

# E4-WM5-Y180A04 MOUNTING INSTRUCTION



## Before installation please observe the following points:

## After 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 fitting and removing, if not otherwise required in these instructions.
- 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.
- The test vehicles are left- hand drive cars.

- 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.
- 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 tight-ened BEFORE load is placed on the suspension system.

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

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

## Removal

Place vehicle on a chassis hoist,  
lift it and remove wheels.

Disconnect the negative battery pole.



***The lower control arm must be supported by suitable means!***

Remove bottom mount.

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

At support suspension arm, screw on top,  
inside must be released a little.

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

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

Using a suitable spring compressor, compress  
suspension spring until tension on support  
bearing is released.

Fit original/ BILSTEIN mounting parts on strut in  
reverse sequence to removal, except for dust cover  
and bump stop, since BILSTEIN- strut has built  
in bump stop. If there is no dust cover delivered  
by BILSTEIN, the original one is to be reused.

Please refer to diagram to identify which parts will  
be replaced with BILSTEIN- supplied components.

**ATTENTION:** Some models are equipped with  
plastic- dustcover cap also. This cap **do not** reuse!

The original spring pad must be reused!

## Install

Assemble BILSTEIN and/ or original mounting  
parts, as well as the new BILSTEIN spring  
on the BILSTEIN strut in reverse sequence  
of removal.



***Before releasing the spring, care  
is to be taken to ensure that the  
spring rest in the cutouts of top  
and bottom spring plate!***

The correct mounting position of the suspension  
springs can be determined by the printing on  
the springs; install them with the print upright.

Fit assembled BILSTEIN strut to  
the vehicle in reverse sequence of removal.

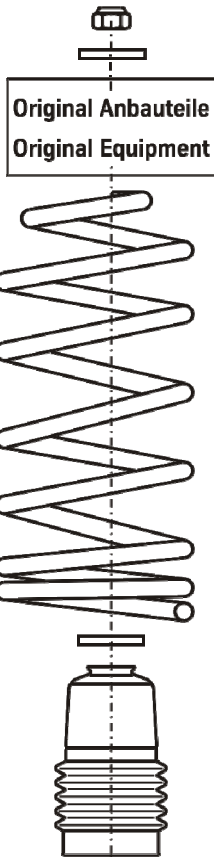
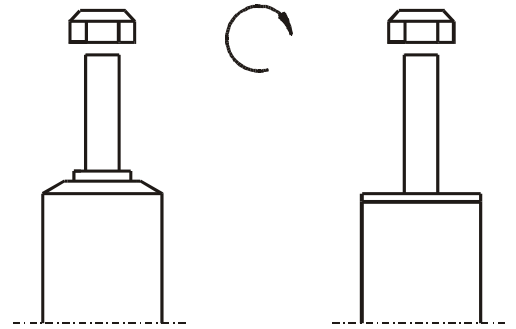
Connect the negative battery pole again.

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## list of torques

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



**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!**

