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For Toyota Camry (1997-2001) and Toyota Solara (1999-2003)

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Monroe RoadMatic 181678 Suspension Strut and Coil Spring Assembly. This unit is engineered to meet original equipment (OE) specifications, offering a complete solution for strut replacement. Its integrated design aims to reduce installation time by eliminating the need for a spring compressor.



Figure 1: Monroe RoadMatic 181678 Suspension Strut and Coil Spring Assembly. This image shows the complete assembly, including the strut, coil spring, and mounting hardware.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Complete Repair Solution:** Includes all necessary components for strut replacement in a single, pre-assembled unit.
- **No Spring Compressor Required:** The fully integrated design simplifies installation and eliminates the need for specialized tools like a spring compressor.
- **OE Specification Compliance:** Engineered, fitted, and ride-tested to meet or exceed original equipment specifications for optimal performance.
- **Enhanced Ride and Handling:** Features nitrogen gas-charge and all-weather fluid for consistent performance and improved vehicle dynamics.
- **Broad Vehicle Coverage:** Available for a wide range of domestic and import passenger cars, light trucks, and SUVs.

GET MORE MILES FROM YOUR RIDE WITH ROADMATIC®

Engineered and fit and ride tested for domestic and import passenger cars, light trucks and SUVs to meet OE spec



Figure 2: RoadMatic assemblies are designed to extend vehicle lifespan and improve ride quality.

QUICKER, SAFER, EASIER AND COMPLETE REPAIR

Includes everything you need for strut replacement in a single, fully assembled unit with no need for a spring compressor



Figure 3: The RoadMatic design offers a comprehensive and simplified repair process.

CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

Features nitrogen gas-charge and
all-weather fluid for improved ride
and handling



Figure 4: Nitrogen gas-charge and all-weather fluid contribute to reliable performance in various conditions.

3. VEHICLE COMPATIBILITY

The Monroe RoadMatic 181678 Suspension Strut and Coil Spring Assembly is compatible with the following vehicle models:

- 1997-2001 Toyota Camry
- 1999-2001 Toyota Solara
- 2002-2003 Toyota Solara

Important: Before purchasing and installing, verify compatibility by entering your vehicle's year, make, model, engine, and trim information. Consult any qualifier notes to ensure the correct part fitment for your specific vehicle configuration.

4. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Each Monroe RoadMatic 181678 Suspension Strut and Coil Spring Assembly package typically includes:

- 1 x Pre-assembled Strut and Coil Spring Unit
- Mounting Hardware
- Parts Pack(s) (as required for installation)

5. SAFETY INFORMATION

Automotive repair can be hazardous. Always prioritize safety during installation. Failure to follow safety precautions can result in serious injury or property damage.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, gloves, and closed-toe shoes.
- Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands on a level surface before beginning any work. Never rely solely on a jack.
- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before working on electrical components.
- Use the correct tools for each step of the installation process.
- Do not modify the strut assembly. Any modifications may compromise its integrity and performance.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified automotive technician.
- This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm (Proposition 65 warning). Handle with care and wash hands after use.

6. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Monroe RoadMatic assembly is designed for a quicker and easier installation process, as it comes pre-assembled and does not require a spring compressor. However, professional installation is recommended. If performing a DIY installation, ensure you have the necessary tools and expertise.

General Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare the Vehicle:** Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and block the rear wheels. Loosen the lug nuts on the wheel corresponding to the strut being replaced.
2. **Lift and Secure:** Safely lift the vehicle using a floor jack and place it securely on jack stands. Remove the wheel.
3. **Access Strut Mount:** Locate the upper strut mounting nuts under the hood or in the trunk area, depending on the vehicle. Do not remove them yet.
4. **Disconnect Components:** Disconnect any brake lines, ABS sensor wires, or sway bar links attached to the strut assembly. Be careful not to damage these components.
5. **Remove Lower Mount Bolts:** Remove the bolts connecting the lower part of the strut to the steering knuckle or control arm. You may need a breaker bar for stubborn bolts.
6. **Remove Upper Mount Nuts:** Support the strut assembly from below (e.g., with a floor jack) and then remove the upper strut mounting nuts.
7. **Remove Old Strut:** Carefully lower and remove the old strut assembly from the vehicle.
8. **Install New Strut:** Position the new Monroe RoadMatic assembly into place. Align the upper studs with the mounting holes and hand-tighten the new nuts.
9. **Secure Lower Mount:** Align the lower strut mounting holes with the steering knuckle/control arm and insert the bolts. Tighten to manufacturer specifications.
10. **Tighten Upper Mount:** Fully tighten the upper strut mounting nuts to manufacturer specifications.
11. **Reconnect Components:** Reattach any brake lines, ABS sensor wires, and sway bar links that were disconnected.

12. **Reinstall Wheel and Lower Vehicle:** Reinstall the wheel, hand-tighten lug nuts, lower the vehicle, and then fully tighten lug nuts to manufacturer specifications.
13. **Alignment:** It is highly recommended to have a professional wheel alignment performed after replacing suspension components to ensure proper vehicle handling and tire wear.

EASY TO INSTALL

Fully integrated design reduces installation time,
eliminating the need for a spring compressor



Figure 5: The integrated design of the RoadMatic assembly simplifies the installation process.



Figure 6: A qualified technician performing suspension work. Professional installation is recommended.

7. OPERATION

The Monroe RoadMatic Suspension Strut and Coil Spring Assembly is a critical component of your vehicle's suspension system. It works by:

- **Supporting Vehicle Weight:** The coil spring bears the weight of the vehicle, maintaining proper ride height.
- **Absorbing Shocks:** The strut's hydraulic damping system absorbs impacts from road irregularities, providing a smooth and controlled ride.
- **Maintaining Tire Contact:** By controlling spring oscillations, the strut helps keep the tires in consistent contact with the road, which is crucial for steering, braking, and overall stability.

After installation, you should experience improved ride comfort, reduced body roll, and enhanced vehicle control compared to worn-out suspension components.

8. MAINTENANCE

While the Monroe RoadMatic assembly is designed for durability and minimal maintenance, regular vehicle inspections are important to ensure its longevity and optimal performance.

- **Regular Inspections:** During routine vehicle maintenance (e.g., oil changes), have a technician inspect the struts for signs of leakage, damage, or excessive wear.
- **Check Mounting Hardware:** Periodically check that all mounting bolts and nuts are securely tightened.
- **Tire Rotation and Balance:** Ensure tires are regularly rotated and balanced to prevent uneven wear, which can be exacerbated by suspension issues.
- **Wheel Alignment:** Maintain proper wheel alignment as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer, especially after any suspension work.

9. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience any issues after installation, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
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Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Unusual Noises (e.g., clunking, popping)	Loose mounting hardware, damaged components, improper installation of related parts (e.g., sway bar links).	Re-check all mounting bolts and nuts for proper torque. Inspect surrounding suspension components for damage or incorrect assembly. Ensure no parts are binding.
Poor Ride Quality (e.g., too stiff, too soft, excessive bounce)	Incorrect part for vehicle, manufacturing defect, or issues with other suspension components.	Verify the correct part number for your vehicle. Allow a short break-in period. If issues persist, consult a professional technician for diagnosis.
Uneven Ride Height	Incorrect part, improper installation, or issues with other suspension components on the opposite side.	Confirm correct part application. Ensure the strut is fully seated and installed correctly. Inspect the other side's suspension.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, contact Monroe customer support or a certified automotive technician.

10. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Monroe
Model	RoadMatic
Item Model Number	181678
Manufacturer Part Number	181678
Auto Part Position	Right
Material	Metal
Exterior Finish	Painted
Item Weight	24.7 pounds
Product Dimensions	25.5 x 9.9 x 10.6 inches
Extended Length	20.13 Centimeters
UPC	048598038647
Vehicle Service Type	Car, Truck

11. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Monroe products are backed by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms, conditions, and duration, please refer to the official Monroe website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support, installation assistance, or any product-related inquiries, please visit the official Monroe website or contact their customer support team. You can also visit the [Monroe Store on Amazon](#) for more information.

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