



IMPORTANT! READ THIS FIRST!

Installation of shock absorbers or other suspension components requires special tools and expert knowledge. Accordingly, installation of all BILSTEIN products must be performed by a professional automotive suspension technician.

When replacing other brands, BILSTEIN shock absorbers or other suspension components should always be installed as a set. All BILSTEIN products 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.**

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

If you install any BILSTEIN product without the necessary special tools, expertise, and chassis hoist, you may subject yourself to the risk of serious bodily injury or death.

BILSTEIN shock absorbers are gas-filled and are highly pressurized.

- Never place any BILSTEIN shock absorbers in a vise or use a clamp on any BILSTEIN shock absorber.
- Never apply heat near any BILSTEIN shock absorber.
- 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.**

While installing any BILSTEIN product:

- Do not use impact tools for loosening or tightening fasteners, because this may destroy the screw threads.
- Self-locking fasteners must only be used **once!**
- 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 shock absorber piston rod and seal.
- All mounting fasteners for shock absorbers and other suspension components must be securely tightened before tension is placed on the suspension system, unless otherwise specified in the manufacturer's service manual or in this instruction.

After installing any BILSTEIN product:

- The suspension caster and camber must be checked and/or adjusted to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- 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.
- The headlight aim must be checked and adjusted. Or, if applicable, adaptive headlights must be checked and recalibrated to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- If applicable, any/all Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) must be checked and recalibrated to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

CAUTION for COILOVER TYPE SUSPENSIONS!!!

If disassembling a coilover type suspension, refer to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual for proper procedures. The coil spring is preloaded and must be compressed with a spring compressor to release load before the upper mount is disassembled. Failure to follow the vehicle manufacturer's procedures may cause serious injury or death, and may damage the vehicle.

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This BILSTEIN product may or may not be compatible with non-BILSTEIN aftermarket products and/or vehicle modifications. It is the responsibility of the professional automotive suspension technician performing the installation to identify any non-OEM components and/or modifications on the vehicle that may interact with the suspension system. These must be evaluated for any potential physical static or dynamic interference with and/or effect on the function of this BILSTEIN product.

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MOUNTING INSTRUCTION



BILSTEIN 5160 Series Reservoir Shock Absorbers are designed to fit your vehicle's original shock mounts with no modifications. With the exception of reservoir placement, the 5160 Series shocks are installed in the same manner as a standard replacement shock.

Note: The shocks and hardware depicted herein may differ slightly in appearance from the supplied components.

In order to complete the installation, the following tools in addition to common hand tools will be required:

- Drill
- Size 7 drill bit (.201")
- 1/4"-20 tap and tap wrench
- Centerpunch and/or marker
- Tape measure

Front Shock Installation Procedure:

- Remove the existing front shocks from the vehicle following all procedures in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual.
- Install the front shock in the original location and attach the lower mount. Do not fully tighten at this time.
- Using the supplied stem mounting hardware, install the upper mount. Please refer to Figure 1 for the proper order of installation of the stem hardware. Make sure that the hose fitting on the shock is facing outward. Refer to Figure 3 for the correct shock position.
- Be sure to lower the vehicle such that its full weight is on the suspension prior to fully tightening the fasteners.
- Tighten the lower mount fasteners to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual torque specification.
- Tighten the locknut on the stem until there is no gap between the components, then tighten the locknut an additional 5 turns.

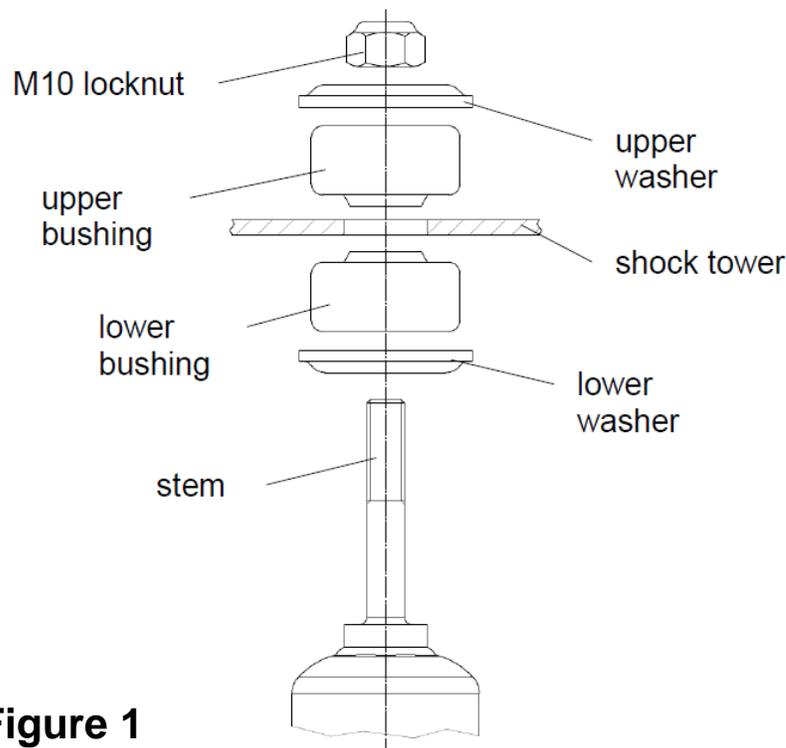


Figure 1

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Front Reservoir Bracket Installation Procedure:

- A. The front reservoir brackets are recommended to be installed on the outer frame rail, between the upper shock mount and the forward upper control arm mount. Each front shock includes a bracket kit.
- B. Each bracket kit includes two ¼"-20 screws and two split washers. The frame rail must be drilled and tapped in order to install the screws.
- C. Figure 2 depicts the recommended bracket position. The passenger side is shown.



- D. Mark or scribe the side of the framerrail with a line approximately centered between the upper shock mount and the forward upper control arm mount. This line can be vertical or angled slightly forward so it appears parallel with the shock body. Either position is acceptable.
- E. Place the bracket against the frame with the concave side facing outward and with the holes on center with the marked line. Adjust the bracket position such that it is approximately centered between the top and bottom of the frame rail.
- F. Using the bracket as a template, mark the two-hole locations with the marker and/or centerpunch. Note: The hole centers in the bracket are exactly 5" apart and are slightly oversized to allow for some variance in hole spacing on the frame.
- G. Using the size 7 drill bit, drill a hole in side of the frame rail at each of the points marked. It is recommended to drill a smaller pilot hole first to prevent the larger bit from wandering. Be sure to keep the drill bit as perpendicular as possible to the side of the frame rail. It is also recommended to use cutting oil to drill the frame.
- H. Tap the holes using the ¼"-20 tap. Be sure to keep the tap as perpendicular as possible to the side of the frame rail. It is recommended to use cutting oil to tap the threads in the frame. Clean out the chips and oil after tapping.

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- I. Using the provided ¼"-20 bolts and split washers, install the reservoir bracket onto the frame. The concave side of the bracket must face outward. It is recommended that a non-permanent thread locking compound be used on the threads.
- J. Torque both bolts to 10 lb•ft (13.6 N•m).
- K. Using the provided hose clamps, slide the open bands through the thin slots on the sides of the bracket.
- L. Secure the reservoir to the bracket using the hose clamps. The hose fittings are designed to swivel to allow the reservoir and hose to be more easily positioned. Figure 3 depicts the reservoir installed.



- M. Tighten the hose clamps until the reservoir cannot be manually rotated.
- N. The position of the brake line bracket on the upper control arm may need to be adjusted in order to clear the reservoir and hose.
- O. Carefully check for any possible interference between the reservoirs and any other components on the vehicle, then make any necessary adjustments to the reservoir positions. The reservoir mounting locations depicted herein are appropriate for most GM trucks for which this kit is intended, however, some wheel/tire and/or lift kit combinations may create interference problems. It is the responsibility of the installer to determine if the reservoirs are mounted appropriately and if there is any potential for interference.