engine block assembly. Insert the pins in the assembled exhaust sections **19C** and **19D** into the highlighted holes in the turbo housing 2 **16A**.



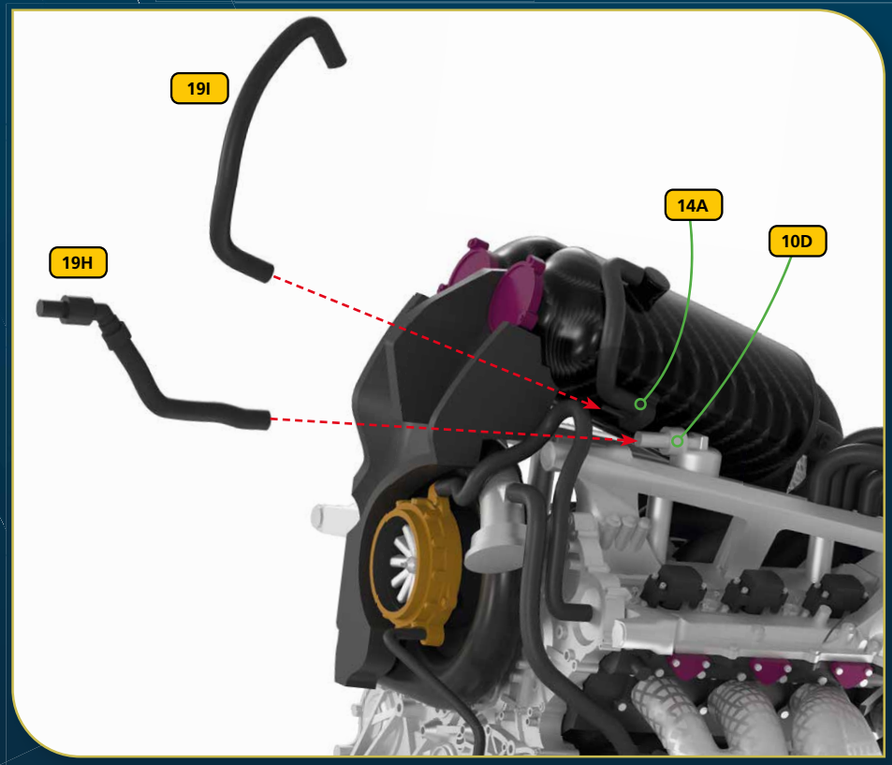
STEP 19–3

Connect the ends of pipe G **19E** to the highlighted pivots on the airbox **14A**.



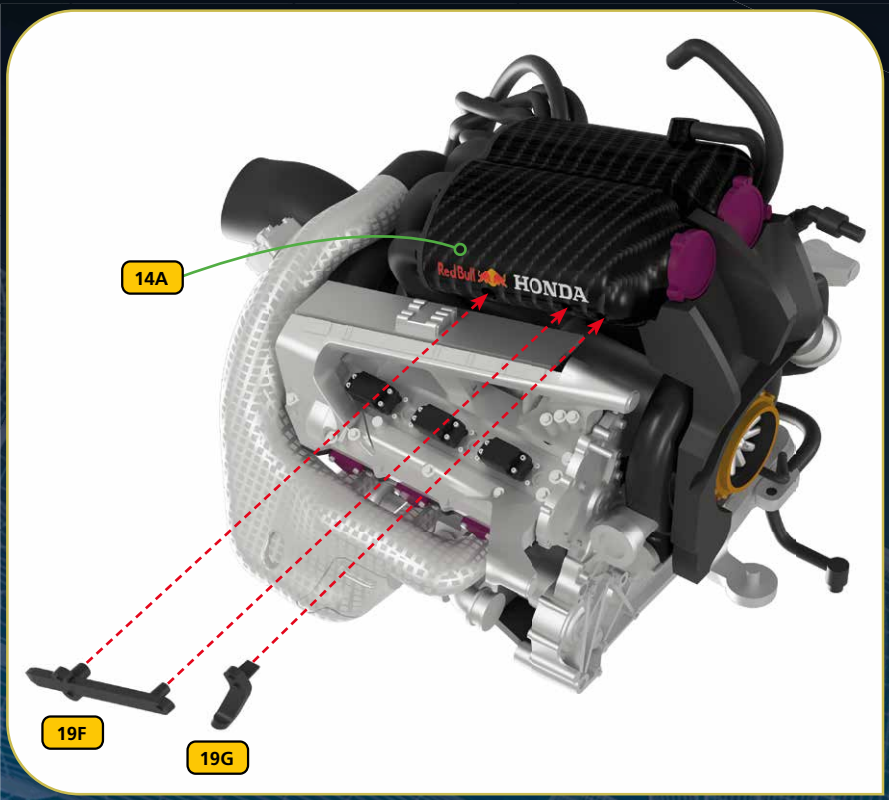
STEP 19–4

Connect one end of pipe I **19H** to the free pivot on the airbox **14A** and the wider end of pipe J **19H** to the left cylinder head 2 **10D**.



STEP 19–5

Insert pipe H **19F** and the right-hand airbox support **19G** into the highlighted holes in the side of the airbox **14A**.



FINAL RESULT





Keep the intermediate air intake housings A **19A** and B **19B** aside for use in a later stage of the assembly.