

# 2004 SWINGER SERVICE MANUAL

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## **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

This manual is intended to guide the user through basic service of Manitou Swinger rear shocks. Service is supported by the identification of common parts and assemblies that have been assembled into Service Kits. The purpose of this manual will be to describe conditions that may drive the need for service and to provide installation instructions for the kits.

Due to the time-consuming nature rear shock service, at this time our primary focus is to offer service kits that minimize the amount of downtime and labor involved. As the program matures, and we are able to gather feed back from our customers, we may offer kits to a more detailed level.

**Important information is highlighted in this manual by the following notations:**

### **WARNING**

Failure to follow **WARNING** instructions could result in **severe injury or death** to the person inspecting or repairing the shock absorber or the shock absorber operator

### **CAUTION**

A **CAUTION** indicates special precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the shock absorber.

### **NOTE**

A **NOTE** provides key information to make procedures easier or clearer

**GENERAL WARNING:** Rear shocks by design contain gases and fluids under extreme pressure and warnings contained in this manual must be observed to reduce the possibility of injury or possible death. Following these instructions can help you reduce the risk of being injured. Any questions in regards to the information in this manual should be directed to Answer Products Customer Service at (661) 257-4411.

**WARNING:** The Swinger Shock uses compressed air to provide fluid pressure in the damping system and spring resistance in Air models. **BOTH** systems must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing these systems. Failure to relieve air pressure could result in injury or possible death.

**CAUTION:** The Swinger Shock uses precision machined aluminum and other soft alloy components. Using correct tools for assembly is essential to prevent damage.

## **SECTION 2: SETUP, TUNING, PERIODIC MAINTENANCE**

Instructions for shock setup, tuning, and periodic rider maintenance is not covered in detail in this manual. Please refer to the Manitou Swinger Rear Shock Owner's Manual (PN 042105) for that information. If you did not receive a manual, you can download one at [www.answerproducts.com](http://www.answerproducts.com) or contact Answer Products Customer Service at (661) 257-4411.



## **SECTION 3: GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Air Canister** – Can that holds the air spring air in an air shock.

**Air Preload Adjuster** – Located on the reservoir of SPV shocks. It contains the red Schrader valve for setting the SPV pressure and a hex fitting for adjusting the air volume (air preload)

**Bottom Out** – Point at which a shock reaches full compression.

**Control Eyelet (C-End)** – Eyelet that is on the rebound adjuster end of a shock. The air canister is attached to this end on air shocks and the spring retention collar is attached to this end on coil shocks.

**Damper Eyelet (D-End)** - Eyelet that is on the damper body end of a shock. On SPV shocks, this is the end that contains the SPV valve and reservoir if applicable.

**Damper Body** – Section of shock that contains the damping system

**Damper Piston** – Piston in that controls the flow of oil during compression and rebound.

**Damper Shaft** – Shaft attached to the damper piston that connects the two moving sections (damping system and control eyelet) of the shock together.

**Damping System** - Controls compression and rebound rate (speed). The system also provides the peddling platform unique to shocks with the SPV technology.

**DU Bushing** – Teflon guide bushing pressed into the eyelets. Mounting hardware is inserted into the DU bushings and rotates within the bushing as need by the suspension design.

**Eyelet** – Found on each end of the shock, it is where the DU bushing and mounting hardware are and provides the connection between the shock and bicycle.

**Internal Floating Piston (IFP)** - A floating piston that separates damping oil from the SPV air chamber or reservoir.

**Mounting Hardware** – Spacers that allow shocks to be mounted into the wide variety of suspension designs.

**Schrader, Air** – Black in color, it is the valve for pressurizing the air canister in an air shock

**Schrader SPV** - Red in color, it is the valve for pressurizing the SPV system.

**Seals: O-Rings** - Black synthetic rubber with a round cross section. Primarily used for fluid sealing.

**Seals: Quad Seals** - : Black synthetic rubber with an “X” cross section, primarily used for sealing air.

**Seals: Wipers** – Teflon ring, used for keeping debris out of quad seals, guiding the damper piston, and providing support.

**Top Out** – Point at which a shock returns to its full extension.



## **SECTION 4: AIR SPRING SYSTEM AND SPV AIR PRELOAD, SWINGER AIR**

**WARNING:** The Swinger Air uses compressed air to provide resistance to compression in place of a coil spring. You must be certain that the air canister is relieved of all pressure prior to servicing the air system. Failure to relieve air pressure could result in injury or possible death.

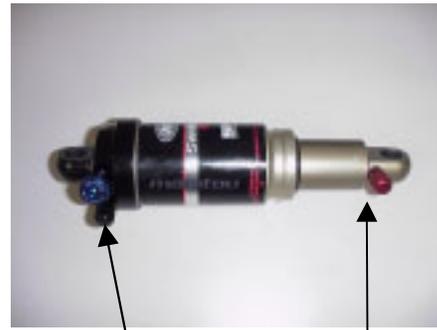
Sealing of the shock is accomplished through a series of o-rings, quad seals, and wipers. When the air canister is removed, these seals can be replaced from Seal Kit C.

1. Failure of an air shock to maintain air pressure is usually the result of defective or worn seals. If there is suspicion of an air leak, pressurize the air canister to 150psi from the adjuster eyelet Schrader Valve and the SPV Air Preload Schrader to 100psi. Locate the leak by spraying the air canister and Schrader joints with a mild solution of dish soap and water or submerge in a bucket of water. Bubbles will form in from the area of leakage.



2. For leaks at the adjuster eyelet or damper end of the air canister, refer to the detailed disassembly instructions contained in the section on **DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - Swinger Air**. This will guide you on how to replace the applicable o-rings and seals.

3. For leaks at the Schrader valves, release all air pressure and replace the Schrader valve core or assembly as needed. The core is removed using a standard core removal tool. The assembly is removed by removing the core and unscrewing the assembly by inserting a 3mm hex into the center of the valve.



Adjuster Eyelet  
(Air Spring)Schrader

SPV Air Preload

4. For leaks in the air preload reservoir area (4W Swinger), release all pressure replace the preload adjuster o-ring, Schrader valve core, or Schrader assembly as needed.



**AIR SPRING SYSTEM AND SPV AIR PRELOAD, SWINGER AIR (CONT.)**

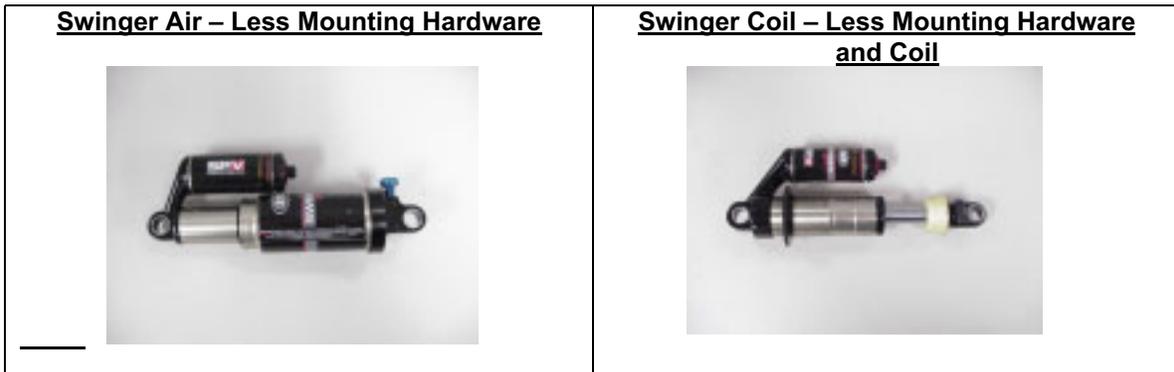
5. If when you pressurize the air canister the shock collapses to its shortest travel position, the shock has an air piston leak into the negative chamber. Place the shock in the shock tester and extend it to its full travel. Depress the adjuster eyelet Schrader while the shock is extended under load. If it remains in the full travel position, refer to the section on **DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - Swinger Air** for instructions on servicing the air canister and piston seals.
6. If the shock returns to the short travel position, it is not serviceable and the entire shock must be replaced.

**WARNING:** Attempting to service a shock with this condition could result in injury or possible death.



## **SECTION 5: COMPLETE SHOCK LESS MOUNTING HARDWARE AND COIL SPRING**

The highest-level kit offered will be a complete shock, without mounting hardware or coil springs for coil forks. This kit is offered as a fast replacement where all that is need is to change out the hardware and spring and then reinstall the shock.



## **SECTION 6: MOUNTING HARDWARE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION**

Mounting hardware is used to mount shocks to the various frame configurations. Over time, the hardware may wear between the mounting bolts or DU Bushing which will result in play in the connection.

Remove hardware using pliers as shown in Figure 1



Figure 1

DU Bushing Eyelet



Figure 2

### **MOUNTING HARDWARE REPLACEMENT**

Hardware should have a slight press fit into the DU bushing and can be tapped in place with a rubber mallet or soft jaws in a vise. Apply a small amount of thick grease such as Motorex Bike Grease 2000 (PN 85-0033) to the hardware before installation.

There are virtually an infinite number of hardware combinations in use on bikes today. When ordering hardware from Answer Products, It will be necessary to identify the eyelet width, overall width and mounting hole diameter.

## MOUNTING HARDWARE REPLACEMENT (CONT.)

1. Measure the hardware width.



2. Measure mounting hole size. Current hardware is typically designed to accept a 6mm or 8mm fastener.



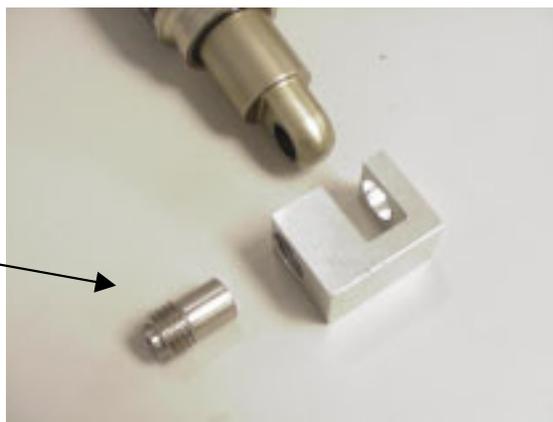
## SECTION 7: DU BUSHING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

DU bushings are press fit into the shock eyelets at each end of the shock. The hardware fits into the bushings and will rotate slightly within the bushing during suspension compression. DU Bushings, like hardware, may wear over time. Removal and installation is accomplished using tool PN 85-6075.

### REMOVAL

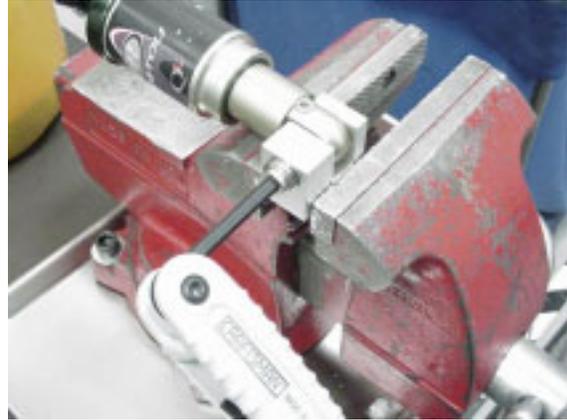
1. Remove hardware from the shock.
2. Insert unthreaded end of punch into the removal tool first and screw in about half a turn.

Punch



### DU BUSHING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (CONT.)

3. Clamp removal tool in vise.
4. Insert eyelet into tool.
5. Use 6mm hex wrench to screw in punch, making sure that it is centered on the bushing. This will press out the bushing.



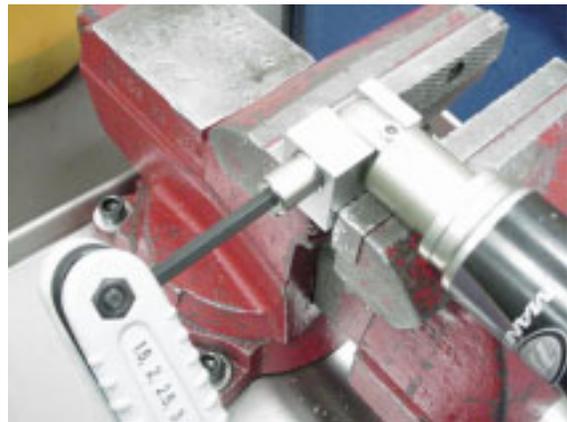
#### INSTALLATION

1. Place a bushing onto the threaded end of the punch and into the removal tool; screw in about half a turn.

Bushing



2. Clamp removal tool in vise.
3. Insert eyelet into tool.
4. Use 6mm hex wrench to screw in punch, making sure that it is centered on the bushing and that the bushing is centered to the eyelet. This will press in the bushing.



## SECTION 8: RIDE KITS

Ride kits (Coil Swinger only) consist of a replacement spring of a specific spring rate that is firmer or softer depending on the rider's preference. Most manufacturers using Swinger Coil shocks vary the stock spring rate that is the standard offering based on frame size. Larger frame sized have higher spring rates to accommodate bigger riders. Due to the wide variety of frame geometry in use, it is left to the rider to determine if they are satisfied with their stock spring rate.

Spring rates and travel are marked on the outside of each spring.

Example: "300 X 2.75" Is a 300lb spring for a 2.75" Travel Shock

To change out the coil spring:

1. Turn the spring preload adjustment ring to release any preload and back it away from the spring as far as possible.
2. Remove the retaining collar.
3. Slide spring over eyelet. You may need to turn the rebound control knob in **clockwise** to its fully closed position.  
NOTE: Model year 2003 Swingers use a rebound knob that can be removed by taking out a hex screw. Do not attempt to remove the 2004 rebound knob by unscrewing the 3mm hex in the knob, it will break.
4. Slide the new spring over the eyelet.
5. Reinstall the spring collar so that it butts against the eyelet, and the spring nests in the appropriate groove.
6. Turn the spring preload adjustment ring until it contacts the spring and then apply 2mm of preload.



Retaining Collar  
Spring Preload Adjustment Ring

## **SECTION 9: BOTTOMOUT BUMPER REPLACEMENT, SWINGER COIL**

**WARNING:** The Swinger Shock uses compressed air to provide fluid pressure in the damping system. The damping system must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing. Failure to relieve air pressure could result in injury or possible death.

1. Remove hardware as shown under HARDWARE REMOVAL and remove Spring as shown under RIDE KIT Section.
2. Release reservoir pressure from the air preload.



SPV Air Reservoir 3W Swinger Coil



SPV Air Reservoir 4 & 6W Swinger Coil

3. Extend and clamp damper shaft in a vise using 12.7mm (.500) soft jaws, Answer PN 85-5148
4. Remove eyelet using adjustable open-end wrench.

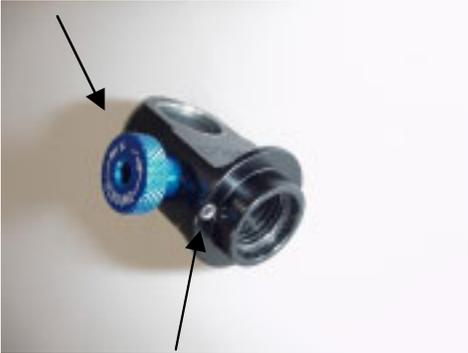


5. Slip off old bumper.
6. Install new bumper, Larger diameter face of the bumper should face the eyelet
7. Clean damper shaft threads with alcohol and apply red Loctite 262.
8. Install damper shaft in vise using soft jaws as shown above and torque per Table 1.
9. Add air to re-pressurize the air preload reservoir per instructions in the Owner's Manual.



## **SECTION 11: REBOUND ADJUSTER KNOB REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION, SWINGER COIL**

Instructions in the 2004 Swinger Shock Owners Manual were incorrect when it stated that the rebound knob had to be removed to replace shock springs. Turning the knob to its full clockwise setting is sufficient to provide clearance for removal.

<p><b>Removal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Remove control eyelet as shown under <u>Bottomout Bumper Replacement, Swinger Coil</u>.</li><li>2. Remove 1.5mm hex set screw located under the control eyelet with the set screw pointed up. Underneath the set screw is a spring and detent ball bearing. Turn the eyelet over on a cloth rag and tap the eyelet to dislodge the spring and ball.</li><li>3. Unscrew the rebound knob from the eyelet.</li></ol>	<p>Rebound Knob</p>  <p>Set Screw</p>
<p><b>Installation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Installation is in reverse order. Place a small amount of grease on the ball and rebound knob detents. Screw in the knob and place the ball and spring in the set screw hole.</li><li>2. Apply a small amount of blue Loctite to the set screw threads. Screw in the set screw until it is flush with the eyelet.</li></ol>	<p>Set Screw      Spring      Detent Ball</p>  <p>Knob Detents</p>

## **SECTION 10: DAMPING SYSTEM**

The damping system controls compression and rebound rate (speed). The system also provides the peddling platform unique to shocks with the SPV technology. The main conditions requiring service you may encounter in regards to the damping system are leaks, a suspect SPV, broken rebound adjuster knob, or lose damper or reservoir body.

### **SPV VALVE INSPECTION**

If you are unable to achieve the pedaling platform after adjusting the shock per the Owner's Manual, you will need to inspect the SPV. Follow the instructions under the damping bleeding section for the shock in question in order to inspect the SPV.

### **LEAKS**

If oil is found to be leaking from the shock, the seals and/or o-rings that seal that suspect joint must be serviced. Once the system has lost oil, the faulty seals must be replaced and the shock bled to restore the shock to full performance.

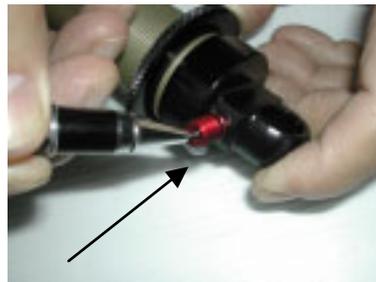
### **LOOSE DAMPER OR RESEVOIR BODY**

All Swinger service can be performed without removing the damper or reservoir bodies where they are threaded into a machined casting. This joint is bonded in place during final assembly at the factory. If either becomes loose during service, remove the body, and thoroughly clean the threads on each part. Apply green Loctite the threads and use the Answer reservoir clamp PN 85-6037 to tighten the bodies.

## **SECTION 12: DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY COIL SHOCKS**

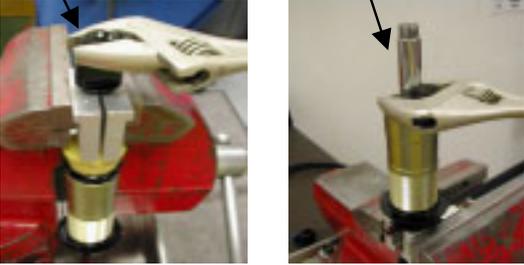
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1. Remove hardware as shown under **HARDWARE REMOVAL** and remove Spring as shown under **RIDE KIT** Section
2. Release SPV pressure from the air preload.



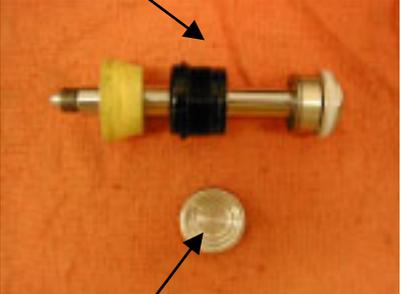
SPV Air Preload

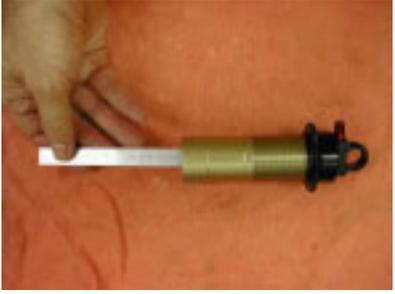
**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

<p>3. Unscrew control eyelet and damper shaft assembly using an adjustable open-end wrench. Pour out damping oil and discard.</p>	<p>Control Eyelet      Damper Shaft Assembly</p> 
<p>4. Using pliers, remove the rebound adjuster needle from end of the damper shaft.</p>	
<p>5. Inspect SPV valve, there should be a .025 (.6mm) gap as shown in the photograph adjacent to the damper piston. If the gap is on the opposite side, the valve is defective and will need to be serviced. See service instructions in the section on <u>DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - Swinger Coil Shocks with Reservoirs</u></p>	
<p>6. Remove IFP (Internal Floating Piston) using a shock pump to pressurize the damper body. Point the damper body <u>away</u> from you as you pressurize the body and expel the IFP</p> <p><b>WARNING:</b> This action creates backpressure behind the IFP to eject it. The reservoir body should not be pointed at anyone during this step.</p>	



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

<p>7. Replace external o-rings on damper cap and IFP. Grease with a thick grease such as Motorex Bike Grease 2000.</p>	<p>Damper Cap (2)</p>  <p>IFP</p>
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<p>8. Reinstall IFP into the damper body. Push IFP to the location shown below based on the shock eye-to-eye and travel. Relieve any backpressure in the air preload chamber and install the Schrader valve cap. Use shock pump to move the IFP towards the damper body opening if it was inserted too deep.</p>	
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Eye to Eye	Shock Travel	Depth from Damper Body Opening
165	38	63
190	50	73
200	50	82
215	63	83
222	70	83
230	70	89
240	76	93



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)

**NOTE:** Damping oil that would be in the bleed container is not shown in these steps to provide clarity.

- Slide damper cap on damper shaft assembly so that it is at the edge of the oil return port.

Move Place damper body, damper shaft assembly and IFP into damping oil. With the open end of the damper body pointing slightly up, gently tap the body to dislodge any entrapped air and set down. Do the same with the damper assembly, pointing the damper shaft slightly up to remove any air bubbles. Screw in the damper cap hand tight until damper cap is flush with the damper body.

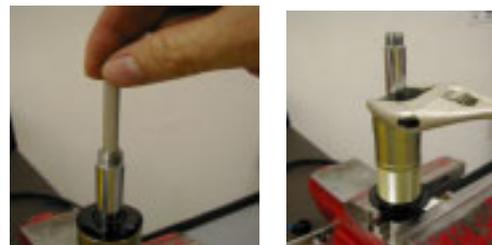
Damper Cap      Oil Return Port



- Remove assembly from the oil, keeping the open end of the damper shaft pointing up. Using soft jaws to protect the eyelet, clamp the reservoir eyelet and tighten the damper cap per Table 1.



- Holding the assembly over the oil container, Install rebound adjuster needle, pointed end first. Push until the needle o-ring seats in the damper shaft. Tighten damper cap.



## **DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

12. Install eyelet as shown under the section on **BOTTOMOUT BUMPER REPLACEMENT**.
13. Install spring as shown under **RIDE KITS - See Kit G (Cont)**.
14. Pressurize the SPV chamber per the Owners Manual guidelines.



## SECTION 13: DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS

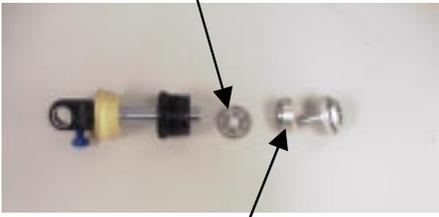
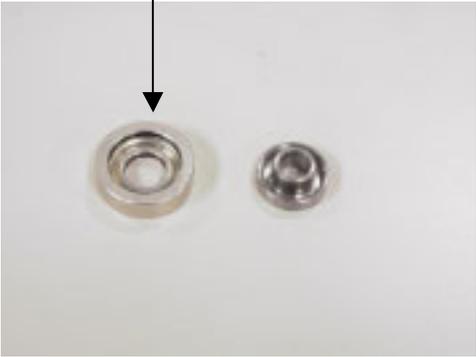
**WARNING:** The Swinger Shock uses compressed air to provide fluid pressure in the damping system. The damping system must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing. Failure to relieve air pressure could result in injury or possible death.

**NOTE:** Leaks from Low/High Speed Adjusters on Swinger 6 Way Shocks. The 6 Way adjuster knobs are adjusted using a 3mm (Early 2004 Models) or 2mm (Late 2004 Models) hex. If too much force is applied then the knob is adjusted counterclockwise, the adjuster needles may strip out and result in an oil leak. If this occurs during adjustment and the shock has not been compressed, the adjusters can be replaced without a complete teardown and bleeding of the shock. Follow the instructions in Step 10.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove hardware as shown under <b>HARDWARE REMOVAL</b> and remove Spring as shown under <b>RIDE KIT Section</b></li> <li>2. Release reservoir pressure from the air preload.</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Unscrew air preload assembly and damper shaft assembly using an adjustable open-end wrench.</li> </ol>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Air Preload Assembly</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Damper Cap</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Damper Shaft Assembly</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Inspect SPV valve, there should be a .025 (.6mm) gap as shown in the photograph adjacent to the damper piston. If the gap is on the opposite side, the valve is defective and will need to be serviced.</li> </ol>	



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)

<p>5. If it is necessary to remove the valve, clamp the damper shaft using soft jaws and loosen the damper piston bolt. Grasp the damper bolt, piston, SPV, and SPV backing plate and remove as a set from the damper shaft.</p>	
<p>6. Remove the SPV backing plate and SPV. It is best to replace a defective valve.</p> <p>If a replacement SPV is not immediately available you can attempt to service the defective one. However, since the valve has already failed once, there is no guarantee how long a repaired valve will remain functional.</p>	<p>Backing Plate</p>  <p>SPV</p>
<p>Separate the two halves as shown. Inspect the two seals for signs of damage. Grease seal surfaces and reassemble.</p> <p>When reassembled, the valve will trap air inside and keep the two halves from nesting completely. A good valve when fully compressed to a flat condition will smoothly return to its original state .025 (.6mm) offset when released.</p> <p>7. Remove the damper cap and replace the internal o-ring. Reinstall cap onto shaft and reassemble the SPV and damping piston stack in reverse order. Apply green Loctite #262 to damper piston bolt and torque per Table 1.</p>	<p>Inspect two seals for damage</p> 

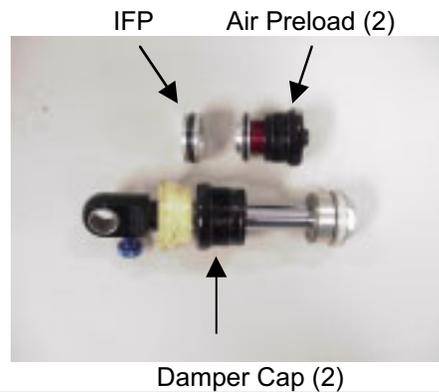
## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)

8. Remove IFP (Internal Floating Piston) using IFP removal tool. Insert the removal tool into the top of the damper body. Cover hole in tool with your thumb. Point the reservoir body away from you and push the tool to the bottom of the damper body.

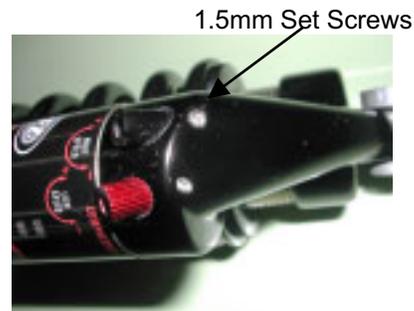
**WARNING:** This action creates backpressure behind the IFP to eject it. The reservoir body should not be pointed at anyone during this step.



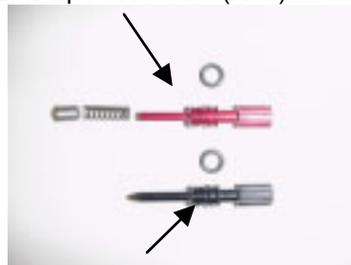
9. Replace external o-rings on damper cap, IFP, and air preload assembly as shown. Grease with a thick grease such as Motorex Bike Grease 2000.



10. If oil was leaking from one of the high or low speed compression adjusters on a 6 Way Swinger, the adjusters should be replaced, Do Not remove unless a leak was detected. Remove the two 1.5mm set screws found on the backside of the reservoir forging. Remove the adjuster needles using a 3mm hex (Early Model Year 2004) or 2mm hex (Late Model Year 2004), Pour a small amount of damping oil in each hole prior to replacing the needles.



Low Speed Needle (Red)



High Speed Needle (Black)

## **DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

<p>Replace in reverse order. As you screw in the needles use a 2mm hex to guide the needle o-rings past the set screw openings to prevent damage. Apply blue loctite #242 to the set screws prior to installation. Tighten the set screw until it makes contact with the needle and then back off 1/4 turn.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Each adjuster needle is unique; replace one at a time to avoid confusion.</p>	
<p>11. Remove Eyelet as shown under the section on BOTTOMOUT BUMPER REPLACEMENT</p>	
<p>12. Using pliers, remove the rebound adjuster needle from end of the damper shaft.</p>	 <p>Damper Needle</p>
<p><b>NOTE: Damping oil that would be in the bleed container is not shown in these steps to provide clarity.</b></p> <p>13. Slide damper cap on damper shaft assembly so that it is at the edge of the oil return port</p>	 <p>Damper Cap      Oil Return Port</p>



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

<p>14. Place damper body, damper shaft assembly and IFP into damping oil. With the open end of the damper body pointing slightly up, gently tap the body to dislodge any entrapped air and set down. Do the same with the damper assembly, pointing the damper shaft slightly up to remove any air bubbles.</p>	
<p>15. Under oil, insert the IFP into the air reservoir using the Swinger Air IFP removal tool. Only press the piston in just beyond the reservoir threads.</p>	<p>IFP</p>  <p>Swinger Air IFP Removal Tool</p>
<p>16. Using a 6mm hex wrench, adjust the IFP Locating Tool so that the indicated travel matches the shock travel.</p> <p>Adjust so that travel indicator line is flush to the top of the tool</p>	<p>Travel Indicator lines</p> 
<p>17. Under oil, screw in the IFP locating tool into the air reservoir body. This will press the IFP deeper into the reservoir body to the required depth.</p> <p>Screw in hand tight until the flange is flush to the air reservoir body</p>	



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)**

<p>18. Under oil, screw in the damper assembly hand tight until damper cap is flush with the damper body.</p>	
<p>19. Remove the assembly from the oil, keeping the open end of the damper shaft pointing up. Using soft jaws to protect the eyelet, clamp the reservoir eyelet and tighten the damper cap per Table 1.</p>	
<p>20. Holding the assembly over the oil container, Install rebound adjuster needle, pointed end first. Push until the needle o-ring seats in the damper shaft.</p>	
<p>21. Install eyelet as shown under the section on BOTTOMOUT BUMPER REPLACEMENT.</p>	



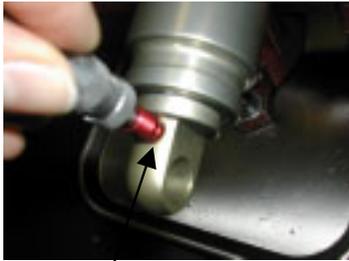
## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 & 6 WAY COIL SHOCKS (CONT)

<p>22. Remove the IFP location tool. Once the tool is removed DO NOT move the damper shaft</p>	
<p>23. Apply blue loctite #242 to air preload adjuster threads and grease threads. Install the air preload adjuster and tighten to 43KgCm (50 inlbs)</p> <p>Add air to re-pressurize the air preload reservoir per instructions in the Owner's Manual.</p> <p>24. Reinstall spring using the instructions under RIDE KITS.</p>	

## **SECTION 14: DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY AIR SHOCKS**

**1. Release All air pressure from air canister (air spring) and SPV chamber.**

2. Remove the SPV valve by removing valve core on the red SPV Schrader valve. Insert a 3mm hex wrench inside the valve and unscrew to remove.



Valve Core Removal

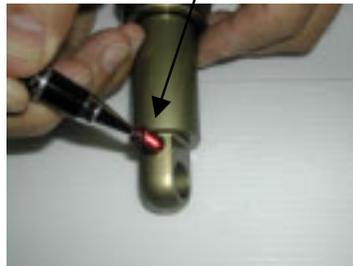


Schrader Removal Using 3mm Hex Wrench

Air Canister Schrader valve



SPV Schrader Valve



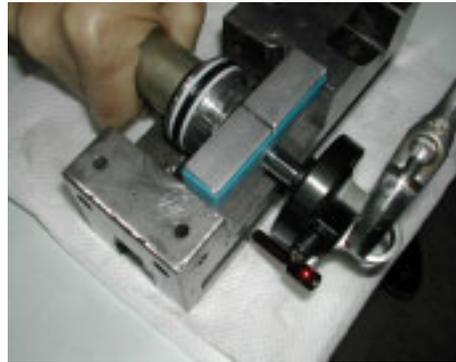
3. Remove hardware as shown under **HARDWARE REMOVAL**. Place adjuster eyelet in a vise using soft jaws. Using a rubber strap wrench to prevent damage, loosen the air canister completely. Pull back the air canister and slide it off the damper body to expose the 10mm damper shaft.

Note: If the only service necessary is to repair a leak from the adjuster end of the air canister, replace the air canister o-ring that is found inside the "C" eyelet. Reassemble the shock as described at the end of this section



### DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)

4. Using 10mm soft jaws, clamp the damper shaft and remove the eyelet as shown.



5. Clamp the damper body eyelet in a vise using soft jaws and remove the damper assembly by removing the air piston as shown. Remove from vise and drain damper oil into a container and discard.



Air Piston

6. Remove IFP (Internal Floating Piston) using Shock pump. Temporarily reinstall the SPV Schrader valve. It is not necessary to reinstall the valve core. Point the damper body away from you while the SPV Schrader valve is pressurized.

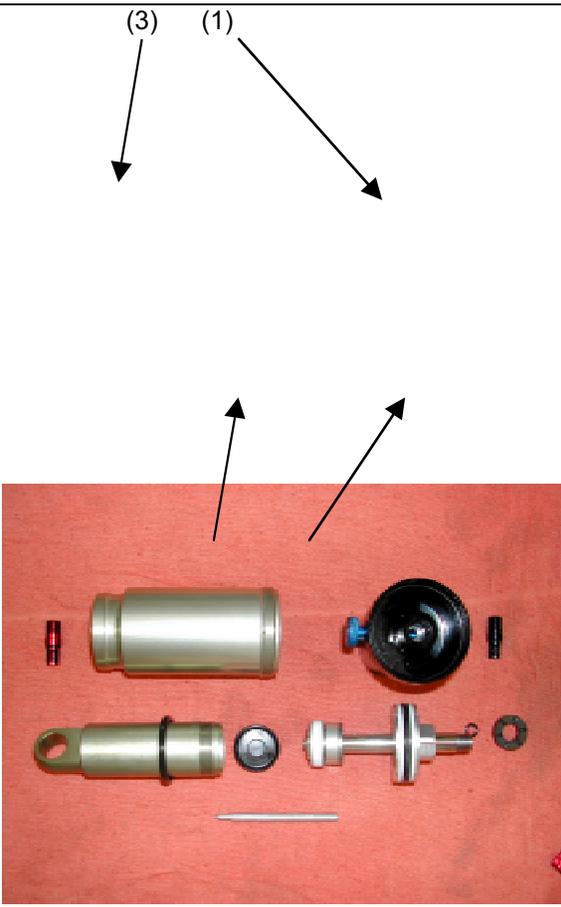
**WARNING:** This action creates backpressure behind the IFP to eject it. The reservoir body should not be pointed at anyone during this step



IFP (Damper piston side)



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)**

<p>7. Change out o-rings and seals where indicated (#of o-rings/seals in each assembly noted in photo) and grease with a thick grease such as Motorex Bike Grease 2000</p>	 <p>(1) (1 inside and 1 outside)</p>
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Damping oil that would be in the bleed container is not shown in these steps to provide clarity.</p> <p>8. Insert IFP into damper body, make sure the flat side of the piston face is facing the bottom of the damper body. Push the IFP to bottom of damper body. Install the SPV Schrader valve and cap.</p> <p>9. Set location of the end of the damper shaft so that it is 13mm from the end of the air piston.</p>	
<p>10. Immerse damper body and damper in oil to</p>	



bleed, tap to dislodge any air in the damper assembly.



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)**

<p>11. Under oil, install air piston/damper onto the damper body hand tight.</p>	
<p>12. Remove from oil with damper shaft pointed up.</p>	
<p>13. Insert needle and needle o-ring at end of damper shaft.</p>	



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 3 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)

<p>14. Tighten air piston and torque per Table 1</p>	
<p>15. Clean the damper shaft threads with alcohol and install the rebound eyelet using 10mm soft jaws and red Loctite. Torque per Table 1.</p>	
<p>16. Clamp adjuster eyelet in soft jaws. Grease air canister threads, and screw canister onto eyelet. Tighten using strap wrench on canister.</p> <p>17. Add air to re-pressurize the SPV air preload per instructions in the Owner's Manual.</p> <p>18. Reinstall shock mounting hardware and install in bike per manufacturers instructions. Add air to air canister per the sag setting instructions in the owner's manual.</p>	

## **SECTION 15: DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS**

**WARNING:** The Swinger Air uses compressed air to provide resistance to compression in place of a coil spring. You must be certain that the air canister is relieved of all pressure prior to servicing the air system. Failure to relieve air pressure could result in injury or possible death.

1. **Release All air pressure from air canister and air preload reservoir.**

2. Remove hardware as shown under **HARDWARE REMOVAL**. Place adjuster eyelet in a vise using soft jaws. Using a rubber strap wrench to prevent damage, loosen the air canister completely. Pull back the air canister to expose the 10mm damper shaft.

Note: If the only service necessary is to repair a leak from the adjuster end of the air canister, replace the air canister o-ring that is found inside the adjuster eyelet. Reassemble the shock as described at the end of this section

Air release Schrader valve  
Air Reservoir Schrader Valve



3. Unscrew air preload assembly



4. Using 10mm soft jaws, clamp the damper shaft and remove the eyelet as shown.



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)

<p>5. Clamp the damper body eyelet in a vise using soft jaws and remove the damper assembly by removing the air piston and damper assembly using an 18mm socket as shown.</p> <p>Remove from vise and drain damper oil into a container and discard.</p>	
<p>6. Remove the air canister.</p>	
<p>7. Remove air piston from canister</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Apply grease to the open canister end prior to removing the air piston, this will assist removal. You can also use a hex socket and extension to help push out the piston:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Select a socket with an outside diameter of 1.025 - 1.045" (26.0 - 26.5mm) and add an extension to make it longer than the air canister.</li><li>2. Install into air canister</li><li>3. Hold air canister and lightly tap socket extension on a soft surface.</li></ol> 	<p>Air Piston</p>  

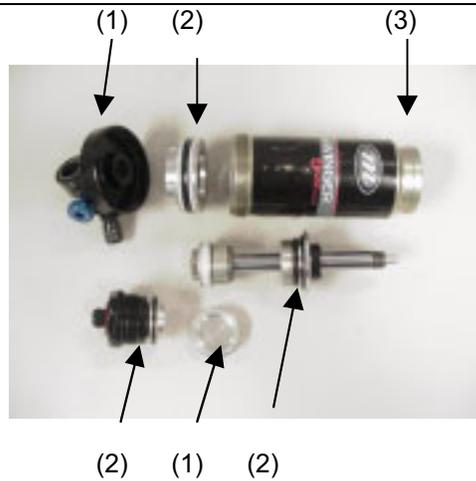
## **DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)**

8. Remove IFP (Internal Floating Piston) using IFP removal tool (85-4413). Insert the removal tool into the top of the damper body. Cover hole in tool with your thumb. Point the reservoir body away from you and push the tool to the bottom of the damper body.

**WARNING:** This action creates backpressure behind the IFP to eject it. The reservoir body should not be pointed at anyone during this step



9. Change out o-rings and seals where indicated (#of o-rings/seals in each assembly noted in photo) and grease with a thick grease such as Motorex Bike Grease 2000



10. Install Air Canister Seal Guide onto damper body. Lightly grease damper body and slide air canister over body. Remove guide.

Air Canister Seal Guide



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)

11. Grease inside of air canister and install air canister as shown. The seal end of the air piston is installed first.

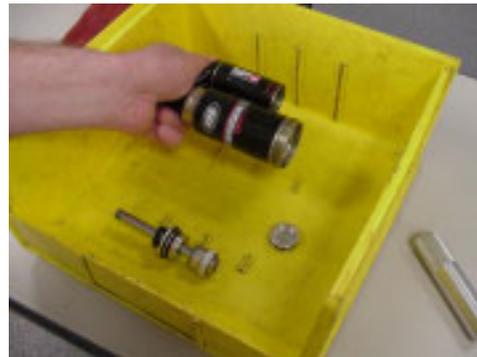


12. Slide air piston on damper shaft assembly so that it is at the edge of the oil return port on the shaft.



**NOTE:** Damping oil that would be in the bleed container is not shown in these steps to provide clarity.

13. Place damper body, damper shaft assembly and IFP into damping oil.
14. With the open end of the damper body pointing slightly up, gently tap the body to dislodge any entrapped air and set down.
15. Do the same with the damper assembly, pointing the damper shaft slightly up to remove any air bubbles.



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)**

<p>16. Under oil, insert the IFP into the air reservoir using the Swinger Air IFP removal tool. Only press the piston in just beyond the reservoir threads.</p>	
<p>17. Using a 6mm hex wrench, adjust the IFP Locating Tool so that the indicated travel matches the shock travel.</p> <p>Adjust so that travel indicator line is flush to the top of the tool</p>	
<p>18. Under oil, screw in the IFP locating tool into the air reservoir body. This will press the IFP deeper into the reservoir body to the required depth.</p> <p>Screw in hand tight until the flange is flush to the air reservoir body</p>	
<p>19. Under oil, screw in the damper assembly hand tight until damper cap is flush with the damper body.</p>	



**DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)**

<p>20. Remove the assembly from the oil, keeping the open end of the damper shaft pointing up. Using soft jaws to protect the eyelet, clamp the reservoir eyelet and torque the air piston per Table 1.</p>	
<p>21. Holding the assembly over the oil container, Install rebound adjuster needle, pointed end first. Push until the needle o-ring seats in the damper shaft.</p>	
<p>22. Clean damper shaft threads with alcohol and apply red Loctite 262.</p> <p>23. Install damper shaft in vise using soft jaws as shown and tighten to 100 KgCm (87inlbs).</p>	
<p>24. Remove the IFP location tool. Once the tool is removed DO NOT move the damper shaft</p>	



## DAMPING SYSTEM BLEEDING - SWINGER 4 WAY AIR SHOCKS (CONT.)

25. Clean the air preload threads with alcohol. Apply blue loctite #242 to air preload adjuster threads and grease threads. Install the air preload adjuster and torque per Table 1.



26. Clamp adjuster eyelet in soft jaws. Grease air canister threads, and screw canister onto eyelet. Tighten using strap wrench on canister.

27. Add air to re-pressurize the air preload reservoir per instructions in the Owner's Manual.

28. Reinstall shock mounting hardware and install in bike per manufacturers instructions. Add air to air canister per the Setting Sag instructions in the owner's manual.



## SECTION 16: SWINGER SHOCK TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

Symptom	Cause	Solution	Service Section
<b>ALL SHOCKS</b>			
<b>Damping System</b>			
Cannot set pedaling platform	Air loss from SPV system: SPV Schrader valve leaks	Tighten or replace Schrader core or replace Schrader assembly.	4
	SPV Valve failure	Close rebound knob (clockwise). If the shock rebounds fast after compression, the SPV valve may be defective. If the rebound is very slow, the valve is probably OK. Inspect and replace if necessary	12 - 15
	Air in damping system	Bleed damping system	12 - 15
SPV Schrader valve snapped off at base on 3 Way Air and Coil Swingers.	Interference with suspension linkage or other frame components	Replace. Confirm clearance after Schrader replacement	4
Adjusting rebound knob has no effect.	Air in damping system	Bleed damping system	12 - 15
Oil comes out of the SPV Schrader valve	Damping oil has leaked past the IFP	Replace o-ring on the IFP and bleed the damping system	12 - 15
<b>Mounting Hardware</b>			
Play in shock eyelets when mounted in bike	Worn DU bushing or mounting hardware	Replace	6 -7
<b>SWINGER AIR</b>			
<b>Air Spring</b>			
Air loss from air spring	Air spring Schrader valve leaks	Tighten or replace Schrader core or replace Schrader assembly.	4
	Seal failure on Air Canister	Replace seal(s)	4
	Seal failure on Air Piston	Replace seal(s)	4
Air shock does not return to full travel but has adequate air spring pressure	Failure of negative spring	Replace air canister and seals	4
Oil comes out of the Air Spring Schrader valve	Damping oil has leaked past the damper cap	Replace seals on the damper cap and bleed the damping system	14 - 15



## SWINGER SHOCK TROUBLESHOOTING CHART (CONT.)

Symptom	Cause	Solution	Service Section
<b>SWINGER AIR</b>			
<b>Air Spring</b>			
Hard Bottomout	Air spring pressure too low	Increase air canister air pressure	4
	Worn bottomout bumper	Replace bottomout bumper	14 - 15
Hard top out	Failure of negative spring	Replace air canister and seals	4
Air Volume adjuster on 4 Way Swinger has no affect on damping rate.	Damaged adjuster piston o-ring	Replace o-ring	15
Oil leak at base of air canister	Worn or damaged seals allowing oil to escape from damper chamber	Replace seals and bleed damping system	4
<b>SWINGER COIL</b>			
<b>Spring System</b>			
Hard bottomout	Spring rate too low	Replace with firmer spring	8
	Worn bottomout bumper	Replace bottomout bumper	9
Hard top out	Air in damping system	Bleed damping system	12 - 13
<b>Damping System</b>			
Oil leak at high and low speed compression adjuster screws	Worn or damaged adjuster needles and/or o-ring allowing oil to escape	Replace adjuster needle and/or o-rings	13
Oil leak at damper shaft	Worn or damaged seals allowing oil to escape from damper chamber	Replace seals and bleed damping system	12 - 13
Broken rebound knob on coil shocks	User attempted to remove knob during spring replacement	Replace rebound knob	11
Air Volume adjuster on 4 or 6 Way Swinger has no affect on damping rate.	Damaged adjuster piston o-ring	Replace o-ring	13



## SECTION 17

**TABLE 1**  
**FASTENER TORQUE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Torque</b>
<b>Swinger Air</b>	
Air Canister	15 – 24KgCm (13 – 21inlbs)
Air Piston to Damper	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Air Volume Adjuster, Swinger Air 4 Way	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Damper Piston Bolt	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Damper Shaft to Control Eyelet	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Schrader Valve Stem	5 – 10 KgCm ( 4 to 9 inlbs)
<b>Swinger Coil</b>	
Air Volume Adjuster, Swinger Coil 4&6 Way	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Damper Cap	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Damper Piston Bolt	70 - 90 KgCm ( 61 to 78 inlbs)
Damper Shaft to Control Eyelet	90 - 110 KgCm ( 78 to 95 inlbs)
Schrader Valve Stem	5 – 10 KgCm ( 4 to 9 inlbs)



## SECTION 18: 2004 SWINGER REAR SHOCK SERVICE KITS

Kit Description	Kit	Swinger				
		3-Way Air	4-Way Air	3-Way Coil	4-Way Coil	6-Way Coil
<b>Air Canister</b>						
Regular Mount 25mm Travel (1.00")		85-4461				
Regular Mount 32mm Travel (1.25")	A	85-6035				
Regular Mount 38mm Travel (1.5")	A	85-6036				
Regular Mount 50mm Travel (2.0")	A	85-6037				
LRS Air Canister	A	85-6278				
Trunion Mount 38mm Travel - Can'dale 85-11433/20001	A	85-6038				
Trunion Air Canister for Shock Iko PN 85-11340	A	85-6282				
Trunion Air Canister for Shock Corretec PN 85-20000	A	85-6283				
<b>Schrader Valves</b>						
Swinger Air Canister Schrader Valve Assy, Black	A	85-4400				
Swinger SPV Schrader Valve Assy, Red	A			85-4419		
<b>Complete Shock, Without Hardware, Spring</b>						
152mm Eye to Eye, 32mm Travel	B	85-6146	85-6154			
165mm Eye to Eye, 38mm Travel	B	85-6147	85-6155			
190mm Eye to Eye, 50mm Travel	B	85-6148	85-6156	85-6158	85-6169	85-6177
200mm Eye to Eye, 50mm Travel	B	85-6149	85-6157	85-6159	85-6172	85-6178
215mm Eye to Eye, 63mm Travel	B				85-6173	85-6179
222mm Eye to Eye, 70mm Travel	B				85-6174	85-6180
230mm Eye to Eye, 70mm Travel				85-6167	85-6175	85-6181
240mm Eye to Eye, 76mm Travel	B			85-6168	85-6176	85-6182
Heim Joints, 320mm Eye to Eye, 63mm Travel	B	85-20003				
Swinger 6W Remote Reservoir Hose Kit	B					85-6280
Swinger 6W Remote Reservoir Hose Fitting Kit	B					85-6281
Swinger SPV Air Volume Adjuster Kit			85-4493		85-4493	
Swinger Coil Rebound Adjuster Knob					85-4492	
<b>6 Way Compression Adjuster Knob/Needles Kit</b>						
2mm Adj. Hex	B					85-4490
3mm Adj. Hex	B					85-4426
<b>SPV Valve</b>						
	B	85-4457			85-6098	
<b>Seal Kit</b>						
	C	85-6099			85-6135	
Swinger 3W LRS Seal Kit	C	85-6277				
Swinger 6W Remote Reservoir Seal Kit	C					85-6279

### 2004 SWINGER REAR SHOCK SERVICE KITS (CONT.)



Kit Description	Kit	Swinger				
		3-Way Air	4-Way Air	3-Way Coil	4-Way Coil	6-Way Coil
<b>Mounting Hardware Kits</b>	D	(Contact Answer Products)				
<b>Hardware Bushing Kit</b>	E					
DU Bushing	E	85-6105				
Heim Joint - Swinger 3W LRS	E	85-6275				
<b>Sticker Kit</b>	F					
Sticker Kit, Swinger 3-Way Air	F	85-4409				
Sticker Kit, Swinger 4-Way Air	F		85-4410			
Sticker Kit, Swinger 3-Way Coil	F			85-4411		
Sticker Kit, Swinger 4-Way Coil	F				85-4412	
Sticker Kit, Swinger 6-Way Coil	F					85-4417
<b>Ride Kits - Springs for Coil Shocks</b>	G					
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 250	G			85-6185		
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 300	G				85-5431	
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 350	G				85-6111	
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 400	G				85-6112	
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 450	G				85-6113	
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 500	G				85-6114	
190 or 200 Eye to Eye, Rate: 550	G				85-6136	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 250	G				85-6186	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 300	G				85-6187	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 350	G				85-6188	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 400	G				85-6189	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 450	G				85-6190	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 500	G				85-6191	
215 Eye to Eye, Rate: 550	G				85-6192	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 250	G				85-6193	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 300	G				85-6137	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 350	G				85-6117	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 400	G				85-6118	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 450	G				85-6119	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 500	G				85-6120	
222 or 230 Eye to Eye, Rate: 550	G				85-5432	



**2004 SWINGER REAR SHOCK SERVICE KITS (CONT.)**

Kit Description	Kit	Swinger				
		3-Way Air	4-Way Air	3-Way Coil	4-Way Coil	6-Way Coil
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 250	G				85-6194	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 300	G				85-6195	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 350	G				85-6196	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 400	G				85-6197	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 450	G				85-6198	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 500	G				85-6199	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 550	G				85-6201	
240 Eye to Eye, Rate: 600	G				85-4460	
Spring Retention Collar	G				85-5437	
<b>Tools</b>	H					
Tool for adjusting Swinger Reservoir Volume	H		85-3007		85-3007	
Tool for locating Swinger IFP during bleed process	H		85-6107		85-6107	
DU Bushing Tool	H			85-6075		
Guide for Air Canister Seals over Damper Body	H	85-4430				
Plunger for Removal of IFP Piston, Swinger Air	H		85-4413			
Plunger for Removal of IFP Piston , Swinger Coil	H				85-4423	
Tool for Bleeding Swinger Reservoir Shocks	H		85-4414		85-4414	
Fixture to Hold and Compress Shocks	H			85-3008		
Fixture for Clamping 10mm Swinger Air Damper Shaft	H	85-4406				
Fixture for Clamping .500 Swinger Coil Damper Shaft	H				85-5148	
Shock Pump - Air Canister	H	85-4069				
Shock Pump - SPV Reservoir	H			85-4161		
Fixture for Clamping Reservoir and Damper Body	H			85-6031		



## 04 Swinger Rear Shock Service Kits - Description



A - Air Canister



A - Air Valve Assembly



B - 3 Way Swinger Air Shock, No Hardware



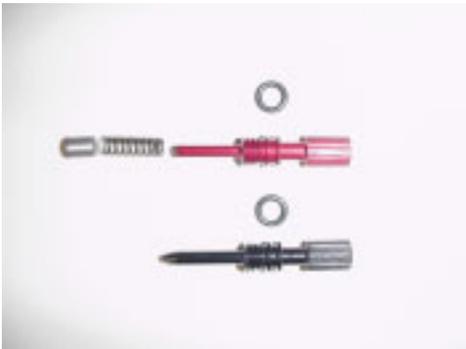
B - 4 Way Swinger Air Shock, No Hardware



B - 3 Way Swinger Coil Shock, No Hardware, No Coil



B - 4 & 6 Way Swinger Coil Shock, No Hardware, No Coil



B - Low and High Speed Adjuster Kit



B- Rebound Adjuster Knob Kit

## 04 Swinger Rear Shock Service Kits - Description (CONT.)



**B- SPV Air Preload**



**C - Seal Kit**



**D - Hardware**



**E - DU Bushing Kit**



**F - Sticker Kit**



**G - Ride Kits**

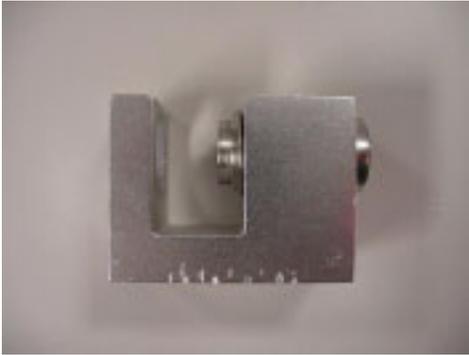


**G - Spring Collar**



**G - Bottomout Bumper**

**04 Swinger Rear Shock Service Kits - Description (CONT.)**



**H - DU Bushing Tool**



**H - Swinger Air Reservoir Volume Tool**



**H - Swinger IFP Locating Tool**



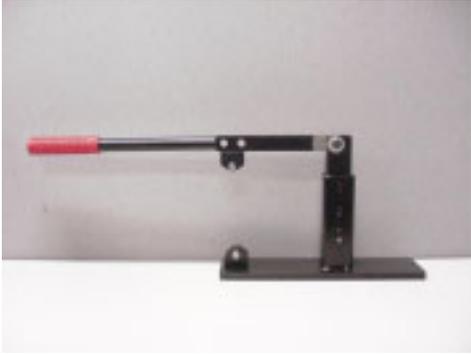
**H - Swinger Air IFP Removal Tool**



**H - Swinger Coil IFP Removal Tool**



**H - 6 Way Damper Body and Reservoir Clamp**



**H - Rear Shock Compression Test Fixture**



**H - 1/2" Soft Jaws**



**H - 10mm Soft Jaws**