

Before installation please observe the following points:

- Read all information in this manual carefully.
 All suspension components are fitted and removed acc. to the manufacturer's specifications for installing and removal, 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.
 - Remove the negative battery pole.
- Directional references (left, right, front, rear) are always with reference to the driving direction.
- The tested vehicles are left- hand drive vehicles.

After installation please observe the following points:

- After installing the <u>suspension system</u>, caster and camber must be checked and adjusted according to manufacturer's specifications.

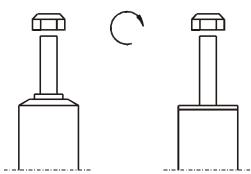
 Check and reset load- dependent brake compensator and ABS system according to manufacturer's specifications.
 - Check and adjust headlight setting. -
- If the vehicle has been lowered, freedom of movement (clearance) for all wheel/ tire combinations must be checked.
- All rubber- mounted strut/ damper 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.
 - Connect the negative battery pole. -

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



list of torques

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!



Removal

Place vehicle on a wheel- free car hoist, lift it and remove wheels.

Vehicles equipped with xenon headlight the movable element of sensor for the headlamp levelling controller must removed before.



Pay attention that support wires of brake system are strain-free during removal. Stabilization by suitable means is demanded.

Remove bottom mounting.

If necessary release brake hose/ brake hose holder/ stabilizer/ ABS- hose and/ or swing- support at strut.

Detach cable connection from dome inside engine compartment.

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

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

Using a suitable spring compressor, compress suspension spring until support bearing is free to move.

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

Installing

Fit original/ BILSTEIN mounting parts on strut in reverse order as removal.



Before releasing the spring, care is to be taken to ensure that the spring rests in the cut outs of top and bottom spring plate!

Fit assembled BILSTEIN strut to the vehicle in reverse order as removal.



