

# FRS / BRZ / GT86 PLATFORM

PERFORMANCE OF VERUS ENGINEERING VENTUS PACKAGES



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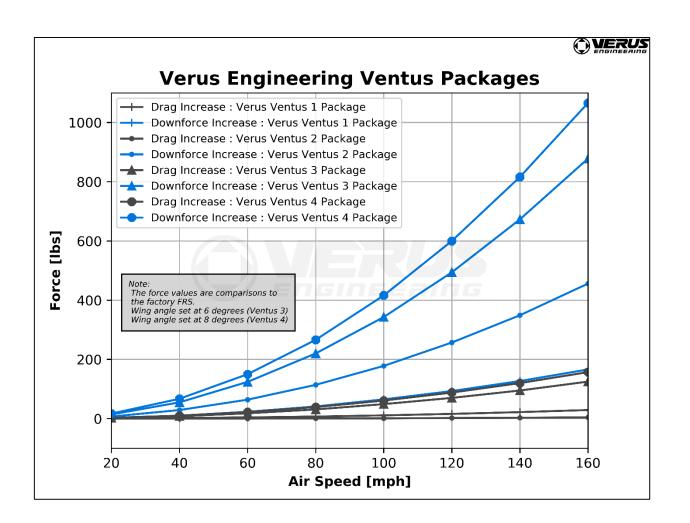


#### **SUMMARY: AERODYNAMIC FORCES**

Aerodynamic forces change with the square of vehicle speed which is why we share graphs of the data instead of listing a force.

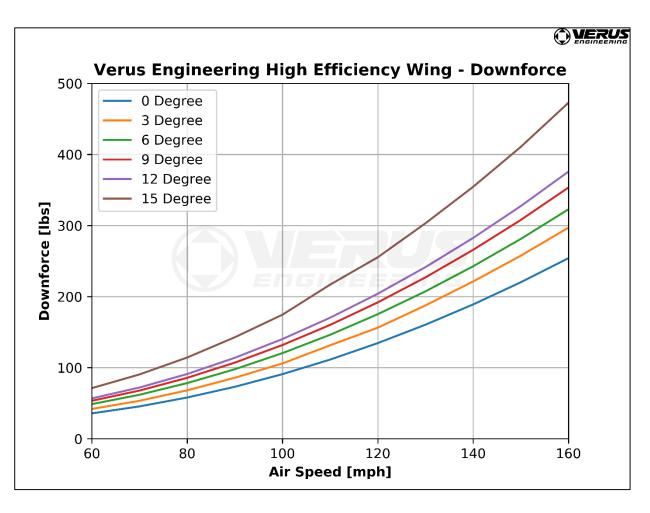
When developing an aerodynamic package, Verus Engineering focuses on maximizing efficiency while increasing downforce significantly. In other words, we look at creating downforce while keeping drag increases minimal or negligible.

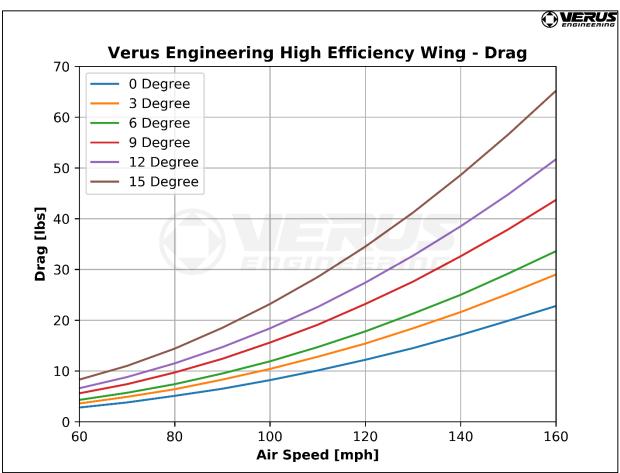
Efficient downforce will decrease lap times and improve vehicle performance. The benefit of an entire package is keeping a factory like aerodynamic balance while increasing vehicle downforce.





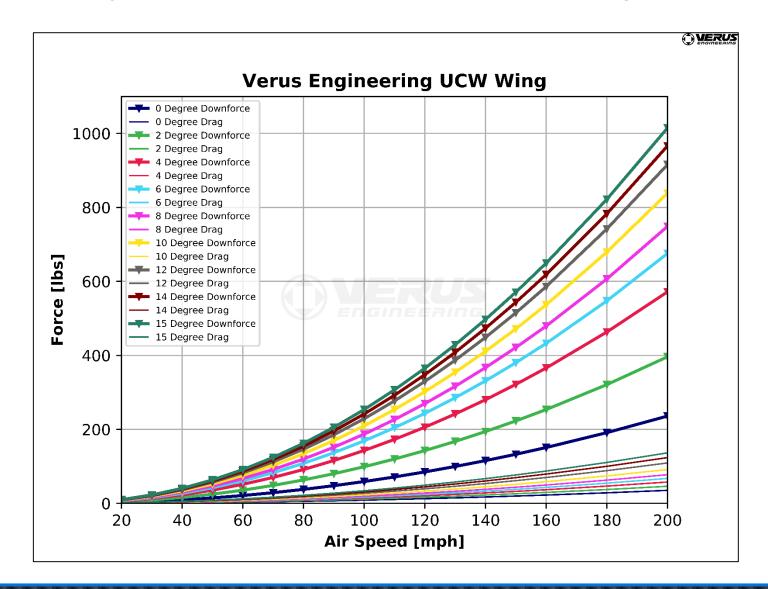
## SUMMARY: HIGH EFFICIENCY WING (PART OF VENTUS 3 PACKAGE)



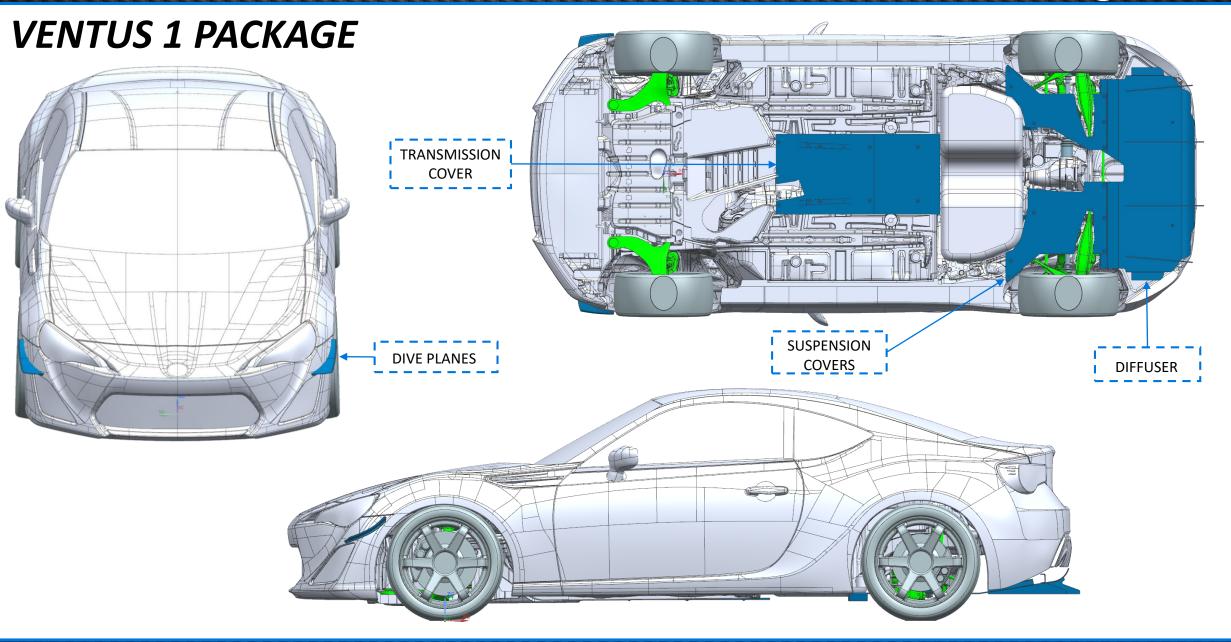




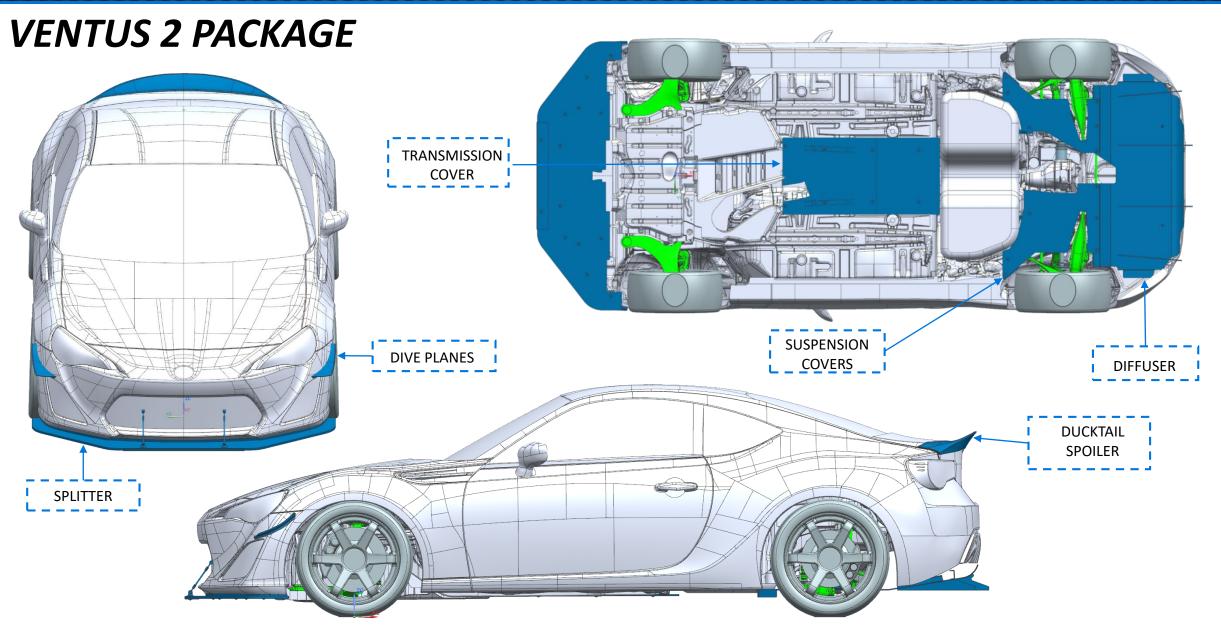
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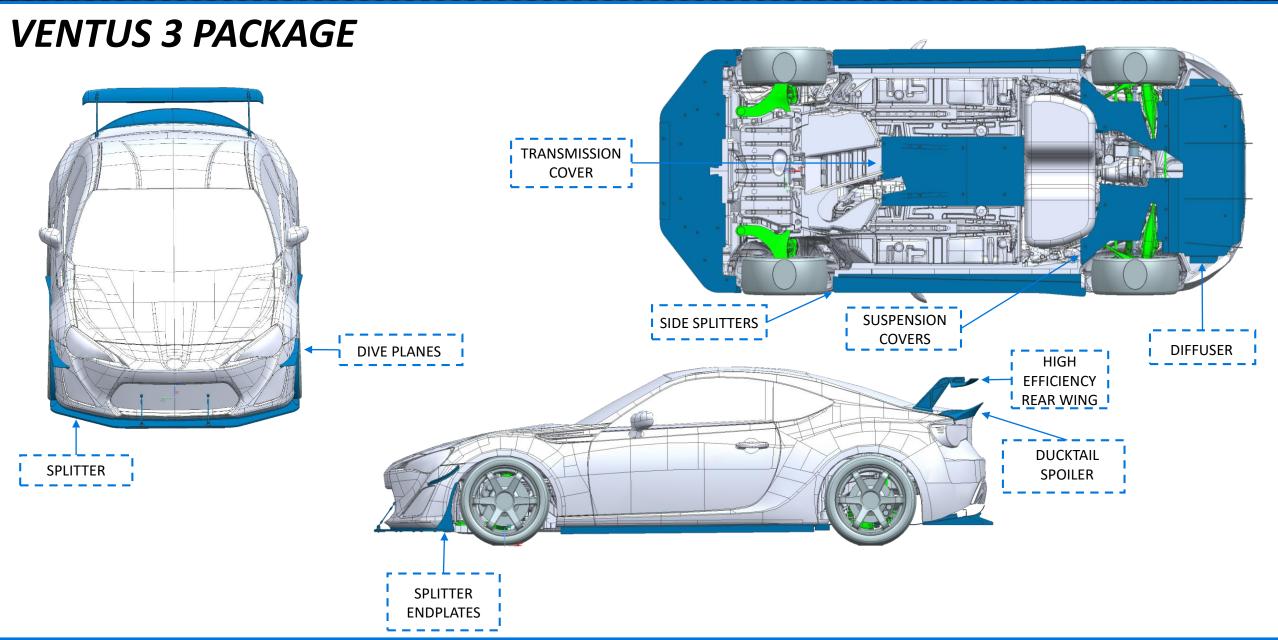




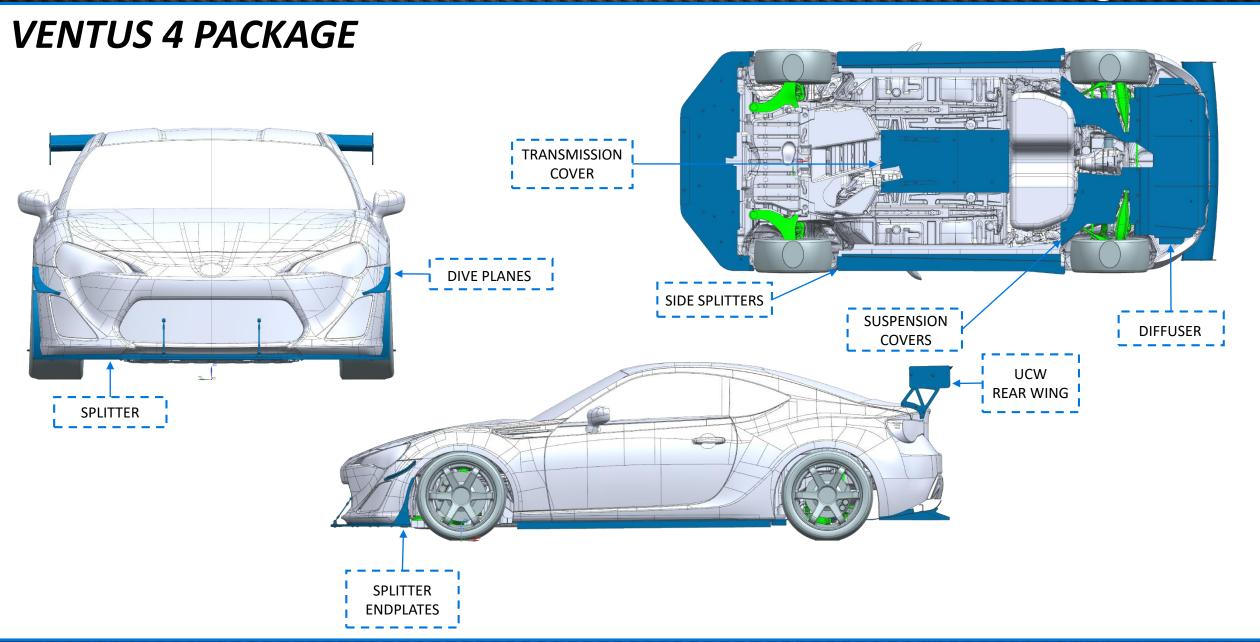














#### **DEFINITIONS**

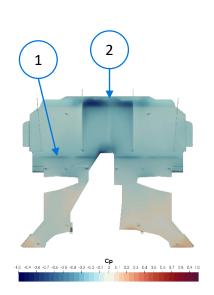
- 1. Coefficient of Pressure (Cp) = This is a dimensionless number which describes relative pressure to atmospheric pressure. A Cp of 0 equates to atmospheric pressure while a number below 0 represents low pressure and a number above 0 represents high pressure.
- **2. CpX** = This is a dimensionless number which describes Cp normal to the x-direction. This helps us visualize locations which create drag. Red represents locations which are creating drag, while blue represents locations where thrust is created.
- **3. CpZ** = This is a dimensionless number which describes Cp normal to the z-direction. This helps us visualize location which create downforce or lift. Red represents locations which are creating lift, while blue represents locations where downforce is created.
- **4. Total Pressure Coefficient (CpT)** = This is a dimensionless number which describes total energy of the airstream. It is the sum of static pressure and dynamic pressure.
- 5. Wall Shear = This is a force per unit area due to fluid friction on the wall. This is used to visualize areas of separation and rapid changes on the surface.
- **6. LIC Plot** = Line integral convolution (LIC) is used to visualize "oil" flow on the surface. It is a great way to correlate to flow vis testing and to study the flow on the surface of the vehicle.
- **7. Streamline** = These are fluid tracers which are used to visualize where the air is going or coming from. These are normally colored as velocity where red is high-velocity and blue is low-velocity.
- 8. Points = One point is considered 0.001 of a coefficient. This is used in coefficient of drag (Cd) and coefficient of lift (Cl).



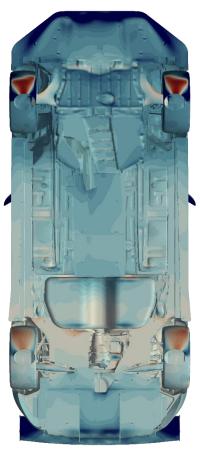
#### **DIFFUSER & SUSPENSION COVER DETAILS**

The Verus Engineering Rear Diffuser is a key component in creating efficient downforce. Adding a rear diffuser is perfect for a street car since it will add downforce (stability) and reduce overall car drag when designed properly. Downforce can be viewed via the low pressure on the surface of the diffuser (Cp & CpZ plots).

Drag is a little trickier to understand. Looking at the surface of the diffuser, it looks like the diffuser adds drag. This can be seen in the CpX plot. This is specifically called induced drag. On the following page, we will go into further detail on how the diffuser aids in drag reduction.



- L. Main Diffuser Throat
- Second Diffuser Throat
  Synonymous with Verus
  Rear Diffusers













#### **DIFFUSER & SUSPENSION COVER DETAILS**

A large portion of the drag on a normal road vehicle, like the FT86 Platform, is from pressure drag. Pressure drag is caused by the low pressure region behind the vehicle which wants to pull the car rearward. This low pressure region behind the vehicle is called the wake region. Knowing this information and with proper R&D we can increase downforce and reduce drag with the rear diffuser. The Verus Engineering Diffuser specifically targets the wake region and helps fill this region with air from under the vehicle. Filling this wake region reduces overall drag on the car.



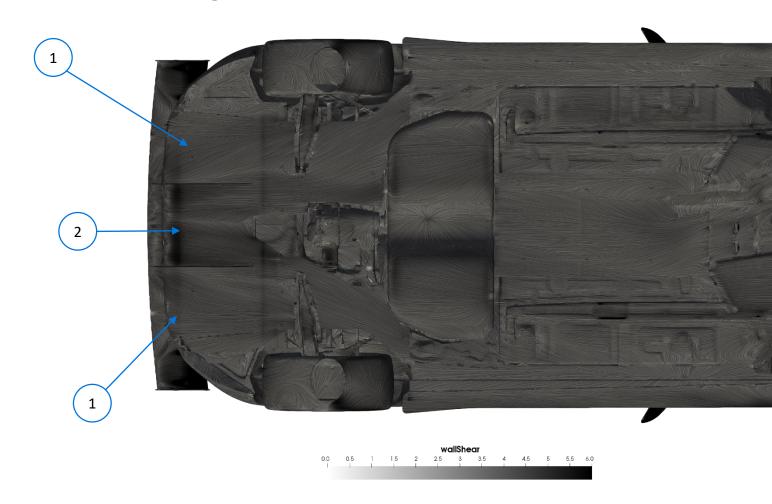
The CpT Plot shown above is used to visualize the wake region behind the car. The blue zone behind the vehicle is the wake and minimizing this as much as possible will reduce drag.



#### **DIFFUSER & SUSPENSION COVER DETAILS**

The photo to the right shows an LIC Plot of Wall Shear to examine how the air flow is acting on the surface. This is an excellent plotting tool for developing better parts and correlating to real world results.

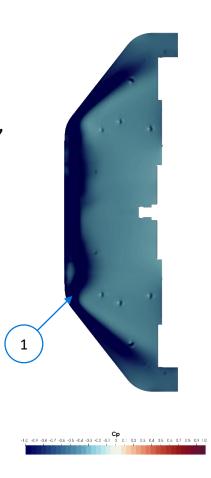
- The outer diffuser sections see fully attached flow.
- 2. The center diffuser section also has fully attached flow.





#### SPLITTER DETAILS

The Verus Engineering Front Splitter is ideal for increasing front-end downforce. While the splitter is a flat component, it makes significant front downforce since it is using ground effects. The full splitter assembly is simulated. The full splitter assembly has an efficiency [L/D] of 26. Splitters are a very efficient downforce creating component for vehicles.



Peak low pressure region on splitter



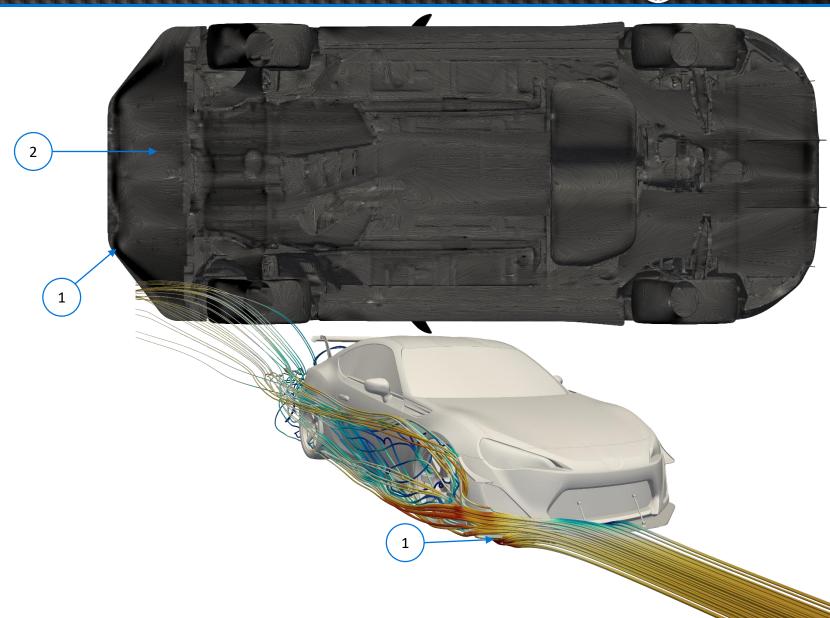






### **SPLITTER DETAILS**

- 1. A vortex forms on the leading edge of splitter and moves out and rearward. This causes a large low pressure zone which creates downforce. The vortex lines can be seen on the LIC Plot. The vortex can also be seen in the Streamline Plot.
- 2. Attached flow on the center of the splitter.

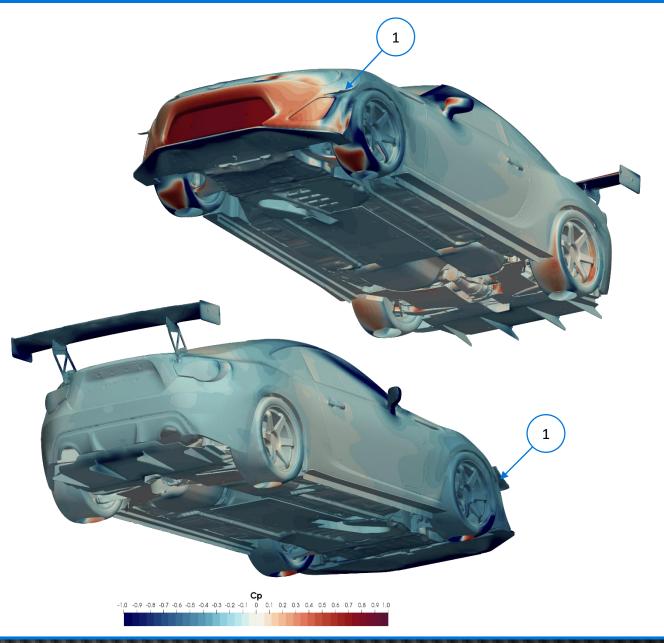




## DIVE PLANE / CANARD DETAILS

Dive planes can serve a variety of purposes. While most people believe dive planes produce downforce by the airflow on the units themselves; Verus Engineering does significantly more with the development of these units to increase effectiveness.

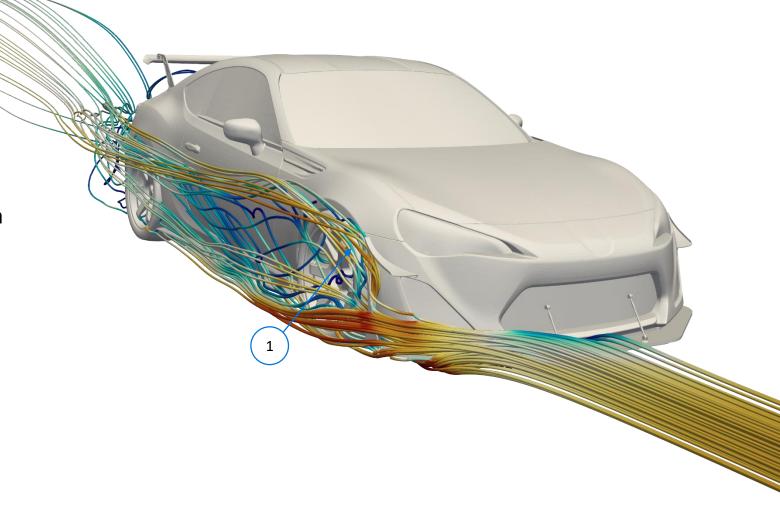
1. A small part of the downforce created by the addition of dive planes is from the forces on the surface of the dive planes themselves. The bottom side of the dive planes are lower pressure while the top side is higher pressure. This creates a downward force. This is not the full story however.





## DIVE PLANE / CANARD DETAILS

1. The main way downforce is created with Verus Engineering Dive Planes / Canards is controlling airflow around the car. We use the dive planes to create a vortex which helps pull air out of the fender wells. This helps reduce lift on the body of the car. We have specific templates for the dive planes since location and placement are critical for maximum performance.



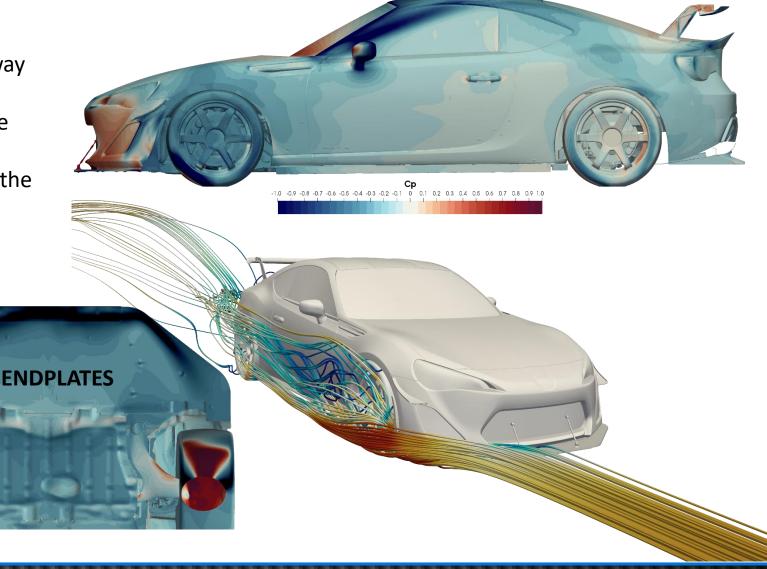


#### SPITTER ENDPLATE DETAILS

Splitter endplates increase the front downforce significantly. They work in a completely different way than dive planes. The endplates are designed to extract more performance in the way of downforce out of the splitter with a small hit in drag. The endplates decrease the pressure of the bottom of the splitter further than normal and also increase the pressure on the top side.

**CpZ** -1.5 -1.4 -1.3 -1.2 -1.1 -1 -0.9 -0.8 -0.7 -0.6 -0.5 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5

**NO ENDPLATES** 



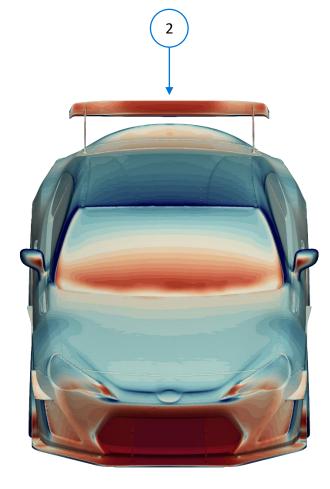


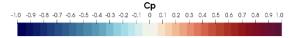
## HIGH EFFICIENCY REAR WING DETAILS (VENTUS 3)

The Verus Engineering Rear Wing for the FT86 Platform is our High Efficiency Wing developed specifically for lower powered cars. The profile was developed and optimized using adjoint optimization solvers and produces very efficient downforce for rear wings.

- 1. The bottom surface is where nearly all the work is done for making downforce on the wing. It is this low pressure which is pulling the rear of the vehicle down that improves downforce.
- The top surface also creates downforce, just not as much. The Cp does not go above 0.6 compared to the bottom which is less than -1. In other words, the bottom side is working significantly harder than the top at producing downforce.









## HIGH EFFICIENCY REAR WING DETAILS (VENTUS 3)

The velocity on the bottom side of the wing is higher than the top side which causes a pressure differential between top and bottom surfaces. The wing also changes the direction of the overall airflow from aiming downward to straight rearward.



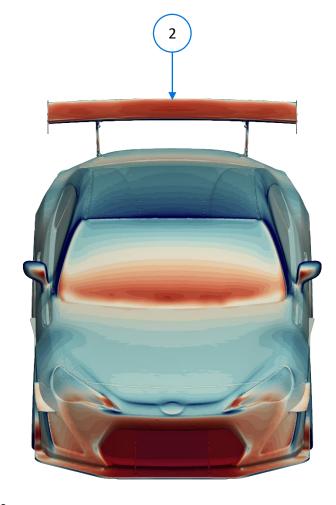


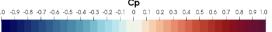
# UCW REAR WING DETAILS (VENTUS 4)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Verus Engineering Rear Wing for the FT86 Platform is our UCW unit which was developed specifically for higher downforce. The profile was developed and optimized in CFD, allowing it to produce efficient downforce for rear wings. This wing was developed and refined in CFD and the wind tunnel and final tested on the track.

- The bottom surface is where most of the work is done for making downforce on the wing. It is low pressure which is pulling the rear of the vehicle down.
- 2. The top surface also creates downforce, just not as much. The Cp does not go above 0.6 compared to the bottom which is less than 1. In other words, the bottom side is working significantly harder than the top at producing downforce.



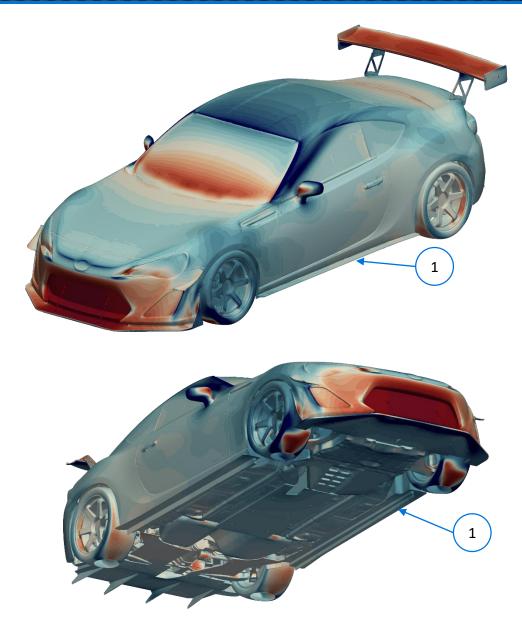






#### SIDE SPLITTER DETAILS

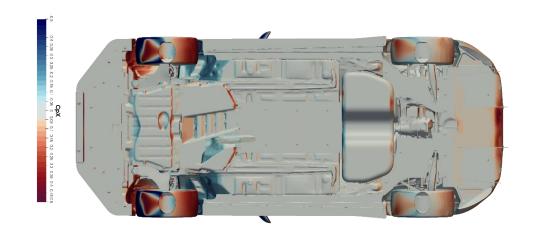
The Verus Engineering Side Splitters reduce the amount of flow from the top side of the vehicle to the bottom side of the car. It adds 6 points of downforce with no additional drag. It improves even more at more sustained yaw angles. The downforce is added in the center of the car and aerodynamic balance is not altered.

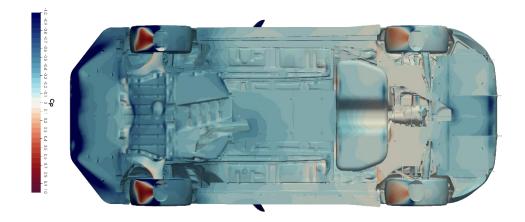




#### TRANSMISSION TUNNEL COVER DETAIL

The Verus Engineering Flat Underbody Panels reduce the vehicle's drag. The 2 panels reduce drag by decreasing the dirty air under the car and closing up large openings. The underbody panels reduce the vehicle's coefficient of drag (Cd) by 8 points. The panels also increase downforce when the car has rake.





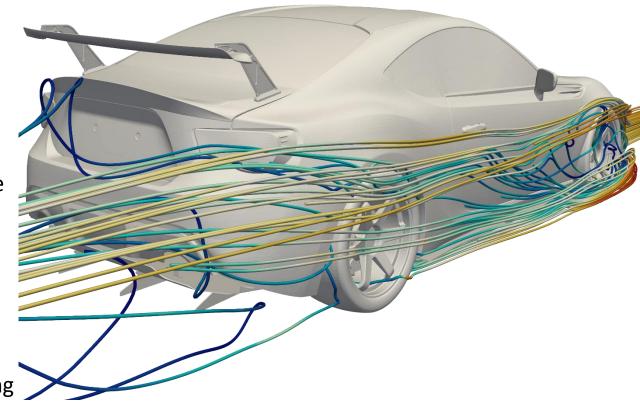




#### **SUMMARY**

The Verus Engineering Ventus Packages for the FT86 Platform are designed to decrease lap times utilizing well developed and functional aerodynamic components. These packages are designed to fit like OEM and increase the factory performance all while keeping the factory warranty. The research and development of the package was done using cutting edge technology in CFD, wind tunnel testing, track testing with professional driver, and proven designs from previous work.

The individual components do not need to be installed as a package, but that will give the best performance for decreasing track times.





## THE SCIENCE

This analysis was done using OpenFOAM V6 which is a finite volume CFD software. The solver was SIMPLE and the turbulence model was K-Omega SST using standard wall conditions. We used standard automotive arrangement when setting up boundary conditions and running a full-car. The case was simulated using slight yawed airflow of 0.5 degrees. This yawed airflow is to ensure we are not analyzing a condition the car will almost never see which is perfectly straight airflow down the length of the car.

