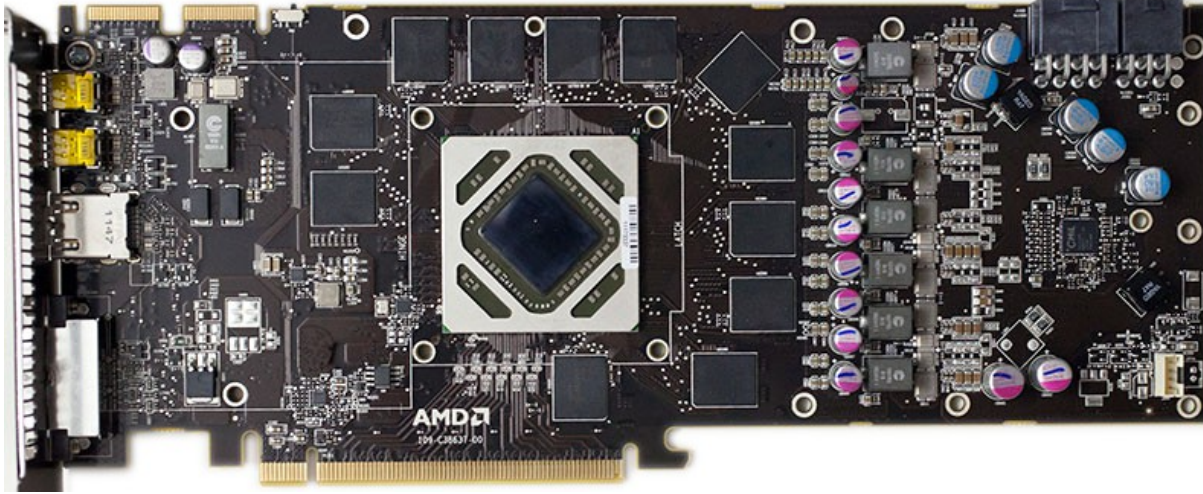


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## STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION. Sample picture of AMD Radeon HD 7970 graphics card (PCB 109-C38637-00)

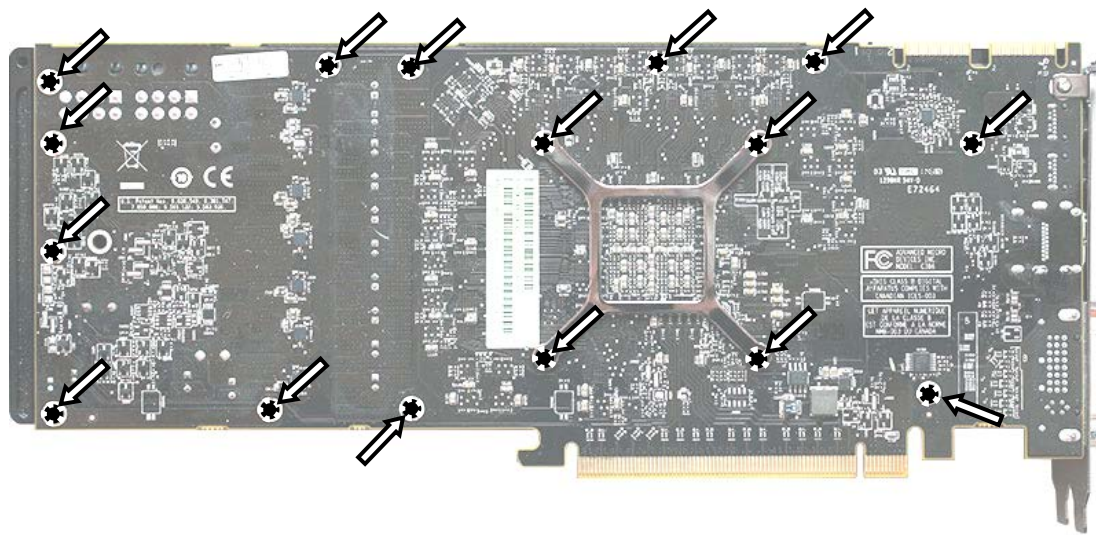
## STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR GRAPHIC CARD.

1. REMOVING STOCK COOLER: Remove encircled screw on the bracket (required only on certain models):

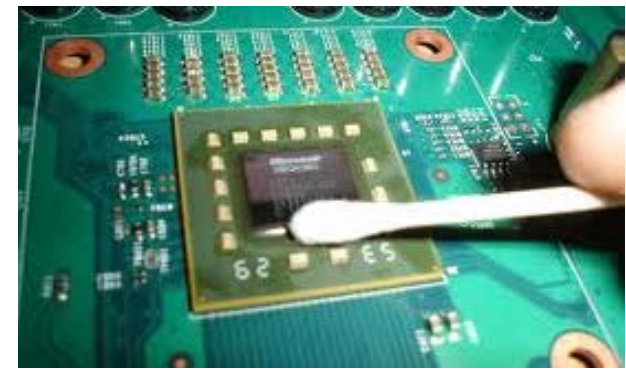


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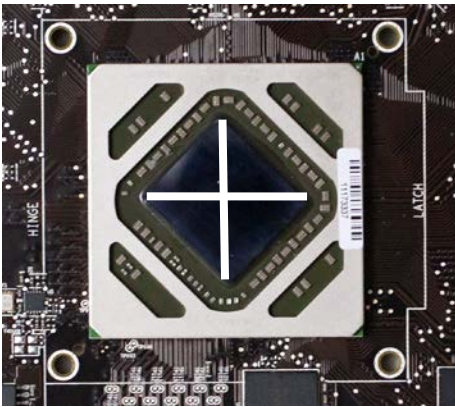
1 cont.. REMOVING STOCK COOLER. Remove all encircled screws. All heat sink assembly screws should be removed. There are 16 screws on the back of the graphic card.



2. CLEANING THE PCB. Carefully detach the original stock cooler after removing all screws securing it to the board. Wipe off the remains (by using non-abrasive cloth or *qtip*, as shown on sample photo) of the original thermal compound until the components and circuit board are completely clean. EKWB recommends the use of denatured alcohol for removing TIM leftovers.

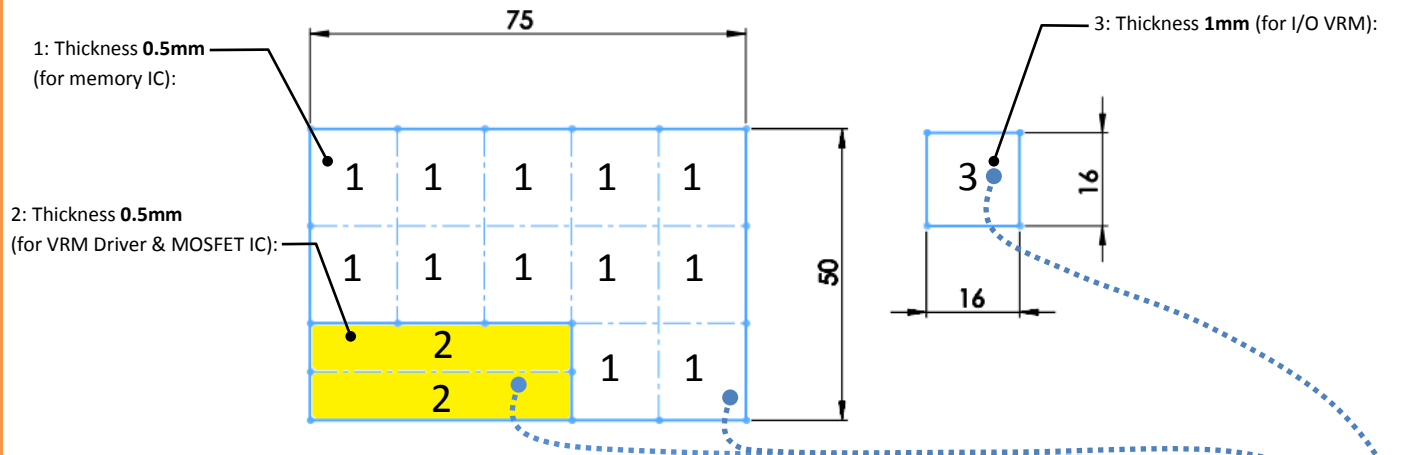


3. APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND. Apply thermal compound: lightly coat AMD GPU chip with for example Arctic Cooling MX-2™ or MX-4™ thermal grease. EKWB recommends to apply thermal grease in cross form for best performance (see sample picture).



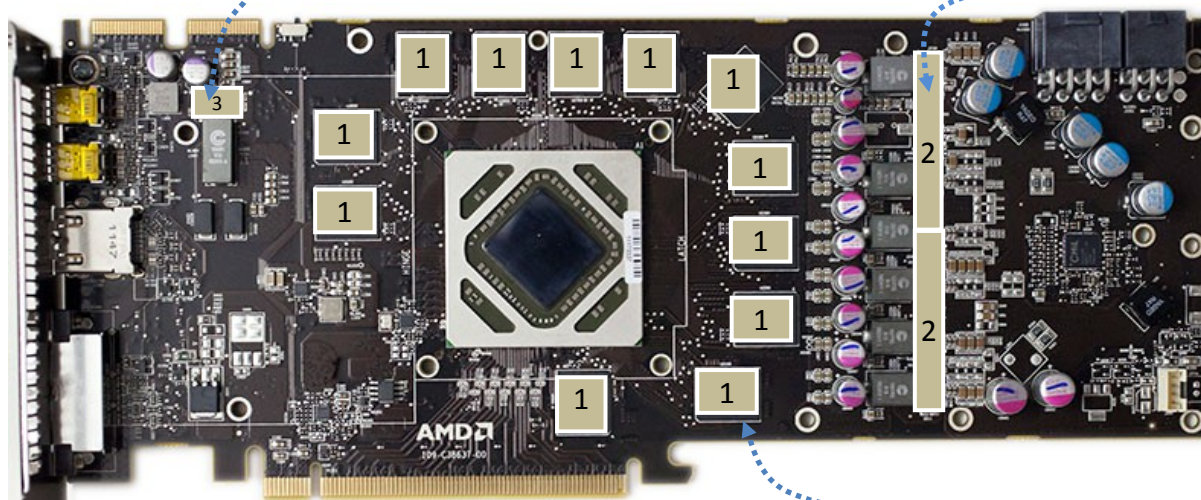
4. CUTTING THERMAL PADS. Your block comes with thermal pads, some of which are already pre-cut. Others have to be cut to smaller chunks in order to cover all the VRM components such as MOSFETs and drivers. PLEASE REMOVE THE PROTECTIVE FOIL FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE THERMAL PADS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

Replacement thermal pads: 1x Thermal Pad B – 0.5mm (75x50mm), Thermal Pad A – 1mm (100x16mm).

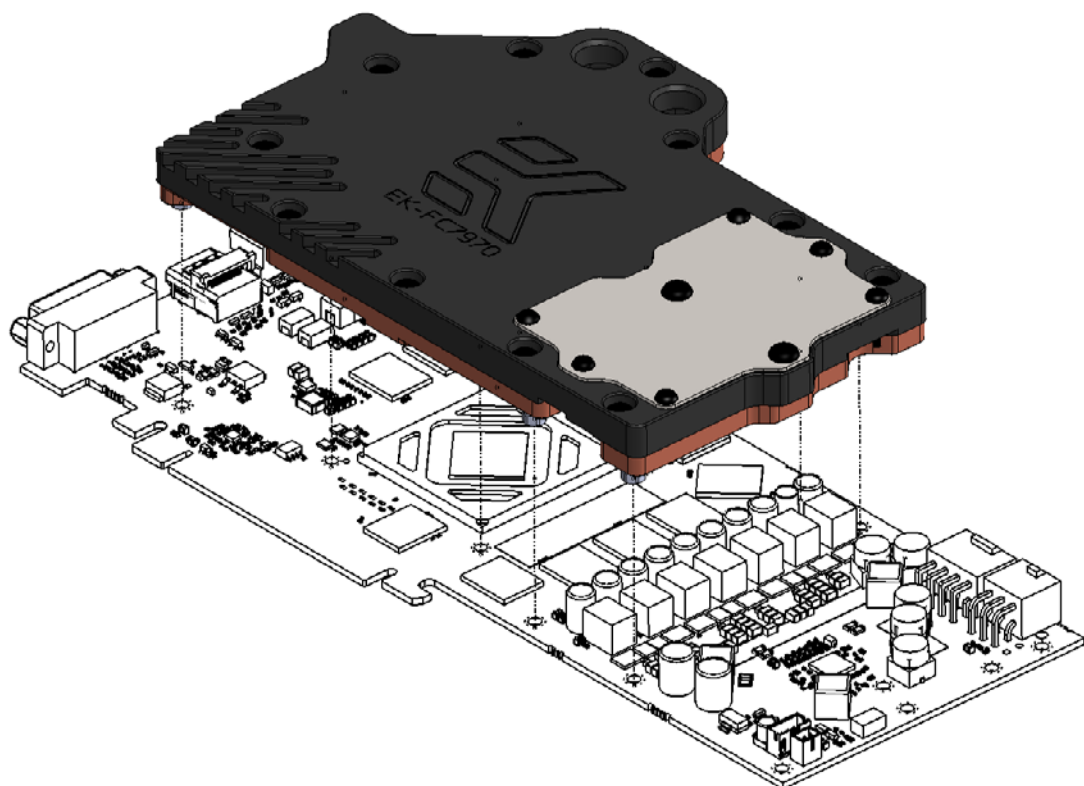


## STEP 3: INSTALLING WATER BLOCK

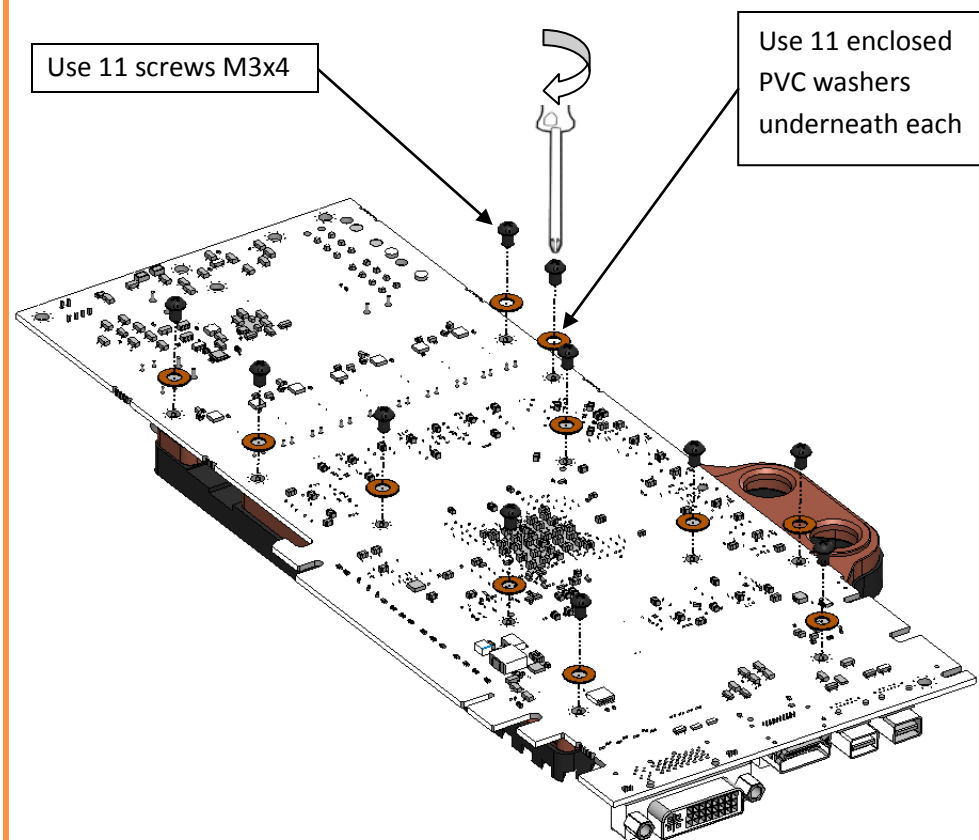
1. PLACING THERMAL PADS ON PCB. Place thermal pads on chips so that numbers on chips match size of thermal pads. EKWB made sure users have more than enough pads to cover all surfaces that need to be covered to make block fully functional). EKWB recommends using small drops of electrically non-conductive (for example: Arctic Cooling MX-2™, MX-4™ or GELID GC-Extreme™) thermal grease on each phase regulator (that is being covered with thermal pad) in order to even further improve the thermal performance of the EK-FC7970 series water block.



2. **PLACING BLOCK TO GRAPHIC CARD.** Carefully position the water block with preinstalled 2.5mm standoffs on to the graphics card. During this process please make sure you align mounting holes on PCB with holes on the water block. Also pay attention not to use too much force by pressing block down to PCB. Chip dies are prone to cracking.



3. **ATTACHING BLOCK TO GRAPHIC CARD.** By using Philips screwdriver screw in enclosed M3x4 DIN7985 screws. EKWB recommends start screwing the screws around the GPU core and continue outwards. Always use a PVC washer under each and every screw!

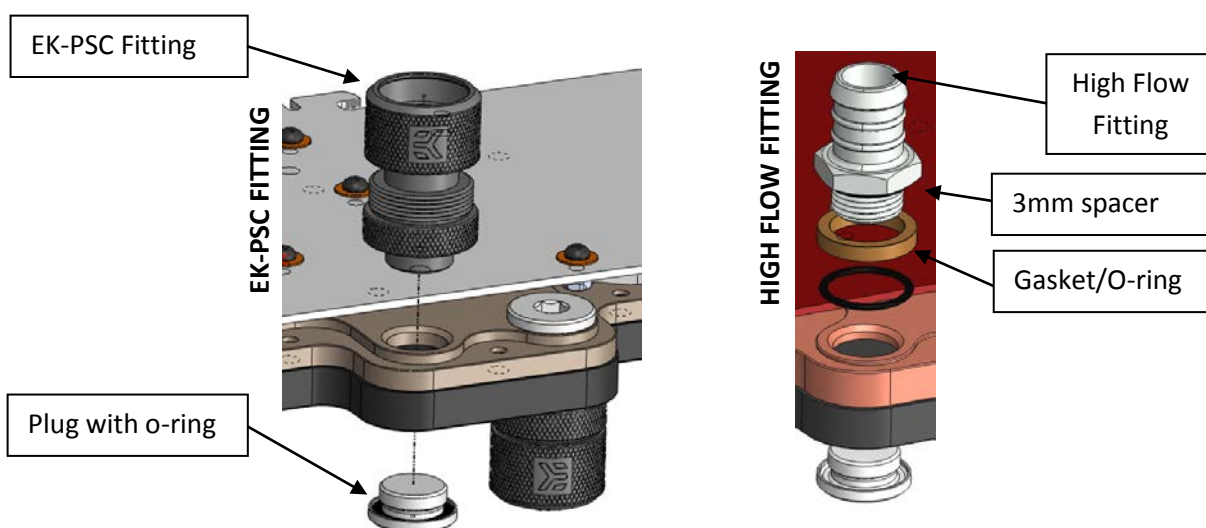


#### STEP 4: CHECKING FOR CONTACTS

Temporarily remove the water block to check for uniform surface contact between the block and the components. Note the pattern of contact on a piece of paper. Then repeat substeps in previous section to reattach the block. **In case you fail to obtain good contact, please check again your thermal pad thickness or contact our support service.**

#### STEP 6: FITTING POSITIONING

Screw in the fittings and plugs. Please use spacer only on copper base if you use fitting with G1/4 thread longer than 5mm (see sample picture). Use 6mm allen key to screw in and tighten the EK-Plug G1/4. EKWB recommends using EK-PSC fittings with the EK-FC970 series water blocks. To ensure that the tubes are securely attached to the barb/fittings, please use hose clamps or an appropriate substitute. You can use any opening as an inlet/outlet port.



#### STEP 6: INSERTING CARD IN YOUR PC CASE

Carefully lift your graphics card with installed block and insert it in your PC's motherboard PCIe expansion slot. Please bear in mind that your cards is probably heavier than when it was equipped with original heatsink fan assembly. One needs to be very careful when handling the graphics card. Avoid all un-needed manipulation of the VGA/water block assembly that might damage your card or water block during final installation.

#### STEP 5: OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

**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 tap 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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#### REQUIRED TOOLS AND MOUNTING SCREWS:



scissors



philips screwdriver



11 × M3x4 DIN7985



11 × PVC washers



thermal grease