

## **MGB FRONT TELESCOPIC DAMPER CONVERSION FITTING INSTRUCTIONS**

This conversion is a bolt-on conversion and is designed to give the optimum performance, ride quality and handling without compromising the car.



The conversion kit consists of a pair of precision-machined aluminium wishbone and damper mounting units, HBE gas telescopic dampers, lower damper mounting brackets and a fitting kit.

### **FITTING**

Remove the original lever arm damper units according to the original workshop manual, ensuring that the lower wishbone arms and springs are properly supported and safe.

Remove the rubber bump stop brackets.

Clean off the surrounding area to ensure no dirt enters the threads of the top mounting bolt holes and clean the threads if necessary to ensure the bolts run freely in the threads.

Swing the king pin assembly away from the car to gain access to the lower wishbone pan. This may require the brake caliper to be unbolted from the king pin. Take care to support the caliper and not to damage the brake hose if this is not being removed.

Take the new lower damper mounting bracket and bolt it to the lower wishbone spring pan using the two existing holes with the new third hole facing outwards. A third hole should be drilled and bolted into the wishbone pan using the new bracket as a guide.

Unbolt and remove the swinging arms from the new top link and offer the main bracket to the car. This is bolted down using the Allen bolts provided. Fitting these bolts is a little tricky so ensure all 4 bolts are started and moving freely before bolting any down. Tighten to 20NM.

Remove the top half of the damper bush at the pin end, compress the damper a little by hand and insert the damper between the new top link and the new bottom bracket with the pin end uppermost.

Now bolt the lower damper eyelet to the lower bracket. Raise the suspension using a jack or similar and then re-fit the top half of the damper top mounting bush and tighten using the locking nuts.

At this point check for clearance of the damper body against the front crossmember. This should be about 5 to 10mm. If it is not you will need to relieve the flange on the end of the crossmember to allow sufficient clearance.

Re-fit the swinging arms (these should be lubricated with a conventional LM type grease) and use the new polyurethane bushes provided at the king pin end.

Re-fit the brake calipers and check the position and operation of the brake hose to ensure it will not foul anywhere.

Re-set the tracking to 2-3mm toe in overall (this is a guide setting and further adjustment may be required to gain the best overall handling characteristics).



When first testing your new suspension we recommend you take time to get used to the difference. We suggest that trying out the limits of this, and any other product, should be done in a safe place.

After the initial tests we strongly recommend re checking all fixing points and further tightening if required.



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