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**Congratulations on your purchase of Viking Warrior™ double adjustable shock absorbers! You can rest assured that you are getting the best value for your dollar with Viking high performance shocks.**

**INSTALLATION / TUNING GUIDE FOR  
VIKING WARRIOR DOUBLE ADJUSTABLE  
STOCK MOUNT SHOCKS  
[Part Numbers B201 –B2xx]**

**⚠ WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm - [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

**INSTALLATION**

**Please read these instructions carefully prior to installing your new Viking shocks.**

1. Verify that your shocks are the correct lengths and mount style before beginning installation. Contact your chassis builder, supplier or Viking if you have any questions. **Products that are used, installed or modified in any way are not eligible for return.** See our full Terms & Conditions of Sale at [www.vi-king.com](http://www.vi-king.com).
2. Measure your vehicle's ride height by measuring from the center point of the fender lip down to the ground. Mark the spot you measured to for later reference.
3. Reference your vehicle's owner's manual to determine the proper jacking locations, and the instructions for removing the shocks and springs. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**
4. Jack your vehicle up until the tires do not touch the ground and the suspension hangs freely. Removing the wheels is not required in all cases, but it does allow for easier access. Remove the shocks and sway bar mounts, if applicable, and retain all mounting hardware.
5. **Important:** Ensure that factory or replacement compression bumpers are in place and in good condition prior to installing the shocks. **IF THE FACTORY BUMPERS OR EQUIVALENT ARE DAMAGED OR ARE NOT PRESENT, DAMAGE TO THE SHOCK MAY OCCUR THAT IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.**
6. It is important to note that your **shocks are never to be used as a travel limiter.** Severe damage will result that will not be covered under the warranty. Straps or cables made for travel limitation should be used prevent topping out. Vehicles used in a manner where they could bottom out the shocks (such as drag racing) should use a higher rate spring and a bump stop to help prevent shock damage. Any shock can be damaged from wheel stands despite bump stops.

**Front Shocks:**

1. If applicable, install one stud washer and one bushing (half of the shock stud bushing pack) onto the stud on the upper mount.
2. Confirm that the shocks will fit through the lower control arms without modifications. If no, continue to step (3). If yes, put the shock through the lower control arm and slide the upper shock mount into place, tighten all nuts and bolts to factory specifications, and proceed to step (8).
3. Use a floor jack to support the lower control arm, remove the cotter pin from the lower ball joint and loosen the ball joint nut. Remove the ball joint stud from the spindle using a tie rod / ball joint separator. **Carefully and slowly** release the lower control arm assembly by lowering the floor jack until the spring can be safely removed.
4. **Important: Verify the shock body will clear the spring pocket sheet metal. These tolerances varied greatly out of the factory, and this pocket may need to be opened up to allow adequate clearance for the shock body.**
5. Fully extend the shock and put the T-bar through the lower control arm and insert the bolts but **do not tighten** them completely at this time. The knobs on the shock should be facing out toward the spindle.
6. Slide the coil spring over the shock and align it in the lower control arm. Align the upper shock mount and the factory spring in the spring bucket. Jack the lower control arm up very slowly, making sure that the shock is not binding as the spring is compressed.
7. Install the upper stud bushing, washer and nut. Tighten the nut until the bushing OD matches the washer OD and then lock down the jam nut. **WARNING: Over-tightening the stud bushing nut will over-compress the bushing causing failure of the bushing assembly.**
8. Tighten the two control arm shock bolts to factory specifications.
9. Reassemble the lower a-arm and the spindle. Torque the spindle nut to factory specifications and insert the cotter pin.
10. Reattach the wheels and verify everything has been torqued to the specifications defined by the vehicle's manufacturer.
11. Carefully place the car on the ground to check clearances again. Lightly bounce the vehicle at each corner to verify that there are not any clearance issues.
12. Measure the ride height as you did prior to installation and ensure that there is sufficient travel in both directions. Ideally, 60% of the shock stroke will be available for compression. **INCORRECT RIDE HEIGHT COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE SHOCK THAT IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.**

**Rear Shocks:**

1. If applicable, install one stud washer and one bushing (half of the shock stud bushing pack) onto the stud on the upper mount.
2. Mount the upper portion of the shock then mount the lower portion of the shock to the rear end housing. There should be little or no modifications necessary.
3. If applicable, install the upper stud bushing, washer and nut. Tighten the nut until the bushing OD matches the washer OD and then lock down the jam nut. **WARNING: Over-tightening the stud bushing nut will over-compress the bushing causing failure of the bushing assembly.**
4. Make certain that everything is mounted securely then, if necessary jack the rear end housing into the chassis. If applicable, make sure that the springs are realigned.
5. Verify everything has been torqued to the specifications defined by the vehicle's manufacturer.
6. Carefully place the car on the ground to check clearances again. Lightly bounce the vehicle at each corner to verify that there are not any clearance issues.
7. Measure the ride height as you did prior to installation and ensure that there is sufficient travel in both directions. Ideally, 60% of the shock stroke will be available for compression. **INCORRECT RIDE HEIGHT COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE SHOCK THAT IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.**

## TUNING AND ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Vehicles used on the street, drag cars, and road racers will all have different needs in terms of shock valving. However, it does not stop there. Driver style / capability, road / track conditions, vehicle type (car vs. pickup, etc.), vehicle weight, horsepower, tires, etc. all create different needs in terms of shock valving. That is the beauty of a double adjustable shock. Your Viking shocks have a total of 19 positions (18 clicks plus a zero position) of adjustment per knob, for a total of 361 different valvings. Compression and rebound are independently controlled on the Viking shocks. The "C" knob adjusts compression, while the "R" knob adjusts rebound. Every Viking shock is tested on a dynamometer prior to shipment to ensure that it is functioning properly. Manually moving a shock is not an accurate testing method for ensuring that shocks are functioning properly. Position zero is the softest setting and is found by turning the knob counterclockwise until the positive stop is located. Position 18 is the stiffest setting. Only very light force is needed to adjust the knobs; do not ever force the knob past its intended stop as doing so will damage the shock.

Recommended baseline points for adjusting your Viking shocks are as follows:

For good handling and excellent ride quality, the rebound should be set roughly 2 to 6 clicks higher than the compression. For example, a good starting point for the street is 2 clicks on compression and 6 clicks on rebound on the front and 1 click on compression and 3 clicks on rebound on the rear.

Ride Quality/Street:	Front: 1 - 4 compression; 4 - 8 rebound	
	Rear: 0 - 3 compression; 2 - 5 rebound	

The handling and autocross settings will vary depending on spring rate. If extra firm springs are utilized, the compression setting might be set softer and the rebound setting firmer.

Handling:	Front: 8 - 10 compression; 10 - 14 rebound	
	Rear: 6 - 8 compression; 8 - 12 rebound	

Autocross:	Front: 10 - 14 compression; 14 - 18 rebound	
	Rear: 6 - 10 compression; 10 - 14 rebound	

For drag racing, is the car set-up for weight transfer or to separate? For separation, first stiffen compression until you do not see the car "dip" on the initial launch. The goal is to have the car go from ride height straight to separation where the rear quarter panel is lifting away from the rear tire. Then stiffen rebound until it hurts your time then dial back 1-2 clicks. Rebound should then be adjusted based upon track condition. If the track prep is good then increase rebound. If the track prep is poor then decrease rebound to promote more rear separation.

Drag Racing: (<600 HP)	Front: 12 - 18 compression; 0 - 4 rebound	
	Rear (Weight Transfer): 0 - 4 compression; 4 - 10 rebound	
	Rear (Separation): 6 - 10 compression; 2 - 6 rebound	

Drag Racing: (600-900 HP)	Front: 12 - 18 compression; 2 - 8 rebound	
	Rear (Weight Transfer): 2 - 6 compression; 6 - 12 rebound	
	Rear (Separation): 8 - 12 compression; 5 - 10 rebound	

Drag Racing: (>900 HP)	Front: 12 - 18 compression; 4 - 12 rebound	
	Rear (Weight Transfer): 4 - 8 compression; 12 - 18 rebound	
	Rear (Separation): 10 - 14 compression; 7 - 13 rebound	

**Note: Viking Crusader high force rebound rear shocks are strongly recommended for any vehicle with over 750 HP, especially small tire/drag radial vehicles.**



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