



**IMPORTANT! READ THIS FIRST!**

Installation of shock absorbers or other suspension components requires special tools and expert knowledge. Accordingly, installation of all BILSTEIN products must be performed by a professional automotive suspension technician.

When replacing other brands, BILSTEIN shock absorbers or other suspension components should always be installed as a set. All BILSTEIN products must only be used for the specific, intended application as indicated in the application guide. **Any use of any BILSTEIN product other than for its intended use may result in serious bodily injury or death.**

Always use a chassis hoist for the installation of BILSTEIN products and make certain that the raised vehicle is securely attached to the hoist and/or supported to prevent the vehicle from slipping, falling, or moving during the installation process.

**If you install any BILSTEIN product without the necessary special tools, expertise, and chassis hoist, you may subject yourself to the risk of serious bodily injury or death.**

BILSTEIN shock absorbers are gas-filled and are highly pressurized.

- Never place any BILSTEIN shock absorbers in a vise or use a clamp on any BILSTEIN shock absorber.
- Never apply heat near any BILSTEIN shock absorber.
- Never attempt to open or repair any BILSTEIN product, in order to prevent **serious bodily injury or death.**

Any attempt to misuse, misapply, modify, or tamper with any BILSTEIN suspension product voids any warranty and **may result in serious bodily injury or death.**

While installing any BILSTEIN product:

- Do not use impact tools for loosening or tightening fasteners, because this may destroy the screw threads.
- Self-locking fasteners must only be used **once!**
- Reuse original equipment components only if they are in good condition, otherwise replace them with new components.
- Never remove the slight film of oil on the shock absorber piston rod and seal.
- All mounting fasteners for shock absorbers and other suspension components must be securely tightened before tension is placed on the suspension system, unless otherwise specified in the manufacturer's service manual or in this instruction.

After installing any BILSTEIN product:

- The suspension caster and camber must be checked and/or adjusted to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- The (load dependent) brake compensator and the anti-lock brake system must be checked and/or reset to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- The headlight aim must be checked and adjusted. Or, if applicable, adaptive headlights must be checked and recalibrated to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- If applicable, any/all Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) must be checked and recalibrated to comply with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

***CAUTION for COILOVER TYPE SUSPENSIONS!!!***

**If disassembling a coilover type suspension, refer to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual for proper procedures. The coil spring is preloaded and must be compressed with a spring compressor to release load before the upper mount is disassembled. Failure to follow the vehicle manufacturer's procedures may cause serious injury or death, and may damage the vehicle.**

***IMPORTANT!!!***

**This BILSTEIN product may or may not be compatible with non-BILSTEIN aftermarket products and/or vehicle modifications. It is the responsibility of the professional automotive suspension technician performing the installation to identify any non-OEM components and/or modifications on the vehicle that may interact with the suspension system. These must be evaluated for any potential physical static or dynamic interference with and/or effect on the function of this BILSTEIN product.**

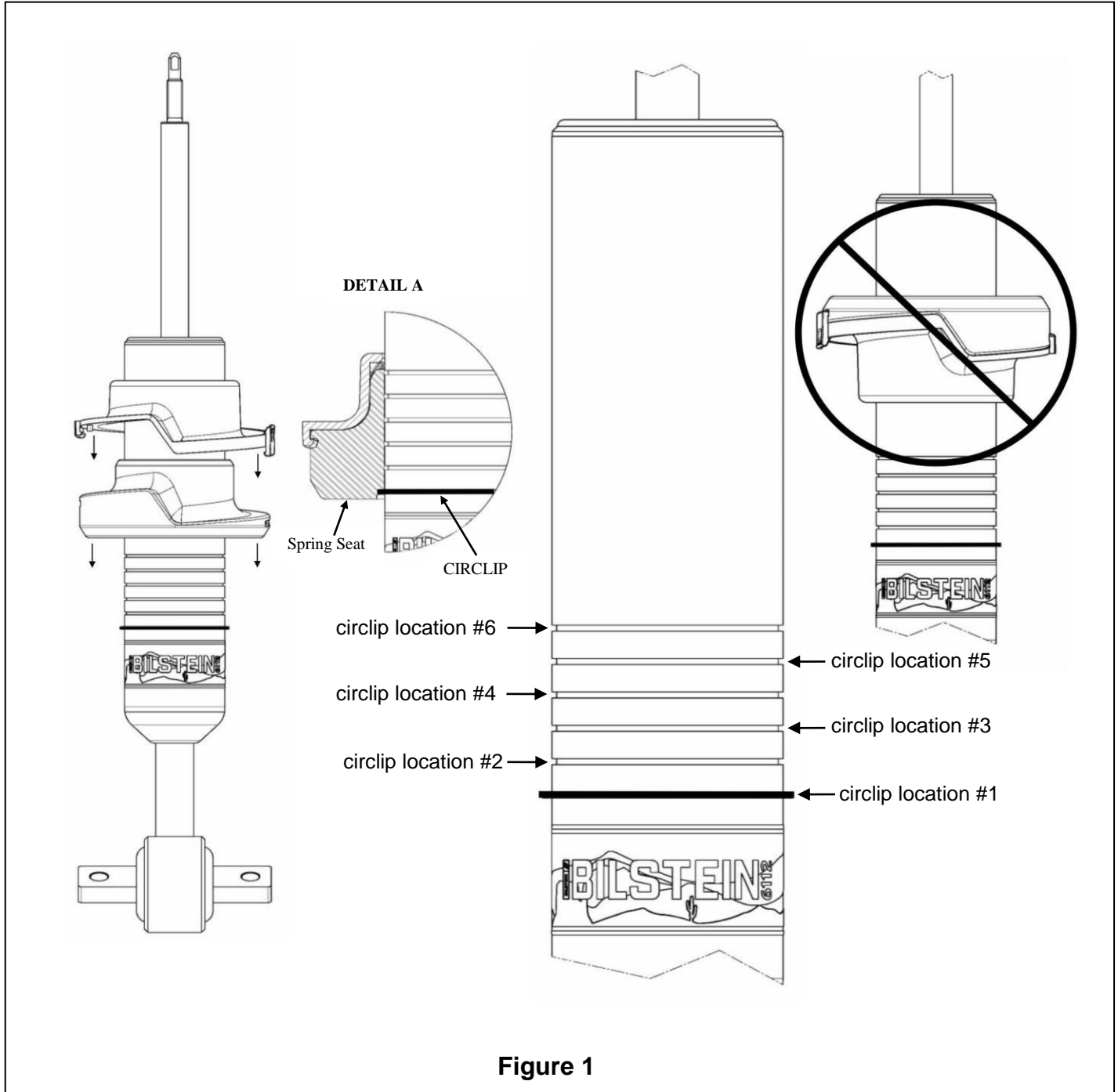
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## IMPORTANT:

### PLACE CIRCLIP IN APPROPRIATE GROOVE TO ADJUST RIDE HEIGHT.

Use appropriate tools to move the circlip. Ensure that the circlip is fully seated in the groove after moving it (you should be able to rotate it manually in the groove). Install the spring seat in the direction shown only. The circlip must fit completely in the groove inside the spring seat (DETAIL A). **Improper installation will cause permanent damage to the shock!**



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B8 6112 Typical Lift Heights**		
Circlip Location	2.7L I4 Turbo/TurboMax - 4WD	2.7L I4 Turbo/TurboMax - 2WD
#6	***See note	***See note
#5	2.5"	***See note
#4	1.9"	2.5"
#3	1.2"	2.0"
#2	0.6"	1.5"
#1	Stock	1.0"

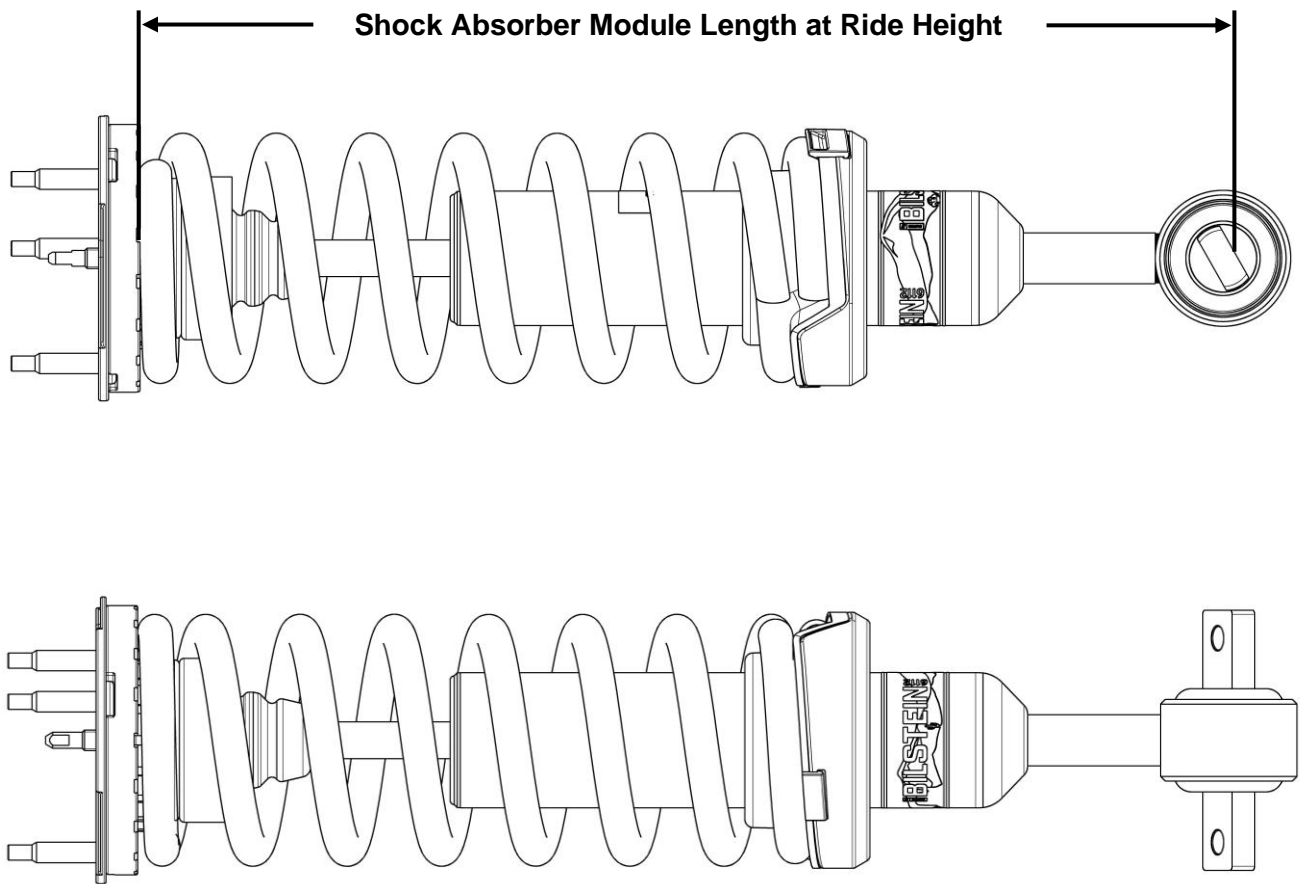
\*\* Lift heights indicated are typical. Actual lift height is influenced by which factory suspension the vehicle is equipped with and its condition; optional equipment and accessories on your vehicle, and other vehicle modifications such as replacement coil springs, wheel and tire combinations, etc. Modifying/lifting the suspension to your vehicle may raise its center of gravity and may make it more susceptible to loss of control and/or rollover, which may result in death or serious injury. We strongly recommend that you offset the loss of rollover resistance as much as possible by increasing tire track width. Wear seat belts at all times and avoid situations where a side rollover may occur.

\*\*\* **DO NOT USE** this circlip location for stock weight vehicles. However, if substantial additional weight is added to your vehicle (e.g. heavy bumper and winch), and this results in a loss of ride height, this circlip location may be utilized to restore the vehicle to its intended ride height. Subsequently, it is essential that you verify the shock absorber module length at ride height does not exceed the values listed in **Figure 2**.

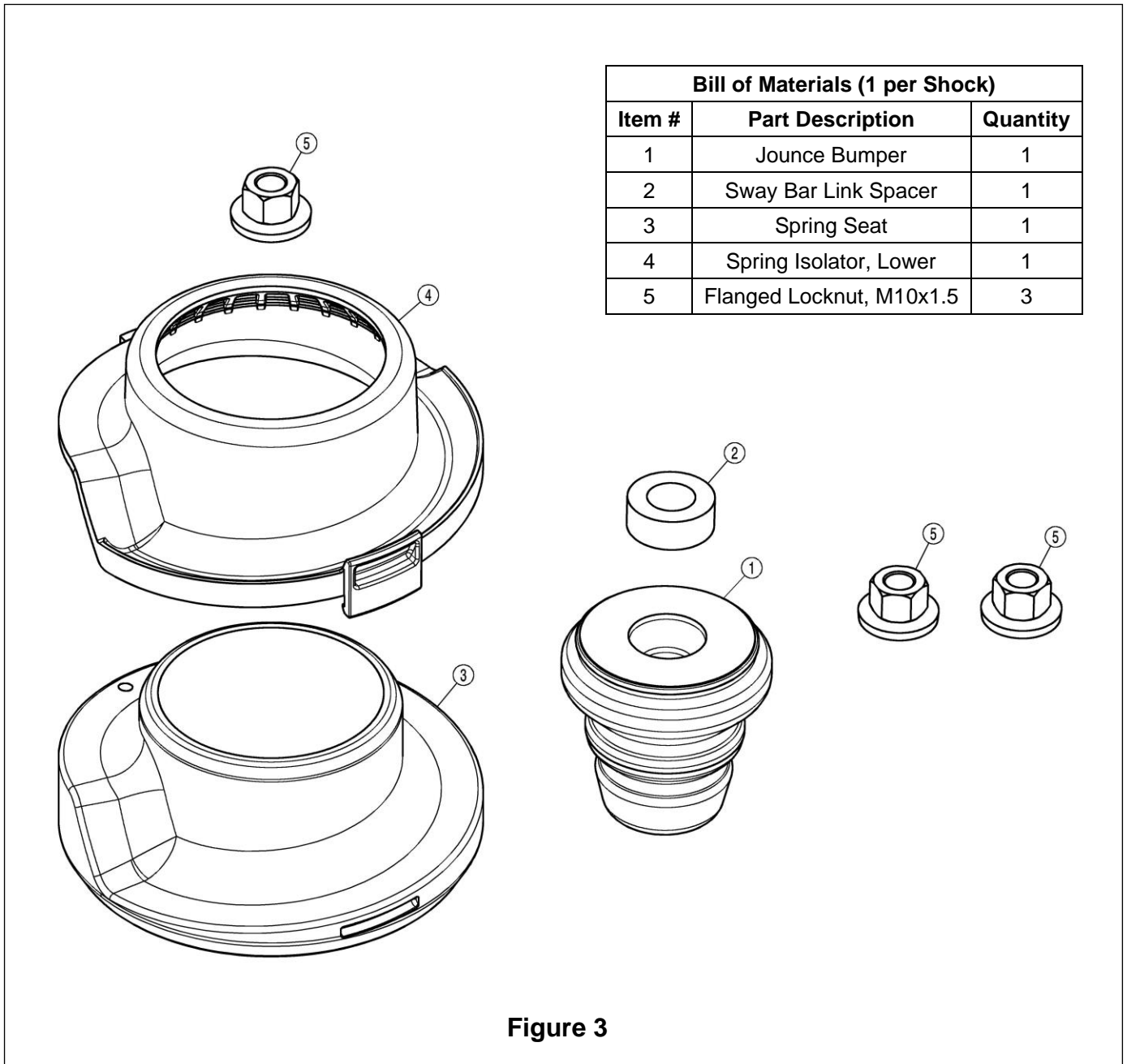
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For **Heavy Load Applications**, verify the shock absorber module length specified in Figure 2 below is **less than or equal to 20 3/16" (513mm)**. If the resultant shock absorber module length is greater than 20 3/16" (513mm), a lower circlip location should be used. NOTE: The shock absorber module length is measured from the bottom center of the T bar mount at the lower control arm to the bottom of upper spring isolator.



**Figure 2**



Bill of Materials (1 per Shock)		
Item #	Part Description	Quantity
1	Jounce Bumper	1
2	Sway Bar Link Spacer	1
3	Spring Seat	1
4	Spring Isolator, Lower	1
5	Flanged Locknut, M10x1.5	3

Figure 3

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### Instructions for assembly of sway bar link spacer:

- A. A sway bar link spacer is needed at the sway bar end to prevent the sway bar link stud from contacting the lower control arm at full droop. Remove the sway bar link using a 21mm wrench - a 10mm wrench will need to be used to prevent the stud from rotating.



- B. Once the sway bar link is removed, slide the sway bar link spacer (BOM item #2) over the threaded stud. **Note: the sway bar link spacer is only needed at the sway bar end.**



- C. Reinstall the sway bar link with the sway bar link spacer onto the vehicle. Tighten all fasteners to vehicle manufacturer's specifications.





**Instructions for disassembly of OE shock absorber module:**

- D. Remove the existing shock and spring unit from the vehicle following all procedures in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual.
- E. Note the clocking of the lower T bar mount relative to the studs on the upper mount (important for reassembly). The OEM top hat assembly is stamped with a "RH" and "LH" arrow – indicating the inboard direction for both the right hand (passenger) and left hand (driver) side.
- F. Using an appropriate spring compressor, compress the spring until the shock can be rotated freely by hand. Then, disassemble the shock and spring unit.

**Instructions for assembly of B8 6112 shock absorber module:**

- G. Select a desired lift height by seating the circlip in the appropriate circlip location (see **Figure 1** on Page 2 and the **Lift Height Tables** on Page 3).
- H. Install the supplied spring seat onto the shock body as shown. Ensure that the groove inside the spring seat fits over the circlip on the shock body (**see Figure 1, DETAIL A on Page 2**). Improper installation will cause permanent damage to the shock.
- I. Discard the OEM dust boot as it is not compatible with the Bilstein B8 6112 shock absorber. The OEM jounce bumper can be discarded as well.

**[Refer to Figure 4 on page 8 for steps J-L]**

- J. Install the supplied spring seat isolator as shown.
- K. Using an appropriate spring compressor, compress the supplied coil spring enough to safely assemble it with the new Bilstein shock.
- L. Install the supplied jounce bumper followed by the OEM top hat assembly (which includes the OEM top mount plate and OEM top mount spring isolator) over the threaded stem on the new Bilstein shock and on top of the spring.

**[Refer to Figure 5 on page 9 for step M]**

- M. Rotate the shock so the lower T bar mount is aligned with the upper mount studs as noted in **Step E and Figure 5**. The "RH" and "LH" arrows should be pointing in the inboard direction for both the right hand (passenger) and left hand (driver) side respectively. Rotate the spring so that the Bilstein text/part number is facing outboard. Rotate the lower spring seat/isolator so they are indexed with the lower spring pigtail end.
- N. Install the provided new flange lock nut - use a 6mm wrench to keep the threaded stem from rotating while torquing the lock nut and tighten to 45 Nm (34 lb/ft).  
**\*\*\*\*DO NOT USE AN IMPACT WRENCH TO TIGHTEN THE LOCK NUT! \*\*\*\***
- O. Slowly release the spring compressor while ensuring everything listed in **Step M** remains aligned.
- P. Install the assembly on to the vehicle and tighten all fasteners to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Install the OEM lower T bar bolts up through the control arm and T bar. Then install the Bilstein supplied flange lock nuts on to the OEM T-Bar bolts and tighten the supplied flange lock nuts to 72 Nm (53 lb/ft). Do not re-use the original lock nuts. This completes the installation.
- Q. Check wheel alignment and adjust to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

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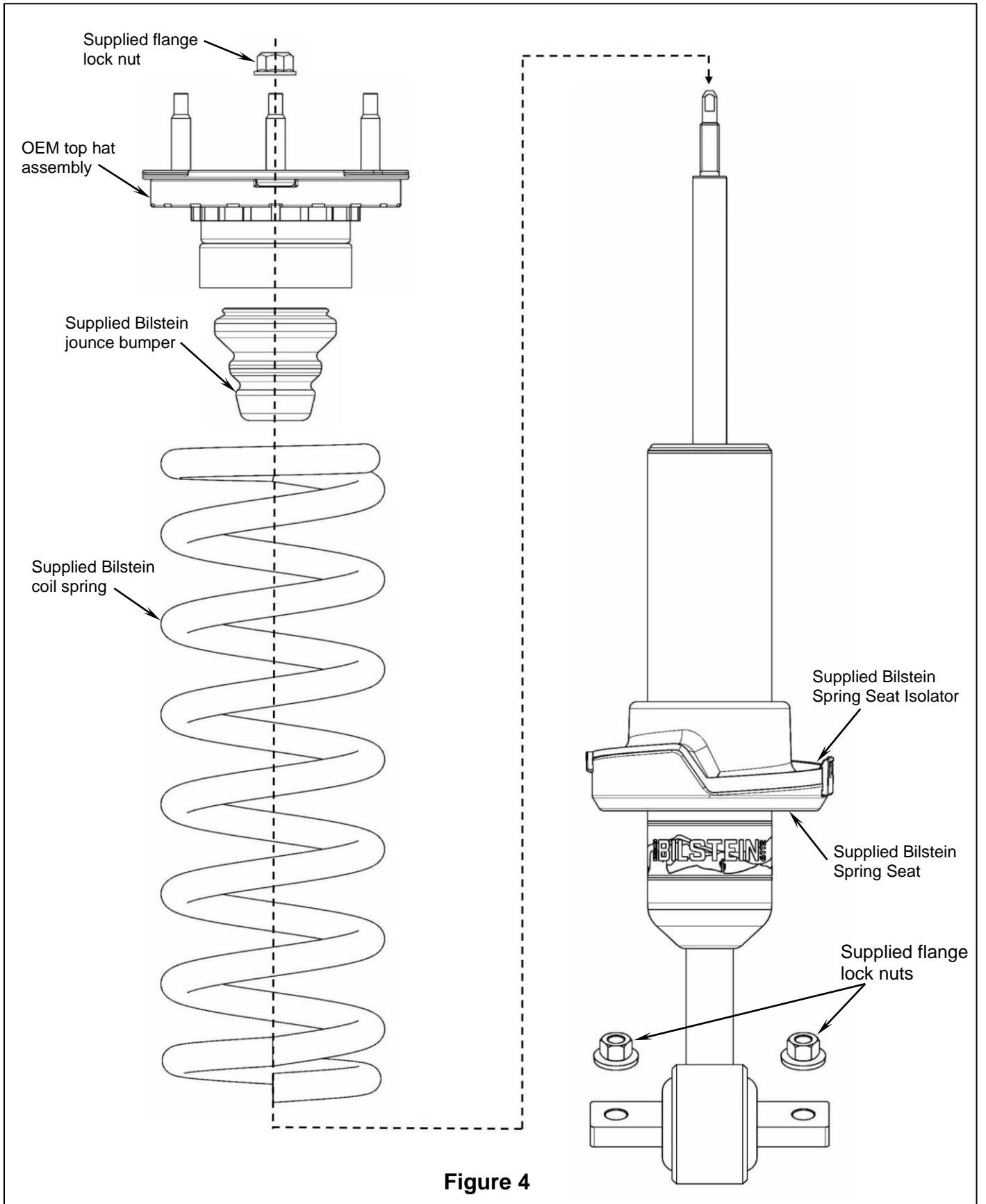


Figure 4

