

# E4-WM5-Y359A00

## MOUNTING INSTRUCTION



### IMPORTANT!

#### PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FIRST!

In case of doubt, please contact your local BILSTEIN dealer or our sales department before installation.

When replacing other brands, BILSTEIN shock absorbers should always be installed as a set. Installation of shock absorbers, struts and cartridges requires special tools and expert knowledge. Accordingly, installation of all BILSTEIN products must be performed by a qualified suspension specialist.

Always use a chassis hoist for the installation of BILSTEIN products, and make certain that the raised vehicle is securely attached to the hoist to prevent the vehicle from slipping, falling, or moving during the installation process.

**If you choose to install any BILSTEIN product without the necessary special tools, expertise or chassis hoist, you may subject yourself to the risk of serious bodily injury or death.** If you elect not to use a chassis hoist, at least make sure the vehicle is on level ground, that all tires on the ground during installation are blocked to prevent movement, that at least two tires are on the ground at all times, and that adequately secured safety stands (jack stands) are used to support the chassis. **NEVER** get under the vehicle until you have checked to make sure all of these things are done.

All BILSTEIN product must only be used for the specific, intended application as indicated in the application guide. **Any use of any BILSTEIN product other than for its intended use may result in serious bodily injury or death.**

BILSTEIN suspension products are gas-filled and are highly pressurized. Never place any BILSTEIN product in a vise or use a clamp on any BILSTEIN product; never apply heat near any BILSTEIN product, and never attempt to open or repair any BILSTEIN product, in order to prevent **serious bodily injury or death**. Any attempt to misuse, misapply, modify, or tamper with any BILSTEIN suspension product voids any warranty and **may result in serious bodily injury or death**.

All mounting fasteners for struts must be securely tightened before tension is placed on the suspension system. Make sure that the bump stop and dust cover are correctly and properly fastened.

Do not use impact tools for loosening or tightening fasteners, because this may destroy the screw threads. Self-locking nuts must only be used **once!**

Suspension springs are **PRELOADED!** The suspension spring must be compressed with the assistance of an appropriate strut vise and spring compressor. The top mount must not be removed until the preload pressure is no longer present and the spring can be moved by hand, **or serious bodily injury or death may result.**

Reuse original equipment components only if they are in good condition, otherwise replace them with new components. Never remove the slight film of oil on the piston rod and seal.

After installing any BILSTEIN product, the suspension caster and camber must be checked and/or adjusted to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Also, the (load dependent) brake compensator and the anti-lock brake system must be checked and/or reset to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Also the headlight aim must be checked and adjusted.

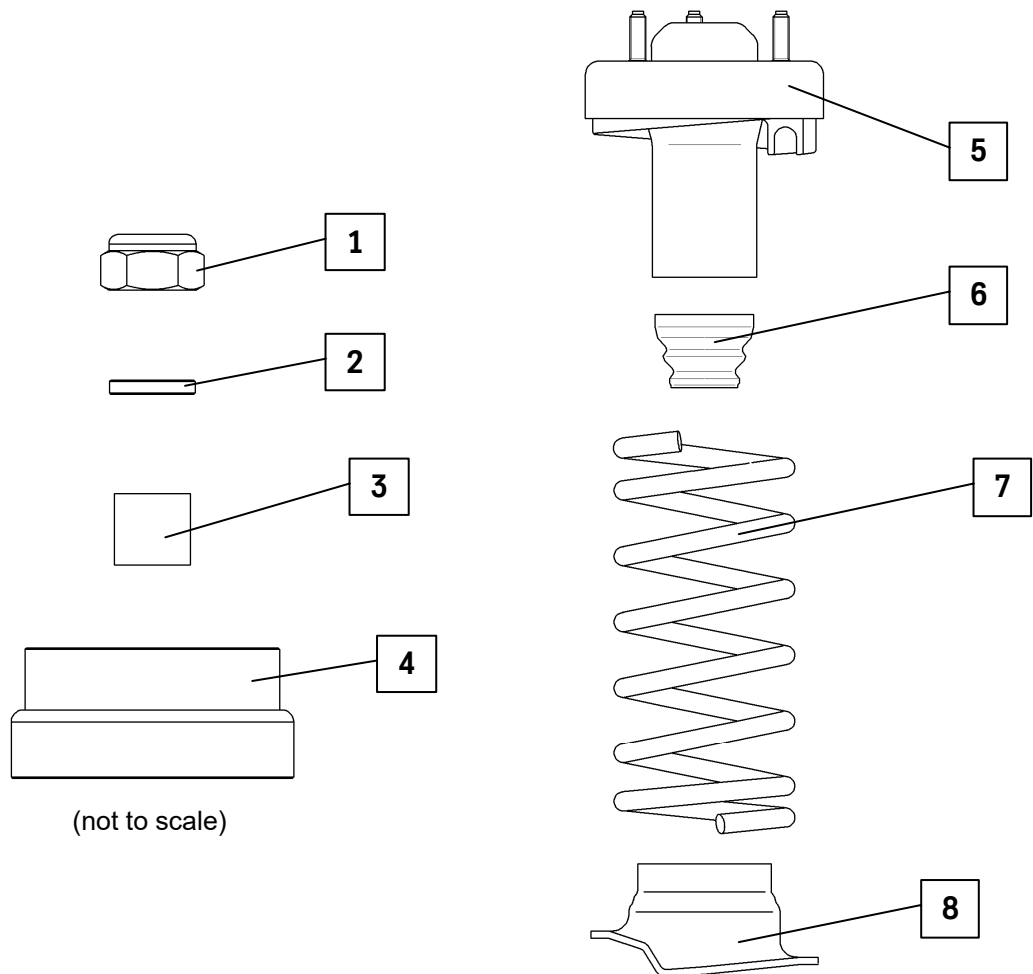
Be sure to properly dispose of all old parts.

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- A. Remove the shock and spring unit from the vehicle following all procedures in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual. Note the position of the studs in the upper mount relative to the lower mount bearing (important for reassembly).
- B. Using an appropriate spring compressor, compress the coil spring until it can be rotated freely by hand. Then disassemble the shock and spring unit.
- C. Refer to Figure 1 to identify which original parts must be re-used.



### Parts supplied by Bilstein:

1. M12x1.25 Locknut
2. Steel spacer
3. Rubber sleeve
4. Spring seat support

### Original parts to be reused:

5. Upper mount (with isolator and dust cover)
6. Bump stop
7. Coil spring
8. Spring seat

**Figure 1**

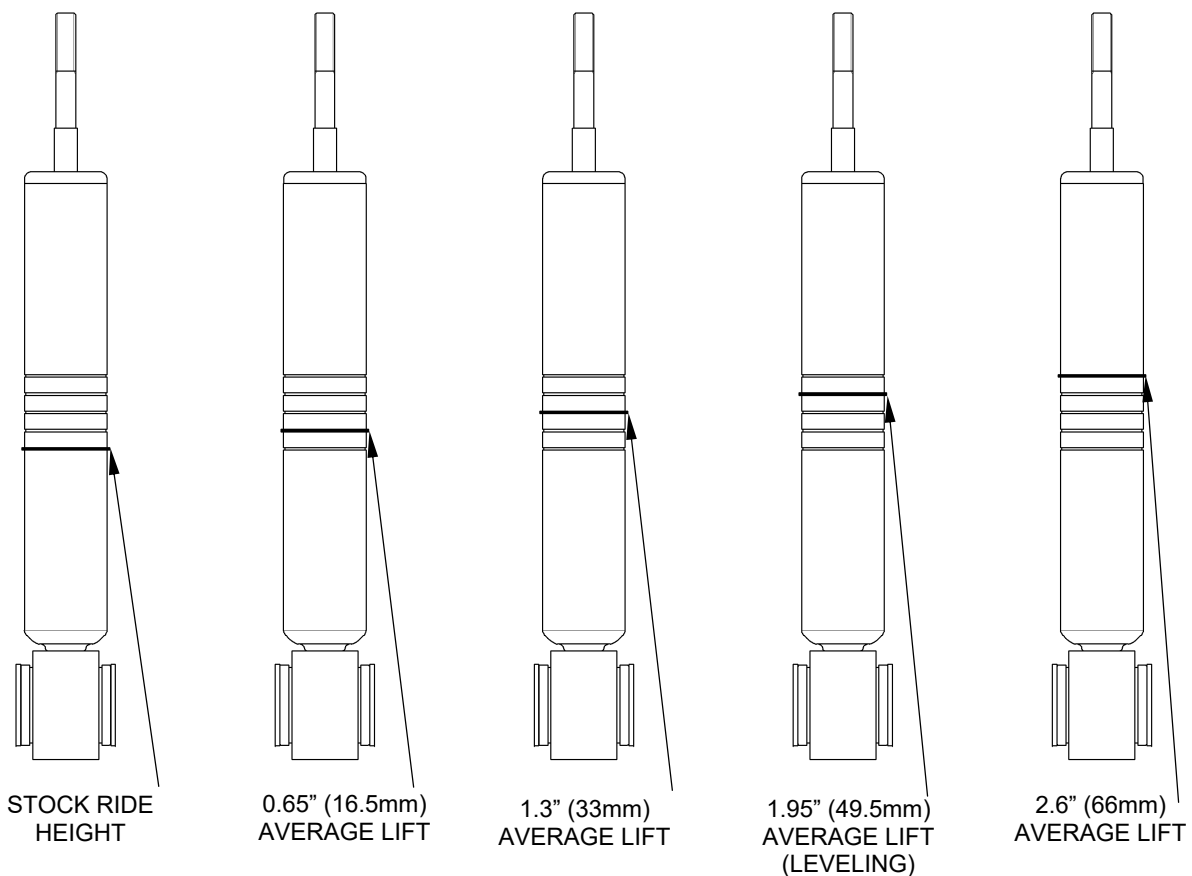
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If installing 5100 Series Bilstein shock absorbers, proceed with step D. If installing HD Series Bilstein shock absorbers (yellow in color), skip to step E.

- D. 5100 Series only:** Install the circlip in the desired ride height location\*\*. Refer to Figure 2. Use appropriate tools to move the circlip. Ensure that the circlip is fully seated in the groove after moving it. You should be able to rotate it manually in the groove. (HD series are not ride height adjustable)



**\*\* Ride heights indicated are typical. Actual ride height is influenced by which factory suspension the vehicle is equipped with and its condition; optional equipment and accessories on your vehicle, and other vehicle modifications such as replacement coil springs, wheel and tire combinations, etc. Modifying/lifting the suspension to your vehicle may raise its center of gravity and may make it more susceptible to loss of control and/or rollover, which may result in death or serious injury. We strongly recommend that you offset the loss of rollover resistance as much as possible by increasing tire track width, and that you equip the vehicle with a functional roll bar and cage system. Wear seat belts and shoulder harnesses at all times, and avoid situations where a side rollover may occur.**

**Figure 2**

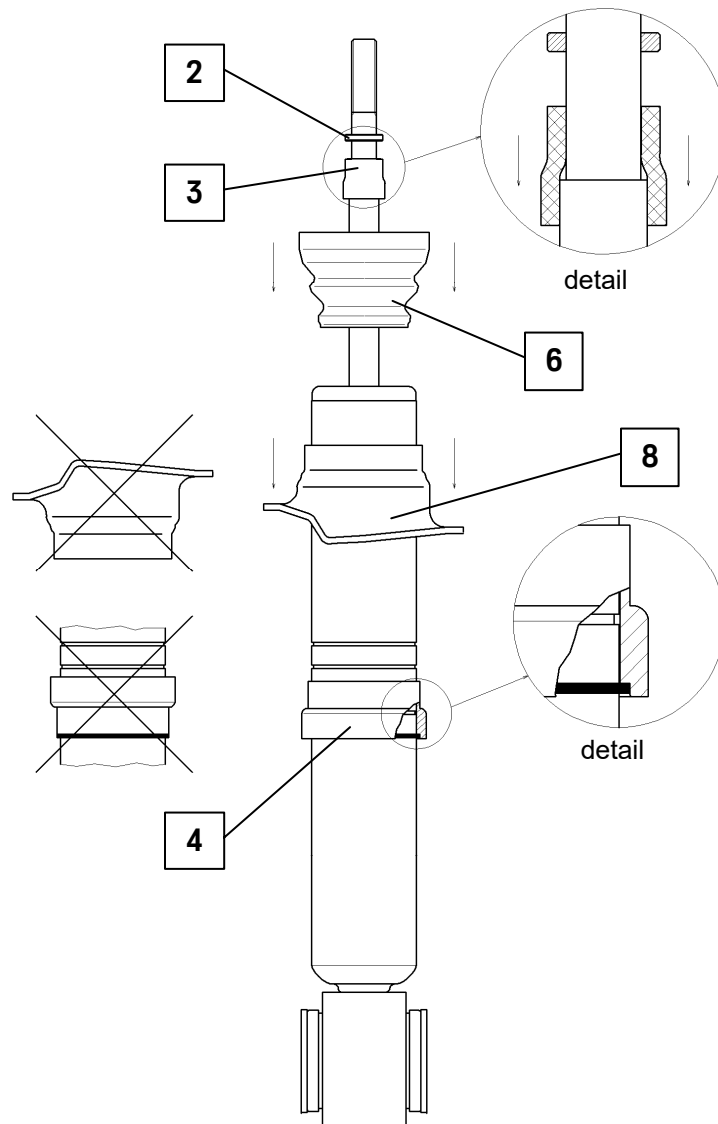
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Refer to Figure 3 for steps E through I.

- E. Install the spring seat support (4) on to the shock body (with the smaller end up) such that the groove inside the spring seat support fits over the circlip on the shock body. Install the spring seat support in the direction shown only. The circlip must fit completely in the groove inside spring seat support (see detail). Improper installation will cause permanent damage to the shock!
- F. Install the original spring seat (8) on to the shock and over the spring seat support (4) in the direction shown only.
- G. Install the rubber sleeve (3) over the piston rod. Push it on to the chromed part of piston rod (see detail).
- H. Install the bump stop (6) over the piston rod.
- I. Install the steel spacer (2) over the piston rod, above the rubber sleeve.



**Figure 3**

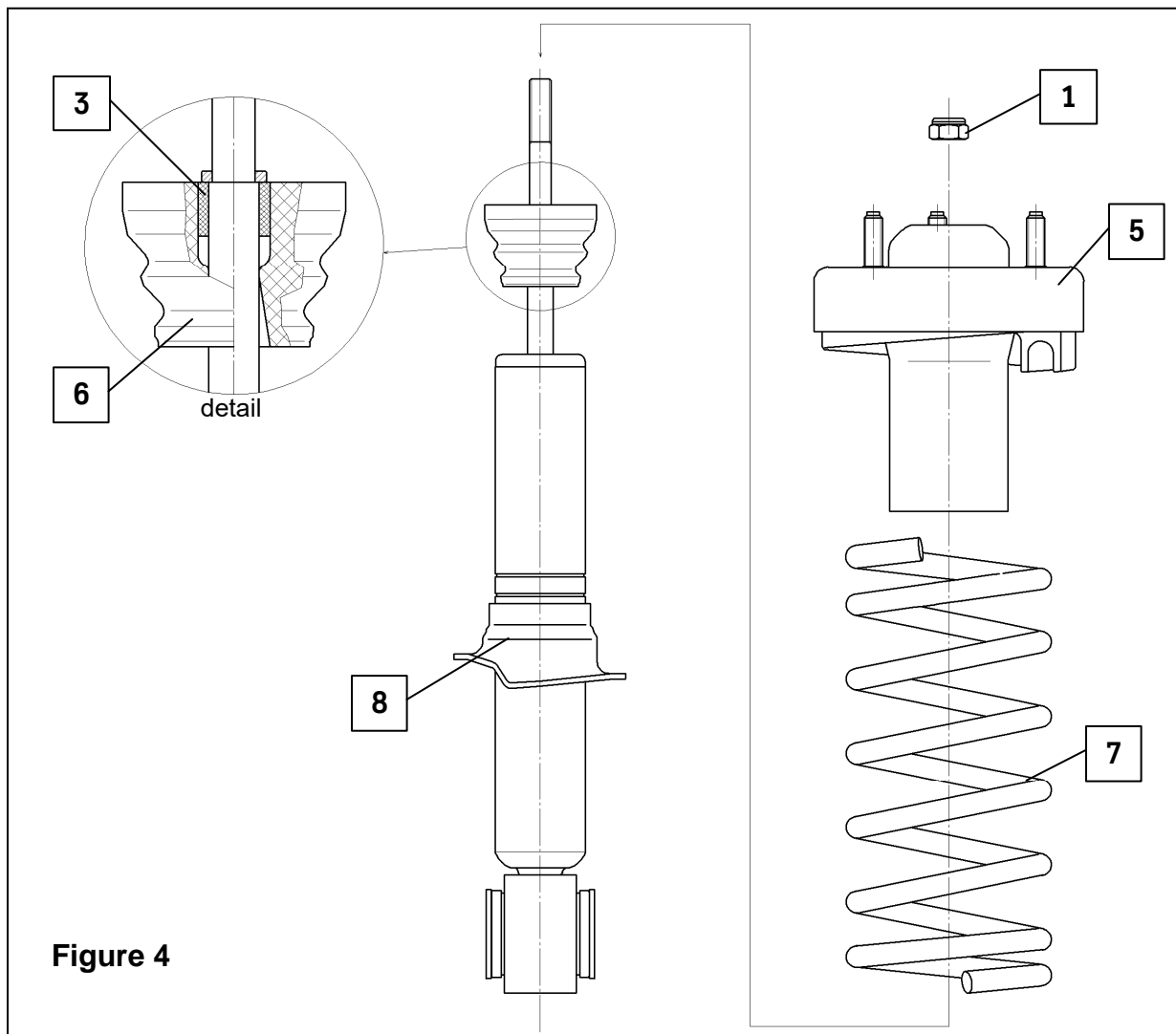
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Refer to Figure 4 for steps J through N.

- J. Fit the bump stop (6) over the rubber sleeve (3) as shown (see detail).
- K. Using an appropriate spring compressor, compress the coil spring (7) and install it on the shock absorber. Align the lower coil end with end of the ramp on the spring seat (8).
- L. Install the upper mount (5) over the piston rod end and on to the top of the coil spring. Rotate upper mount so that its studs are in their original position relative to the lower mount bearing (as noted in step A). Align the upper coil end of the coil spring with the rubber isolator in the upper mount.
- M. Install the M12x1.25 locknut (1) and tighten to 45 N·m (34 lb·ft).
- N. Release the spring compressor while ensuring that the ends of the coil spring remain aligned with the spring seat (8) and upper mount (5).



**Figure 4**

- O. Install assembly on to the vehicle and tighten all fasteners to vehicle manufacturer's specifications. This completes the installation.
- P. Check wheel alignment. If necessary, adjust to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.