



Cognito Motorsports Inc. Bilstein spec front strut shock for 2014 GM 1500 trucks and SUV's

The Cognito front strut shock made by Bilstein is used by removing the factory spring and hardware from the OEM strut and is re-used on the Bilstein strut. On 2014 models, the OEM strut has 2 hardware components inside that must be removed before installing the rest of the hardware on the Bilstein strut.

1. First mark the top mounting plate that has the studs, in a fashion that will allow you to align the new strut in the same clocking that the OEM strut is relative to the top mounting plate. Note that the bottom bar pin mount is not symmetric.
2. Using a strut compressor, compress the spring so that the shock can spin by hand inside the spring.
3. Remove the top nut with 18mm socket, while keeping a hand on the bottom of the damper so it doesn't fall to the floor. Remove the damper from the compressor, then unload the spring compressor and remove the spring. The spring will have the bump stop and cup stuck in the bottom of it.
4. Remove the top plate off the spring, get the hardware out of the spring. This will be the bump stop can with the bump stop stuck in it. Remove the bump stop from the can as shown in Figure 1.

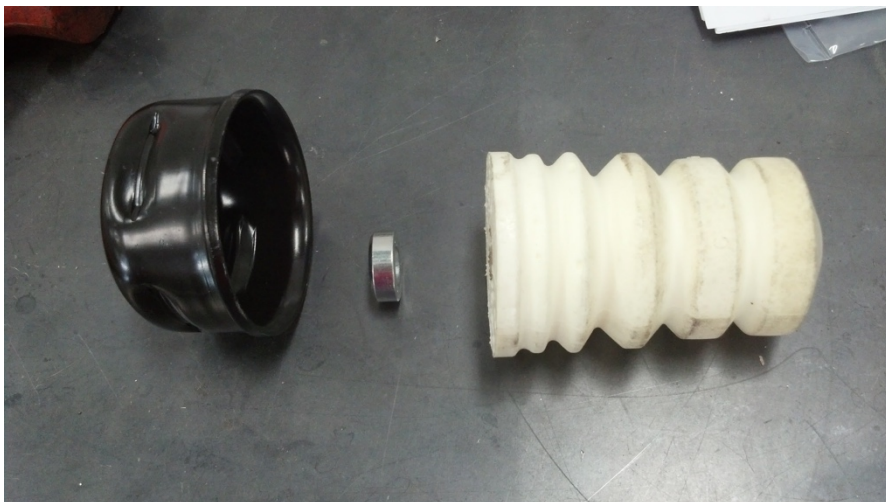


Figure 1:

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5. From figure 1, discard the can and the spacer. You will only use the bump stop. Install the bump stop on the new Bilstein strut as shown in Figure 2.

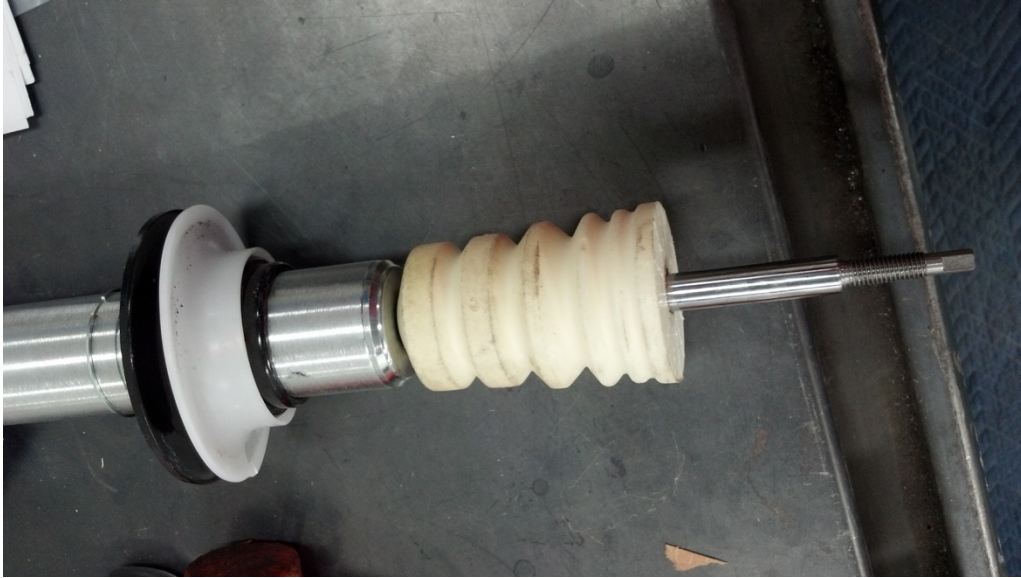


Figure 2

6. The clip on the new Bilstein strut needs to be set now, the lowest clip position is for the lowest vehicle height setting. The highest clip position will offer 2-2.5" of lift from stock depending on the vehicle.
7. Now place the spring and top plate back together and in the compressor. Compress the spring and then install the Bilstein strut up through the bottom. Fasten the nut and tighten to 50 ft.lbs of torque. Remove from strut compressor.

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The installation of this kit will modify the suspension of your vehicle and may cause it to handle significantly different than a factory equipped vehicle. Installing larger tires with modified suspension and increased ground clearance will significantly alter the handling characteristics of the vehicle, and may result in increased braking distances as well as changes in vehicle maneuverability and handling compared to the factory equipped vehicle. As with any vehicle, extreme caution and care must be used to prevent loss of control or roll-over during sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers. Always wear seat belts and drive safely, recognizing the reduced speeds and specialized driving techniques is required.

This suspension system will not strengthen nor reinforce the stock frame of the vehicle, nor will it increase rollover protection. It is necessary to periodically inspect all suspension and drive train components for tightness of fit or any damage. Installation of these parts will modify the height of the vehicle and will raise the center of gravity. Altered height modifications and off-road operation may increase your vehicle's susceptibility to roll over conditions and may cause serious injury or death. Many states regulate the height modification to each vehicle. Check the laws in your state for exact specifications. Height modifications may affect the reaction, ride, handling, and wear factor of your vehicle's components.

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