

DIRECT-REPLACEMENT  
**INSTALLATION GUIDE**



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Thank you for choosing FOX direct-replacement shocks for your vehicle. FOX products are designed, tested, and manufactured by the finest professionals in the industry.

FOX recommends that you become completely familiar with the handling characteristics of your modified vehicle before operating it under rigorous conditions, helping to avoid potential rollover situations and other loss of control events. FOX further recommends that you use appropriate protective equipment at all times when operating your vehicle.

To achieve the best performance and product longevity, periodic service and maintenance is required. Please refer to the Service and Upgrades section for more information.

## WARNINGS

- FOX direct-replacement shocks should always be installed as a pair for maximum performance.
- Proper installation and service procedures are essential for the safe and reliable installation of chassis parts, requiring the experience and tools specially designed for this purpose. Installation and maintenance procedures for this product must be performed by a qualified service technician, to avoid potentially unsafe vehicle handling characteristics, which may result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**.
- Modifying your vehicle's suspension will change the handling characteristics of your vehicle. Under certain conditions, your modified vehicle may be more susceptible to loss of control or rollover, which can result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**. Thoroughly familiarize yourself with the modified vehicle handling characteristics before any rigorous vehicle operation. Wear body protective gear including head protection when appropriate.

Installation of vehicle roll bars or cage is highly recommended.

- FOX direct-replacement shocks are gas-charged and are highly pressurized. Placing shocks in a vise or clamp, applying heat, or attempting to open or service the shock without the proper tools and training can result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**. Do not attempt to modify, puncture or incinerate a FOX direct-replacement, coil-over shock absorber.
- Any attempt to misuse, misapply, modify, or tamper with any FOX product voids any warranty and may result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**.

## GUIDELINES

- Always use a chassis lift for the installation of shocks, and make certain that the raised vehicle is securely attached to the lift to prevent the vehicle from slipping, falling, or moving during the installation process.
- **DO NOT** install any FOX product without the necessary special tools, expertise and chassis lift, or you will subject yourself to the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**. If you elect to



not use a chassis lift (which election may result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**), ensure that the vehicle is on level ground, that all tires on the ground during installation are blocked to prevent vehicle movement, that at least two tires are on the ground at all times, and that adequately secured jack stands are used to support the vehicle. **NEVER** get under the vehicle until you have checked to ensure that the vehicle will be stable during installation.

- FOX direct-replacement shocks are designed to fit your vehicle's shock mounts with no modifications with the exception of reservoir placement on specific models and applications.
- To adjust the ride height, first lift the vehicle (refer to the **INSTALLATION GUIDELINES** for instructions on how to properly lift the vehicle). After properly lifted, loosen the pinch bolt securing the main spring retainer (Loosen bolt until it spins freely, **DO NOT** remove bolt!). Using a spanner wrench, adjust the main spring retainer as required. If shocks have locking rings, loosen the top lock ring and adjust main spring retainer as needed. Once set,

retighten the top lock ring against the main spring retainer. **IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO USE A SPRING COMPRESSOR WHEN MAKING ANY TYPE OF PRE LOAD ADJUSTMENT**

## INSTRUCTIONS -FRONT

Medium-strength thread-lock (blue Loctite®) is recommended on all bolts.

1. Please read the installation guidelines for instructions on how to properly lift and secure the vehicle.
2. Record the front vehicle ride height to ensure proper lift is attained after kit is installed. You will be able to make preload adjustments if needed once the shock assembly is installed. (Spanner wrench required) READ INSTALLATION GUIDELINES ON HOW TO PROPERLY ADJUST PRELOAD
3. Remove both front wheels.
4. Disconnect sway bar at the lower control arm on both sides. (Fig. 1 - Step 1)
5. Disconnect both outer tie rod ends from spindle steering arm. (Fig.1 - step 2)
6. Disconnect both upper control arms from spindle steering arm. Be careful not to damage any electric wires or brake lines. (Fig.1 - Step 3)
7. Remove the (3) top nuts that secure the stock shock assembly to the vehicle. DO NOT remove center nut;

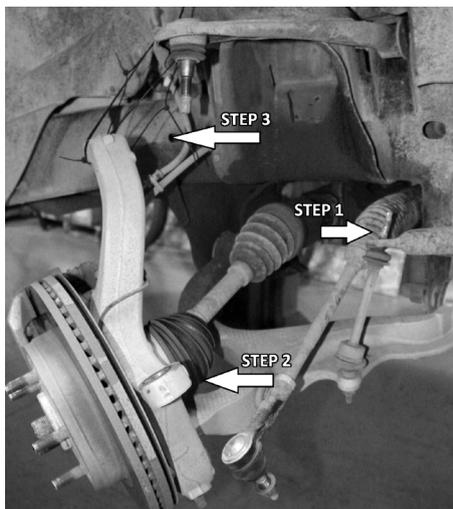


Fig. 1 - Passenger Side

doing so will release the spring from the stock assembly and could result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH!**

8. Remove the (1) bolt and nut connecting the shock to the lower control arm. (Do not discard bolt and nut as it will be used with your new FOX coil-over kit)
9. Remove the stock shock assembly. You may need to use a pry bar to lower

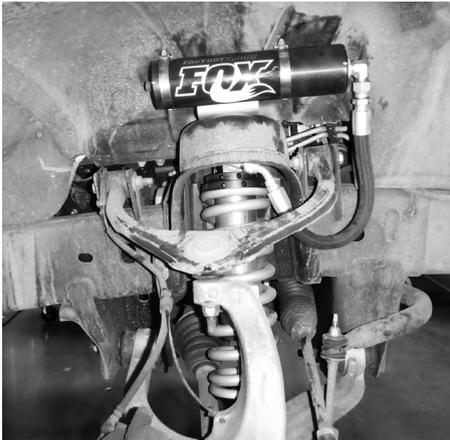


Fig. 2: Passenger side

the suspension enough to remove the stock shock. Be careful not to damage any brake lines or electrical wires.

10. Install the new coil-over assembly. With remote reservoir models make sure that the hoses are facing outward and towards the front of the vehicle. (Fig.2) Connect the top shock hat to the vehicle using the bolts and washers provided or with Performance Series models connect the top shock hat to the vehicle using the nuts and

washers provided. Tighten all three bolts/nuts to 24 ft\*lbs. (you will need to remove the outer center bolt to install the reservoir bracket in step 12)

11. Connect the shock assembly to the lower control arm, reusing the stock bolt and nut. Torque to factory specifications.
12. On the external reservoir models, install the reservoir bracket by placing on top of the vehicle coil-over bucket and align the bracket center hole with the outer center hole of the shock top hat, install supplied bolt and torque to 24 ft\*lbs.
13. On the external reservoir models, install the reservoir onto reservoir bracket using two supplied clamps. Utilize the slots in the bracket to locate clamps. Do not feed clamps through the slots in the brackets.
14. Reconnect upper control arm to steering knuckle on both sides and torque to factory specifications.
15. Reconnect the sway bar on both sides and torque to factory specifications.

16. Reconnect the outer tie rod on both sides and torque to factory specifications
17. Check that the suspension has proper clearance by steering completely in both directions.
18. Reinstall both front wheels and torque to factory specifications.
19. Set vehicle back on the ground and drive it back and forth several feet to allow the suspension to settle. Now measure ride height and make adjustments if necessary. **READ INSTALLATION GUIDELINES ON HOW TO PROPERLY ADJUST PRELOAD**
20. It is highly recommended that you have your wheel alignment checked.

## **INSTRUCTIONS - REAR**

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1. Please read the installation guidelines for instructions on how to properly lift and secure the vehicle.
2. Remove fender liners from each side of vehicle.
3. Remove stock shocks. It may be necessary to support or raise the vehicle axle in order to remove bolts and for installation of new shock. (Do not discard bolts and nuts, as they will be used with your new Shock.)
4. Install new shock, reusing factory bolts and nuts. On external reservoir models, make sure that hoses are facing toward the front of the vehicle on both driver and passenger sides. Torque to factory specifications. (Fig. 3)
5. For external reservoir models, install supplied reservoir brackets onto the vehicle frame as shown (Fig 4). Align lower bracket hole approximately 1.5" from factory bed mount bracket toward the front of the vehicle and vertically 2" above welded seam on

side of frame. Mark hole and drill a 7/32" pilot hole, then secure the reservoir bracket to the frame with one of the supplied 1/4" self tapping screws. Angle bracket approximately 45 degrees toward the front of vehicle. Repeat marking and drilling the upper bracket hole and installing self tapping screw.

6. On external reservoir models, install the reservoir onto the reservoir bracket using the supplied hose clamps. Utilize the slots in the bracket to locate clamps. Do not feed clamps through the slots in the brackets.
7. Reinstall fender liners.



Fig. 3 - Passenger Side



Fig. 4 - Passenger Side



## **FOX LIMITED WARRANTY**

FOX Factory, Inc., a California corporation having offices at 130 Hangar Way, Watsonville, CA 95076 (“FOX”), makes the following LIMITED WARRANTY with respect to its suspension products:

### **LIMITED ONE (1) YEAR WARRANTY ON SUSPENSION PRODUCTS**

Subject to the limitations, terms and conditions hereof, FOX warrants, to the original retail owner of each new FOX suspension product, that the FOX suspension product, when new, is free from defects in materials and workmanship. Unless otherwise required by law, this warranty expires one (1) year from the date of the original FOX suspension product retail purchase from an authorized FOX dealer or from a FOX authorized Original Equipment Manufacturer where FOX suspension is included as original equipment on a purchased vehicle. If law requires a warranty duration of greater than one (1) year, then, subject to the other provisions hereof, this warranty will expire at the end of the minimum warranty period required by such law.

## **TERMS OF WARRANTY**

This warranty is conditioned on the FOX suspension product being operated under normal conditions and properly maintained as specified by FOX. This warranty is only applicable to FOX suspensions purchased new from an authorized FOX source and is made only to the original retail owner of the new FOX suspension product and is not transferable to subsequent owners. This warranty is void if the FOX suspension product is subjected to abuse, neglect, improper or unauthorized repair, improper or unauthorized service or maintenance, alteration, modification, accident or other abnormal, excessive, or improper use.

Should it be determined by FOX in its sole and final discretion, that a FOX suspension product is covered by this warranty, it will be repaired or replaced, by a comparable model, at FOX’s sole option, which will be conclusive and binding. **THIS IS THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY UNDER THIS WARRANTY. ANY AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES AND DAMAGES THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE APPLICABLE ARE EXCLUDED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**



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This limited warranty does not apply to normal wear and tear, malfunctions or failures that result from abuse, improper assembly, neglect, alteration, improper maintenance, crash, misuse or collision. This limited warranty gives the consumer specific legal rights. The consumer may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state or country to country. Some states and countries do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages or warranties, and if dictated by law the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that a certain provision of this limited warranty does not apply, such determination shall not affect any other provision of this limited warranty and all other provisions shall remain in full effect.

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