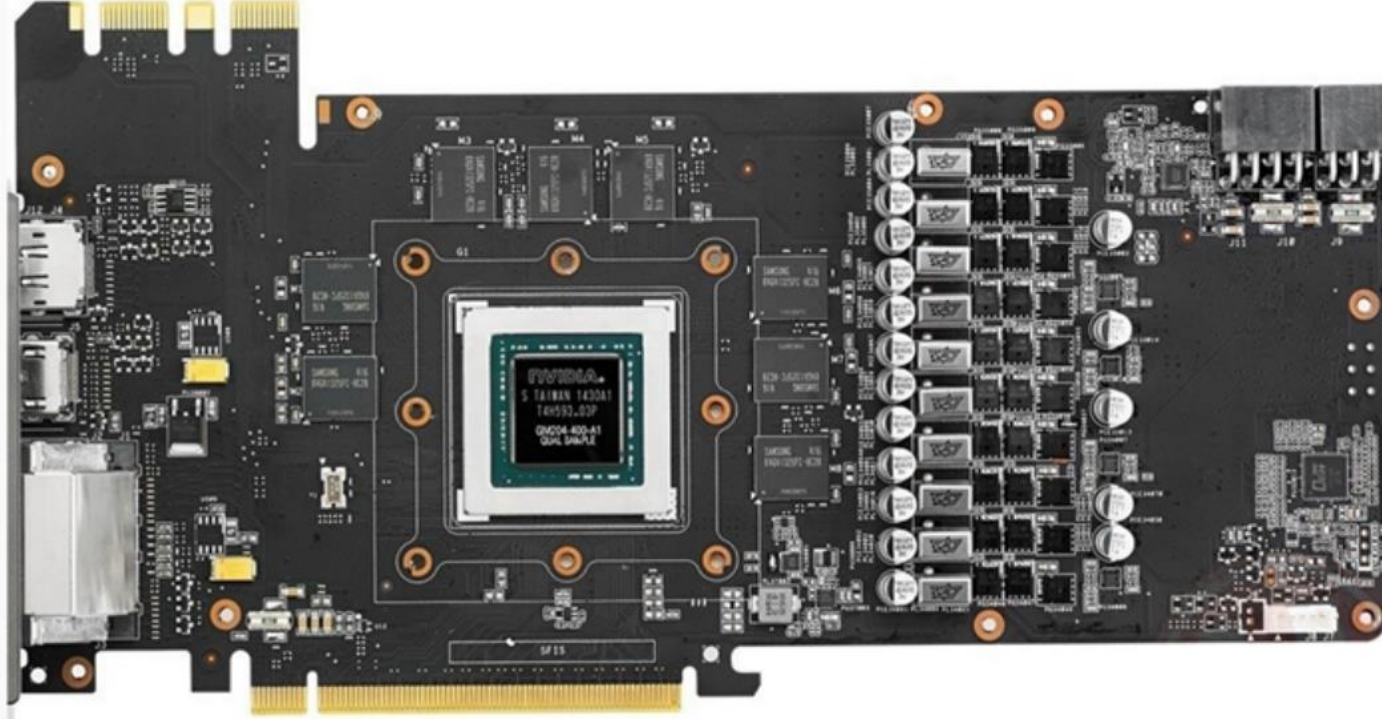


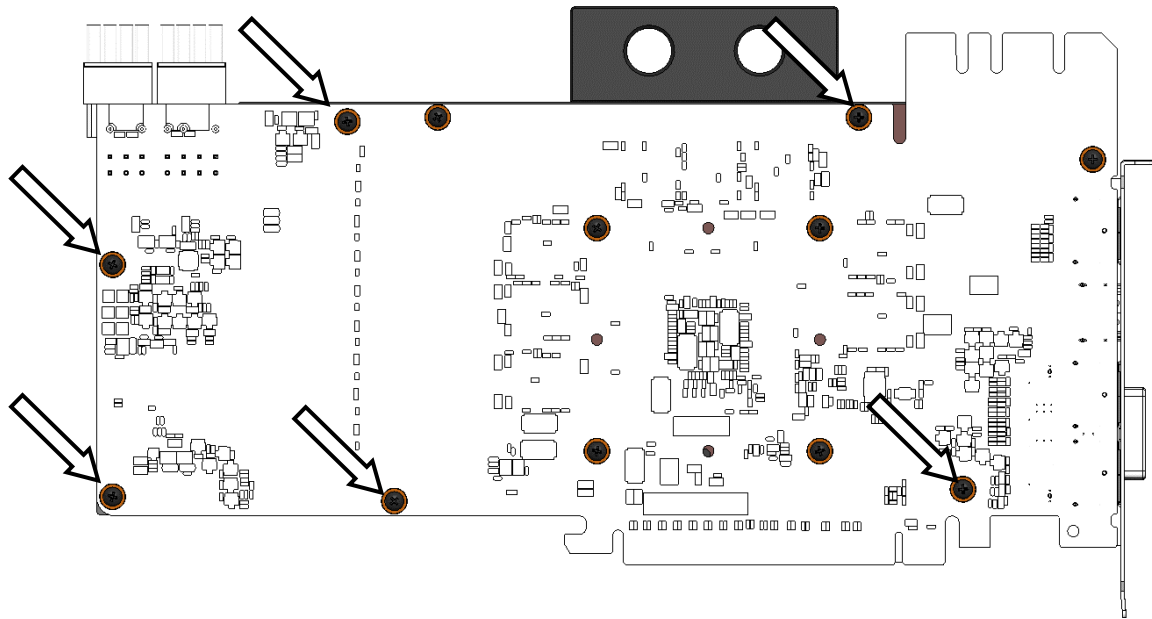
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STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION. Sample picture of GeForce 980 GTX Strix graphics card.



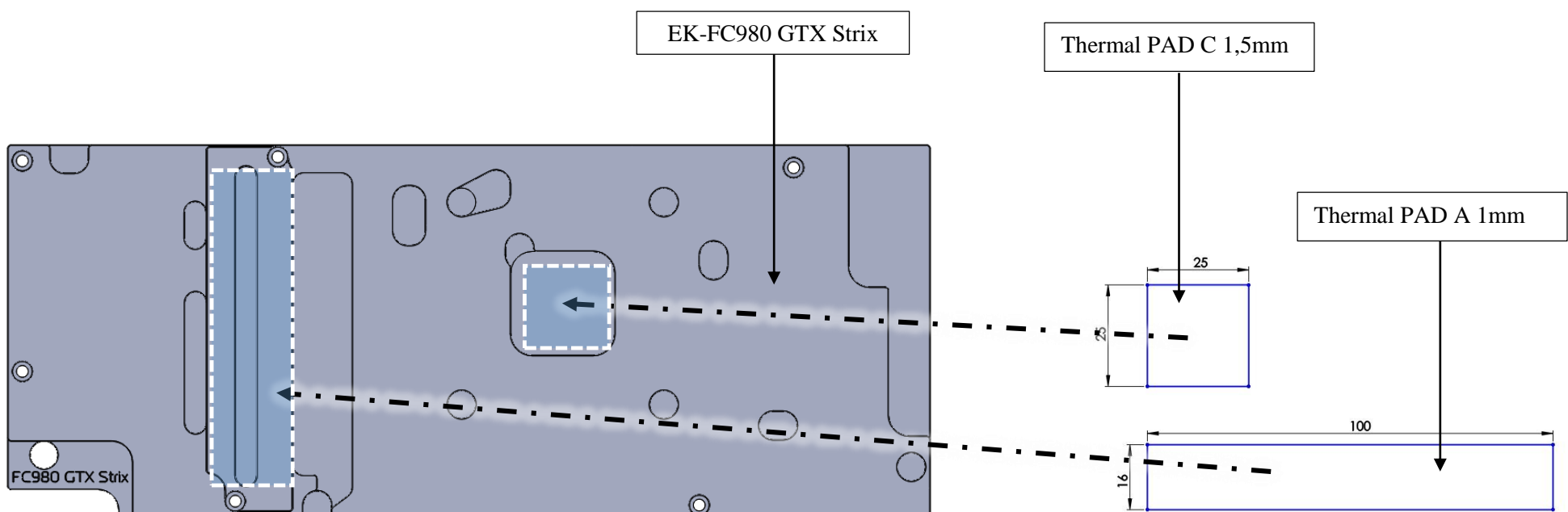
STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR GRAPHICS CARD

EK-FC980 GTX Strix Backplate is very easy to install. First install EK-FC980 GTX Strix series water block according to its installation manual. If you have it already installed, please check the picture below to see which mounting screws are to be left in their position and which are to be removed. Please remove the six (6) M3x4 DIN7985 screws(marked with arrow). Do not remove the washers!



STEP 3: APPLYING THE THERMAL PADS

EK-FC980 GTX Strix Backplate features passive cooling of the printed circuit board and its components therefore it is mandatory to install the enclosed thermal pad. Please install enclosed 1mm and 1,5mm thick thermal pad (Thermal Pad A – 1mm (100x16), Thermal Pad C – 1,5mm (25x25)) as shown on the picture below. You may need to trim the excess thermal pad.



STEP 4: ATTACHING EK-FC980 GTX Strix BACKPLATE TO THE GRAPHICS CARD

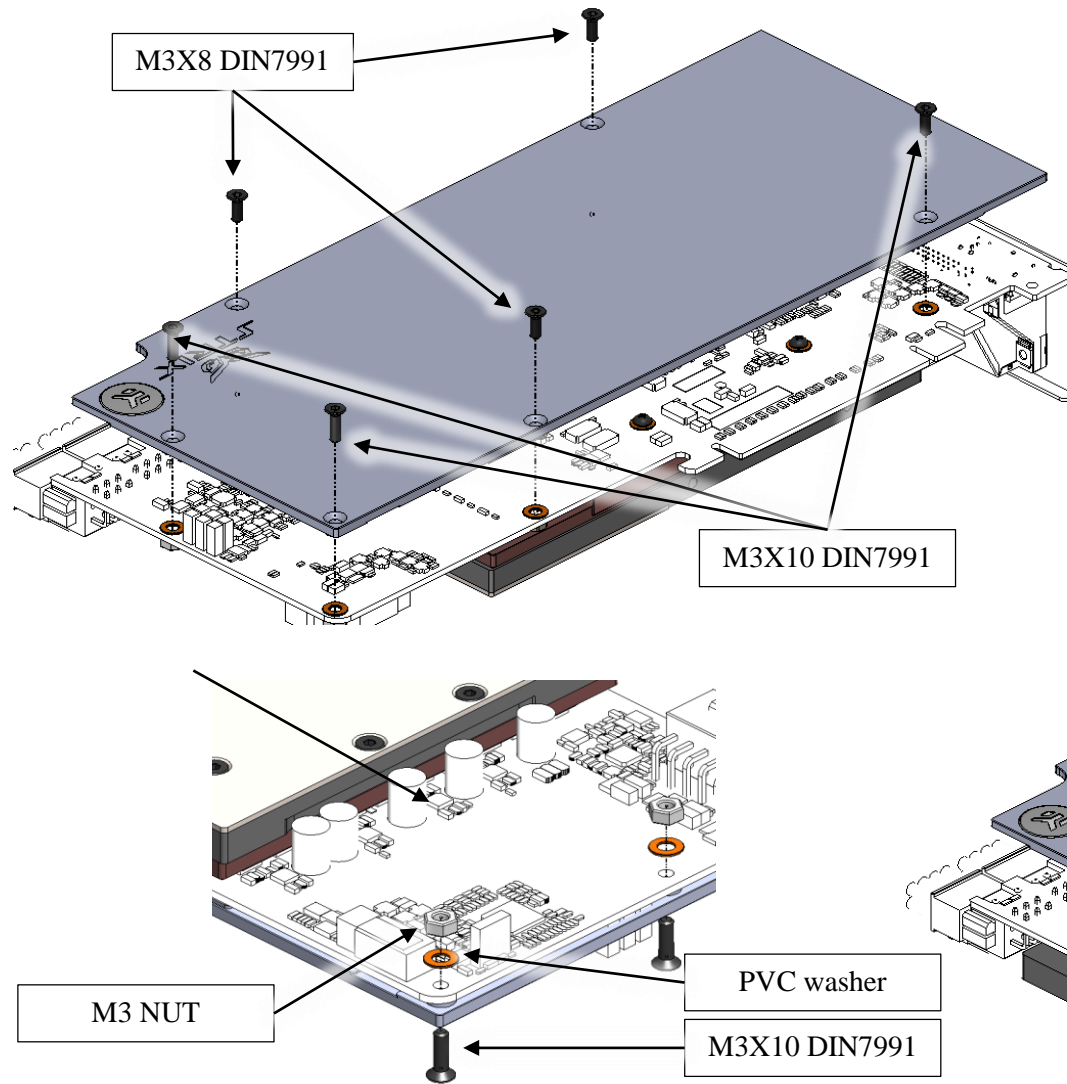
Take enclosed mounting screws and install them as shown on picture below. Depending on the variant please use the following combination of screws:

- Acetal** and **Original CSQ** top type water block: Use six (6) M3x8 DIN7991 on the back side.
- Plexi** short top type water block: Use three (3) M3x8 DIN 7991 and three (3) M3x10 DIN7991 screws with M3 nuts and washers.

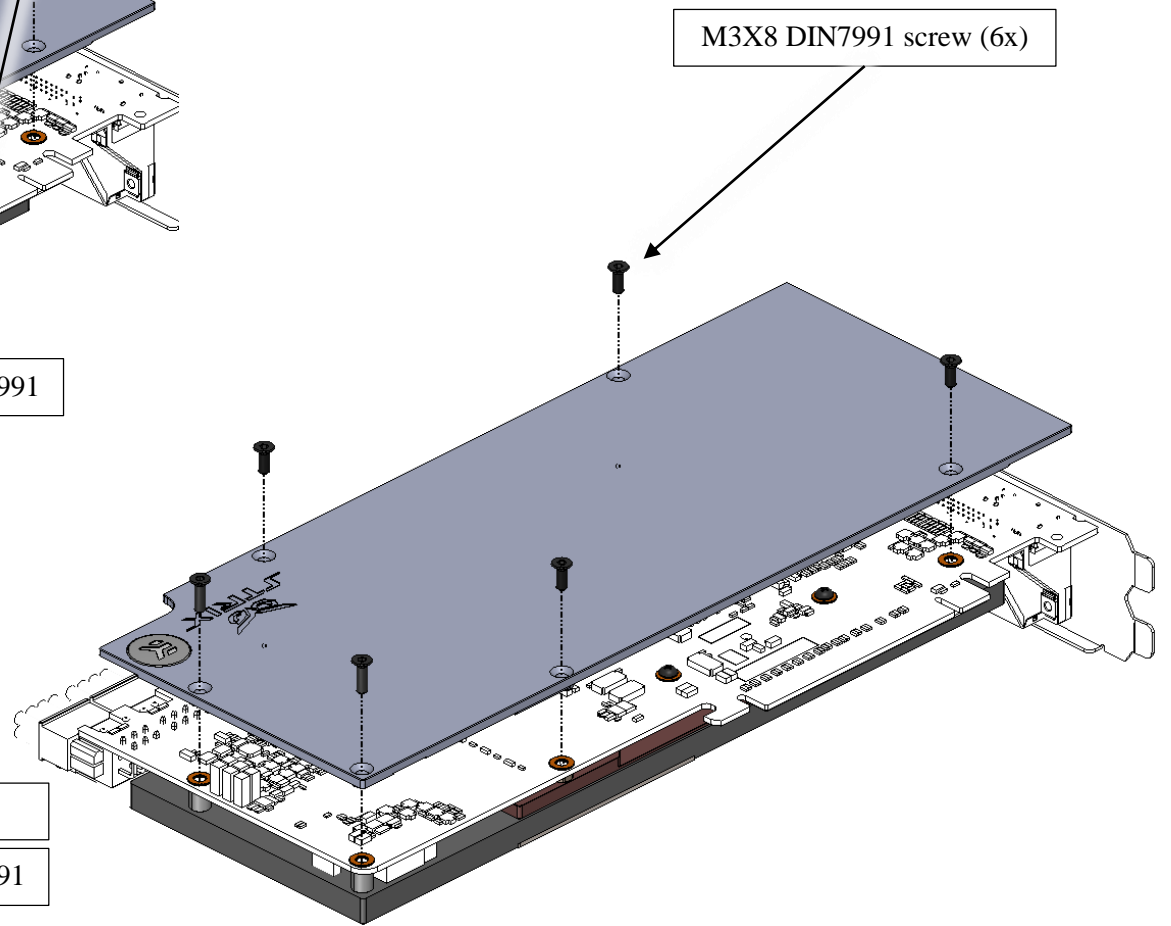
HINT: Do not tighten screws until they are all positioned in their mounting holes. The backplate has milled in standoffs, so there is no fear of over tightening of the screws. Nevertheless do not exaggerate with screwing force as there is no need for it.

By all means users must also consider that this product is intended to be used only with EK-FC980 GTX Strix series water blocks. No other 3rd party heat sinks or coolers are supported!

Plexi short top type water block:



Acetal top type water block:



IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: Once the installation is completed, it is a recommended practice to test the cooling circuit for leaks prior to powering up the computer. We recommend a 24 hour leak test prior to powering up the computer. Do not test the water block using city water pressure. This will rupture the top of the housing and render the block unusable (and will void your warranty). While all efforts have been made to provide the most comprehensive tutorial possible, EK Water Blocks assumes no liability expressed or implied for any consequential damage(s) occurring to your equipment as a result of using EK Water Blocks cooling products, either due to errors or omissions on our part in the above instructions, or due to failure or defect in the EK Water Blocks cooling products.

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Our products are warranted against defects in materials or workmanship for a period of 24 months beginning from the date of delivery to the final user. During this period, products will be repaired or have parts replaced at our discretion provided that: (I) the product is returned to the agent from whom it was purchased; (II) the product has been purchased by an end user and has not used for commercial purposes; (III) the product has not been misused, handled carelessly, or used in a manner other than in accordance with the instructions provided describing its installation and proper use. This warranty does not confer rights other than those expressly set out above and does not cover any claims for consequential loss or damage. This warranty is offered as an extra benefit and does not affect your statutory rights as a consumer. This warranty is voided if the product comes in contact with aggressive chemical, chemical agents or other improper liquids or solids.

EK blocks are sealed with warranty void circular label, which proves that the block has withstood a pressure leak test. Removing it will void leak-free guarantee and not the guarantee on the product itself. Any other RMA issues can be reported to EK Support at <http://www.ekwb.com/support> for further analysis.

REQUIRED TOOLS:



Philips head screwdriver



scissors