



MODULAR DOCK V1 BUILD GUIDE

Because you need a safe place to store all the tools you've built.

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Before you begin on your journey, a word of caution.

In the comfort of your own home you are about to assemble a robot. This machine can maim, burn, and electrocute you if you are not careful. Please do not become the first STEALTHCHANGER fatality. There is no special Reddit flair for that.

Please, read the entire manual before you start assembly. As you begin wrenching, please check our Discord channels for any tips and questions that may halt your progress.

Most of all, good luck!

THE STEALTHCHANGER TEAM

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PART PRINTING GUIDELINES

The Voron Team has provided the following print guidelines for you to follow in order to have the best chance at success with your parts. The StealthChanger Team recommends to follow the same standards. There are often questions about substituting materials or changing printing standards, but we recommend you follow these:

3D PRINTING PROCESS

Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)

MATERIAL

ABS

LAYER HEIGHT

Recommended: 0.2mm

EXTRUSION WIDTH

Recommended: Forced 0.4mm

INFILL TYPE

Grid, Gyroid, Honeycomb, Triangle or Cubic

INFILL PERCENTAGE

Recommended: 40%

WALL COUNT

Recommended: 4

SOLID TOP/BOTTOM LAYERS

Recommended: 5

FILE NAMING

By this time you should have already downloaded our STL files from the StealthChanger GitHub. You might have noticed that we have used the Voron naming convention for the files. This is how to use them.

PRIMARY COLOUR	ACCENT COLOUR	QUANTITY REQUIRED
Example part_x4.stl	Example [a]_part.stl	Example [a]_part_x4.stl
These files will have nothing at the start of the filename.	We have added "[a]" to the front of any STL file that is intended to be printed with accent colour.	If any file ends with "_x#", that is telling you the quantity of that part required to build the machine.

HOW TO GET HELP

If you need assistance with your build, we are here to help. Head on over to our Discord group and post your questions. This is our primary medium to help STEALTHCHANGER Users and we have a great community that can help you out if you get stuck.



https://discord.gg/Mx9JKbt7

REPORTING ISSUES

Should you find an issue in the documentation or have a suggestion for an improvement please consider opening an issue on GitHub (https://github.com/Stealthchanger/ModularDock/issues). When raising an issue please include the relevant page numbers and a short description; annotated screenshots are also very welcome. We periodically update the manual based on the feedback we get.

THIS IS JUST A REFERENCE

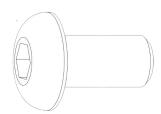
This manual is designed to be a simple reference manual. Building a StealthChanger can be a complex endeavour and for that reason we recommend downloading the CAD files off our Github repository if there are sections you need clarification on. It can be sometimes be easier to follow along when you have the whole assembly in front of you.



https://github.com/StealthChanger/ModularDock

HARDWARE REFERENCE

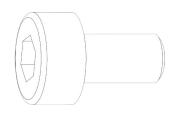
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BUTTON HEAD CAP SCREW (BHCS)

Metric fastener with a domed shape head and hex drive. Most commonly found in locations where M5 fasteners are used.

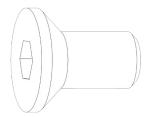
ISO 7380-1



SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW (SHCS)

Metric fastener with a cylindrical head and hex drive. The most common fastener used on the Voron.

ISO 4762



FLAT HEAD COUNTERSUNK SCREW (FHCS)

Metric fastener with a cone shaped head and a flat top.

ISO 10642



HEAT SET INSERT

Heat inserts with a soldering tip so that they melt the plastic when installed. As the plastic cools, it solidifies around the knurls and ridges on the insert for excellent resistance to both torque and pull-out.



MAGNET

Metric round button neodymium magnet.



SPRING

Small stiff spring, be prepared to cut to fit.



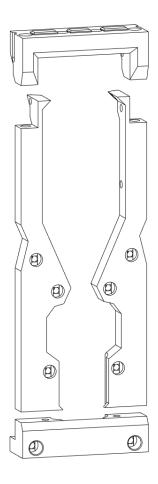
High Temp RTV Silicon in a tube for making moulds, make sure it can handle the temp of the nozzle.

T-NUT

A type of nut that slides into the extrusion rail as a method of affix other parts to it.

HEX NUT

Metric hex nut used with metric fasteners.



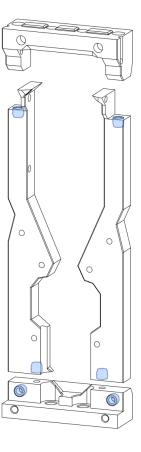
PARTS

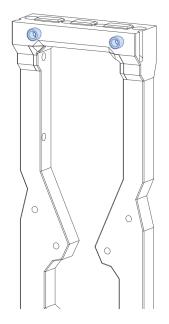
The parts required to build a frame, Top, Bottom, Left and Right.

INSERT HEAT SETS

Start by setting the heat sets.

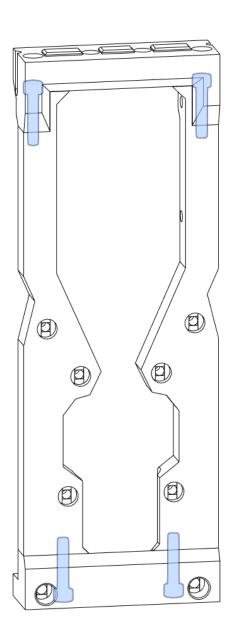
Heat Set





OPTIONAL INSERT HEAT SETS

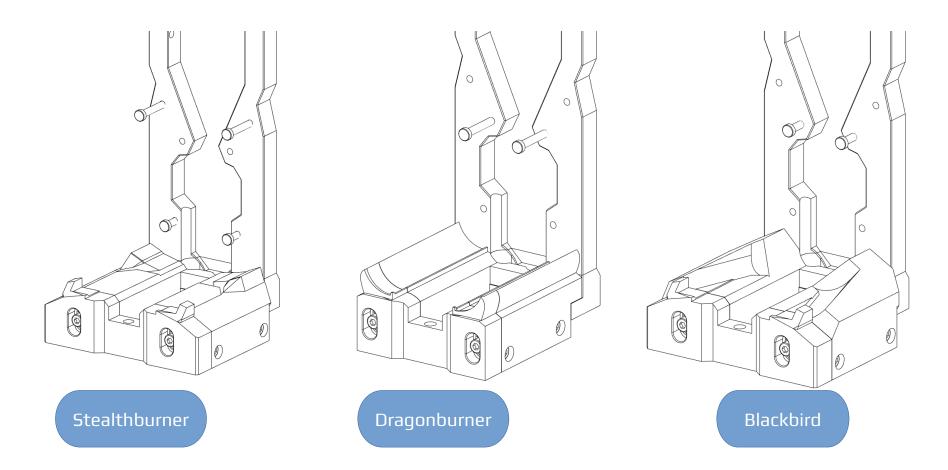
Optionally add these inserts when using the "L Bracket", recommended if top mounting.



ASSEMBLE

Use M3x16mm socket head screws to attach the top and bottom to the frame sides. Make sure to get them straight and tight.

M3x16mm SHCS

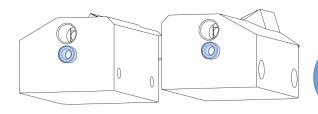


BASES

The modular dock has lots of options. This is to support different types of tools as well as a variety of nozzle blockers and wipers when at rest. Since the assembly is all the same we will only show the stealthburner. But rest assured they all use the same hardware and process.

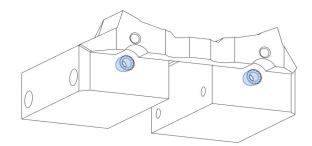
NOTE: stubby version can not be used with extended front frame, 2020 front frame only.

NOTE: stubby version can not be used with any other tools, so if you choose the stubby version you can only use dragonburners and stubby docks. Also the bolts are slightly shorter see the BOM.



Heat Set

INSERT HEAT SETS

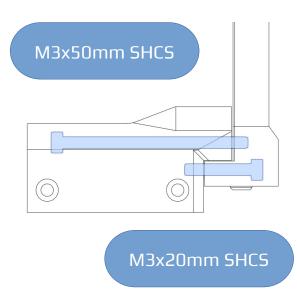


Start by setting the heat sets.

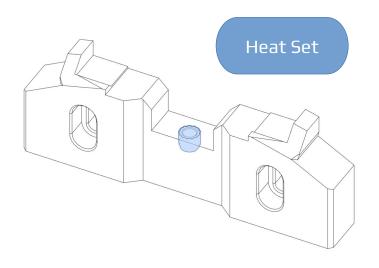
ATTACHING TO FRAME

Insert the bolts from the front of the dock and snug them. Then install the longer bolts via the back of the base and tighten. Then return to the front and tighten.

NOTE: 40mm screws are used in place of the 50mm for the stubby version.



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OPTIONAL HEAT SET

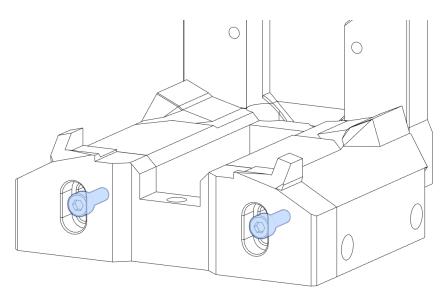
Optional heat set for PTFE wiper install.

NOTE: There are 2 optional 6x3 magnets on the bottom for future options to attach to.

INSTALL BACK PLATE

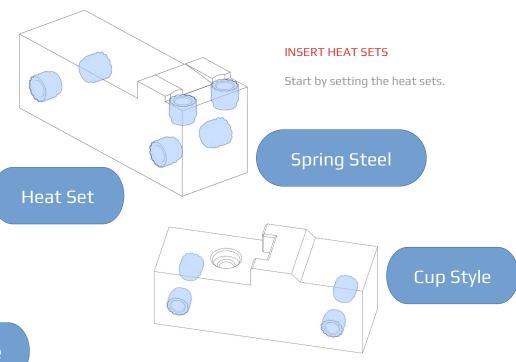
Screw the back plate on, just snugging it up as we will adjust this later in the manual.

M3x10mm SHCS

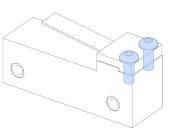


WIPERS

Just like bases, wipers have options. The main ones are Cup or Spring Steel version. Both were designed by TapChanger and adopted for these docks.

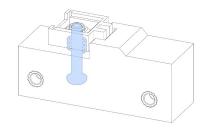


Spring Steel



M3x6mm BHCS

Cup Style



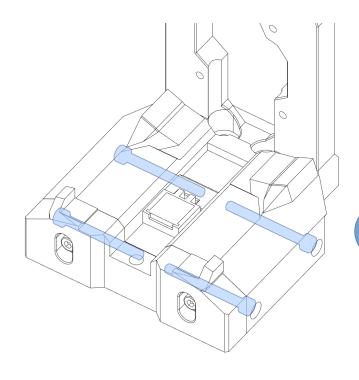
M3x16mm BHCS + M4 Spring

INSTALL BLOCKER

Both types will require High Temp RTV Silicon moulds.

CUP: Install the heat set from the bottom of the cup, install an M3 screw from the bottom to be flush, then fill the cup with silicon and with a wet finger press it smooth and let it dry then install, cut the spring to be about 2-3mm high.

SPRING STEEL: Use the provided mould, fill both sides with silicon, insert the spring steel and close the mould. Let dry and install.



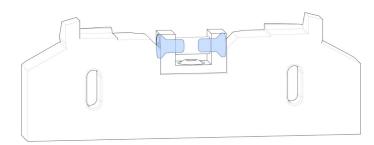
INSTALL WIPER

Install the wiper into the base of the dock. Seen here with the back plate already installed.

NOTE: 20mm screws used for DB width docks.

M3x30mm SHCS

M2.5x6mm FHCS + 12mm PTFE Tube

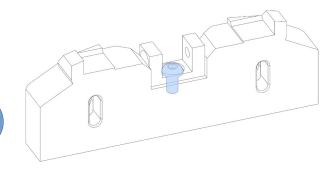


OPTIONAL PTFE WIPER

Cut a 12mm piece of 2mm ID PTFE tube. Fit between the 2 holes and screw in a screw to each end to hold the PTFE tube in place.

Install the assembled wiper onto the back plate.

M3x6mm BHCS



MOUNTING OPTIONS

Like most parts of the modular dock, you have options at this point.

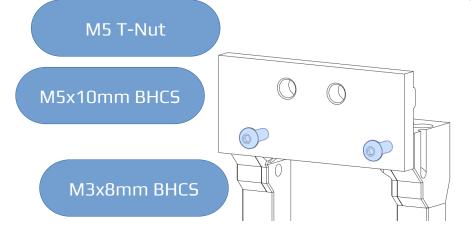
- Top mount, this meant only mounting to the top bar of the frame. In this configuration, you should use the "L Bracket" and the bottom "Links".
- Bottom mount or Crossbar Mount, this means you are only mounting to a bar that runs in parallel to the top frame bar, but at least 170mm lower. In this configuration nothing is mounted to the top and no extras are required.
- Full mount, this means you are running both top and bottom bars to mount to. This is the most solid option and the most solid by far. You do not need any extra brackets.

The guide will go over all the options, but you will not need all options.

Extrusion mounts require 2x M5 T-Nuts and 2x M5x10mm BHCS per rail. Since this is self explanatory we won't show images of these options.

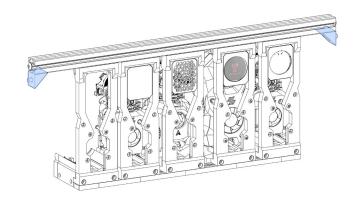
L BRACKET

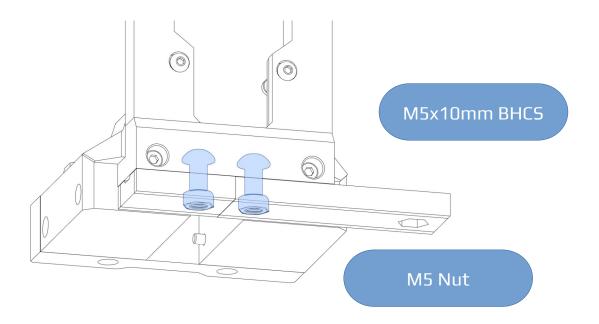
Once you have the docks mounted to the top bar, add 2 more M5 T-Nuts to the inside of the top rail. Using M5 BHCS to the rail and M3 BHCS to the attach the bracket to the dock.



CORNER BRACKETS

These are a good idea either way, but specifically if top mounting it is highly recommended to add corner brackets on the top rail. The leverage of the docks will allow the rail to spin on the blind join, this will counter it.





LINKS

Each dock will require 2 links. There are lots of combinations, the end piece has a single hole in it and is meant to start or end a chain of docks. Between docks there are different lengths, this is do to the size of and proper spacing between the tools/docks. The links are names to match the toolhead combinations to maintain the proper gap.

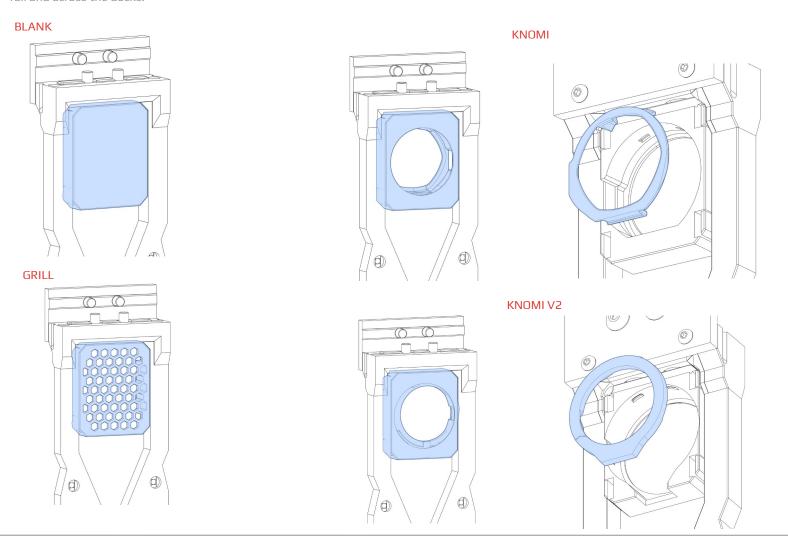
NOTE: Blackbird (BB) is the same length as SB.

NOTE: Links are strongly recommended as they add lots of stiffness across docks when no crossbar is available.

OPTIONAL CONTAINER

Each dock can hold one optional container. There are several types and each type simply clips in. The container have the male side and the dock frame has the dimples at the top where they click into.

The blank version is provided for you to build off of it or if you want to add a tool ID to it. The grill version adds nice Voron style hexes to the top. The fancier version allow for electronics, there is a 3mm diameter wire path near the top of the frames to be able to safely run power to the top rail and across the docks.

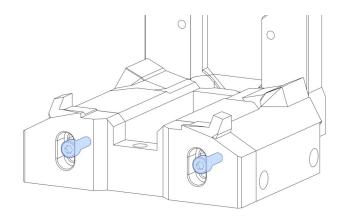


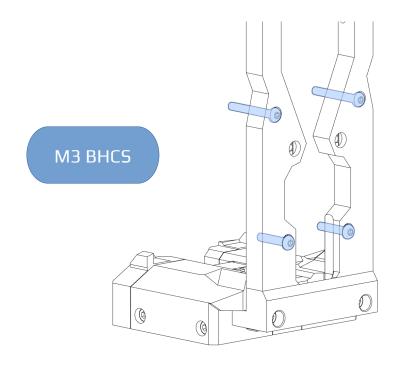
SETTING UP THE TOOL

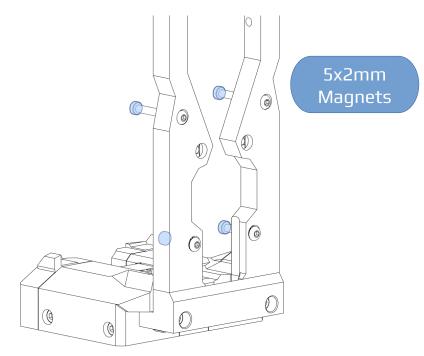
There are 2 steps to this.

- 1. This step we want to make sure the tool sits at a perfect 90 degrees. Sit the tool into the dock and adjust the back plate (slotted bolts) until the dock can hold the tool at a perfect 90 degrees on it's own. Make sure the tool is just inside the lip on the very back of the tool.
- 2. Once step 1 is fully done, we need to add M3 BHCS via the front to the front and screw them in. Optionally add 5x2 magnets to the head of the bolts on the front of the cowl (Steel bolts are required for this option). Tighten the bolts until it touches the bolts/magnets on the front cowl of the tool.

NOTE: Stealthburner shown, other tool heads user different screw sizes and placement.







ASSEMBLY COMPLETED!

Congratulations, now restart at Step 1 for as many tools as you are installing on your toolchanger.

NEXT STEP: CONFIGURATION

This manual is designed to be a reference manual for the build process of the Modular Dock.

The configuration you'll require for the docking sequence can be found on our github page. We recommend starting there.



https://github.com/Stealthchanger/ModularDock/tree/main/config



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