

Installation Instructions for front Lexus GS-F brake caliper on Lexus IS-F



08-14 Lexus IS-F

Kit Contents

1 pair of aluminum caliper adapters

4 10.9 Grade M12x1.25x50 bolt with zinc washers



This is a representative photograph. The actual components in your kit may appear slightly different.

APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

This installation manual uses images and tools selection for a 2012 Lexus IS F. While very similar in nature to various Lexus vehicles, there may be differences on your particular vehicle. In particular, removing and clearance the splash guard/dust shield is one area where your vehicle may be different. Off-road use only.

Caliper Clearance

Caliper should clear most 19" wheels. However, the gap between the spokes of the wheel and the face of the caliper may be different among wheels from make and models. Do not assume that a larger-diameter wheel will automatically clear the face of the caliper.

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Tools and Equipment Required

Different models and years of vehicle use different-sized fasteners and every effort has been taken to correctly identify the proper sized tool for each step of the installation. Occasionally, however, manufacturers may use an alternate fastener, so it's advisable to check that each tool correctly fits the fastener before loosening or tightening it. The following tools and equipment will be needed:

17mm box wrench or socket, 1/2" drive suggested

10mm box wrench

Torque wrenches capable of 33.9-210.1 N*m (20-150 ft-lb) settings

sheet metal cutters

brake bleed bottle (2' of 3/16" ID clear vinyl tube and a 20oz water bottle)

1 pair of jack stands or means of supporting vehicle

6MM nail puncher or setters (99 cent screw driver with grinded flat tip)

2 M8x1.25x30 bolt (this is used to remove the rotors from the hub)

Small drip tray or several rags or shop towels

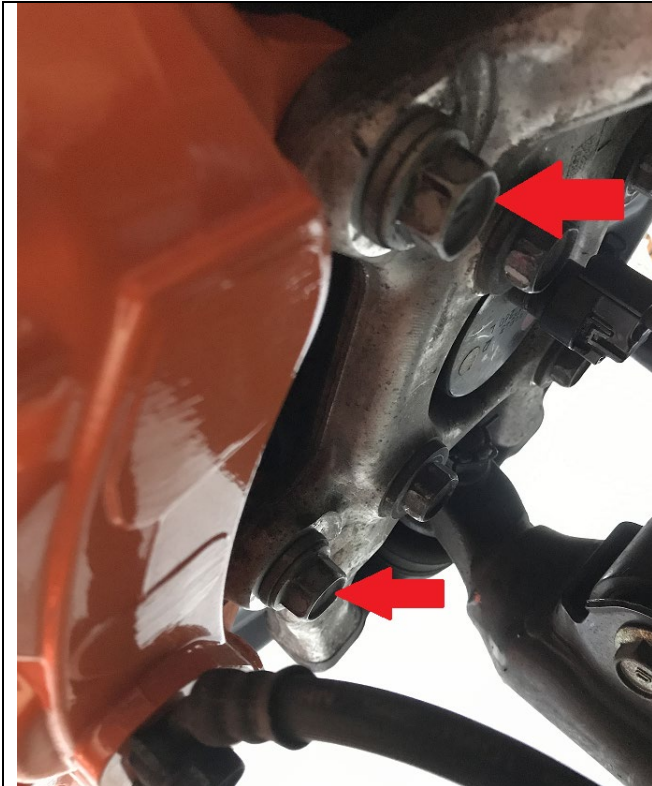
Angle Grinder or Dremel with cutting wheel

1-2 Toyota DOT3 or 4 Brake Fluid. Check manufacturer's recommendation or capability.

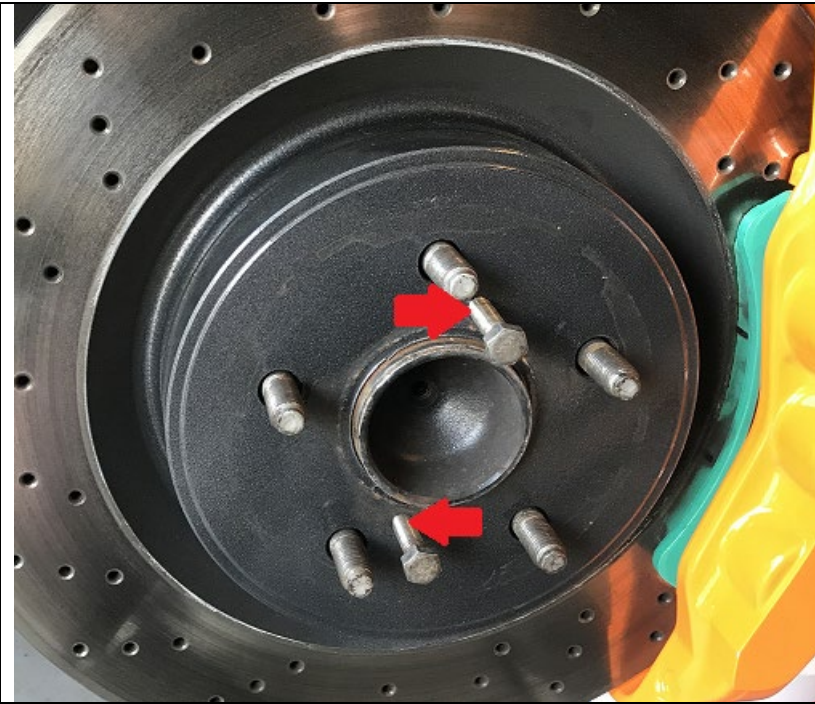
Step 1 – Raise vehicle and remove wheels

Break lose the front lug nuts and jack up the front end properly and place the vehicle on jack stands on proper jack points to clear the wheels from the floor. Loosen and remove the lug nuts and remove the wheels and place in a clear area.

Step 2 – Removal of brake caliper and rotor



Removal of the 17mm bolt on the IS F brake caliper and leave the caliper aside by hanging or hooking it onto the suspension. Do not remove the brake line.



If the rotor doesn't come apart, use two **M8x1.25x30** bolts from the hardware store and insert it into the two threaded holes of the rotor's top hat. Screw this down until the rotor comes apart from the hub.

Step 3 – Modification to dust Shield



Cut a section of the dust shield off as shown in the red line. That picture on the left is the driver side front dust shield. Use some paint to cover up the section that was cut if needed.

Warning – cutting metal will leave sharp edges. Use adequate caution and wear safety glasses and a precaution.

Step 4 – Install brake caliper and rotor with caliper adapter

Determine the left and right side rotor. GSF/RCF rotors are directional. Rotors must be cleaned with brake cleaner. Not doing so will damage the rotors and pads and will prevent the brakes from performing properly.

Determine the left and right side calipers. Bleeder screw is always positioned at the top of the caliper.

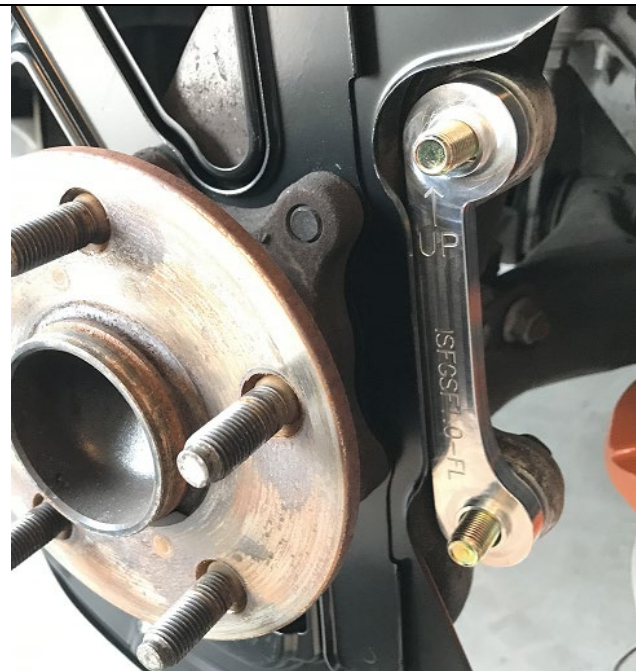


Install the rotor onto the hub. Tighten lug nuts to hold the rotor on to the hub. Rotate and spin the rotor and make sure the dust shield is not hitting the rotor. Picture to the left shows Driver side rotor installed.



Place the bracket adapter on the caliper and line it up with the knuckle. Adapter is designed to go between the caliper and the knuckle. Slide the supplied 17mm bolts with washer from the back through the adapter into the caliper's thread. Mount the bolts into the caliper. Take care to ensure that the caliper is square and evenly started on both studs. Check for rotor clearance and make sure it's well center on the caliper.

Torque the two 17mm caliper bolts to 135 N*m (1377kgf*cm, 100 ft-lb)



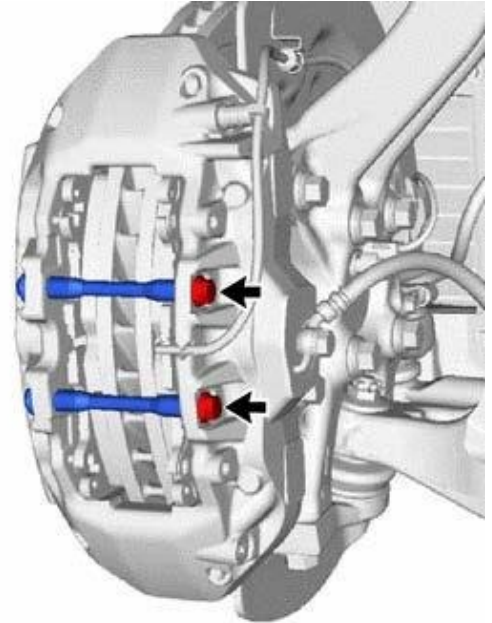
Picture on the left shows the view of the adapter positioned correctly without the caliper and rotor. Position the caliper adapter UP. Picture below shows the adapter installed with the caliper on the knuckle.



Step 5 – Install brake pads



Installation brake pads can be done before or after the caliper is installed onto the car. Slide on the brake pads into the caliper with the warning indicator facing the outside of the car. Take care and ensure that the friction side of the pads is facing the rotors. Slide the pin and retaining clip into place and then tap the pin into its seat from the back side. Picture to the left shows the pads properly installed into the caliper.



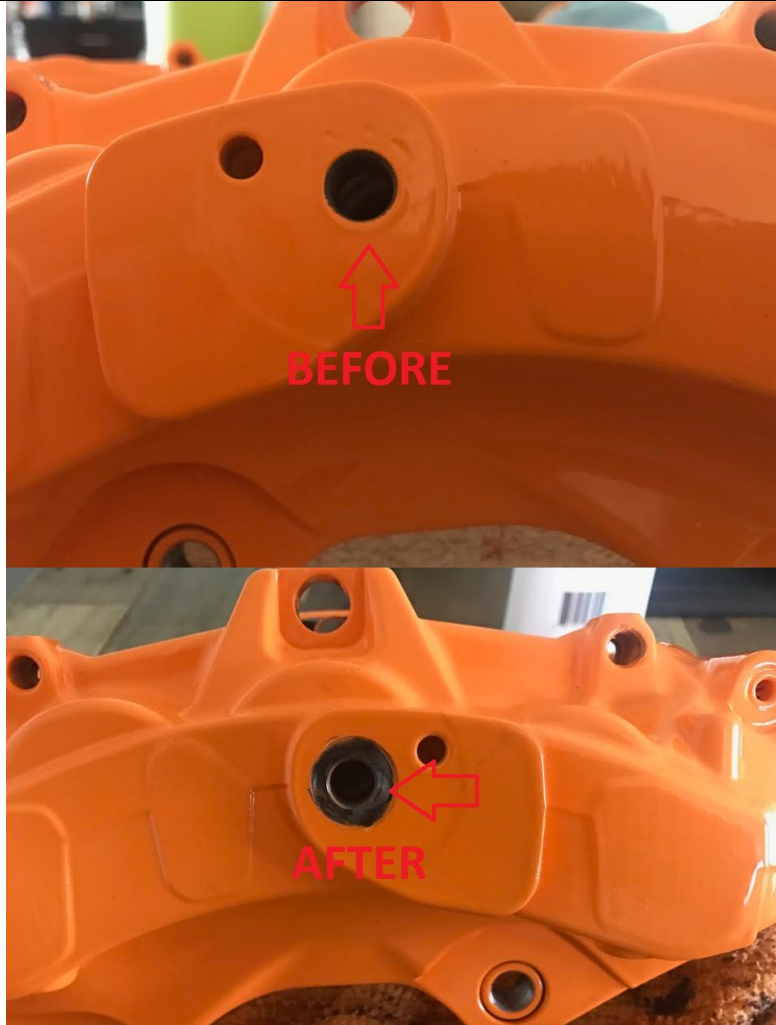
Torque the two brake pad guide tie rods with the two bolts to 30 N*m (306kgf*cm, 22 ft-lb)



Picture on the left shows installed GS F/RC F Brembo calipers and rotors on driver side.

Step 7 – Brake lines and bleed brakes

Remove the brake line with the banjo bolt from your car's original brake caliper and insert it into the new brake caliper. Make note of the copper crush washer and banjo bolt. Do not install the brake line twisted. Torque to approximately to **39N*m (29 ft-lb)**. The Banjo bolt only needs to be tightened enough to seal the crush washers. Excessive torque can damage the threads inside the caliper and/or damage the Banjo bolt. A good turn is all it is needed



*Tips: Make sure the area around the banjo bolt is clear of any paint or powder coating. This area must be flat to ensure the seal of the crush washer. With powder coat finish not being flat as possible, there can be possible leaks in the brake lines.

Using a Dremel 2-piece steel ½-in Brush Bits tip on a Dremel can clean off excess powder coating/paint in this area. Before picture shows area where the crush washer sits covered in powder coating. After pictures shows the same area after removing powder coat with brush bits. Now the banjo bolt can sit flush with the crush washer without causing any leaks. This should be done before installation on the car if you chose to power coat your caliper.

Complete the installation on both sides of the vehicle before bleeding the system.

Two people will be needed to help bleed the brake fluid in the vehicle.

Keep a close watch on the fluid level on the master cylinder and do not let it run dry and to draw in air. Bleed the brake system using a 10mm box wrench to loosen the bleed screws. The sequence for bleeding the brakes should be:

1. Furthest rear passenger side (LHD: Rear Right caliper)
2. Furthest rear driver side (LHD: Rear Left caliper)
3. Front passenger side (LHD: Front Passenger caliper)
4. Front driver side. (LHD: Front Driver caliper)



Because you're only installing front brake calipers, you will only be needing to bleed the two front brakes. Start with the passenger side first then the driver side.

Using the clear 3/16 tube which should be inserted into a catch bottle to collect any oil coming out of the brake system, plug this into the bleed screw and loosen using a 10mm box wrench. Have a person press the brake pedal a few times until fluid start to come out. Once you see fluids, lock the screw and have the same person press the brake pedal three times and hold it down to the floor. You can now loosen the bleed screw to release the pressure and fluid to check for air. Lock the bleed screw and have a person press the brakes three more times and repeat this process until all air is out of the system. Make sure to check the fluid level after a few bleeding process or in-between caliper bleed. Complete this process in the sequence of the calipers on the car.

Once complete, make sure all bleed screws are properly secured down. Though a torque wrench is not typically used on bleed screws, as a reference, the torque for the bleed screw should be approximately 10-14 lb-ft. A good turn to the screw will keep it in place.

After bleeding, apply constant pressure to the brake pedal, and check all connections – including the bleed screws, and both ends of the brake line - for leaks.

Warning: Brake fluid will damage most painted surfaces. Immediately clean spilled brake fluid from any painted surface, including the caliper. Though caliper paint is designed to resist harsh chemicals, prolonged exposure will damage the finish.

Step 8 – Reinstall wheels

It is very important to check the wheel-to-caliper clearance before installing wheels.

Reinstall the vehicle's wheels and torque wheels' lug nuts to manufacturer's specifications. It may be necessary to snug the bolt before lowering the vehicle and to then torque the wheels when the car is on the ground. Lexus recommend 76 lb-ft.

Carefully test-drive the vehicle in a safe area at low speed to ensure that all components are working correctly.

Thank you for purchasing this adapter.