

Rat Rig

04. Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0 BETA2

Written By: Rat Rig



INTRODUCTION

This guide provides a thorough overview of the disassembly of the EVA3, the preparation of the V-Core 3.1 frame, and the installation procedure for the Rat Rig toolhead BETA V2 Upgrade Kit.

The Rat Rig Toolheads are streamlined to be used specifically with our favourite combination:

Orbiter V2

Phaetus Rapido V2 UHF hot end

4028 part cooling fan

Rat Rig “SuperPinda” Probe by P&F

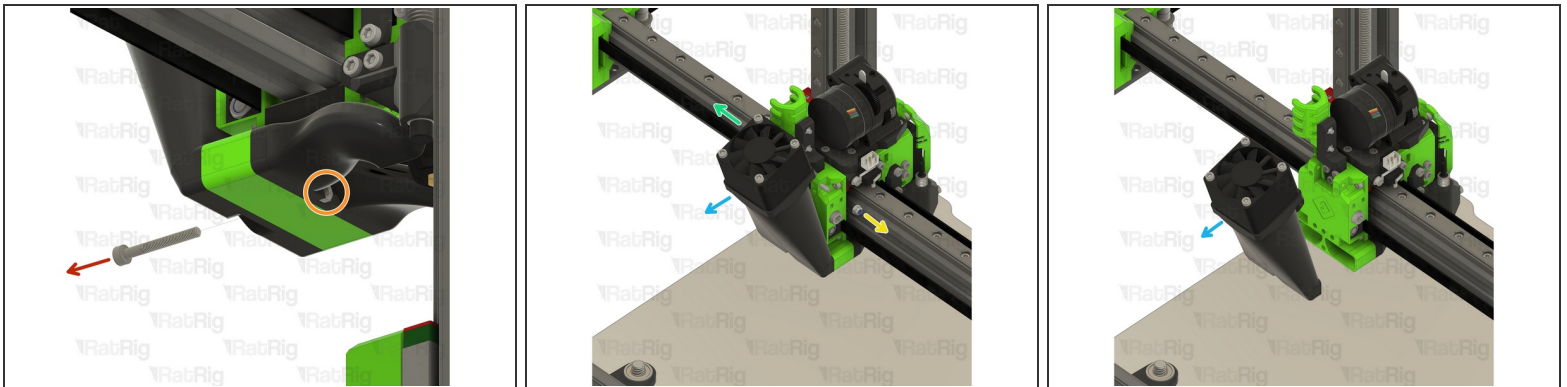
Step 1 — Get up to speed!



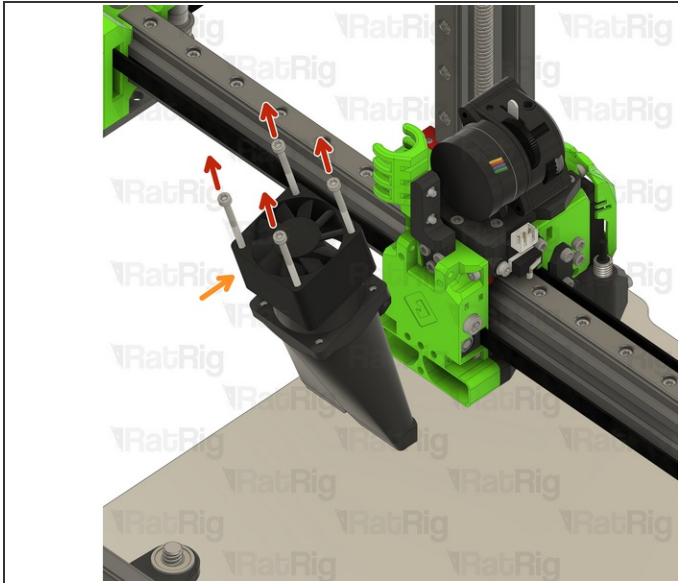
✦ This guide is divided into 3 parts, to help you quickly find the instructions you need:

- Disassembling the EVA 3.0
- Preparing the V-Core 3.1 for the upgrade kit
- Installing the Rat Rig toolhead BETA 2 upgrade kit

Step 2 — Disassemble the 40mm fan duct

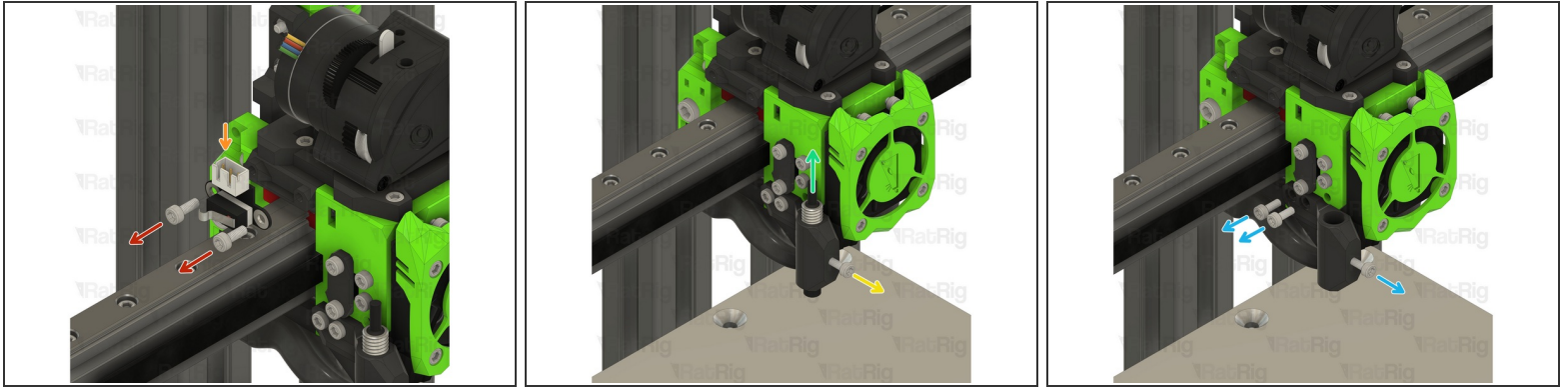


- Remove the M3x25 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the Hex Nut - M3
- Remove the M3 Nylon Locking Hex Nut
- Remove the M3x35 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the 40mm_fan_duct assembly as shown

Step 3 — Remove the 4028 Part Cooling Fan

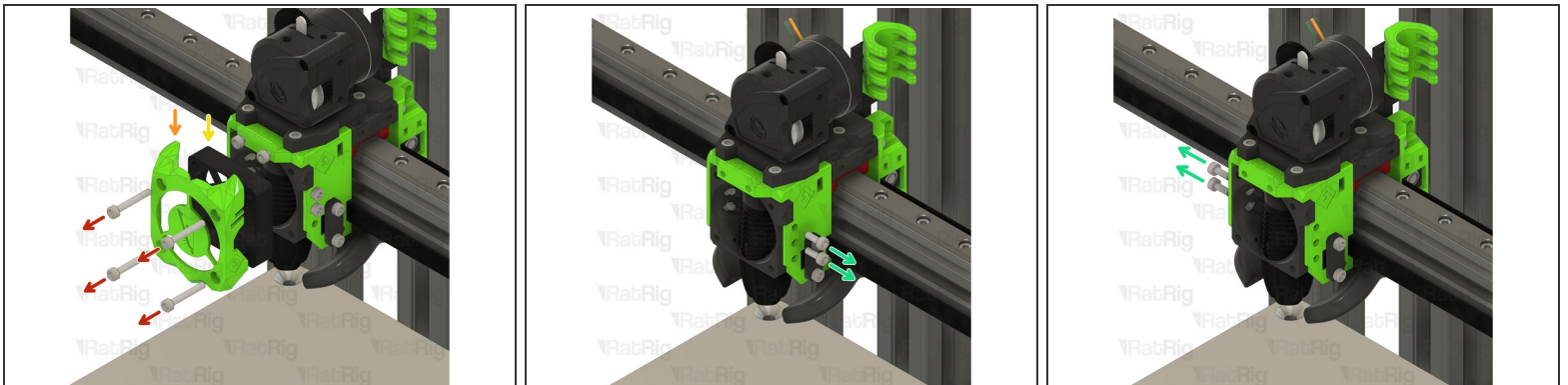
- Remove the four M3x35 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the 4028 Part Cooling Fan from the printed part, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0
- Remove the four Hex Nuts - M3

Step 4 — Remove the X-axis endstop and Z-probe



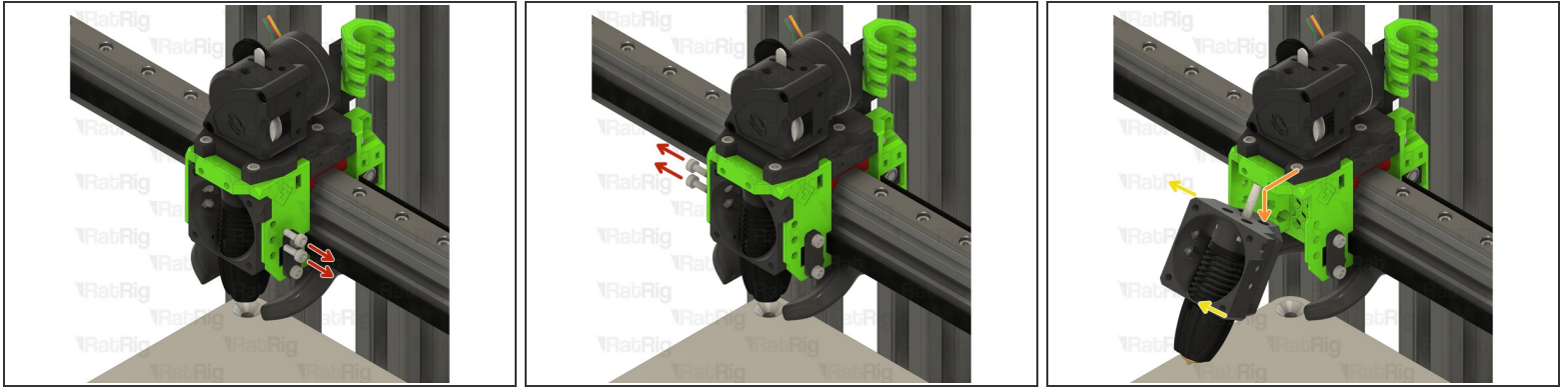
- Remove the two M3x8 Cap Head Screws
- Disconnect the Endstop Module and set it aside, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0
- Loosen the M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the Z-probe from the printed part, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0
- Remove the three M3x8 Cap Head Screws

Step 5 — Remove the 4010 Axial Fan



- Remove the four M3x20 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the ratrig_eva3_shroud Printed Part
- Remove the 4010 Axial Fan from the assembly, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0
- Remove the four M3x8 Cap Head Screws

Step 6 — Remove the hotend assembly

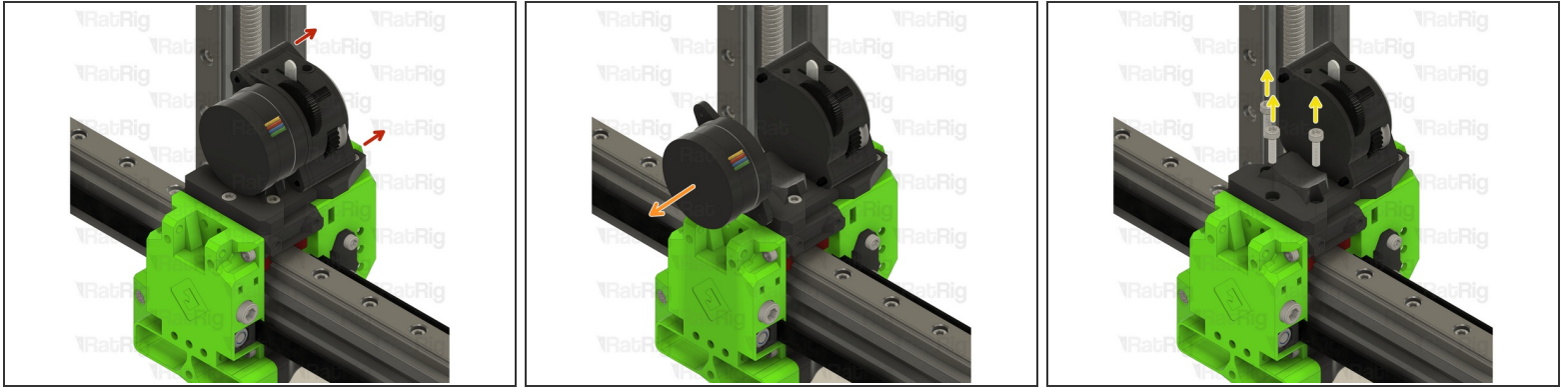


- Remove the four M3x8 Cap Head Screws
- Gently push the hotend assembly down and away from the toolhead-
- Rotate the hot end assembly into position as shown

Step 7 — Remove the hotend from the assembly

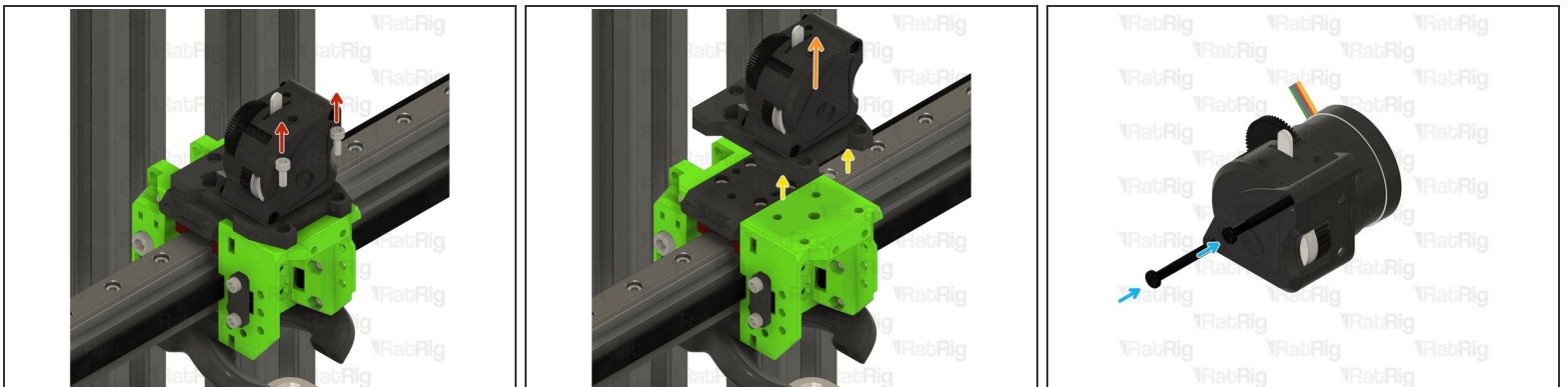
- Remove the PTFE line
 - Remove the four M2.5x8 Cap Head Screws
 - Remove the Rapido hotend from the printed part, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0
- i** Tip: Insert the four M2.5x8 Cap Head Screws back in the Rapido hotend mounting points to avoid losing them.

Step 8 — Remove the extruder - Part 1

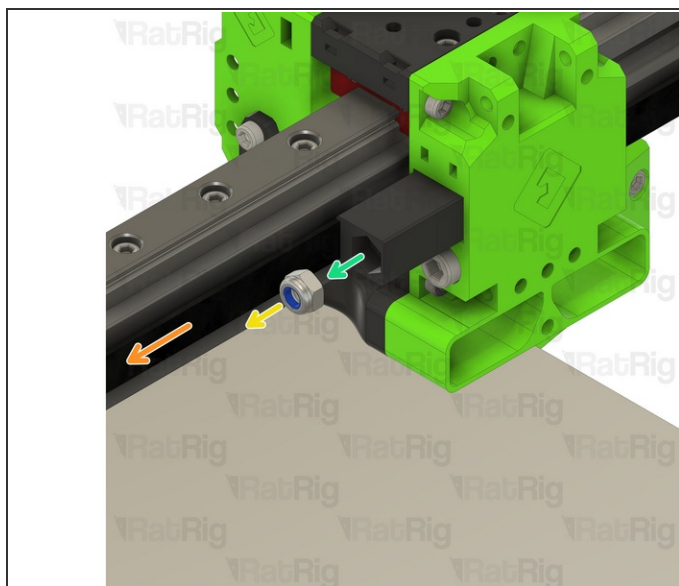
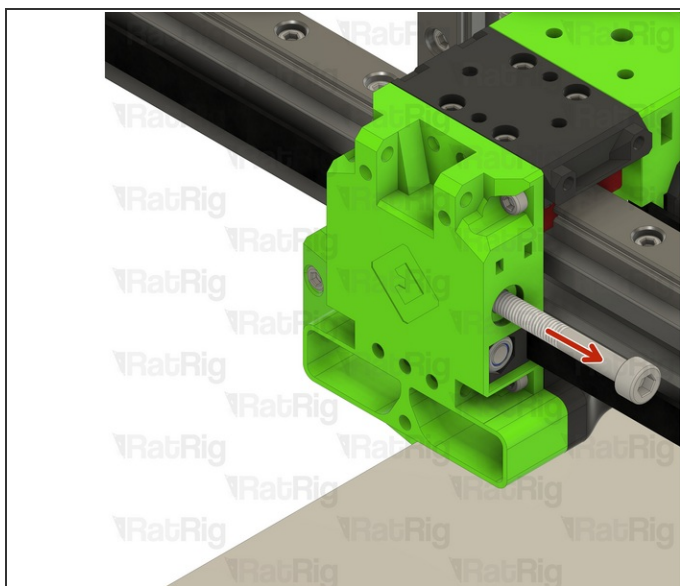


- Remove the two M3x25 screws on the face of the LGX Lite which secure the motor in place
- Remove the Bondtech LGX Lite motor from the back of the LGX Lite extruder
- Remove the three M3x12 Cap Head Screws

Step 9 — Remove the extruder - Part 2

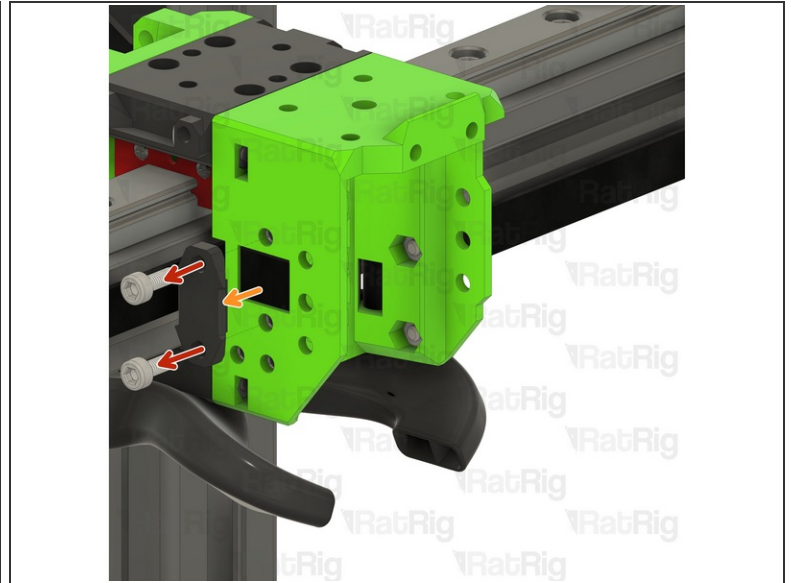
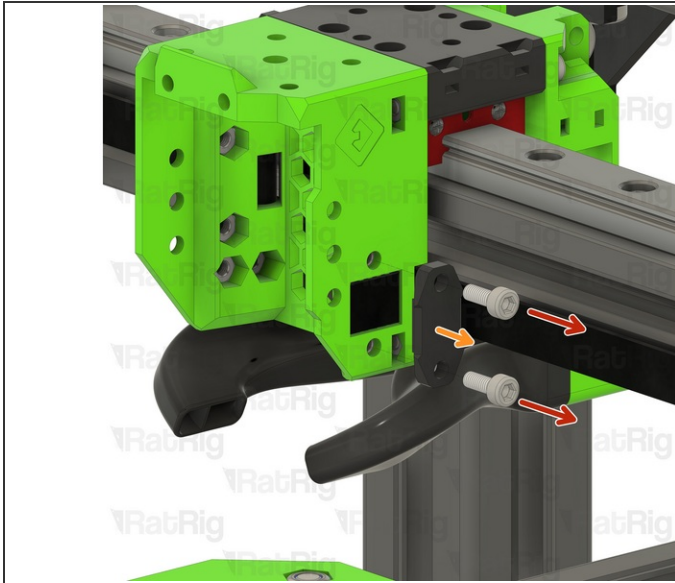


- Remove the two M3x8 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the extruder assembly
- ❗ The new Rat Rig toolhead uses the Orbiter V2,
- Remove the M3x8 Cap Head Screws holding the LGX Lite to the EVA3 drive_lgx_lite Printed Part
- Reassemble the LGX Lite so you can safely store it.

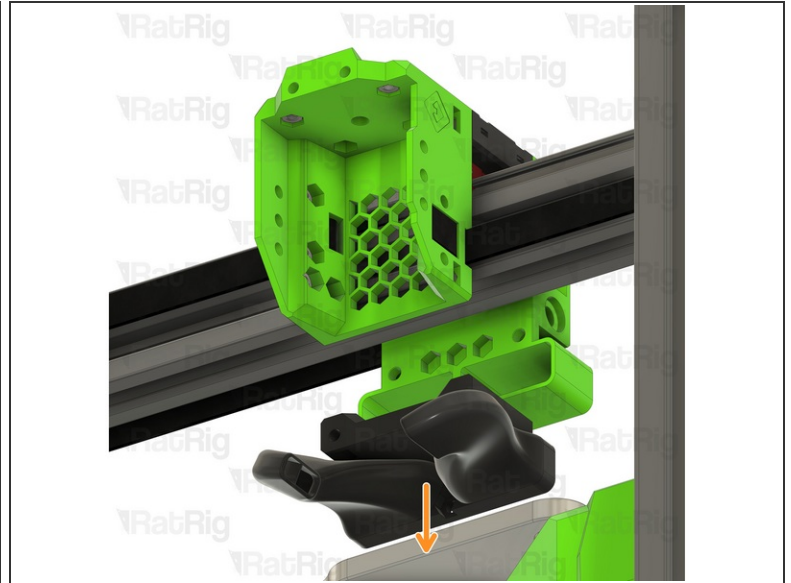
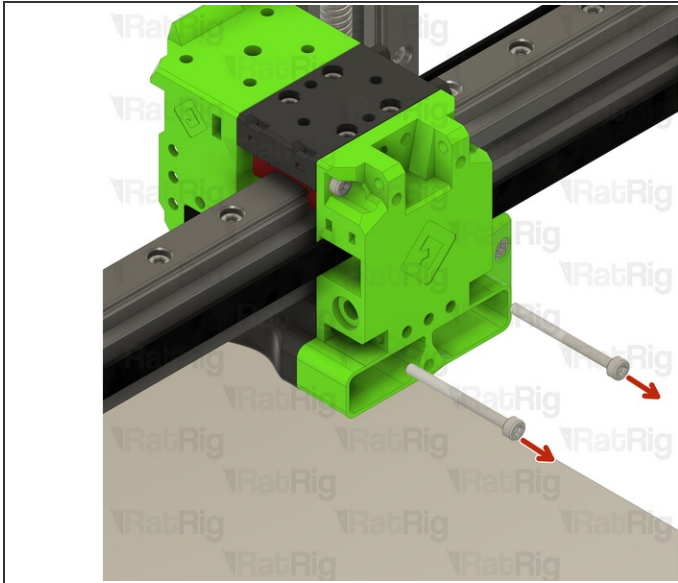
Step 10 — Remove the rear CoreXY belt grabbers

- Loosen the M5x40 Cap Head Screw
- Pull the belt to help remove the CoreXY belt grabber
- Remove the M5 nylon locking nut
- Remove the belt grabber from the toolhead
- ① Repeat the previous steps and remove the other CoreXY belt grabber

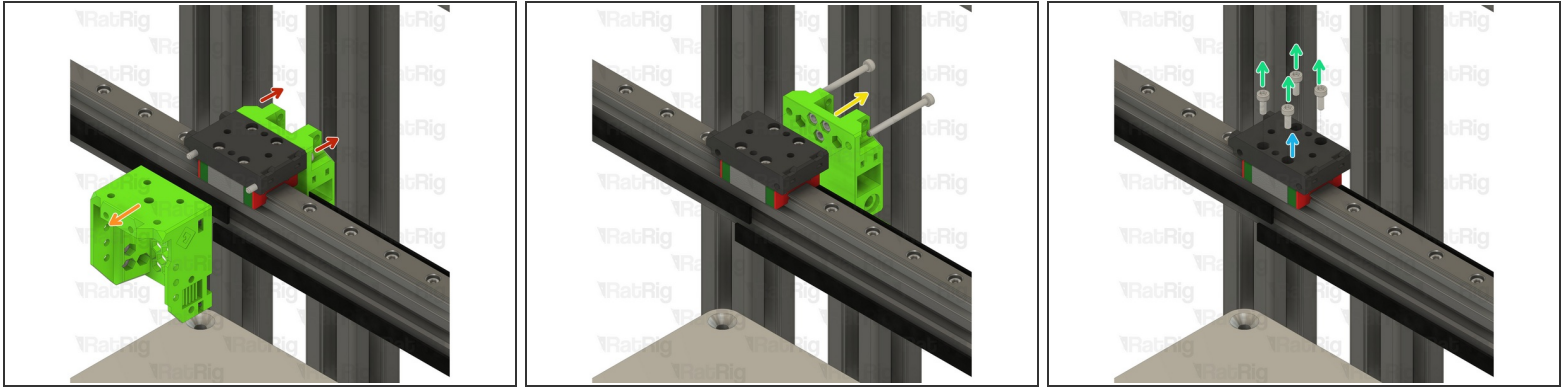
Step 11 — Remove the front belt holder



- Remove the two M3x8 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the belt front belt holder
- ① Repeat the previous steps for the other front belt holder

Step 12 — Remove the EVA horn ducts

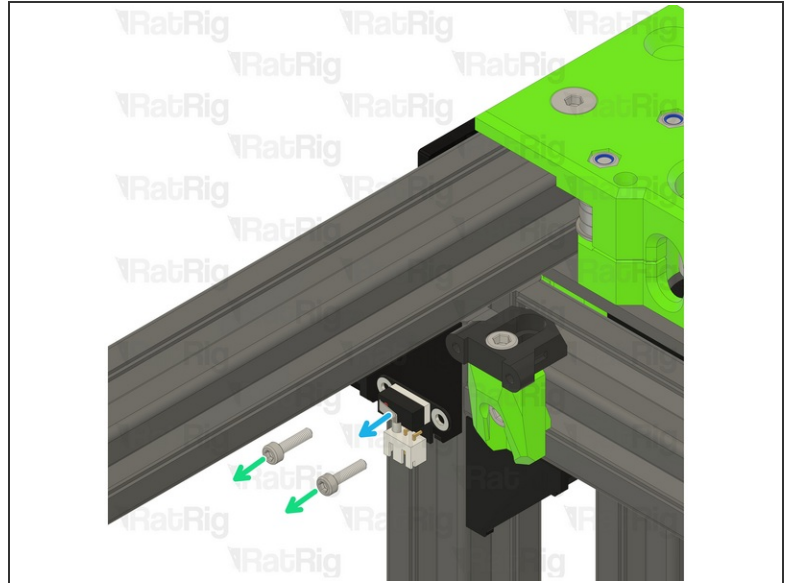
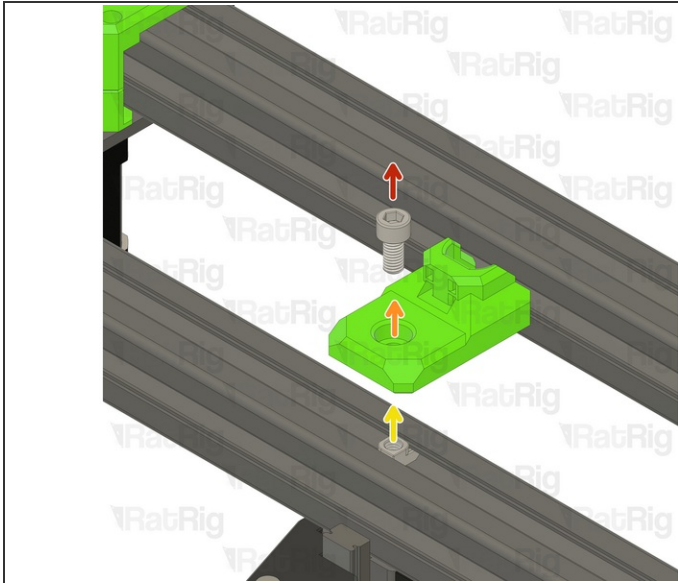
- Remove the two M3x35 Cap Head Screws
- Pull down on the EVA horn ducts

Step 13 — Remove the rest of the EVA3 assemblies from the gantry

- Remove the two M3x35 Cap Head Screws
- Pull on the EVA3 front assembly to remove it
- Pull on the EVA3 back assembly to remove it
- Remove the four M3x8 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the EVA3 mgn12 mount

Step 14 — Preparing the V-Core 3.1 for the upgrade kit

- i** Some components of the V-Core 3.1 need to be upgraded to support the new Rat Rig Toolhead. The following steps will show you how.

Step 15 — Remove the rear cable holder and the Y endstop

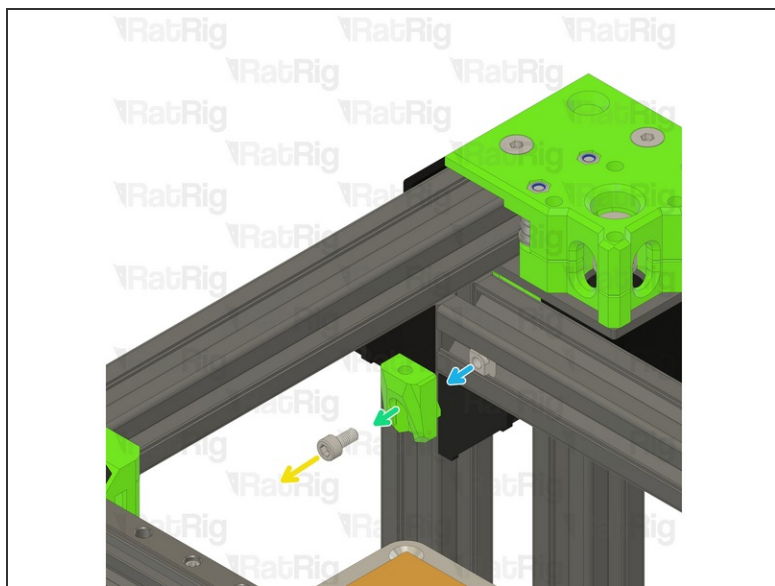
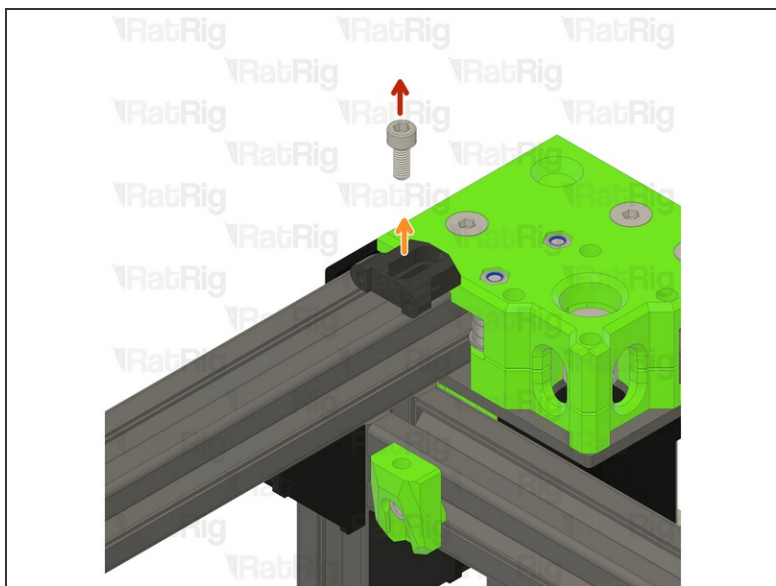
Locate the rear cable holder

- Remove the M6x12 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the electronics_wire_guide_rear printed part from the frame
- Remove the M6 3030 Drop in T-nut



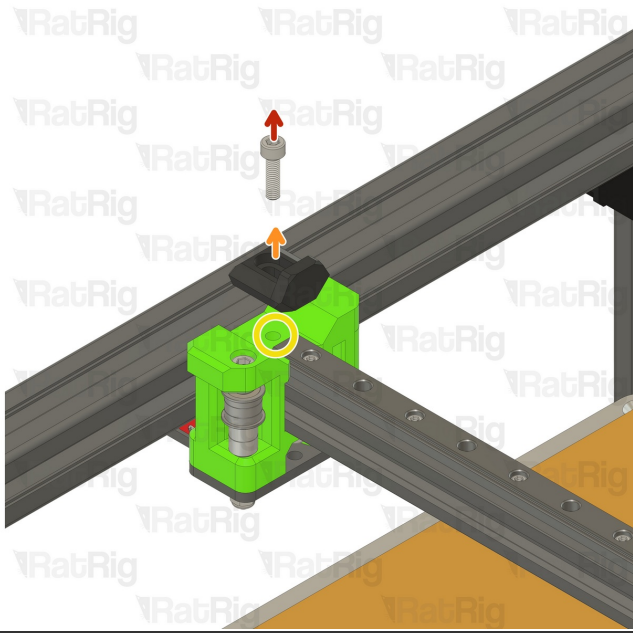
Locate the Y endstop mount

- Remove the two M3x12 Cap Head Screws
- Disconnect the Enstop Module and set it aside, it will be re-used on the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0

Step 16 — Remove the Y endstop mount

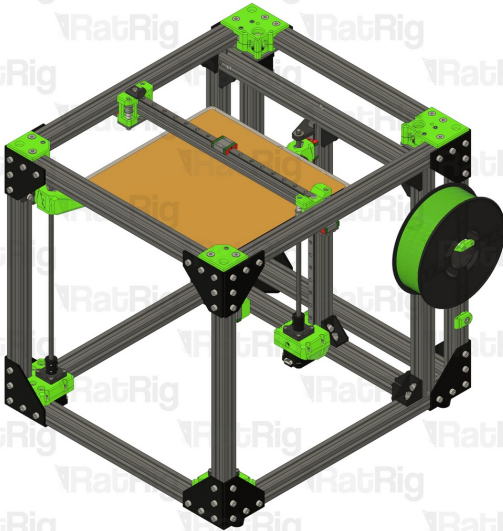
- Remove the M5x12 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the Y_max_endstop_slider printed part
- Remove the M5x10 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the Y endstop_max_block printed part
- Remove the M5 3030 Drop in T-nut

Step 17 — Remove the X endstop bumper




- Remove the M5x18 Cap Head Screw
- Remove the EVA3 endstop block
- Avoid moving the machine around at this point, as the M5 Drop in T-nut doesn't slide around on the gantry extrusion.

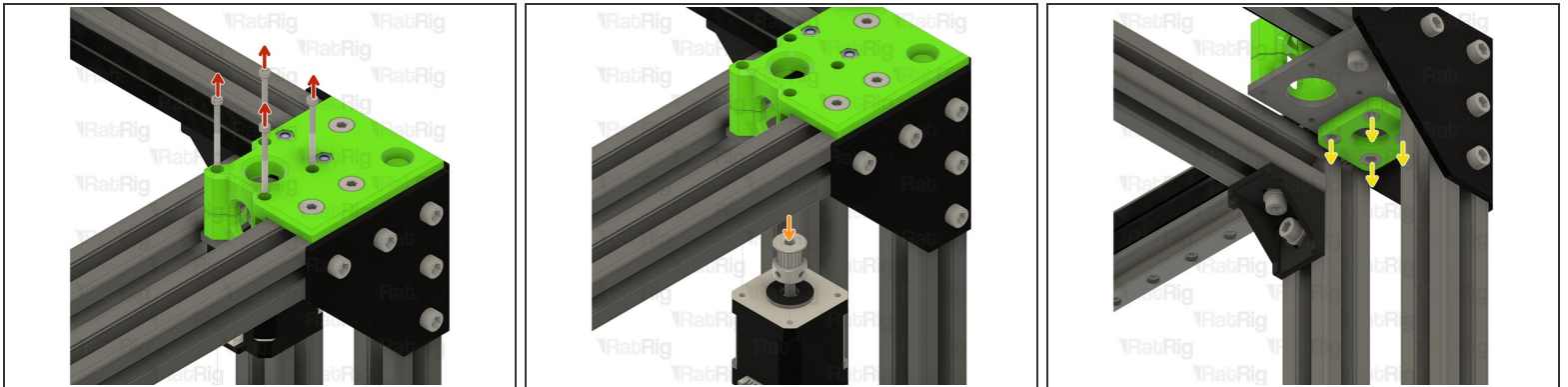
Step 18 — No more disassembling!



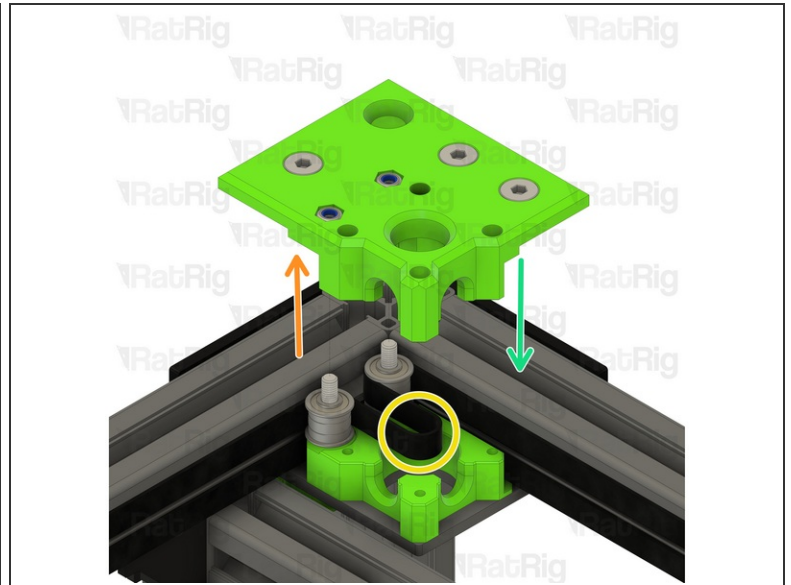
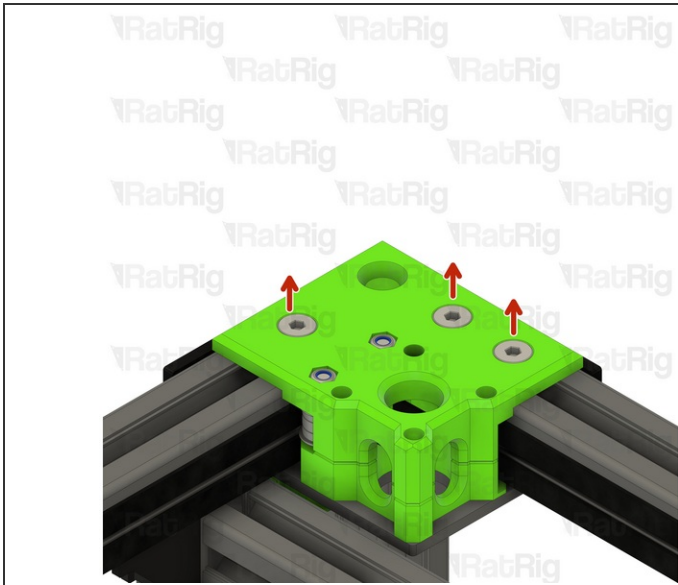
- ① The V-Core 3.1 is now ready to receive the Rat Rig Toolhead V1.0 Upgrade kit

Step 19 — Ready to take the V-Core 3.1 to the next level

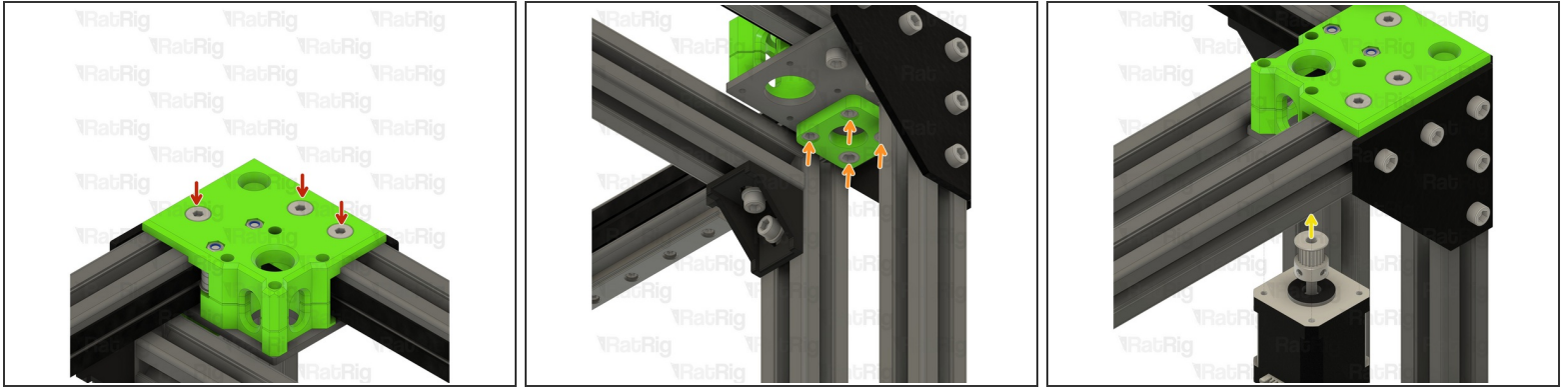
 The next steps will cover the assembly of the Rat Rig toolhead V1.0 upgrade kit

Step 20 — Route the belts through the motor cages - Part 1

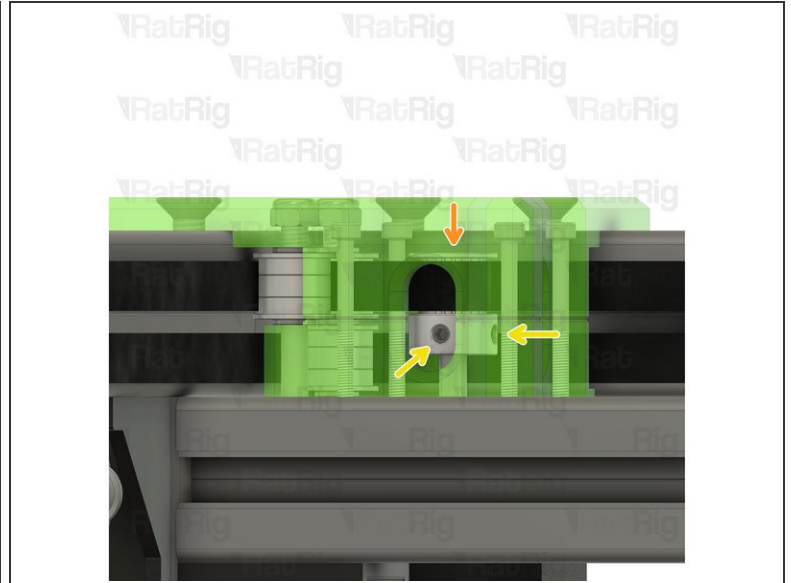
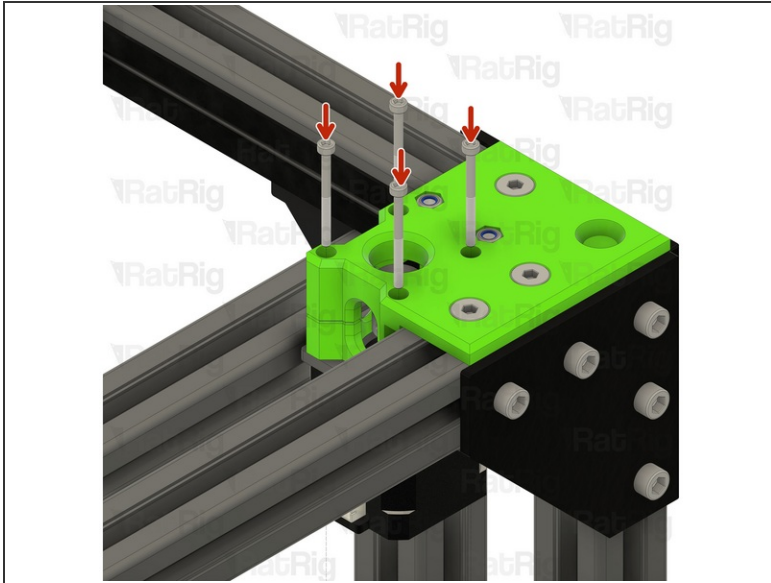
- Remove the M3x45 Cap Head Screws
- Remove the Stepper motor
- Remove the M5x40 Cap Head Screws

Step 21 — Route the belts through the CoreXY motor cages - Part 2

- Remove the three M6x14 Screws
 - ❗ If the M6 Drop in T-nuts fall off, loosely thread them in the screws so you can easily reinstall the CoreXY motor cage top easily.
- Remove the CoreXY motor cage top
- Remove both of the old belts, then insert the two new ones following the same paths
- Reinstall the CoreXY motor cage top

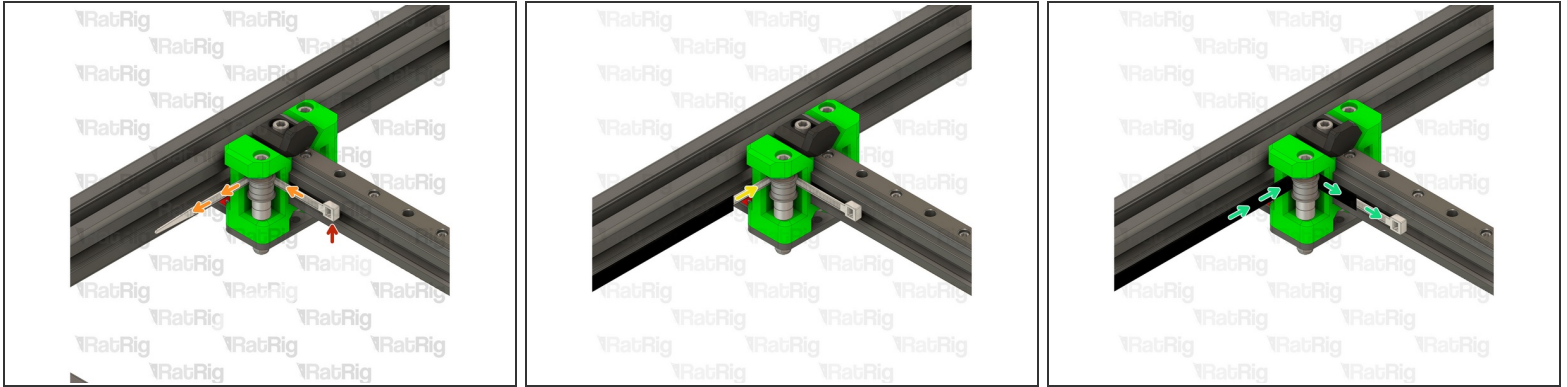
Step 22 — Route the belts through the CoreXY motor cages - Part 3

- Tighten the three marked M6x14 screws to secure the CoreXY motor cage top to the frame
- Tighten the M5x40 screws to secure the bearing stacks into the CoreXY motor cage top
- Position the NEMA17 motor up and into the motor cage from below, it will be secured in the next step

Step 23 — Route the belts through the CoreXY motor cages - Part 4

- Insert the M3x35 screws into the xy_motor_cage_left_top as shown, and fasten them to secure the NEMA17 motor to the mount
- Check the alignment of the timing pulley, the belt should be on the middle of the pulley as shown
 - ⓘ Adjust the pulley up or down if required to make sure the belt is in the middle of the pulley
- Fasten both M3 grub screws to securely mount the timing pulley to the NEMA17 motor shaft
- ☑ Repeat Steps 21 - 24 for the other CoreXY motor mount cage.

Step 24 — How to easily insert the belts



☑ This step is not mandatory, it's just a Rat Rig tip on how to feed the belts on the idlers.

- Zip Tie

- ① The wider the zip tie is, the easier the process will be

- Bend the tip of the zip tie a little bit and feed it between the printed part and the idler, as shown
- Insert the belt between the zip tie and the idler
- Slowly feed the belt and pull the zip tie at the same time

Step 25 — Route the CoreXY belts - Part 1



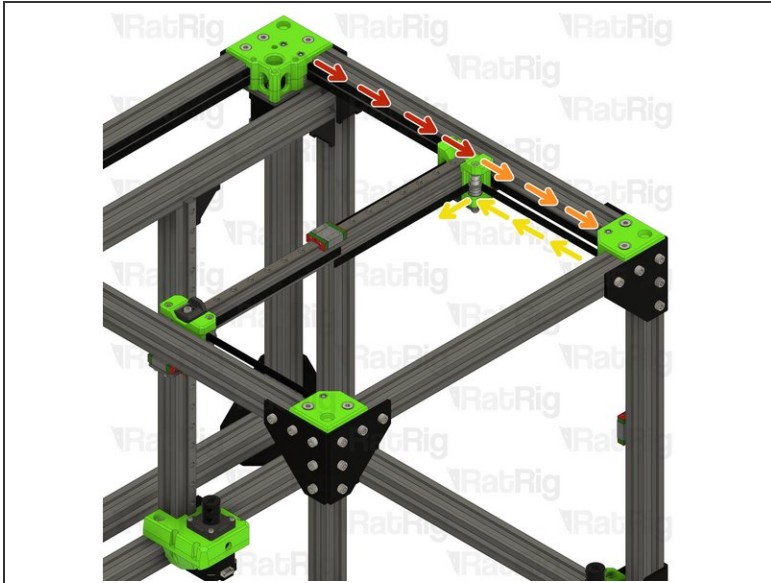
i Take the loose end of the **top** CoreXY belt on the left hand side:

- Feed the belt behind the left xy_joiner
- Down and around the front xy_idler
- Around the front bearing stack on the left xy_joiner

i Take the loose end of the **bottom** CoreXY belt on the left hand side:

- Feed the belt around the rear bearing stack on the xy_joiner

Step 26 — Route the CoreXY belts - Part 2

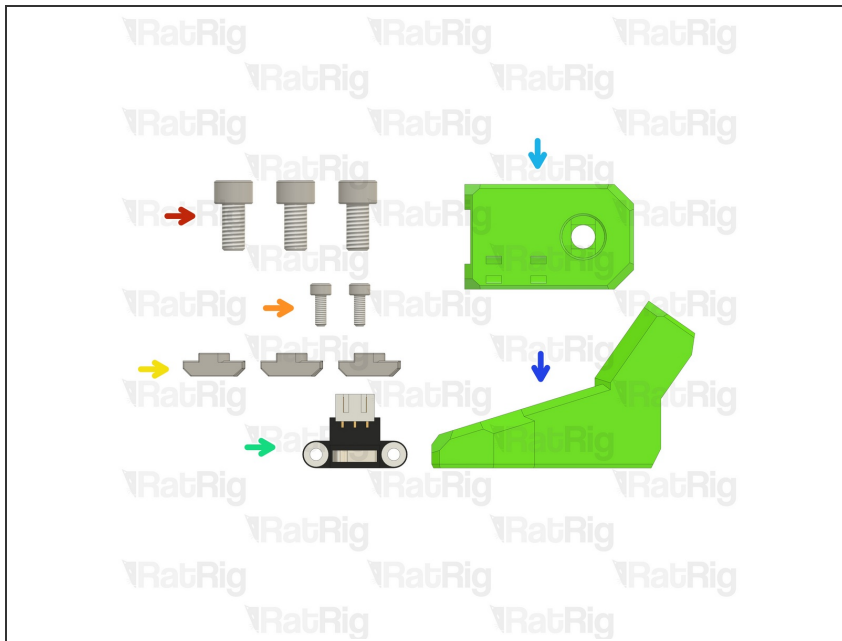


i Take the loose end of the **bottom** CoreXY belt on the **right** hand side:

- Feed the belt behind the **right** xy_joiner
- Down and around the **front** xy_idler
- Around the **front** bearing stack on the **right** xy_joiner

i Take the loose end of the **top** CoreXY belt on the **right** hand side:

- Feed the belt around the **rear** bearing stack on the xy_joiner

Step 27 — Prepare upgrade sub assembly parts

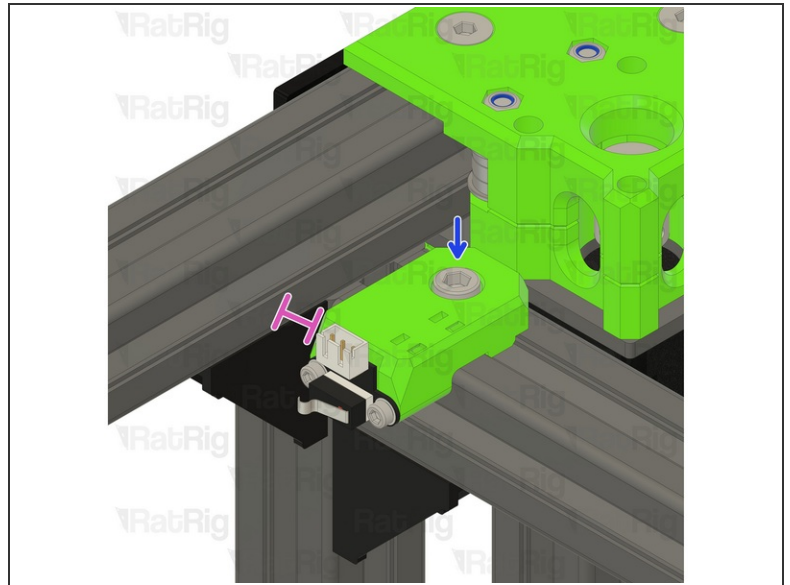
- 3x M6x12 Cap Head Screw
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head screw
- 3x 3030 M6 Drop In T-nut
- Y endstop
- Y_endstop printed part
- Umbilical_frame printed part

Step 28 — Install the umbilical guide to the frame



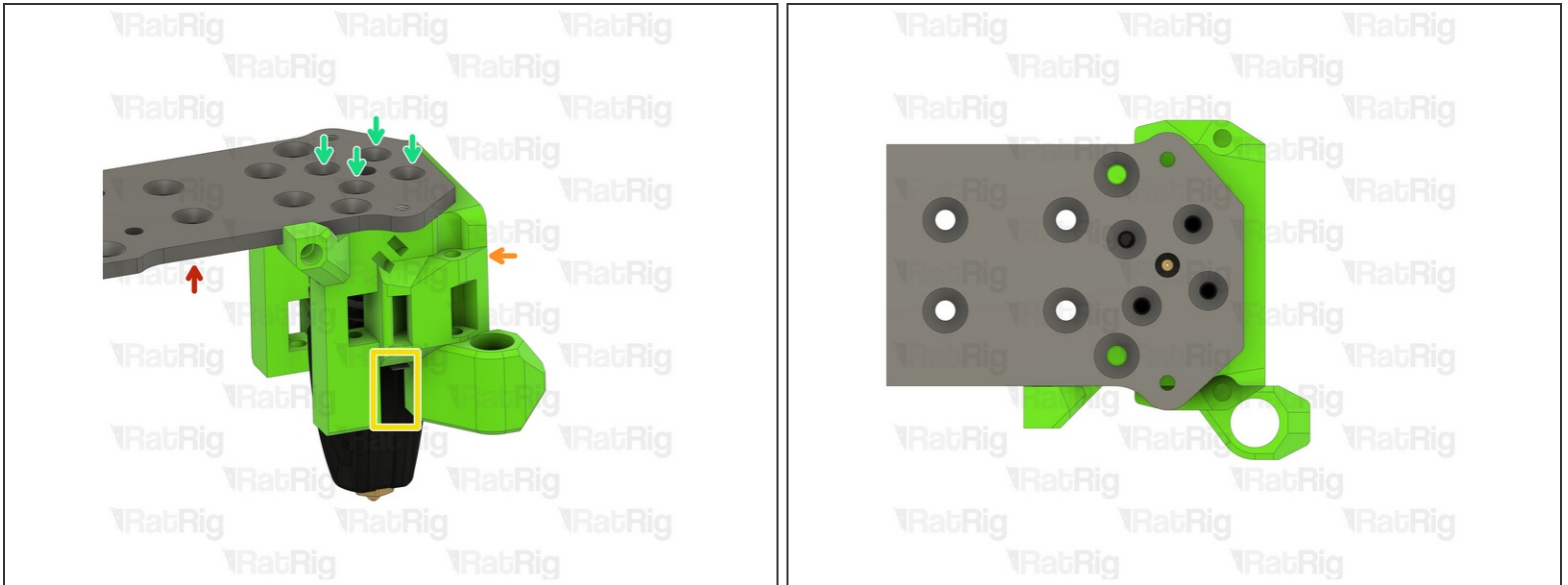
- 2x M6x12 Cap Head Screw
 - ❗ Install the M6 cap head screws into the printed part as shown.
- Umbilical_frame printed part
- 3030 M6 Drop In T-nut
 - ❗ Loosely thread a 3030 M6 T-Nut onto the M6x12 screws. Do not tighten it at this point
- Make sure the printed part is on the middle of the rear extrusion.
- Tighten the M6x12 screw to secure the umbilical mount to the frame.

Step 29 — Install the Y endstop



- M6x12 Cap Head Screw
- Y_endstop printed part
- 3030 M6 Drop In T-nut
- ① Loosely thread a 3030 M6 T-Nut onto the M6x12 screw. Do not tighten it at this point
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- Y Endstop
- Tighten the M6x12 screws to secure the endstop mount.
- Ensure a 5mm gap between the 3030 extrusion and the Y_endstop printed part, this distance is required for the belts to operate smoothly.

Step 30 — Check the hotend alignment



- Rat Rig toolhead plate
- Rat Rig toolhead front printed part
- Insert the Rapido V2 into the printed part as shown, and make sure the cables are positioned in the designated slot.
- Look from above and see if all four holes line up correctly.
- All the holes on the plate, hotend and printed part should line up:
 - ① If they align skip to [step 35](#)
 - ① If they don't align follow the next steps

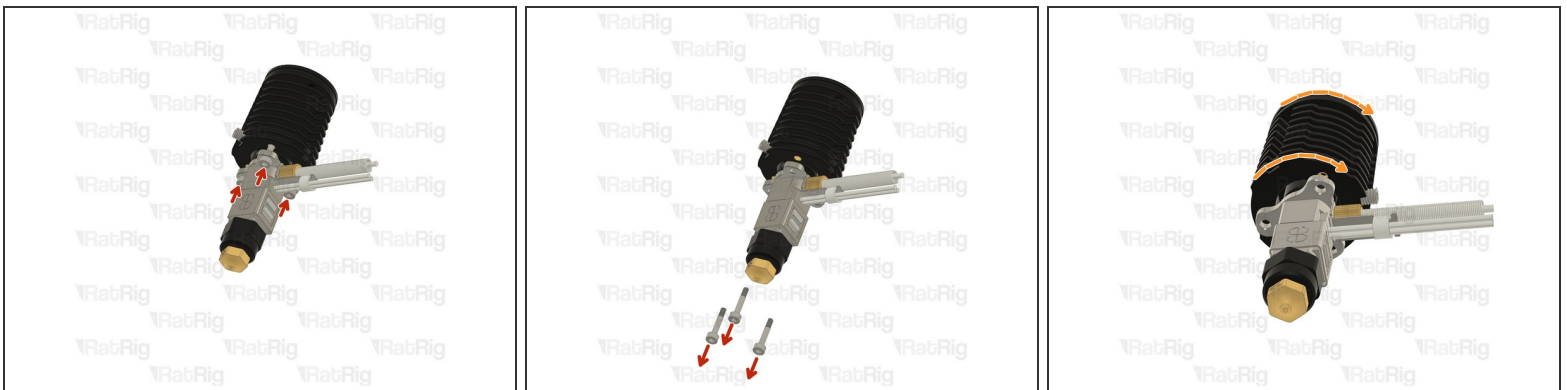
Step 31 — Phaetus Rapido 2 Hotend - Part 1



☞ If the cables of your Rapido 2 hotend don't align perfectly with the toolhead slot, please follow the next steps:

- Push down on the silicone sock to remove it
- Loosen the set screw on the heatsink
- ⚠ **Do not** remove it completely to avoid losing it

Step 32 — Phaetus Rapido 2 Hotend - Part 2



- Remove the 2.5 Cap Head Screws from the hotend
- Carefully rotate the heatsink until the three screw holes align again.
- ⓘ There isn't a way to tell how much you need to rotate you hotend, it might be just 120° or it might be 240°. It's a matter of trial and error.

Step 33 — Phaetus Rapido 2 Hotend - Part 3



- Insert the 2.5mm Cap Head Screws back in and tighten them.

⚠ DO NOT overtighten the screws, they are only 2.5mm and will break if excessive force is applied.

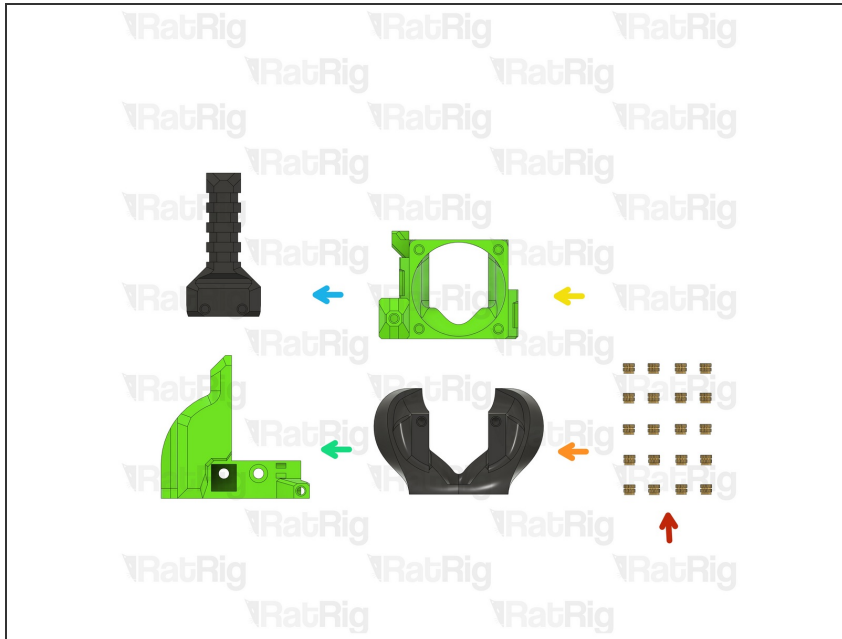
- Tighten the set screw back in

⚠ DO NOT overtighten the screw, if excessive force is applied the heatbreak will be permanently damaged.

- Put the socket back on

- ☑ Try to insert the hotend on the toolhead and see if the cables align with the designated slot, if not, repeat steps 32-34 and try a different angle in step 34

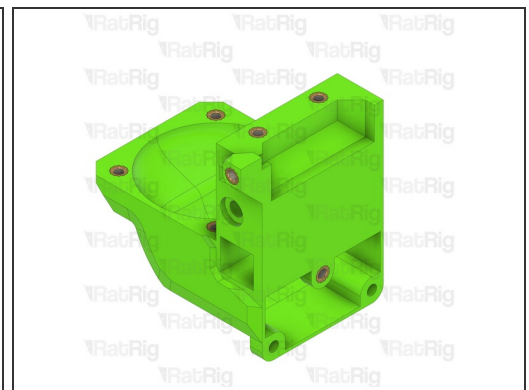
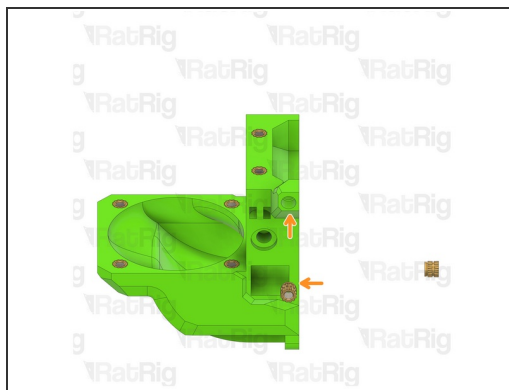
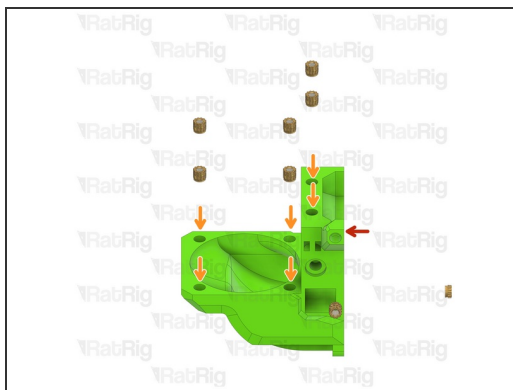
Step 34 — Prepare the printed parts and heat inserts



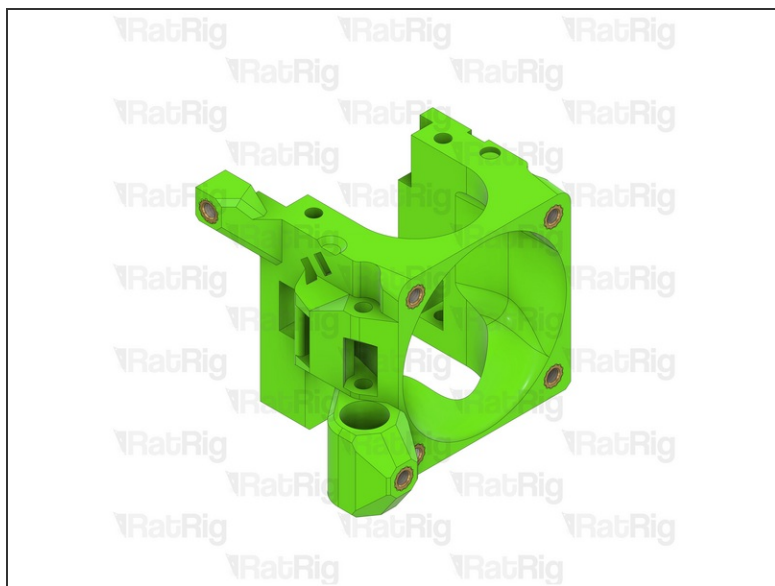
- 20x Heat insert M3
- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_duct_beta2 printed part
- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_front_beta2 printed part
- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_back_beta2 printed part
- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_umbilical_beta2 printed part

★ If you bought the printed parts from Rat Rig, the heat inserts are already in place. Skip to **Step 39**.

Step 35 — Prepare the Rat Rig toolhead back assembly



- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_back_beta2 printed part
- 8x Heat insert M3

Step 36 — Prepare the Rat Rig toolhead front assembly

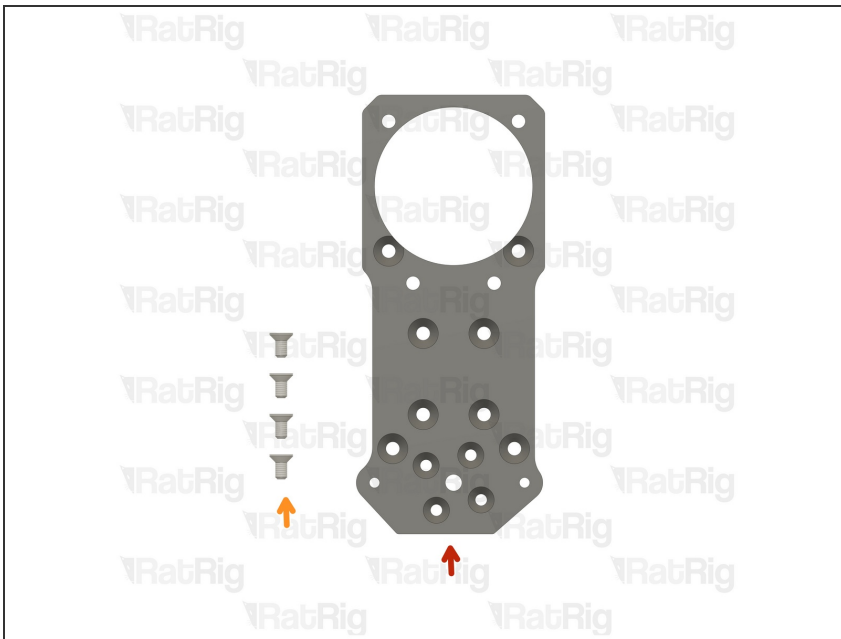
- 1x Rat Rig toolhead_front_beta2 printed part
- 6x Heat insert M3

Step 37 — Prepare the Rat Rig toolhead duct assembly

- 1x Rat Rig toolhead_duct_beta2 printed part
- 3x Heat insert M3

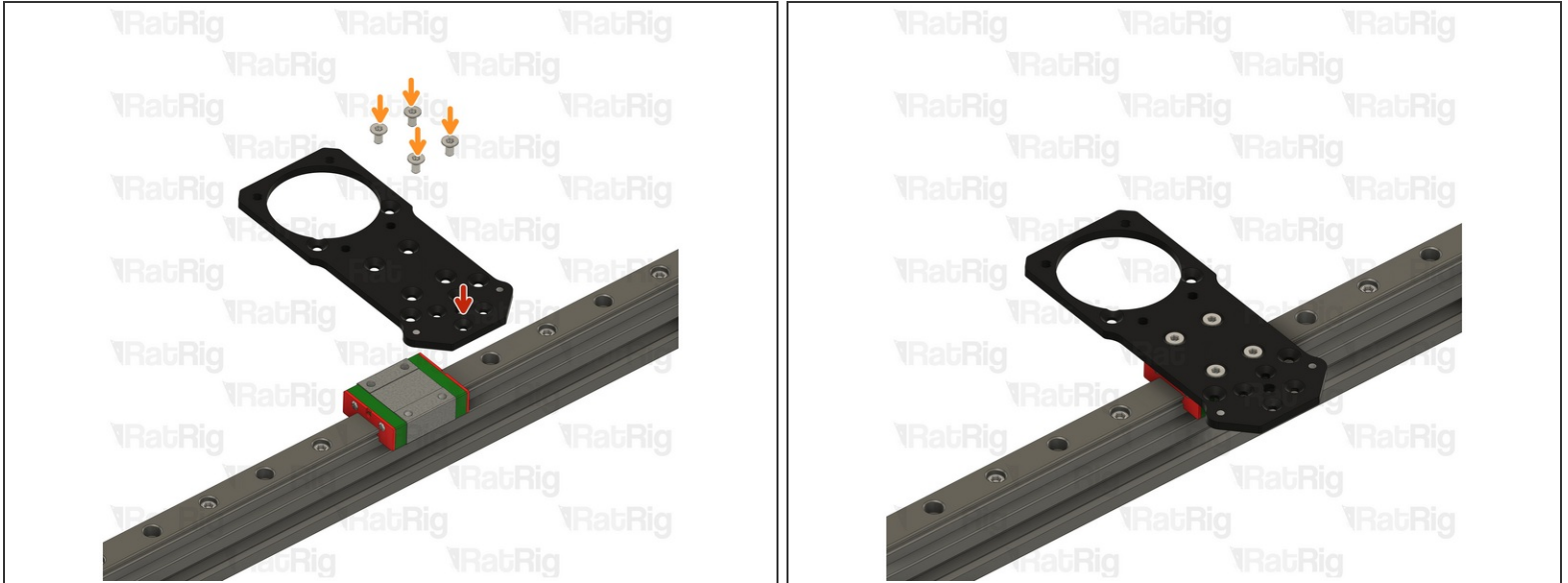
Step 38 — Prepare the Rat Rig toolhead umbilical assembly

- 1x Rat Rig toolhead_umbilical_beta2 printed part
- 2x Heat insert M3

Step 39 — Prepare the Rat Rig toolhead plate

- 1x Rat Rig toolhead plate
- 4x M3x6 Countersink Screw

Step 40 — Mount the toolhead plate



- Rat Rig toolhead plate

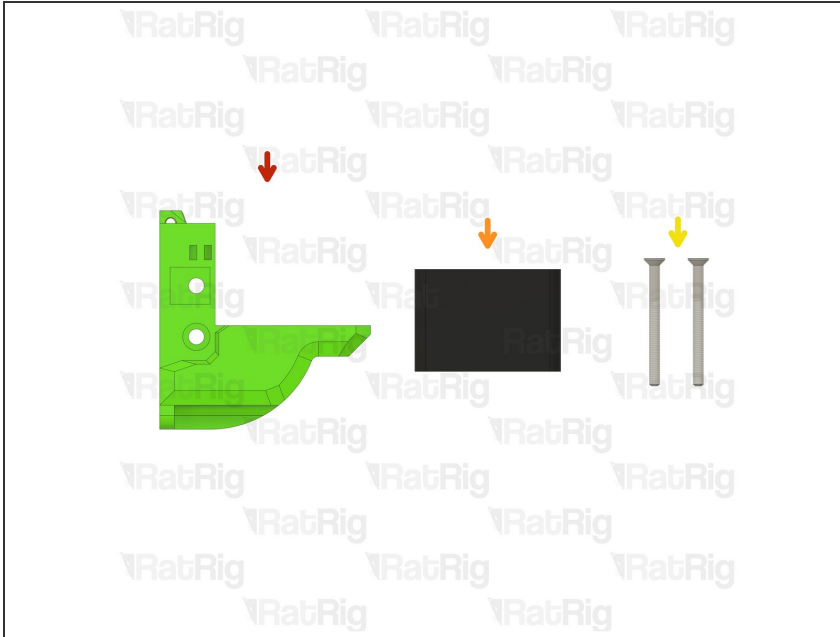
- 4x M3x6 Countersink Screw

i Tighten the M3x6 Countersink Screws to secure the plate to the carriage.

! Avoid using a ball end hex key, as they are more prone to damaging the sensitive M3 countersink screw head.

! After tightening of the screws, it is essential to verify that the X carriage retains its free movement. Excessive tightening of the screws may lead to the binding of the carriage.

Step 41 — Prepare the back assembly

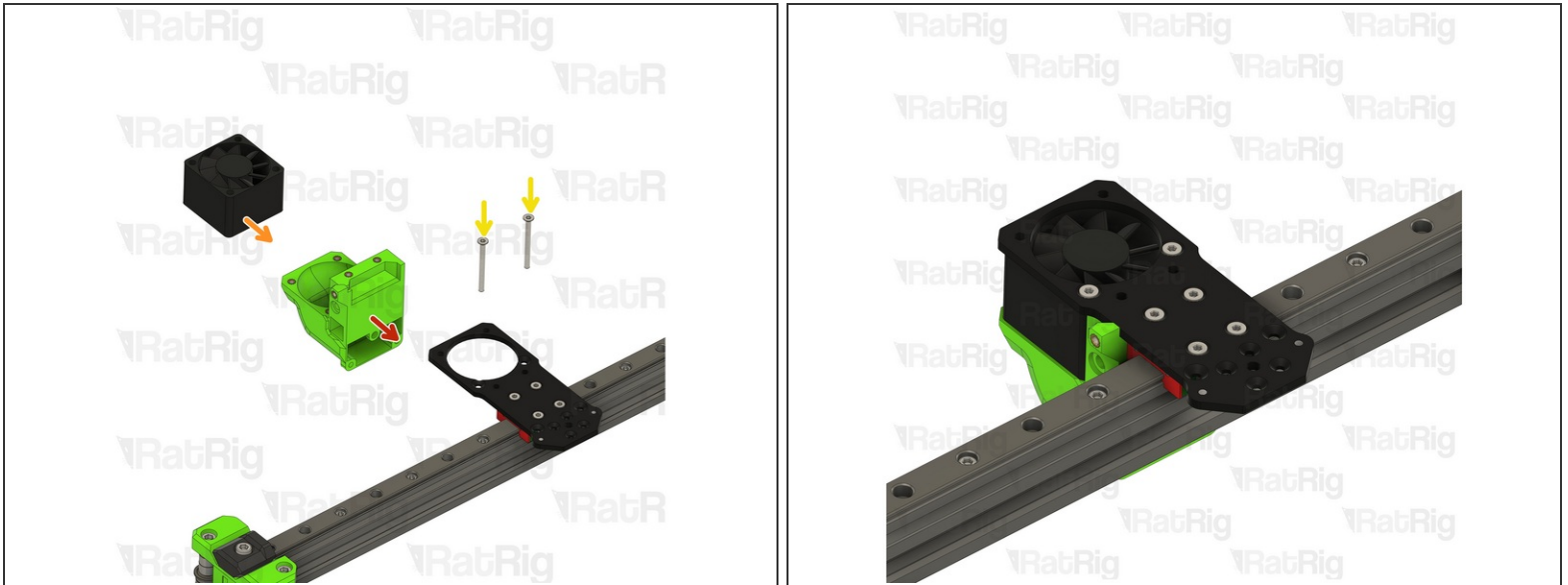


- Rat Rig toolhead back assembly
- 1x 4028 Part Cooling Fan
- 2x M3x35 Countersink Screw

Step 42 — Prepare the 4028 Part Cooling Fan



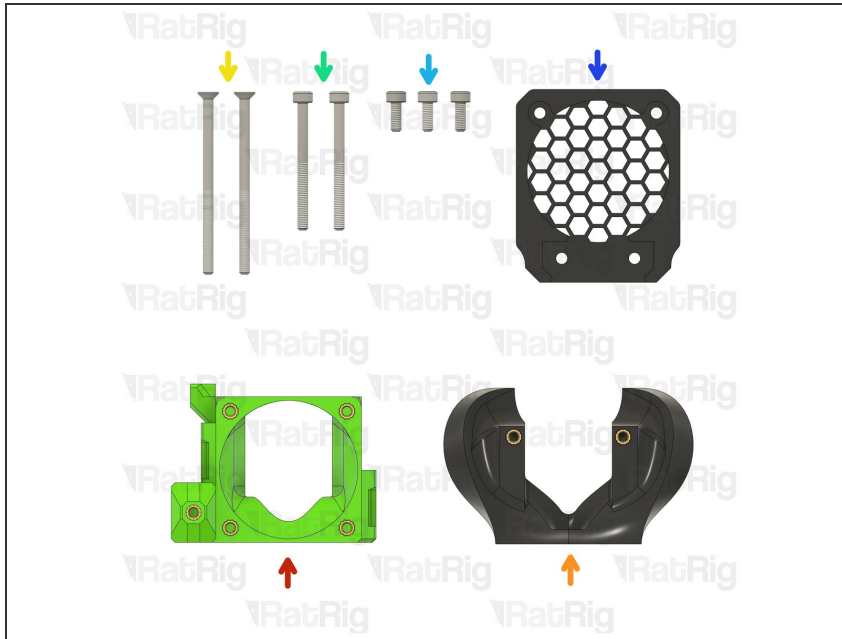
- Remove the four rubber spacers on the 4028 Part Cooling Fan

Step 43 — Assemble the Rat Rig toolhead - Part 1

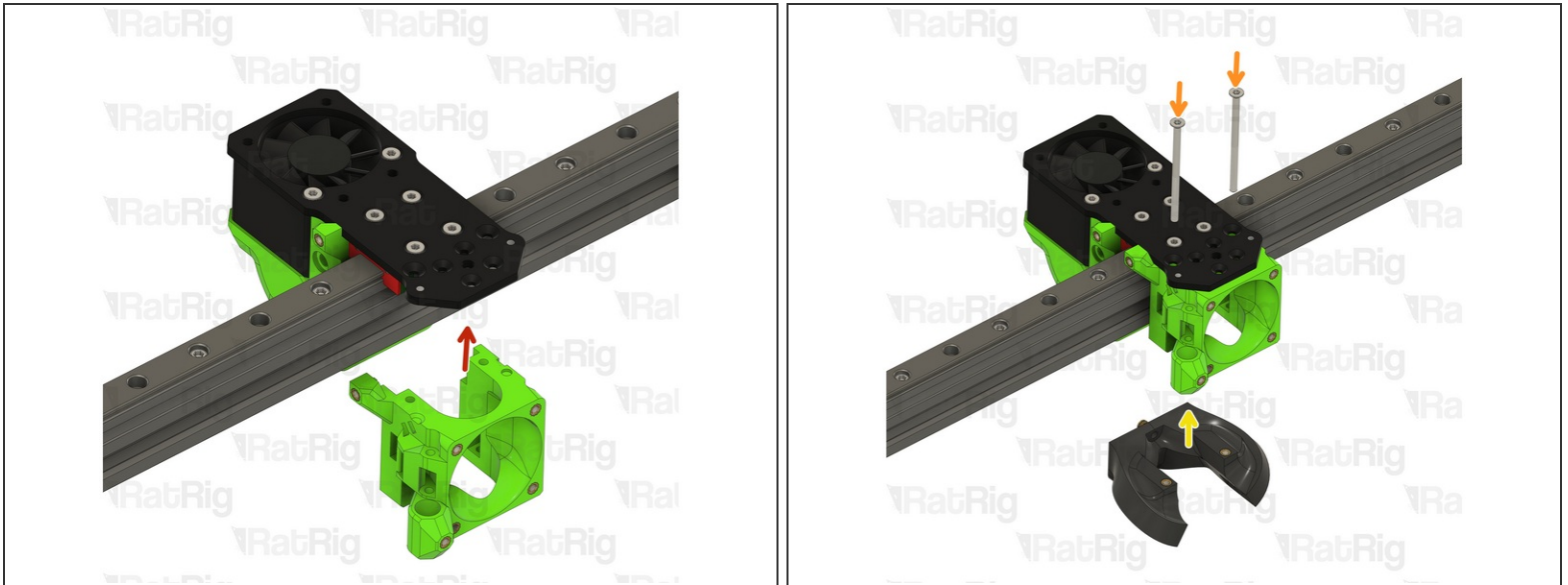
- Rat Rig toolhead back assembly
- 4028 Part Cooling Fan
- 2x M3x35 Countersink Screw
- ⓘ Tighten the M3x35 screws.

⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x35 screws as you can damage the printed parts

⚠ Avoid using a ball end hex key, as they are more prone to damaging the sensitive M3 countersink screw head.

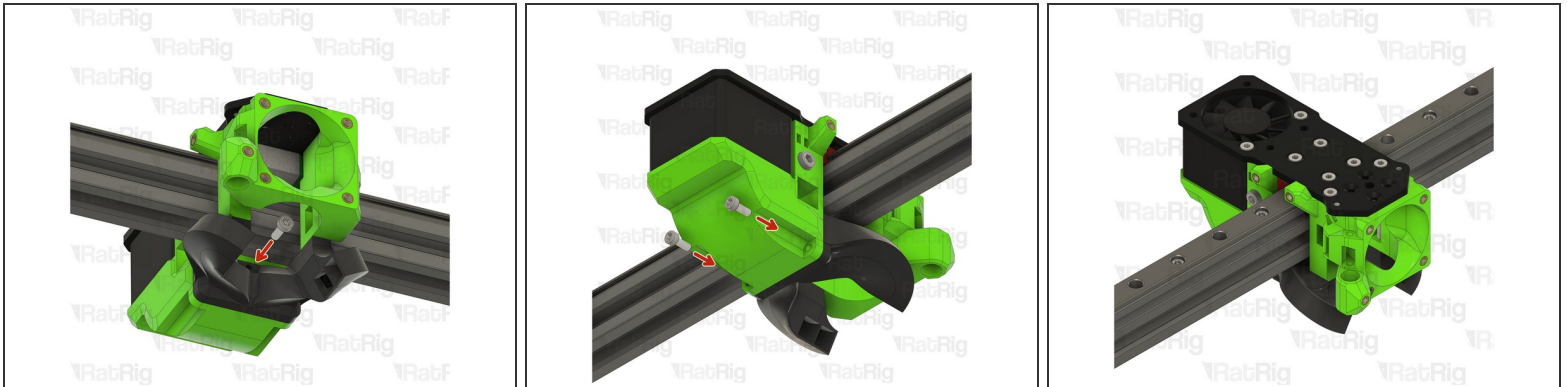
Step 44 — Prepare the following parts

- Rat Rig toolhead front assembly
- Rat Rig toolhead duct assembly
- 2x M3x50 Countersink Screw
- 2x M3x35 Cap Head Screw
- 3x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- 1x Rat Rig toolhead fan grille printed part


Step 45 — Assemble the Rat Rig toolhead - Part 2

- Rat Rig toolhead front assembly
 - 2x M3x50 countersink screws
 - Rat Rig toolhead duct assembly
 - The M3x50 countersink screws must go through the holes on the front assembly and thread into the duct assembly.
- ⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x50 screw as you can damage the printed parts
- ⚠ Avoid using a ball end hex key, as they are more prone to damaging the sensitive M3 countersink screw head.

Step 46 — Assemble the Rat Rig toolhead - Part 3

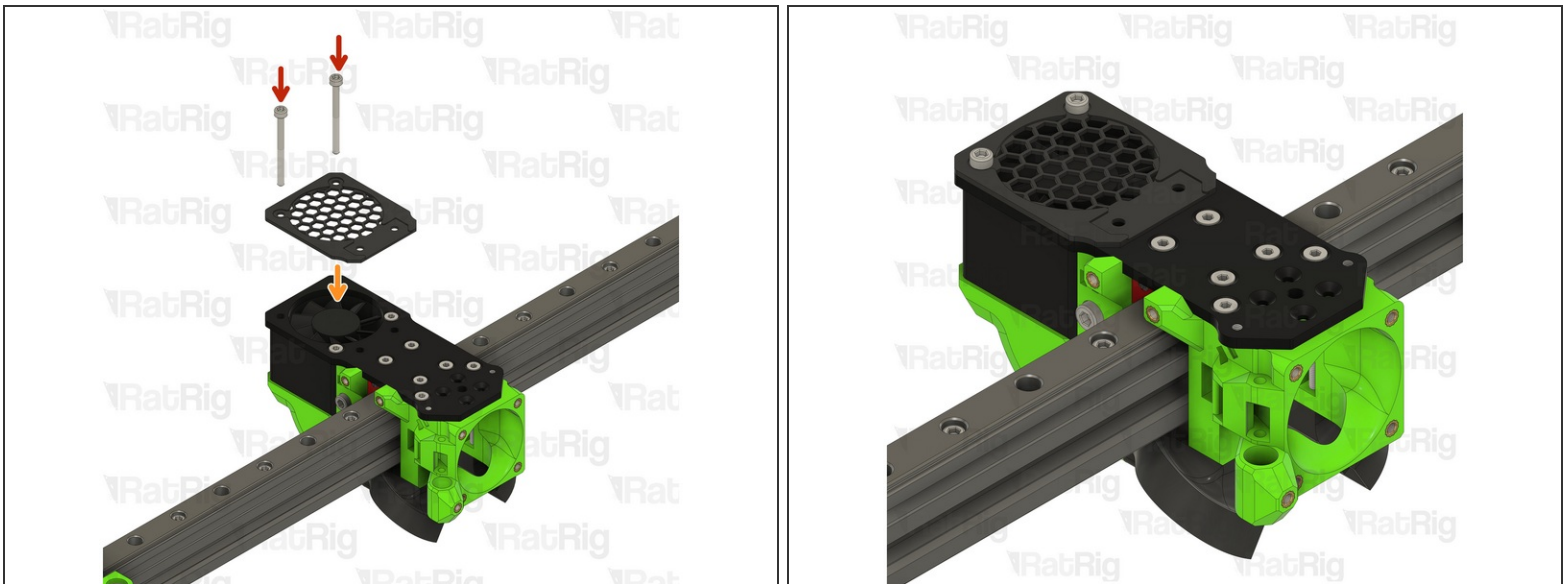


- 3x M3x8 Cap Head Screw

 Secure the duct assembly to the toohead.

 Take care not to over tighten the screws as you can damage the printed parts

Step 47 — Assemble the Rat Rig toolhead - Part 4



- 2x M3x35 Cap Head Screw
- Rat Rig toolhead fan grille printed part

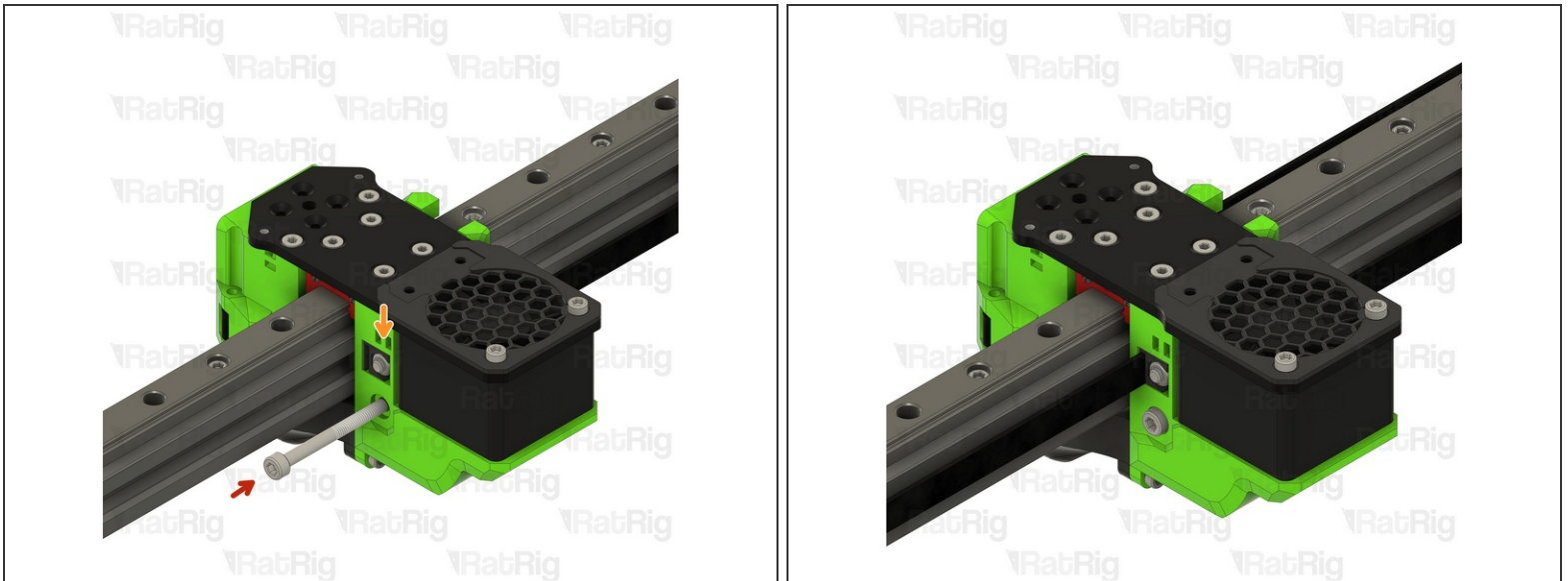
 Take care not to over tighten the M3x35 screws as you can damage the printed parts

Step 48 — Assemble the belt tensioners - Part 1

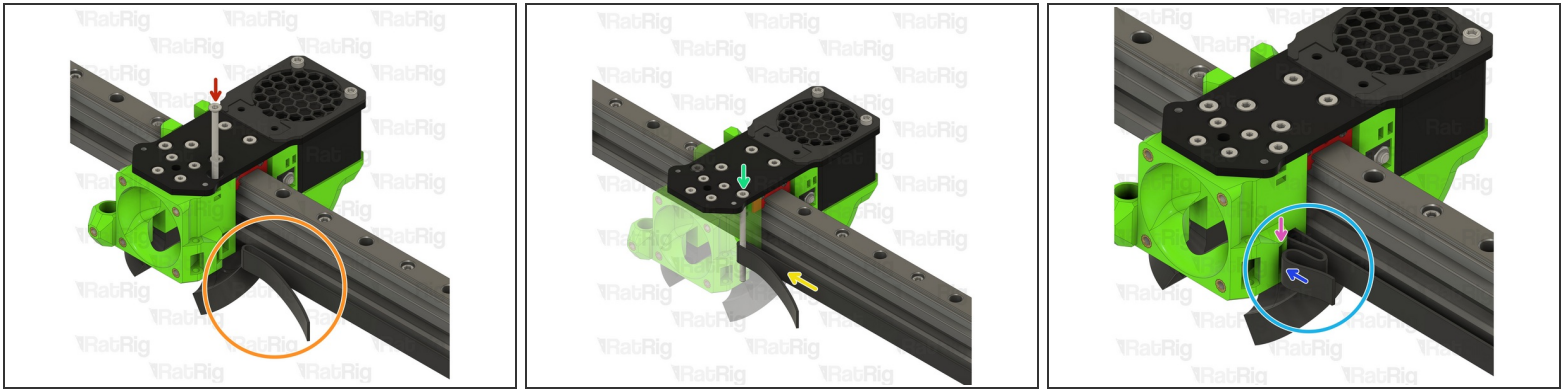


- Make sure the belt is properly seated on all idlers and pulleys
- Insert the end of the belt inside the belt tensioner, and make sure the teeth are secured.
- M4 Nylon Locking Hex Nut
- ① Insert the M4 nylon locking nut into the Rat Rig toolhead belt tensioner as shown

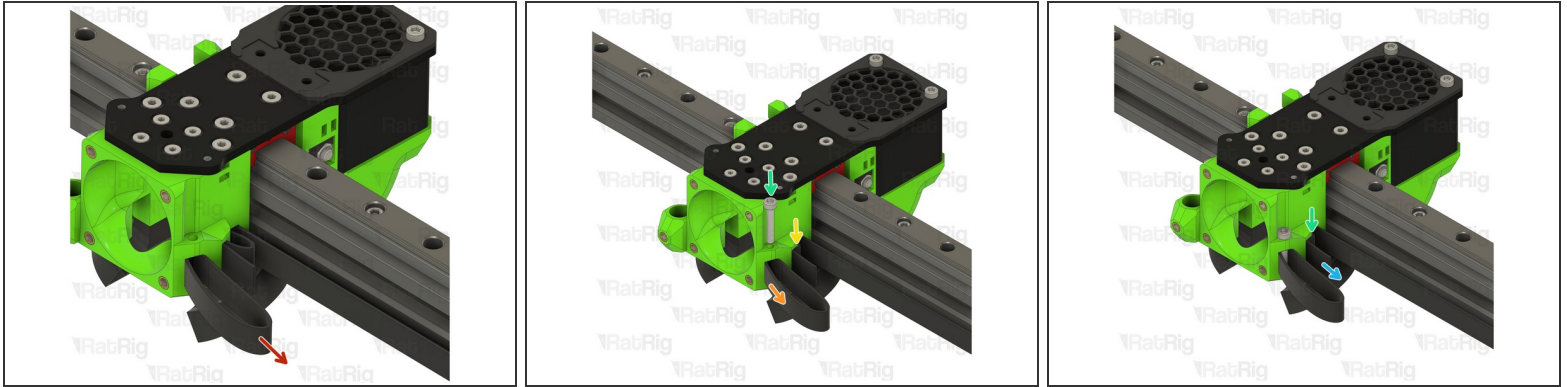
Step 49 — Assemble the belt tensioners - Part 2



- M4x40 Cap Head Screw
- ① Tighten the M4x40 Cap Head just enough to hold the M4 Nylon Locking Hex Nut
- Repeat **Step 48** and assemble the second belt tensioner block.

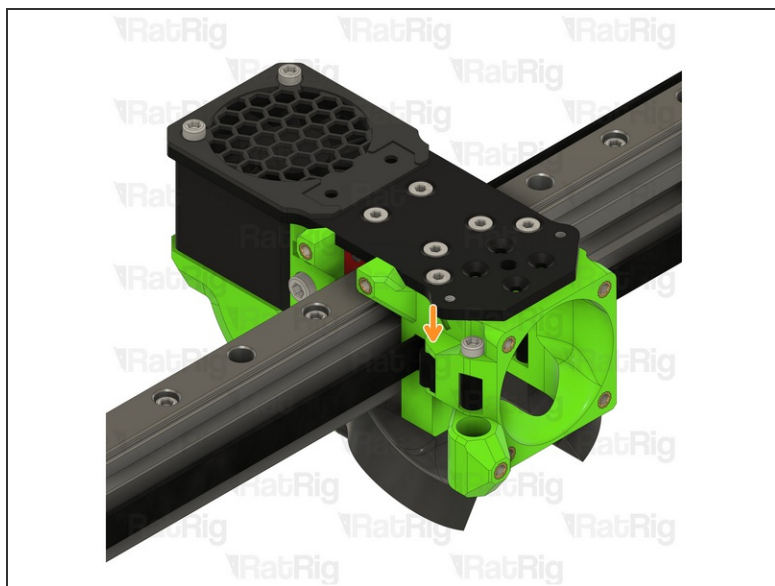
Step 50 — Attach the front belts to Rat Rig toolhead - Part 1

- Remove the M3x50 countersink screw almost all the way
- Make a small loop on the belt as shown.
- Feed the belt loop into the slot
- Tighten the M3x50 countersink screw and make sure the belt goes around it, as shown in the picture.
- Make a new loop on the belt, it helps if the loop is big, so it can be managed more easily.
- Feed the belt loop into the slot

Step 51 — Attach the front belts to Rat Rig toolhead - Part 2

- Make sure the loop is all the way fed through the slot
- Pull this side of the belt
 - Make sure the small portion of the belt, indicated with the yellow arrow, is tight against the printed part
- Insert an M3x18 Cap Head Screw
- Pull the belt end to tighten the loop around the screw

Step 52 — Attach the front belts to Rat Rig toolhead - Part 3



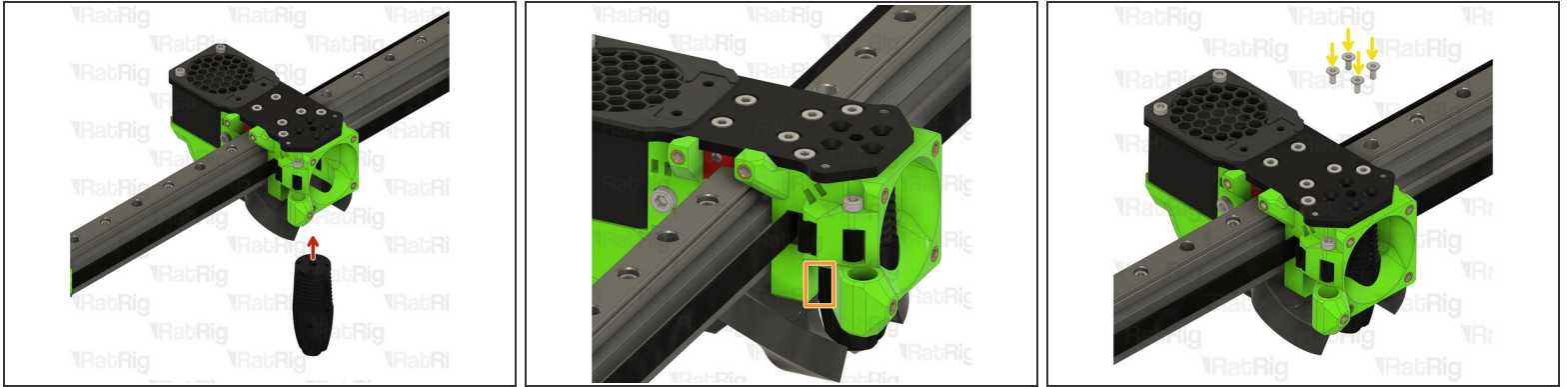
- Cut the excess belt
- Repeat **Steps 50, 51 and 52** and attach the other belt.

Step 53 — Prepare the Rapido V2 and PTFE tube

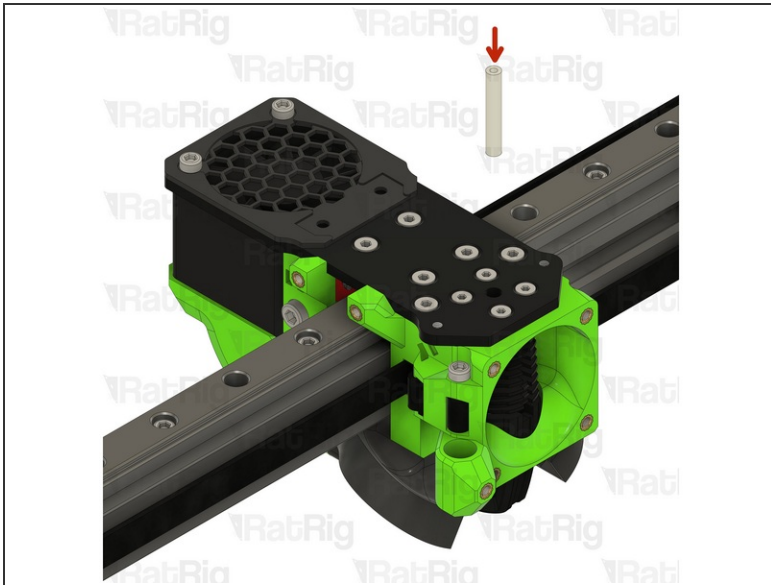


- Phaetus Rapido V2 UHF Hotend
- 4x M2.5x6 Countersink Screw
- PTFE tube - 24.5mm
- Rat Rig SuperPinda Probe by P&F
- M3x5 Set Screw

Step 54 — Mount the hot end - Part 1



- Phaetus Rapido V2 UHF Hotend
 - Place the Phaetus Rapido V2 UHF Hotend on the plate, making sure to route the cables through the designated slot
 - 4x M2.5x6 Countersink Screw
 - ⓘ Tighten the M2.5x6 Countersink Screws to secure the hotend to the plate
- ⚠ Avoid using a ball end hex key, as they are more prone to damaging the sensitive M2.5 countersink screw head.

Step 55 — Mount the hot end - Part 2

- PTFE tube - 24.5mm
- Insert the PTFE tube in to the marked hole and push it until it stops

Step 56 — Mount the probe



- Rat Rig SuperPinda Probe by P&F

☑ The Rat Rig SuperPinda Probe needs to be at the correct height to trigger properly

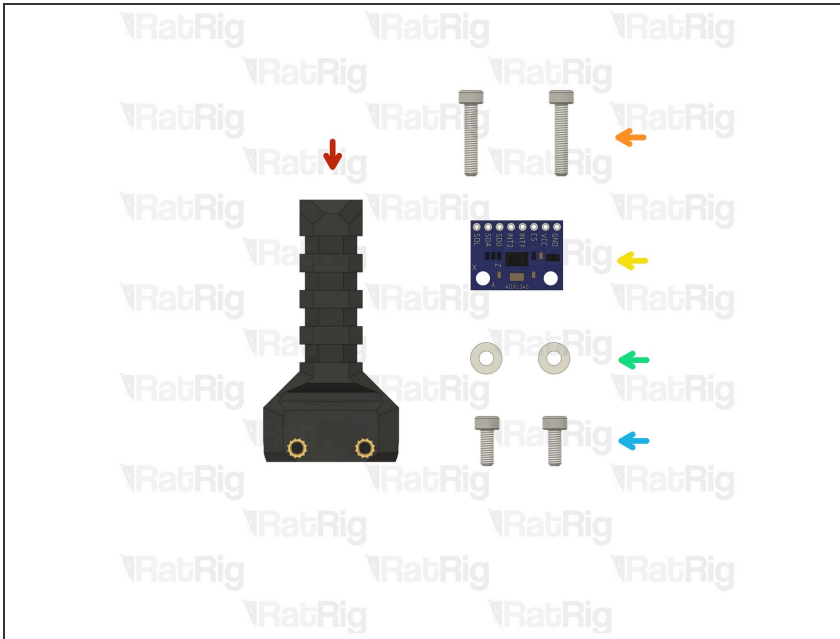
ⓘ A recommended method to set the correct height is to rest the hot end nozzle on the bed, and then place a cable tie between the bed and the tip of the probe

- Adjust the probe up to down as necessary to position the tip 1mm higher than the hot end nozzle

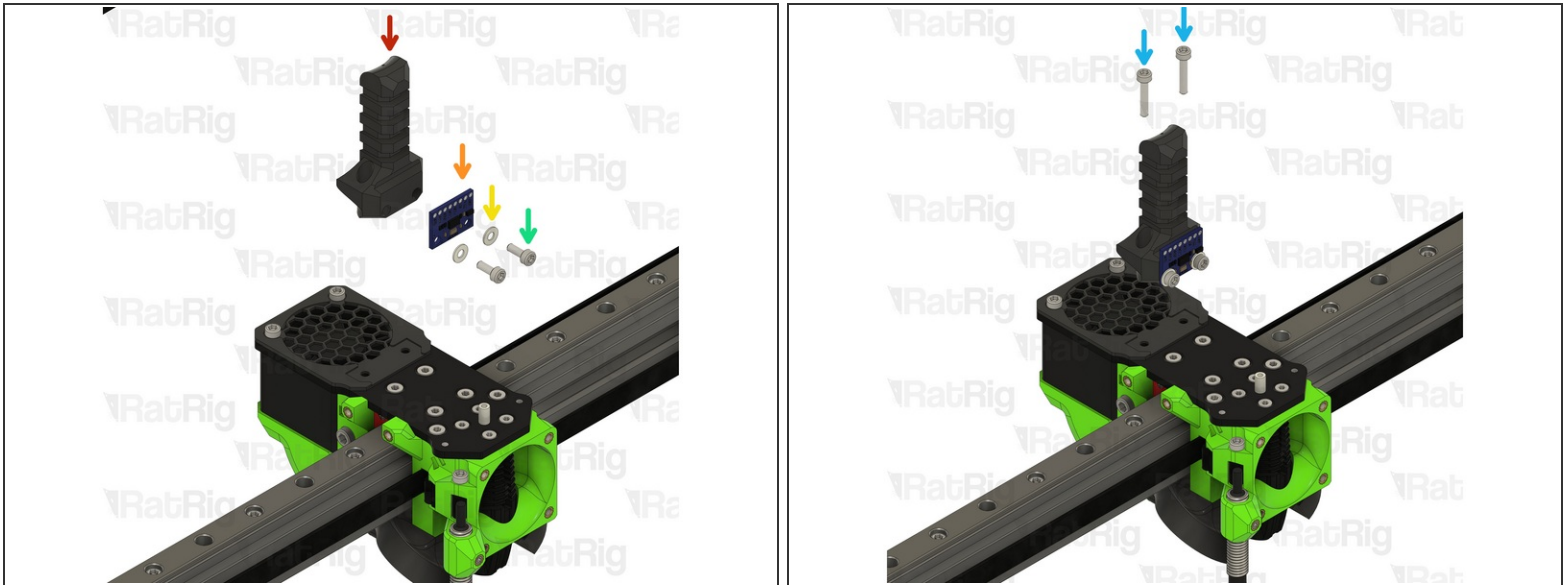
- M3x5 Set Screw

ⓘ Tighten the M3x5 set screw to secure the probe in place

⚠ Do not over-tighten the M3x5 set screw, doing so can damage the probe or printed probe mount

Step 57 — Prepare the following parts

- Skip to [Step 59](#) if you are using a toolboard setup
- Rat Rig toolhead umbilical assembly
- 2x M3x16 Cap Head Screws
- ADXL 345 Accelerometer
- 2x M3 Nylon washer
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw

Step 58 — Mount the umbilical + ADXL

● Rat Rig toolhead umbilical assembly

● ADXL 345 Accelerometer

● 2x M3 nylon washer

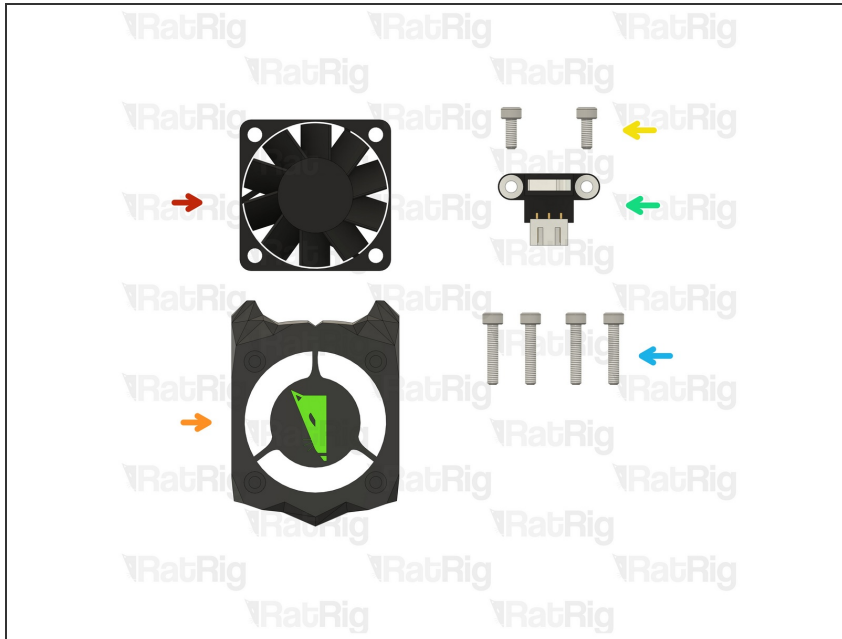
● 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw

① Mount the ADXL 345 to the umbilical assembly

⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x8 screws as you can damage the printed parts

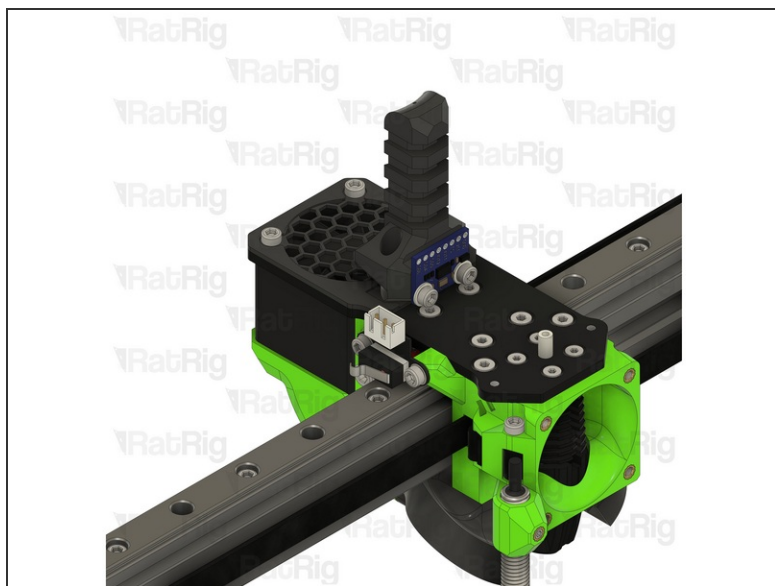
● 2x M3x16 Cap Head Screw

⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x16 screws as you can damage the printed parts

Step 59 — Prepare the following parts

- 1x 40x10mm 24V Axial Fan
- 1x Rat Rig toolhead_shourd printed part
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- 1x X Endstop
- 4x M3x16 Cap Head Screw

Step 60 — Mount the X endstop

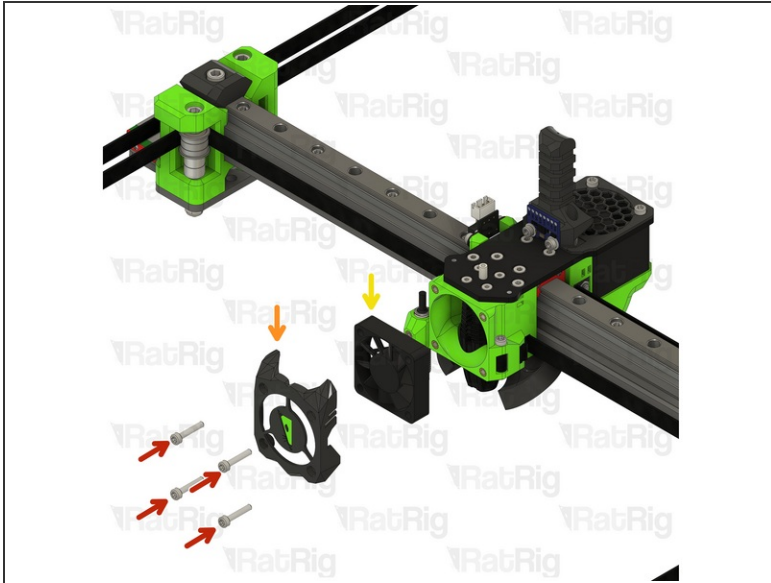


- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw

- X Endstop

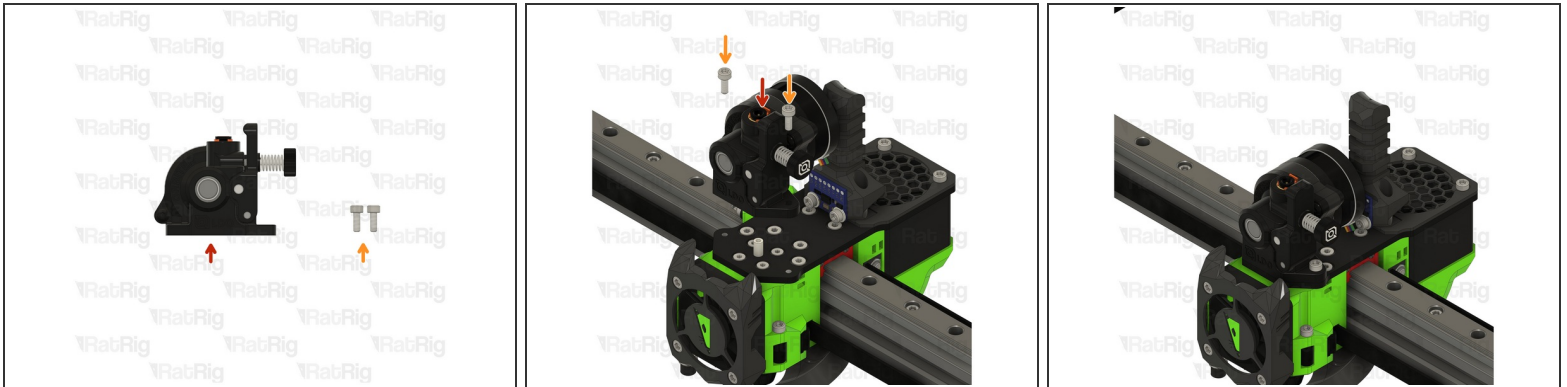
i Tighten the M3x8 screws to secure the X endstop to the toolhead.

! Take care not to over tighten the M3x8 screws as you can damage the printed parts

Step 61 — Mount the hot end cooling fan

- 4x M3x16 Cap Head Screw
 - rr_toolhead_vc3_shroud printed part
 - 40x10mm 24V Axial Fan
- i** Insert the M3x16 screws into the Rat Rig toolhead shroud printed part, through the 40mm fan, and fasten them into the Rat Rig toolhead front

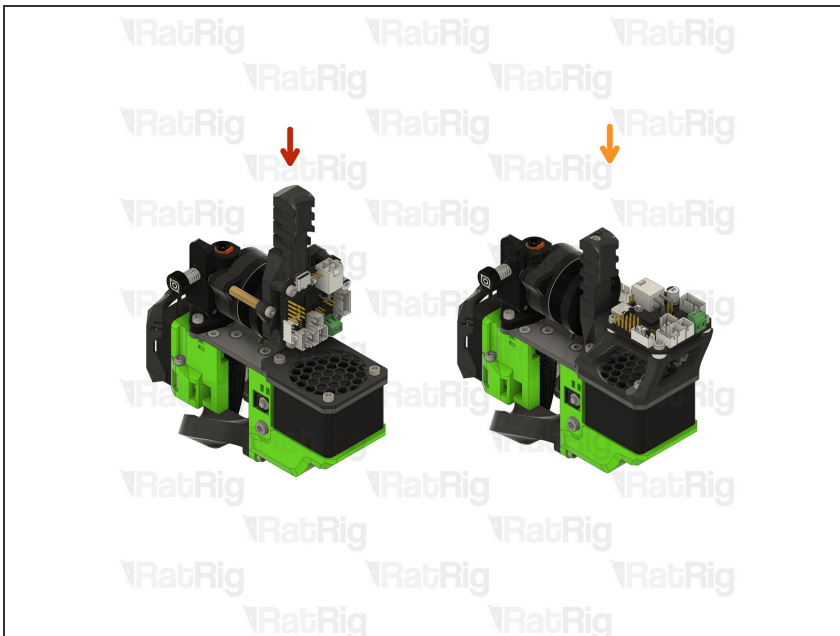
Step 62 — Prepare the extruder



- 1x LDO Orbiter V2
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw

i Insert the M3x8 screws into the LDO Orbiter V2 and fasten them to the Rat Rig toolhead plate.

Step 63 — OPTIONAL - Toolboard variations



★ The Rat Rig Toolhead Beta 2 supports 2 variations for toolboard mounting:

⚠ Rat Rig kits do not include the necessary hardware for this setup; these components must be sourced separately

- [Vertical toolboard mount](#)
- [Horizontal toolboard mount](#)

⚠ This option requires a 90° usb-c cable

Step 64 — Vertical toolboard mount - Part 1



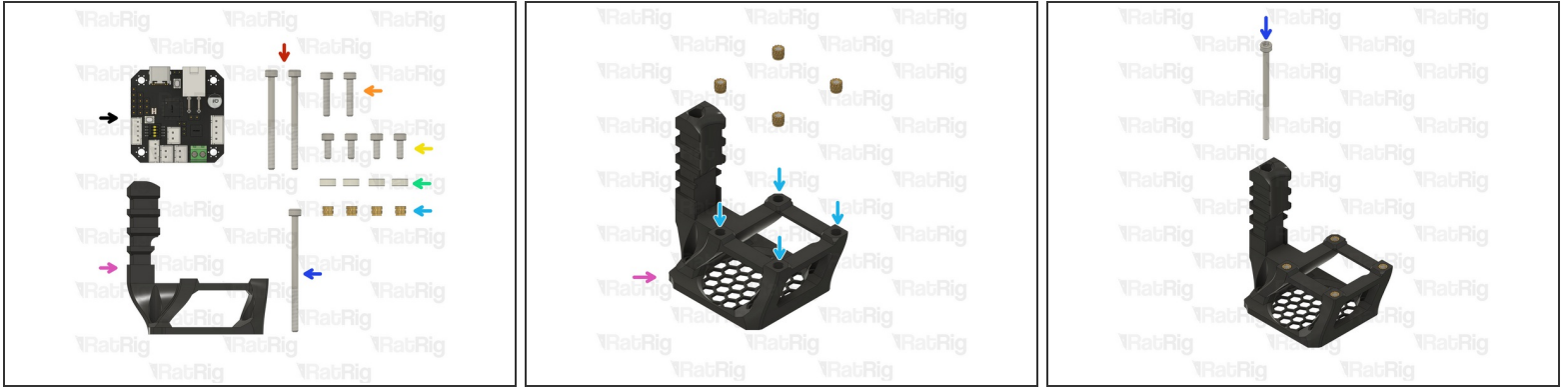
- 6x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- 1x M3x16 Cap Head Screw
- 2x Hex standoff brass M3x20x4.5
- rr_toolhead_vc3_ebb42_vertical printed part
- BIGTREETECH EBB42 USB/CAN TOOLBOARD V1.2
- 4x Heat insert M3
- This printed part has sacrificial layers which need to be removed prior to assembly. It is recommended to remove them by using a screwdriver, a hex key, or a drill, to push through the layers. This clears the holes for the screws to thread in to the head inserts

Step 65 — Vertical toolboard mount - Part 2



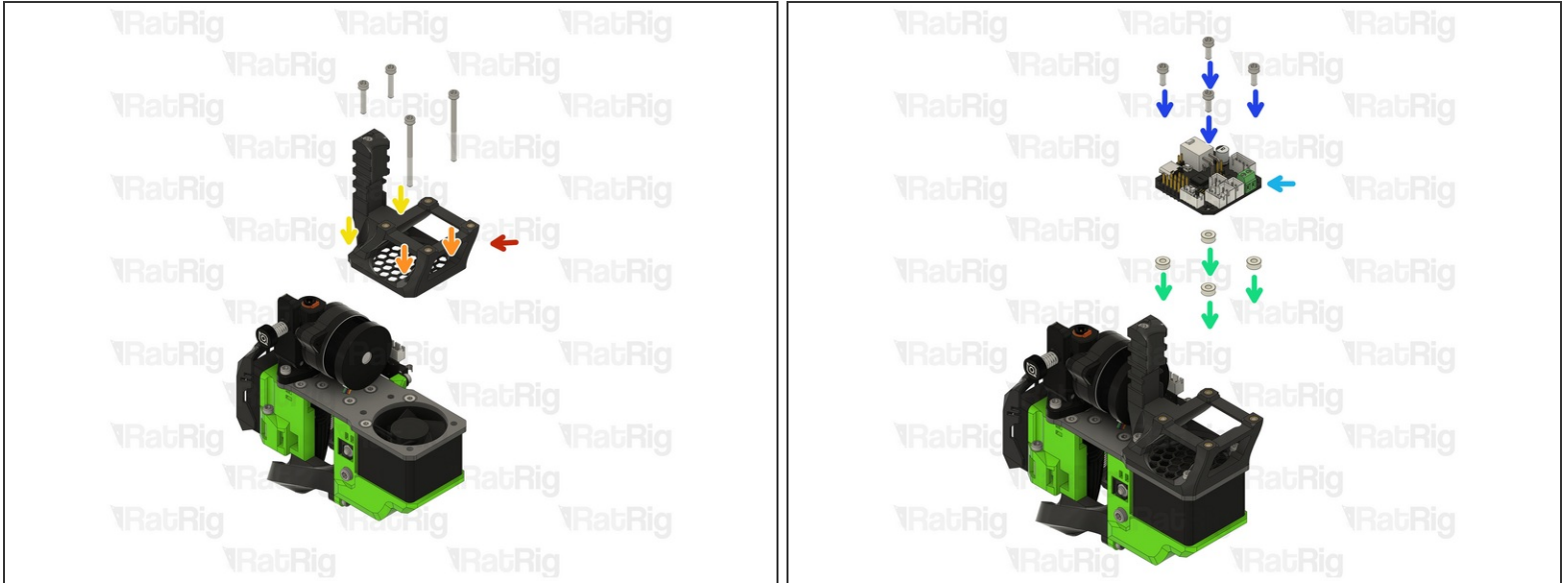
- Thread the hex standoffs on to the LDO Orbiter V2 screws.
- ⚠ Do not overtighten the hex standoffs. They are brass and it is possible to strip the threads.
- Insert the M3x16 Cap Head Screw in to the rr_toolhead_vc3_ebb42_vertical printed part and thread it on the toolhead.
- ⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x16 screws as you can damage the printed parts
- 2x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
 - ① Insert the M3x8 Cap Head Screws in to the printed part and thread them to the hex standoffs
- BIGTREE TECH EBB42 USB/CAN TOOLBOARD V1.2
- Insert the M3x16 Cap Head Screws into the toolboard and thread them into the vertical toolboard mount

Step 66 — Horizontal toolboard mount - Part 1



- 2x M3x40 Cap Head Screw
- 2x M3x16 Cap Head Screw
- 4x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- 4x M3 Nylon spacer 3mm
- 4x Heat insert M3
- 1x M3x50 cap Head Screw
- 1x rr_toolhead_vc3_ebb42_horizontal printed part
- BIGTREETECH EBB42 USB/CAN TOOLBOARD V1.2

Step 67 — Horizontal toolboard mount - Part 2



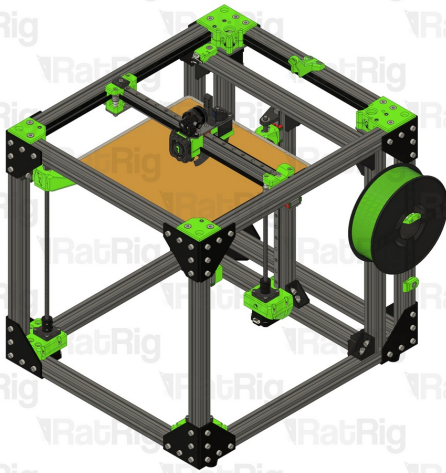
- Horizontal toolboard mount assembly from the previous step
- 2x M3x40 Cap Head Screw
- ① Insert the M3x40 screws through the toolboard mount, plate, 4028 cooling fan, and secure them to the toolhead
- 2x M3x16 Cap Head Screw
- 4x M3 Nylon spacer 3mm
- BIGTREETECH EBB42 USB/CAN TOOLBOARD V1.2
- 4x M3x8 Cap Head Screw
- ⚠ Take care not to over tighten the M3x8 screws as you can damage the printed parts and the toolboard itself.

Step 68 — Align the X-Axis Gantry



★ Follow this guide to correctly align the X-Axis Gantry: [11. X-Axis Gantry Alignment](#)

Step 69 — You are done!



- ❗ Your V-Core 3.1 is now upgraded with the Rat Rig Toolhead BETA2 and it's ready to melt some filament!
- ★ A new toolhead is a big change for any 3D printer, make sure to follow the [commissioning guide](#) to properly tune it.