

DIRECT-REPLACEMENT  
**SMOOTH-BODY SHOCKS**  
INSTALLATION GUIDE



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## WARNINGS

- FOX direct-replacement shocks are designed to fit and allow proper clearance with the factory suspension. If aftermarket suspension components are installed it is the customers responsibility to ensure that at full cycle the suspension clears the FOX shocks.
- FOX direct-replacement shocks should always be installed as a pair for maximum performance.
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## GUIDELINES

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read the INSTALLATION GUIDELINES for instructions on how to properly lift and secure the vehicle.
2. Remove factory shock from vehicle
3. Install new Fox shock with hose pointed toward the rear of the vehicle and routing the reservoir through factory shock tower. (see Fig. 1)



Fig. 1: Passenger side

4. Remove the outer center shock tower nut that secures the shock tower to the coil bucket.
5. Install the reservoir bracket using the bracket center hole on top of the shock tower. Install nut and torque to factory specifications (see Fig. 2)



Fig. 2: Passenger side mounted bracket



Fig. 3: Passenger side after complete installation



6. Install the reservoir onto reservoir bracket using the two supplied clamps. Utilize the slots in the bracket to locate clamps. Do not feed clamps through the slots in the brackets. (see Fig. 3)
- .7. Check that the suspension has proper clearance by steering completely in the both directions.



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YOUR STOCK  
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### **HEAT-REDUCING DESIGN**

- » Cold-forged, metal-impacted 6061 T6 aluminum shock body dissipates heat three times faster than a conventional steel body shock. The 2.0 Performance Series shock runs as cool as a 2.5 diameter shock on the same application.
- » FOX formulated race shock oil developed for ultimate performance at variable temperatures.



# ***RACE PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR DAILY DRIVER***

## ***APPLICATION-SPECIFIC VALVING***

» During development we rigorously tested to maximize offroad performance by utilizing the same proprietary deburred valve shims and high-flow piston design that is found in FOX race products.

## ***TOUGH FINISH***

- » CNC machined aluminum components are Type II hard anodized to a scratch- and fade-free black finish.
- » Heavy-duty 5/8" chrome shafts are induction case hardened to over 55 Rockwell C, virtually eliminating scratches caused by roost and debris.

## ***FADE-FREE PERFORMANCE***

» The Internal Floating Piston (IFP) design separates shock oil from the high-pressure nitrogen charged gas chamber, eliminating oil aeration and cavitation, while providing a predictable ride — capable of handling the roughest conditions with fade-free performance.

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In most cases, FOX direct-replacement, smooth body shocks are mounted with the shock body oriented on top.

## MOUNT CONFIGURATIONS

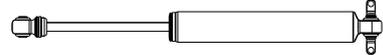
### STEM MOUNT



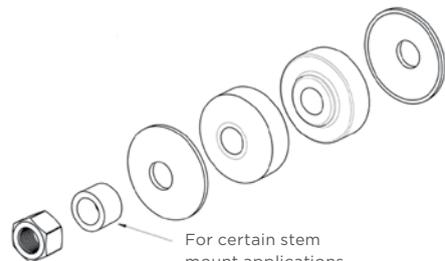
### EYELET BUSHING



### BAR PIN



### CLEVIS MOUNT



For certain stem mount applications, using an additional supplied spacer is required.

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Remove the existing shocks from the vehicle.

When installing reservoir shocks on the vehicle, use the supplied hardware to mount each reservoir to its shock body. Be sure to position each reservoir to clear the chassis frame, suspension linkage, steering components and tires throughout the entire suspension travel.

Install the shock on the vehicle. The original hardware can be reused if it is in good condition, otherwise replace it with new hardware. Do not tighten mounting bushings with excessive torque. The bushings should be preload-compressed only by approximately 1/8". Refer to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual for recommended hardware torque specifications.

NOTE: Some installation applications may have the bushing wider than the sleeve, and some may have the sleeve wider than the bushing.

With the rubber stem mount bushings, make sure the smaller diameter relief on the rubber stem mount bushings are oriented pointing inward towards each other, and the larger relief diameters are facing into the cupped washers.

Install the stem mount hardware parts in the correct assembly sequence and orientation, as shown.

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