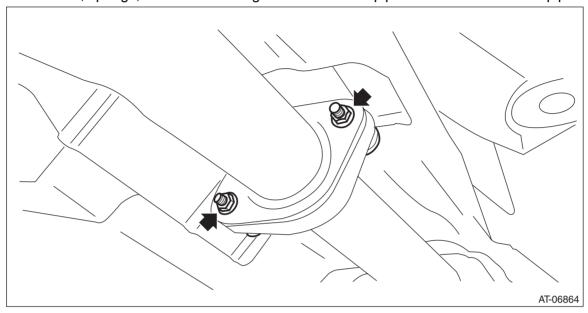
3. Center Exhaust Pipe

A: REMOVAL

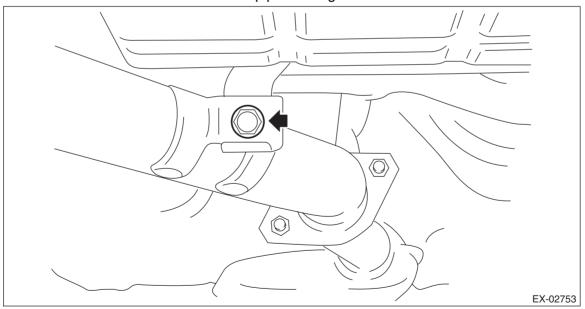
CAUTION:

Vehicle components are extremely hot after driving. Be wary of receiving burns from heated parts.

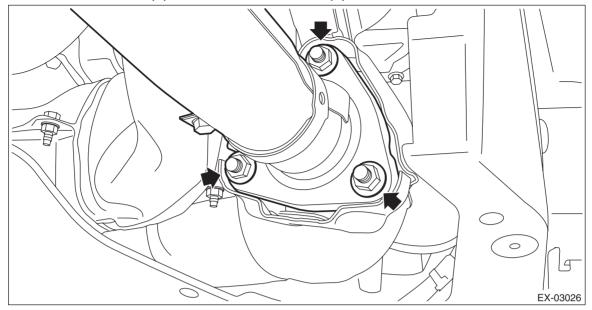
- 1) Turn the ignition switch to OFF.
- 2) Lift up the vehicle.
- 3) Remove the bolts, springs, and nuts securing the rear exhaust pipe to the center exhaust pipe.



4) Remove the bolt which holds center exhaust pipe to hanger bracket.



5) Remove the center exhaust pipe from the front exhaust pipe.



6) Remove the center exhaust pipe upper cover from the center exhaust pipe.

B: INSTALLATION

1) Install the center exhaust pipe upper cover to the center exhaust pipe.

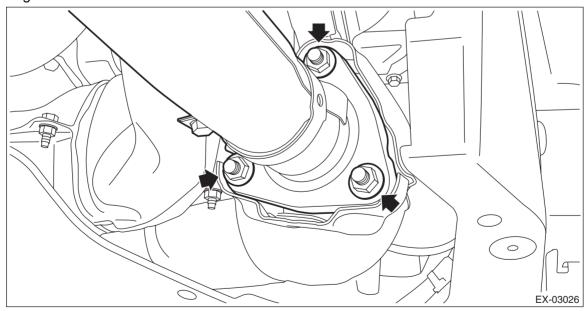
Tightening torque:

13 N⋅m (1.3 kgf-m, 9.6 ft-lb)

2) Temporarily tighten the nuts which secure the center exhaust pipe to the front exhaust pipe.

NOTE:

Use a new gasket.



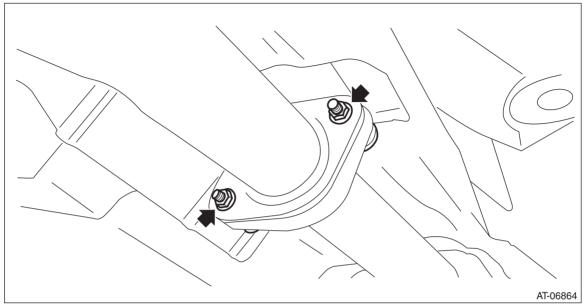
3) Install the bolts, springs, and nuts which secure the rear exhaust pipe to the center exhaust pipe.

NOTE:

Use a new gasket.

Tightening torque:

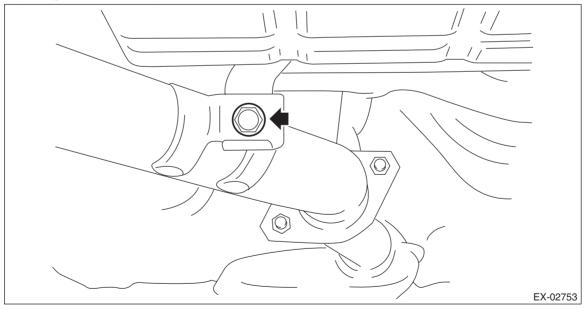
18 N·m (1.8 kgf-m, 13.3 ft-lb)



4) Tighten the bolts which secure the center exhaust pipe to the hanger bracket.

Tightening torque:

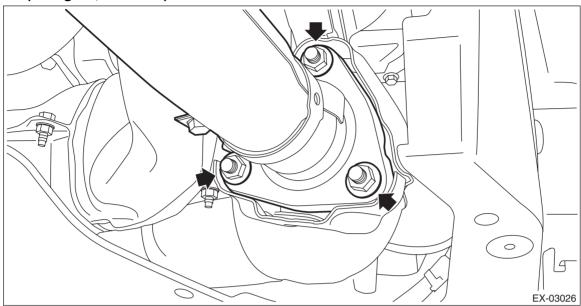
35 N⋅m (3.6 kgf-m, 25.8 ft-lb)



5) Tighten the nuts which secure the center exhaust pipe to the front exhaust pipe.

Tightening torque:

42.5 N·m (4.3 kgf-m, 31.3 ft-lb)



C: INSPECTION

- 1) Check the connections and welded parts for exhaust leaks.
- 2) Make sure there are no holes or rusting.