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Model: 24-011778 | Brand: Bilstein

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Bilstein 24-011778 B6 Monotube Shock Absorber. This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new shock absorber. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation or use to ensure safety and optimal performance.

The Bilstein B6 Monotube Shock Absorber is engineered for enhanced performance and durability, offering improved handling and ride comfort for your vehicle. This specific model, 24-011778, is designed for front auto part position in cars and trucks.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Improper installation or use of this product can lead to serious injury, death, or property damage. Always follow safety precautions and consult a qualified professional for installation.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses and gloves, when handling and installing automotive components.
- Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands or a lift before beginning any work. Never rely solely on a jack.
- Refer to your vehicle's service manual for specific instructions and torque specifications related to suspension component replacement.
- Do not attempt to disassemble the shock absorber. It contains high-pressure gas which can cause injury if released improperly.
- Dispose of old parts responsibly and in accordance with local regulations.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of shock absorbers requires specialized tools and automotive knowledge. It is highly recommended that

installation be performed by a certified automotive technician. If you choose to perform the installation yourself, proceed with extreme caution and ensure you have the necessary tools and expertise.

General Installation Steps (Consult Vehicle Service Manual for Specifics):

1. **Prepare the Vehicle:** Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and block the wheels. Loosen lug nuts on the wheels to be removed.
2. **Lift and Secure:** Safely lift the vehicle using a hydraulic jack and support it with sturdy jack stands. Remove the wheels.
3. **Access Shock Absorber:** Locate the existing shock absorber. This may involve removing other suspension components or trim panels depending on the vehicle model.
4. **Remove Old Shock:** Carefully unbolt the upper and lower mounting points of the old shock absorber. Be aware that the suspension may drop once the shock is removed.
5. **Install New Shock:** Position the Bilstein 24-011778 shock absorber into place. Secure the upper and lower mounting points, ensuring all bushings and washers are correctly oriented. Do not fully tighten bolts until the vehicle is at ride height.
6. **Reassemble and Torque:** Reinstall any removed components. Lower the vehicle to its normal ride height before fully tightening all mounting bolts to the manufacturer's specified torque values.
7. **Final Checks:** Reinstall wheels and torque lug nuts. Test drive the vehicle slowly to ensure proper function and check for any unusual noises or handling characteristics. An alignment may be necessary after suspension work.



Image: The Bilstein 24-011778 B6 Monotube Shock Absorber. It features a distinctive yellow body with a blue Bilstein logo and product information label. The top end shows a black rubber bushing, and the bottom end has a metal mounting eyelet with a black bushing, indicating its readiness for installation.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Bilstein B6 Monotube Shock Absorber operates on a high-pressure gas monotube design. This design provides consistent performance by separating the oil and gas with a floating piston, preventing aeration and maintaining damping force under various driving conditions. The monotube construction allows for a larger piston area, which translates to more precise damping and improved heat dissipation compared to twin-tube designs. This results in enhanced vehicle control, stability, and a more comfortable ride.

MAINTENANCE

Bilstein shock absorbers are designed for long-lasting performance with minimal maintenance. However, periodic inspection is recommended to ensure optimal function and safety.

- **Visual Inspection:** Regularly inspect the shock absorbers for signs of damage, leaks (oil residue), bent rods, or worn bushings.
- **Mounting Hardware:** Check all mounting bolts and nuts for tightness. Re-torque to vehicle manufacturer specifications if necessary.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the shock absorber body and rod clean from excessive dirt and debris, which can prematurely wear seals.
- **Replacement:** Shock absorbers are wear items. If you notice a significant decrease in ride quality, excessive bouncing, or visible damage, consider having them inspected and potentially replaced by a professional.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues after installing your Bilstein shock absorbers, consider the following common problems and solutions:

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive Bouncing / Poor Ride Control	Worn or defective shock absorber; incorrect installation; other worn suspension components.	Inspect for leaks or damage. Verify correct installation and torque. Check other suspension parts (springs, bushings).
Clunking or Rattling Noises	Loose mounting hardware; worn bushings; contact with other components.	Check all mounting bolts for tightness. Inspect bushings for wear. Ensure adequate clearance around the shock.
Vehicle Pulls to One Side	Uneven shock performance; alignment issues; other suspension or steering problems.	Inspect both shocks for proper function. Have vehicle alignment checked. Consult a professional for diagnosis.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, or if you are unsure about any aspect of diagnosis, it is recommended to seek assistance from a qualified automotive technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Bilstein
Model Number	24-011778
Product Type	Auto Part (Shock Absorber)

Feature	Detail
Series	B6 Monotube
Auto Part Position	Front
Vehicle Service Type	Car, Truck
Style	Monotube
Material	Metal
Exterior Finish	Painted
Item Weight	4.63 pounds
Product Dimensions	22.45 x 2.95 x 2.95 inches
Extended Length	13.56 Inches
UPC	607284053953

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Bilstein products are backed by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding the warranty period, coverage, and claims process for your 24-011778 B6 Monotube Shock Absorber, please refer to the official Bilstein website or contact their customer service directly. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical questions, or support regarding your Bilstein 24-011778 B6 Monotube Shock Absorber, please visit the official Bilstein website or contact their customer support team.

Official Website: www.bilstein.com

Contact Information: Refer to the "Contact Us" section on the official website for phone numbers, email, or support forms.

