

Before installation please observe the following points:

- Read all information in this manual carefully. All suspention components are fitted and removed acc. to the manufacturer's specifications for fitting and removing, if not otherwise required in these instructions.
- Check the product for all components before starting installation!
- Check that dimensions and fastening points are comparable between the original and Bilstein shock absorbers.
- Directional references (left, right, front, rear) are always with reference to the driving direction.
 - Remove the negative battery pole. -
 - The test vehicles are left- hand drive cars.

After installation please observe the following points:

- After installing the suspension system, caster and camber must be checked and adjusted according to manufacturer's specifications. Check and reset load- dependent brake compensator and ABS system according to manufacturer's specifications.
 - Check and adjust headlight aim. -
 - Connect the negative battery pole. -
 - Because the vehicle has been lowered, freedom of movement for all wheel-/ tire- combinations must be checked.
- All rubber- mounted strut/ damper attachments must not be fully tightened until AFTER the suspension system is loaded (wheels on the ground). Other mounting fasteners (for example brackets) must be securely tightened BEFORE load is placed on the suspension system.

All diagrams are generalized and not to scale! Brackets, etc. specific to strut are not shown!



1. BILSTEIN shock absorber with original spring 2. BILSTEIN shock absorber with BILSTEIN spring 3. Original shock absorber with BILSTEIN spring

Remove

Place vehicle on a chassis hoist, lift it and remove wheel



The lower control arm must be supported by suitable means!

Remove bottom mount.

Remove top fixing nuts from support bearing. **Do not remove central nut at this time!**

Remove complete shock absorber and clamp it in an appropriate strut vice.

Compress suspension spring until tension on support bearing is released.

Release central nut and remove original mounting parts. Please refer to diagram to identify which parts will be replaced with BILSTEIN- supplied components.

Install

Assemble BILSTEIN and/ or original mounting parts on BILSTEIN shock absorber in reverse sequence of removal.



Before releasing the spring, care is to be taken to ensure that the ends of the spring rest in the cut outs of the top and bottom spring pads.

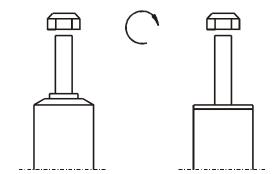
Remove original rubber protective cover (**X**) and replace it on BILSTEIN shock absorber

Fit assembled shock absorber to the vehicle in reverse sequence of removal.



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Thread	M 16	M 14	M 12	M 10	M8	
Torque Nm	110	72	45	25	13	
Torque ft lb	83	54	34	19	10	



Do not use an impact tool to loosen or tighten fasteners due to possible damage to the product. Self- locking nuts must only be used once!

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OE= Original Anbautcile Original Equipment

