



## PARTS APPROVAL



# Parts Approval

Nr. / No. 1116/21  
vom / of 28.05.2021



**on the compliance of a vehicle when vehicle parts are properly installed  
and fitted to the car in accordance with § 19 Par. 3 No. 4 StVZO**

Modification

fbaus / Continuously adjustable suspension system for  
lowering the car body

Part type(s)

: ... **20 0DJ** Achslast vorn bis 1100 kg  
max. front axle load 1100 kg  
... **20 0DK** Achslast vorn von 1101 kg bis 1155 kg  
max. front axle load between 1101 kg and 1155 kg

Manufacturer

: KW automotive GmbH  
Aspachweg 14  
D-74427 Fichtenberg

Typ(en)

: BMW / G3L

max. axle load

: VA (front axle) 1155 kg  
HA (rear axle) 1255 kg

## **0. Instructions for vehicle owner**

### **Performance and confirmation without delay of modification acceptance**

*With the modification the type approval of the vehicle will expire if the modification acceptance provided for in StVZO § 19 Par. 3 is not performed and confirmed without delay or if conditions laid down are not complied with.*

*After performance of the technical modification, the vehicle must be pre-sented without delay together with the present TÜV parts approval to an officially recognised inspector at a Technical Inspection Centre or to an inspection engineer from an officially recognised inspection organisation to perform and confirm the specified modification acceptance.*

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## Compliance with Conditions and Notes

The Conditions and Notes given in III. and IV. must be complied with.

### Availability of documents

After the acceptance procedure the certificate with confirmation of the modification acceptance must be carried in the car and presented to authorised persons on demand; this will not apply once the vehicle documents have been amended.

### Amendment of vehicle documents

The vehicle owner must apply, in accordance with the provision in the confirmation of modification acceptance, for the competent licensing authority to amend the veh. documents (vehicle registr. documents).

Further conditions can be found in the confirmation of modification acceptance.

## I. Verwendungsbereich / Field of application

Vehicle manufacturer	Trade name	Vehicle type	Variants and versions	Type approval
BMW	3er (G20)	G3L	only vehicles with four wheel drive	e1*?/?*1947*..

The part of the EC type approval number showing \*?/?\* merely document the current status of the framework directive and are of no significance for this parts approval as long as the parts of the vehicle which are relevant to the lowering of the bodywork have not changed.

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## II. Description of the modification

Front axle Part type ... 20 0DJ

	<b>Pre spring</b>	<b>Main spring</b>
Marking	<i>non existent</i>	2041 <i>imprinted EPS-powder coating</i>
Corrosion protection		
Wire size		11,4 mm
Outer diameter		118 mm
		- mm
		84 mm
Untensioned height		235 mm
Number of coils	7,2	
Coil shape		<i>Cone / head(s) baselined</i>
Spring characteristic		progressiv

	<b>Spring cup seat (top)</b>	<b>Spring cup seat (bottom)</b>
Max. diameter	Serie OEM part	82 mm
Diameter rest		61 mm
Height		24 mm
Spring height adjustment	<i>Infinitely adjustable cup seat (Strut)</i>	

	<b>Strut</b>
Damping adjustment (rebound/ compression)	<i>without / manual / elektronik (DDC)</i>
Marking	200 1056 L/R

	<b>Rubber or polyurethane foam element</b>
Bump stop	
High/Diameter	50/58 mm
Bump travel	<i>extended by 15 mm</i>

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Front axle Part type ... 20 ODK

	<b>Pre spring</b>	<b>Main spring</b>
Marking	<i>non existent</i>	2068
Corrosion protection		<i>imprinted EPS-powder coating</i>
Wire size		11,9 mm
Outer diameter		118 mm
oben / top mitte / middle unten / bottom		- mm
Untensioned height		85 mm
Number of coils		235 mm
		7,1
Coil shape		<i>Cone / head(s) baselined</i>
Spring characteristic		progressiv

	<b>Spring cup seat (top)</b>	<b>Spring cup seat (bottom)</b>
Max. diameter	Serie OEM part	82 mm
Diameter rest		61 mm
Height		24 mm
Spring height adjustment	<i>Infinitely adjustable cup seat (Strut)</i>	

	<b>Strut</b>
Damping adjustment (rebound/ compression)	<i>without / manual / elektronik (DDC)</i>
Marking	200 1056 L/R

	<b>Rubber or polyurethane foam element</b>
Bump stop	
High/Diameter	50/58 mm
Bump travel	<i>extended by 15 mm</i>

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## Rear axle

	<b>Pre spring</b>	<b>Main spring</b>
Marking	20-60-80	120-220*
Corrosion protection	imprinted EPS-powder coating	imprinted EPS-powder coating
Wire size	5,4 x 9,4 mm	13,6 mm
Outer diameter	- mm	- mm
oben / top	80 mm	89 mm
mitte / middle	- mm	- mm
unten / bottom	80 mm	220 mm
Untensioned height	80 mm	220 mm
Number of coils	6	7,75
Coil shape	Cylinder, head(s) baselined	Cylinder, head(s) baselined
Spring characteristic	linear	linear

	<b>Spring cup seat (top)</b>	<b>intermediate ring (middle)</b>
Max. diameter	80 mm	80 mm
Diameter rest	61 mm	61 mm
Height	17 mm	20 mm

	<b>Spring cup seat (bottom)</b>	
Max. diameter	80 mm	
Diameter rest	61 mm	
Height	17 mm	
Spring height adjustment	Infinitely adjustable cup seat (threaded bush)	

	<b>Shock absorber</b>
Damping adjustment (rebound/ compression)	without / manual / elektronik (DDC)
Marking	200 1149

	<b>Rubber or polyurethane foam element</b>
Bump stop	
High/Diameter	50/50 mm
Bump travel	extended by 25 mm

### III.

#### **Notes on possible combination with other modifications**

##### **III. 1 Wheel/tyre combinations**

*There are no technical objections against the use of all O. E. wheel/tyre combinations.*

*If other wheel-/ tyre combinations are used, the examination in accordance with § 21 German Road Traffic Licensing Code - StVZO must be carried out by an officially recognised expert.*

##### **III. 2 Aerodynamic devices, special exhaust systems etc.**

*c.).*

*The dynamic ground clearance is decreased by the provision of special springs/dampers which increase the bump travel of the front and rear axle. In the case of the test vehicle, the min. ground clearance of 80 mm is complied with (below front axle). Care must be taken when driving over humps, barriers and heightened paving or road surfaces.*

*If special spoilers, aprons and exhaust systems are mounted, attention must be paid to the decreased overhang angle (driving up ramps etc.).*

### IV. Conditions and Notes

#### **Conditions and notes for the installation shop and modification acceptance**

*Mounting of the vehicle bodywork components will be performed in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications which must be included in the delivery and should be carried out by a specialist shop.*

*Please check regularly, that the main and helper spring at rear axle are in right position and that there is enough pre-tension, when the rear axle is fully extended. In the case of sufficient pretension, the length of the helper spring must be by approx. 60 mm.*

*The sensors adjustment of the driver assistance systems (for example, radar sensor, camera systems) must be checked.*

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*The headlight adjustment has to be checked.*

*After modification an axle alignment must be carried out on the vehicle.*

*The bump stops (rubber or polyurethane foam element) must correspond to the descriptions of this re-port. Additional travel limiters are not allowed.*

*When installing the coilover kit in vehicles with electronic damping control - depending on the technical specification of the vehicle - the electronic dampers need to either*

- be deactivated by the use of "KW simulating plugs" respectively by changing the software or*
  - to be connected with the plugs of the serial dampers via the "KW connectors" of the KW dampers.*
- The simulating plugs which optionally can be used, consist of a plug-in sleeve with an integrated electric coil. These plugs are to be connected with the vehicle-mounted connectors instead of the serial dampers in order to simulate the situation that the serial ones would still be installed, furthermore in order to rule out an error signal.*

*Use of the lowering kit on vehicles with levelling system is not permitted.*

*The optional installed Dynamic Damping Control (DDC) was tested with regard to the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), the system stability and the driving dynamics.  
The damping characteristic is adjustable in three steps.*

*The vehicle height must be laid down in the vehicle documents in box 20. The precise measure of the lowering will depend on the specific vehicle tolerances, tyre size and vehicle version.*

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dimensions (mm)

Vehicle	adjustment range (min. – max.)		Clearance		Size of lowering	
	VA/front <sup>1)</sup>	HA/rear <sup>2)</sup>	VA/front <sup>3)</sup>	HA/rear <sup>3)</sup>	VA/front <sup>*</sup>	HA/rear <sup>*</sup>
BMW 3er Allrad	170 – 190	25 – 40	330	325	25 – 45	25 – 45

- 1) Distance from the spring rest to the nearest fastening screw
- 2) Distance from contact point of the car to the adjustable spring perch
- 3) Minimum distance from wheel centre to wheelhouse rim

The suspension lowering was determined on the test vehicle. For vehicles with factory lowering, the specified lowering rate is reduced by the factory lowering dimension.

Amendment of vehicle documents:

Amendment of the vehicle documents is only necessary the next time the approval authority has to do with the vehicle documents. The following example is suggested for the entry:

Item	Entry
22	Mit stufenlos verstellbarem Fahrwerk der Fa. KW automotive GmbH; Kennz. Federn vorn: 2041, hinten: 20-60-80 / 120-220*; Federbein vorn: 200 1056 L/R, Dämpfer hinten: 200 1149; Maß Radmitte bis Radhausauschnittkante VA/HA.../... *

## V. Basis of tests and test results

The test vehicle and the modification parts were subjected to a test in accordance with the test conditions regarding raising / lowering of vehicles contained in VdTÜV Merkblatt 751 (26.01.2018).  
The test conditions were fulfilled.

## VI. Annex: none

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## VII. Concluding certification

*It is hereby certified that the vehicles described under field of application satisfy the regulations of StVZO in the current version after modification and performed and confirmed modification acceptance, provided the conditions/notes given in the present TÜV approval are observed.*

*The manufacturer KW automotive GmbH maintains a quality management system according to ISO 9001:2015 (Certificate Registration No.: 12 100 22913 TMS).*

*The parts approval may only be reproduced and passed on by the manufacturer in its unabbreviated form.*

*The TÜV parts approval shall cease to be valid if technical modifications are made to the vehicle part or if modifications made to the vehicles described affect use of the part and in the case of any changes to the statutory specifications.*



# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



# *KW automotive*

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

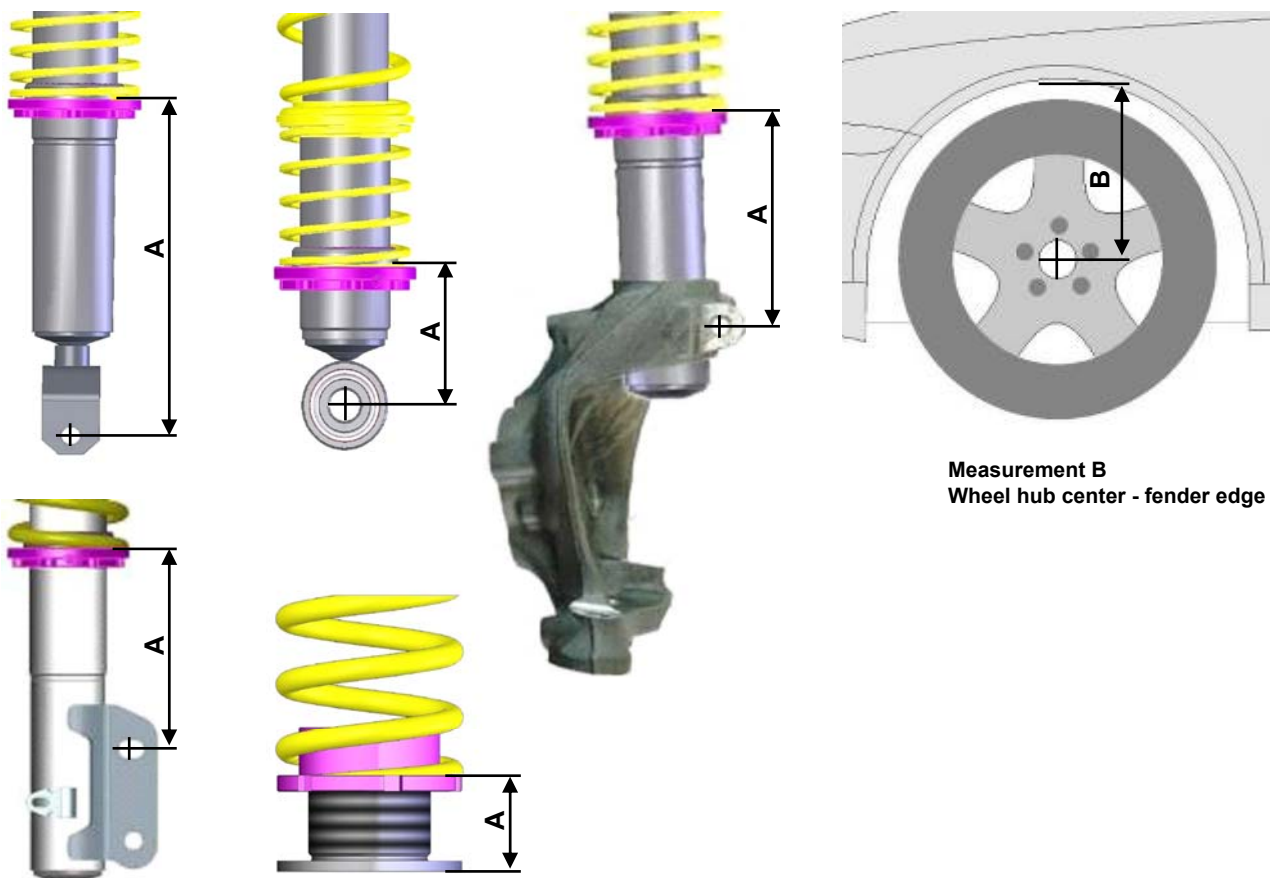
**Before you begin installation,  
please read the following carefully:**

- **Ensure that the certificate matches the vehicle specifications (front vehicle identification number (VIN)) etc...**
- **The suspension components must match the suspensions application specifications (springs and shock/struts identification numbers).**
- **The instructions have to be strictly observed.**

KW Coilovers for automobile suspensions are designed for easy installation. If not otherwise stipulated in these instructions, all suspension components are installed and removed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for installing and removing standard springs and damper components. At the time of printing all instructions and specifications are correct.

Technical data	Coilover part number ... 20 0DK			
Vehicle model	BMW 3-series (G20) 4WD type G3L		max. permissible front axle load: 1101 - 1155 kg	
	front axle		rear axle	
Spring signature	2068		20-60-80 / 120-220*	
Coilover strut / Shock absorber signature	200 1056		200 1149	
Approximate distance measurement A Front axle: Fastening screw - spring contact area Rear axle: Seating height adjustment - spring contact area or fastening screw - spring contact area	min:	max:	min:	max:
	170 mm / 6,7 inch	190 mm / 7,5 inch	25 mm / 1,0 inch	40 mm / 1,6 inch
Approximate measurement* B in mm / inch: wheel hub center to fender edge	min:		min:	
	330 mm / 13,0 inch		325 mm / 12,8 inch	

Calculating the adjustment range (distance measurement A) : (Photos are examples only)



Measurement B  
Wheel hub center - fender edge

Please enter the adjusted height of the modified car into the list:

Coilover part no	Vehicle type	Measurement A		Wheel hub center - fender edge Measurement B	
		Front	Rear	Front	Rear

\* **IMPORTANT:** The allowable measurement between wheel hub center and fender edge as indicated above, may not exceed these measurements when using standard fenders.

**Danger:**

Always follow the latest accident prevention regulations (not applicable for North America) for each step to prevent any serious bodily harm or injury.

1. We recommend the use of a vehicle hoist or lift when installing the suspension. If a lift is not available and jacking equipment is used, make sure that the vehicle is secured with commercial wheel blocks and jack stand to ensure safety.
2. The suspension components may only be installed by trained technical personnel using the proper tools.
3. The General Installation instructions, as well as the Technical Inspectorate documents must be read BEFORE attempting installation.
4. Never use impact wrenches or guns to install or remove shock absorber piston hardware.
5. Never disassemble or cut open shock absorbers and/or shock absorber inserts. They contain oil under pressure. Danger of explosion.
6. Before driving on public highways, carry out the work steps on page 7, items 11 through 14 after installation.
7. The suspension regulation (when available) needs to be disabled through an authorized dealer.
8. Please take care in any case that fittings (for example fittings of shock absorber housings or fittings of the lower control arm in the housing of the wheel bearing) are free of dust and oil. (see manufacturer guideline)

**General Instructions for Use:**

1. When adjusting the vehicle height, make sure that the threads are clean and free of debris. After initial cleaning, move the perch by 10 mm (0.4 Inches) downwards, and then clean the area that you desire to adjust the perch (up or down).
2. During height adjustments on separate shock and spring systems, remove the perch from the vehicle to adjust the height.
3. After adjusting the vehicle height, repeat steps 11 through 14 from page 7.
4. In the area of the piston rod and the sealing package of the new and used damper there might be oil and grease collected. This could either be caused by using a special black grease during assembling the washer or due to accumulation of streak oil. Further more oil is used during assembling the cartridge and rod guide. There is no reason of worrying about and damage, as in this area also dust and dirt used to be collected.

**Tightening torque for the piston rod nut:**

M8 = **25Nm (18 ft-lb)**, M10x1 = **20Nm (15 ft-lb)**, M10x1,25 = **20Nm (15 ft-lb)**, M12x1,25 = **35Nm (26 ft-lb)**,  
M12x1,5 = **40Nm (29 ft-lb)**, M14x1,5 = **50Nm (37 ft-lb)**, M16x1,5 = **50Nm (37 ft-lb)**

## General Mounting Specifications:

1. We recommend the use of a vehicle hoist or lift when installing the suspension.
2. **Caution:** If the vehicle is equipped with ride height sensors, they should be removed before removal of struts or dampers, otherwise damage may occur.
3. The struts should be removed as specified by manufacturer's instructions.
4. Manufacturer recommended tools for removal of the original struts, or a suitable spring compressor, must be used in order to remove most factory mounted suspension systems.
5. Mount the complete suspension system as described on the following pages.
6. Never use impact drivers to install nuts on the piston rods as permanent damage may occur. It is imperative that you do not damage the piston rod surface, through use of pliers etc, as the smallest damage will result in seal damage, and will not be covered under warranty.
7. Stay within the lowering range specified in the table on page 3.  
**Example:** With a specified range of 20 - 60 mm (0.8 - 2.3 Inches), 40 mm (1.5 Inches) is your height adjustment range.
8. Ensure that the set screw on each spring collar is tightened to prevent movement of the spring perch. On vehicles with separate shock/spring combinations, no set screw is necessary.  
**Caution:** Do not over tighten the set screw. Maximum torque is 1 - 2 Nm (0.74-1.47 ft-lb).
9. Install the suspension components in the vehicle as specified by the vehicle manufacturers in their document.
10. Except as noted, all torque values must comply with manufacturer recommended specifications.
11. After assembly and installation is complete, the vehicle should be rolled onto level ground. Once on level ground, measure the vehicle height and adjust to the customer's requirements, within the prescribed lowering range.  
**Caution:** Wheel hub center—wheel arch maximum measurement in the table of page 3 must not be exceeded! Also take into account minimum road clearances specified in the table on page 7 (only valid for Germany!).  
**Caution:** It is common for the vehicle suspensions to settle by an additional 5 - 10 mm (0.2 - 0.4 Inches)
12. Examine the clearance between the tires and the suspension over the full range of motion of the wheel. The minimum clearance between the suspension and the tire is 4 mm (0.16 Inches). If this clearance is less than 5 mm (0.2 Inches), wheel spacers may be necessary. With strut designs that are located close to the wheel, but that have no steering functions, use 100 mm (3.9 Inches) spacers on diagonally opposed wheel (e.g. front right, rear left). In this position, you must be able to achieve the minimum clearance required. You can also check the clearance between tire and body.  
**Caution:** With torsion beam trailing arm axles, this method is not sufficient. The wheel must be under full load as well as test driven to properly calculate the clearances of 5 mm (0.2 Inches) from any other components.
13. The geometry of the suspension needs to be adjusted according the regulations of the vehicle manufacturer. If a value cannot be reached due to the difference in the height, a optimal value next to the tolerance range of the vehicle manufacturer needs to be adjusted.
14. All components that are controlled by vehicle ride height (e.g. headlights, brake bias regulator etc.) must be adjusted as specified by the vehicle manufacturer instructions and procedures.
15. For vehicles with ESP, DSC or EPC your new suspension components may cause an engine fault code to appear. This is only temporary as the vehicle electronics adjust to the new components/height. On some models this will end after driving approximately 3-5 miles, or through turning the steering wheel from full left to full right. On other models, this must be reset through the factory diagnostic port by a qualified technician.
16. If Vehicles have Driver Assistant Systems and the ride high is lowered by an increase of the compression travel, it must be proofed that all relevant sensors (like Radar Sensor or Camera Systems) be adjusted according to the Manufacture Specifications

**Front axle:**

Supplied coilover strut.

Cut off the standard dust cover on the dashed line. Insert the top part of the dust cover on the spring. The lower part of the dust cover is no longer required.

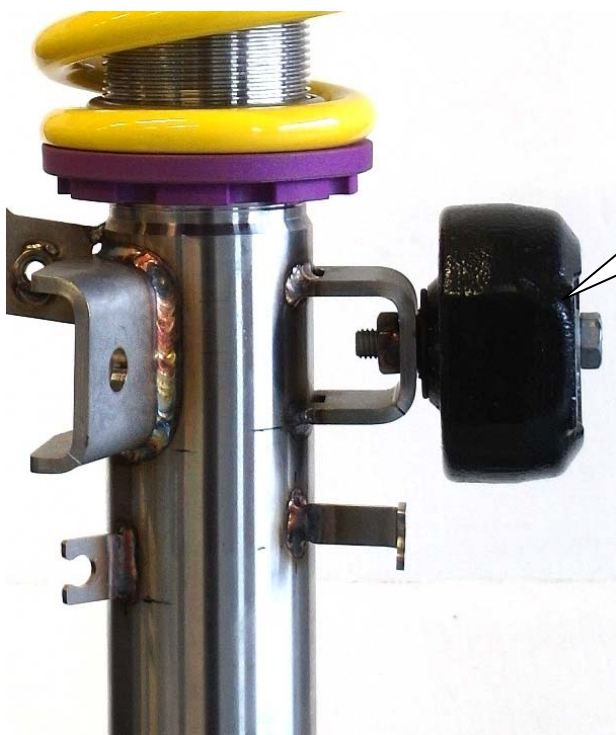


Install the factory top mount with spring perch and secure it with the supplied stop nut. Tightening torque for the piston rod nut is 40 Nm (29 ft-lb). The strut unit has to be installed according to manufacturers instructions settings regarding tightening torque and fixing specifications.



After you have completed installation of the suspension, check the clearance of the tire to the front suspension strut. The minimum clearance at the narrowest point is 5 mm and must, where necessary, be provided using commercially available, Technical Inspectorate approved spacers.

**Front axle:**



If a Vibration damper present in the series, reassemble on strut.



Distance collar:  
Please pay attention that the slot of the strut distance and the hub slot are matching each other.

**Rear axle:**

Supplied rear damper.

Install the factory top mount and secure it with the supplied nuts. Tightening torque for the piston rod nut is 20 Nm (15 ft-lb). In addition, the original seal and the cover must be refitted. The strut unit has to be installed according to manufacturers instructions settings regarding tightening torque and fixing specifications.



**Rear axle:**

Mount the rear axle adjustment between spring and chassis, the original spring supporting disc is not longer used. You have to remove the rear axle adjustment to correct (screw up the threaded ring) the car height.



Intermediate ring

Helper spring

Use the supplied spring adapter at the bottom end of the spring, the original spring supporting disc is not longer used.



# SETUP MANUAL



# KW automotive



## Set Up Manual KW-Variant 2

No. 685 77 514

Our adjustable competition shock absorber is based on the KW twin tube damping system, and features independent rebound adjustment. Depending on the sealing and the adjusting system of the individual kit, our systems may be charged with pressures of 3 to 8 bars, or without any pressure at all.

### Adjusting rebound:

The rebound adjustment is positioned in most cases at the end of the piston rod (top of strut). Please use the supplied KW adjustment wheel on the extruded tab adjuster for all adjustments.

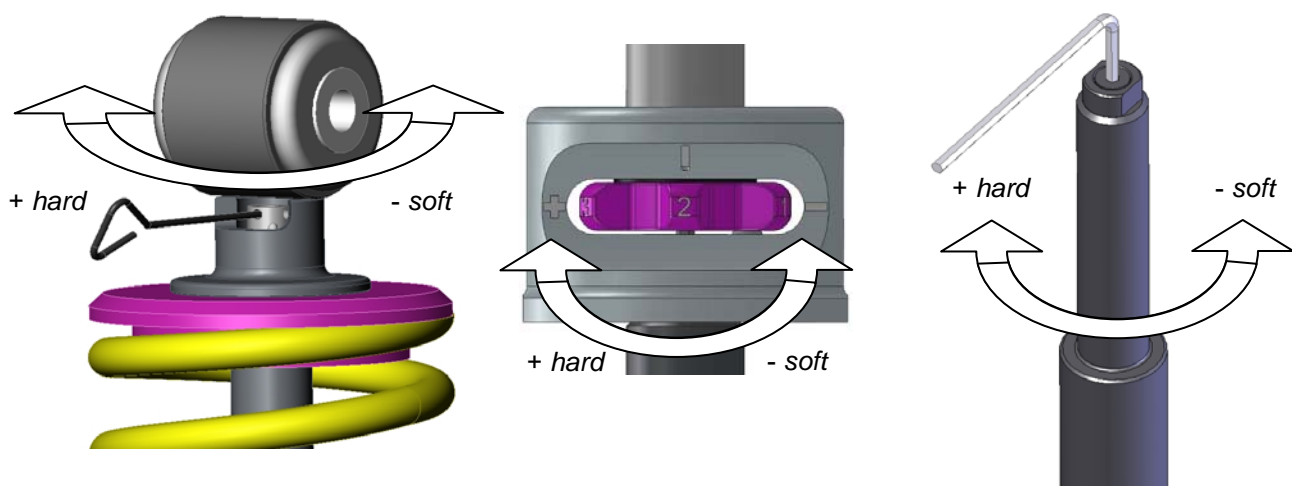
- 1<sup>st</sup> step: Place the KW adjuster on the adjustment Allen bolt.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: Turn the adjuster counter to the right (clockwise) until it stops. The damper is now adjusted to full hard (clockwise = harder).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> step: Turn the KW adjuster counter-clockwise to soften the rebound setting to the desired level. The effective adjustment range is from 0-16 clicks / 0 - 2,75 turns open.

### Attention:

Never drive the vehicle with the shock absorbers set to full hard or full soft! Never apply force to the adjusting mechanism of the shock absorber. As soon as you reach the end of the adjustment range, you will recognize a certain resistance. Stop turning to avoid damage to the bottom valve.

### Rebound adjusting principles:

In general a soft rebound adjustment provides a comfortable ride at low vehicle speeds but the vehicle will have less stability at higher speeds, especially on the front axle (vehicle will tend to float at higher speeds). A hard rebound adjustment offers more stability but could reduce vehicle grip (i.e. the vehicle will tend to skip across road imperfections, reducing traction).



### Our recommendation for your car to start with:

<b>Front axle</b>	Rebound:	1,5	Turns open	or	Rebound:	9	Clicks open
<b>Rear axle</b>	Rebound:	1,5	Turns open	or	Rebound:	9	Clicks open