



INSTALLATION & TUNING GUIDE

12" & 13" REMOTE RESERVOIR SHOCKS



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Installation should be performed by a certified motorcycle technician. Damage to your motorcycle or the suspension parts can occur if improperly installed and tuned.



Replacing the stock suspension will significantly change the responsiveness and handling of your motorcycle. Please see our tuning guide and appropriately adjust the suspension based on your weight, payload, and riding style.

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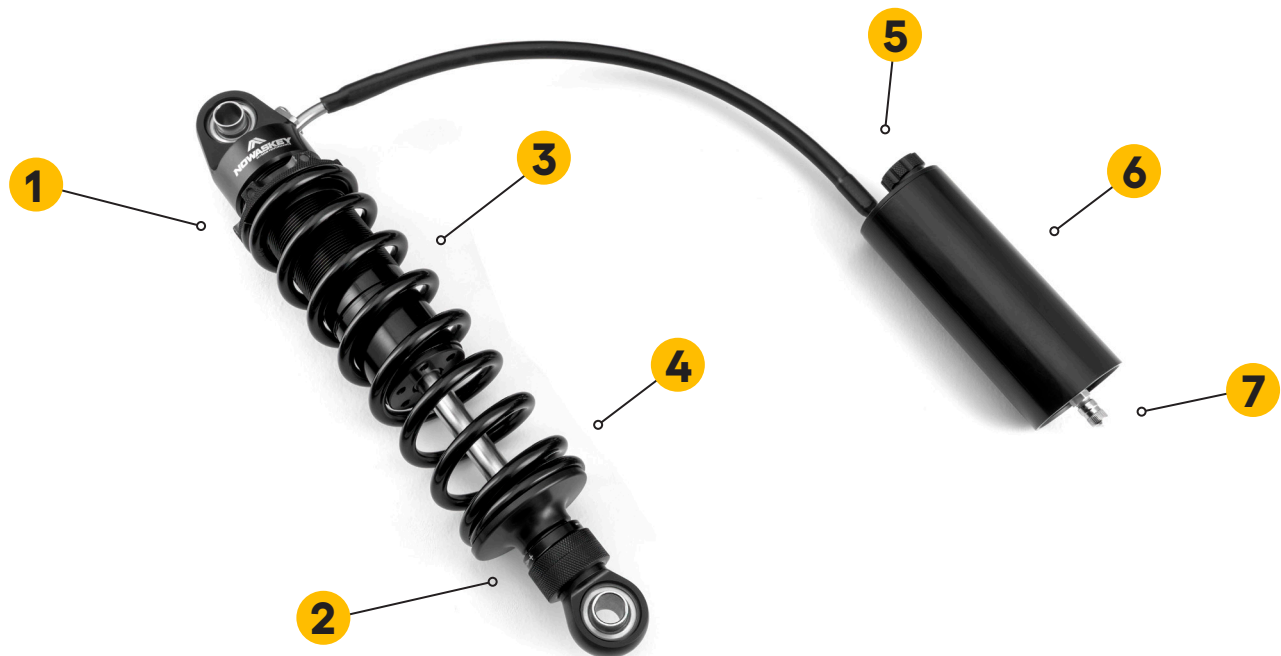


RECOMMENDED TOOLS

- Jack Stand
- 3/4" Socket/Wrench
- Spanner Wrench
- Red Loctite®

INCLUDED HARDWARE

- (4) Mounting Bolts
- (4) Lock Washers
- (4) Spacers



1 - SPRING PRELOAD ADJUSTER

Adjusts the amount of spring preload, which determines the amount of sag.

2 - REBOUND ADJUSTER

Adjusts how quickly the shock returns to its original position.

3 - SHOCK SPRING

Spring rates available 130lbs/in, 140lbs/in, 150lbs/in

4 - BOTTOM OUT BUMPER

Prevents hard bottoming out.

5 - COMPRESSION ADJUSTER

6 on-the-fly settings to modify the riding stiffness or rebound damping (#1=softest to #6 firmest).

6 - REMOTE RESERVOIR

The larger reservoir allows for more nitrogen volume and added cooling of the oil when it travels toward the reservoir.

7 - NITROGEN FILL NOZZLE

For servicing the nitrogen in the reservoir.

 **Do not attempt to fill.**

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INSTALLATION GUIDE



Read the installation instructions and fully understand them before installing this suspension on your motorcycle. Use the factory authorized service manual as a reference during the installation.

STEP 1

- Securely place the motorcycle on a stand with the rear wheel elevated (Figure 1).
-  **Do not use a stand that supports the swing arm.**
- Remove any motorcycle parts (if needed) to expose the shock mounting points.
- Remove the stock shocks.

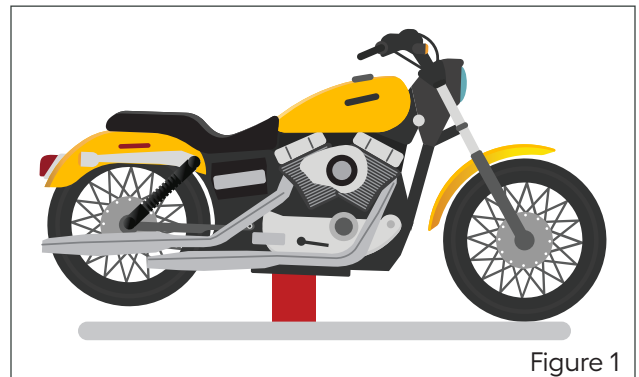


Figure 1

STEP 2

Check to see if the top and bottom mounting points are parallel:

- Install a new shock on each side using a mounting bolt and spacer in the bottom mounting point (Figure 2).
- Line up the top mounting points and snug the bolt on each side.
- Determine if top of the shock is flush with the top mounting point (Figure 3). If not, measure the gap to determine the spacers needed (Figure 4).

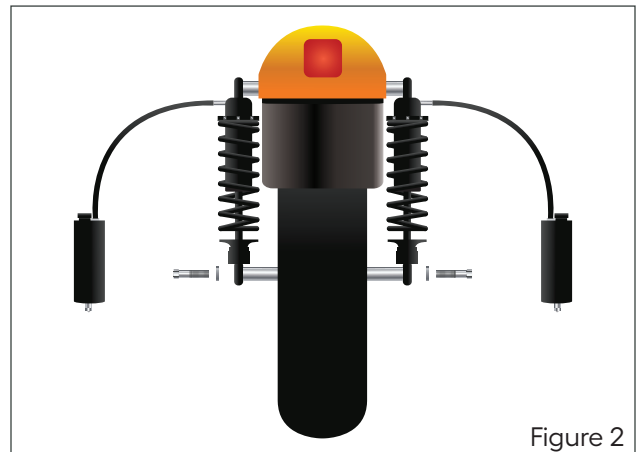


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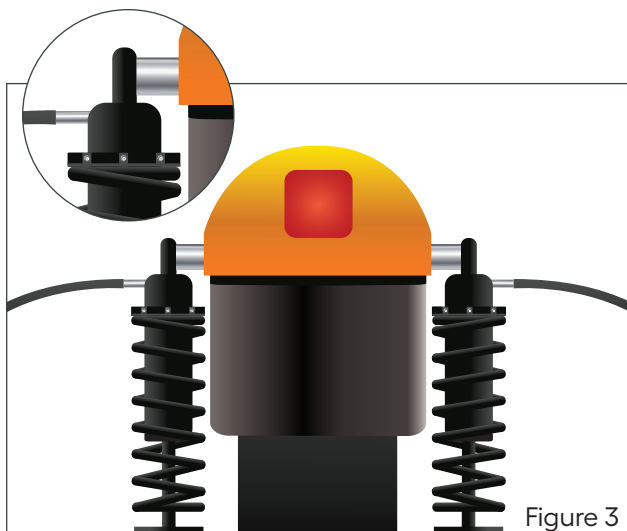


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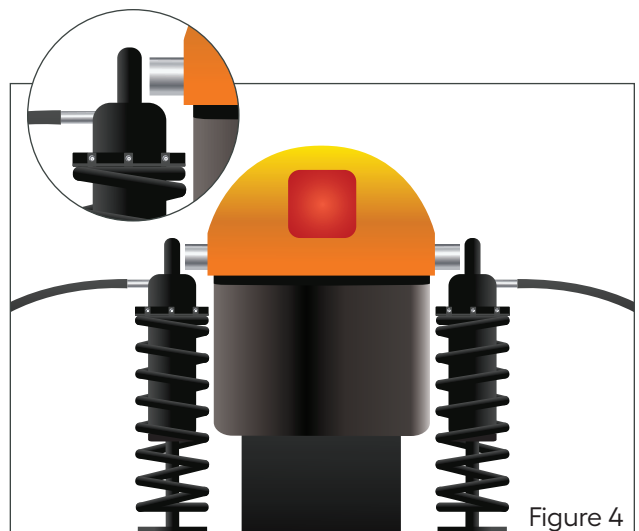


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STEP 3

- Remove the shocks.
- Add the locking washer and spacer to each mounting bolt. Add red thread locker to the mounting bolt threads.
- Install the shocks and tighten the mounting bolts to 70 ft-lbs (Figure 5).

STEP 4

- Determine the best location for the remote reservoir, so that the adjustment dial can be easily accessed (Figure 6).
- Mount the remote reservoir (mounting hardware not included) making sure that the hose is not in contact with any moving parts.

 **Do not remove the hose to install the remote reservoir.**

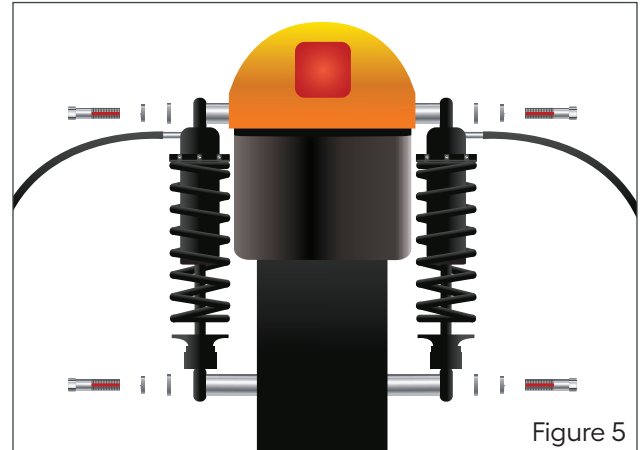


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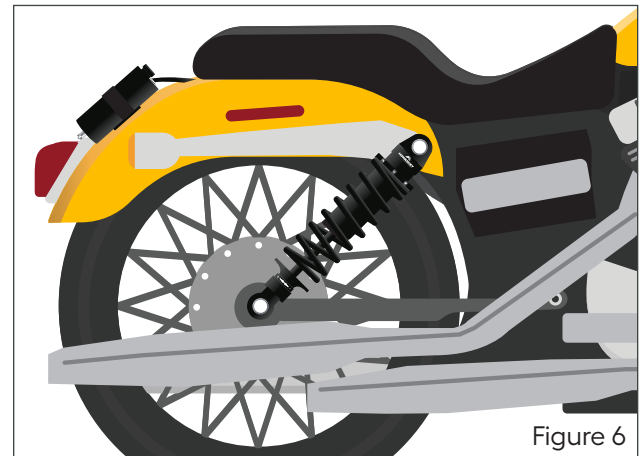

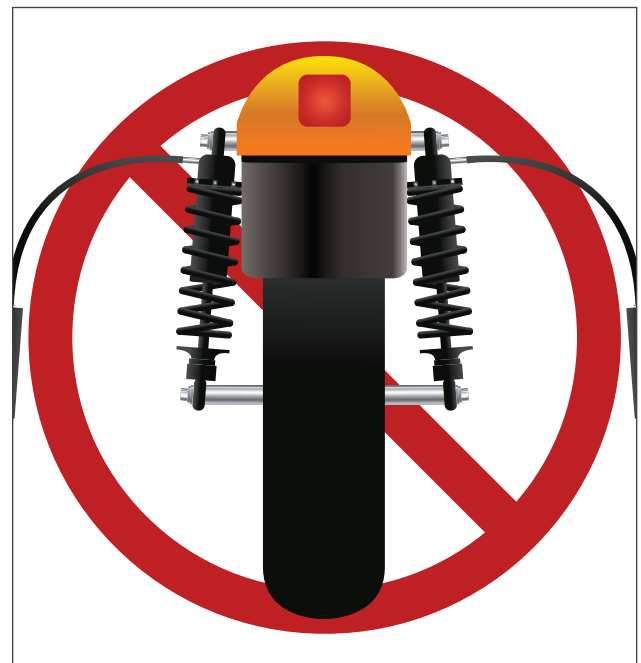


Figure 6

WARNING

 **Never install the remote reservoir shocks at an angle.** This will cause product damage and failure. Improper installation also creates an unsafe riding condition that can lead to serious injury and death.





STEP 5

Setting the Sag:

1. Elevate the rear tire and measure the distance between the center of each mounting bolt (Figure 5). **This is measurement "A".**
2. Mount the motorcycle on level ground and measure the distance between the center of each mounting bolt (Figure 6). **This is measurement "B".**
3. **Subtract measurement "B" from measurement "A". This number is your total sag.** Typical total sag numbers are 1 1/8" to 1 1/4" (28-32mm).
 - If the sag is greater than 1 1/4", preload the spring by turning the adjustable spring collar clockwise on each shock.
 - If the sag is less than 1 1/8", remove preload by turning the adjustable spring collar counter clockwise on each shock.

The Importance of Adjusting the Preload:

Adjusting and fine-tuning the spring preload will help you achieve the optimal performance of your motorcycle (Figure 7). It also allows you to adjust the spring tension based on an additional passenger and payload.

- The spring collar can be turned by hand. To ensure that each shock has the same setting, either count the threads above the collar or measure the length of the threads. A spanner wrench can be used as well (not included).
- **Turn the spring collar counterclockwise for a softer ride** (less spring tension).
- **Turn the spring collar clockwise for a stiffer ride** (more spring tension).

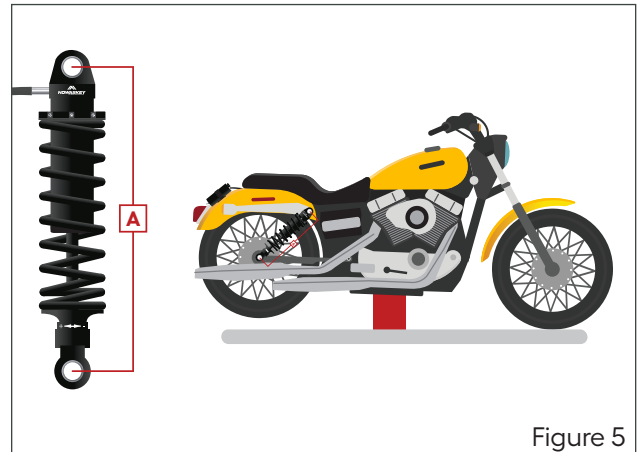


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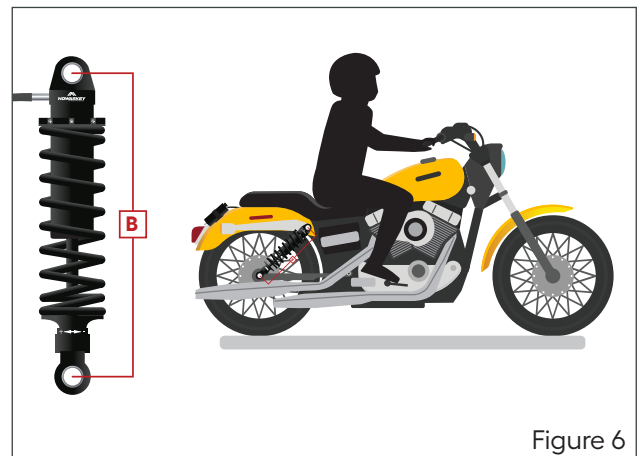


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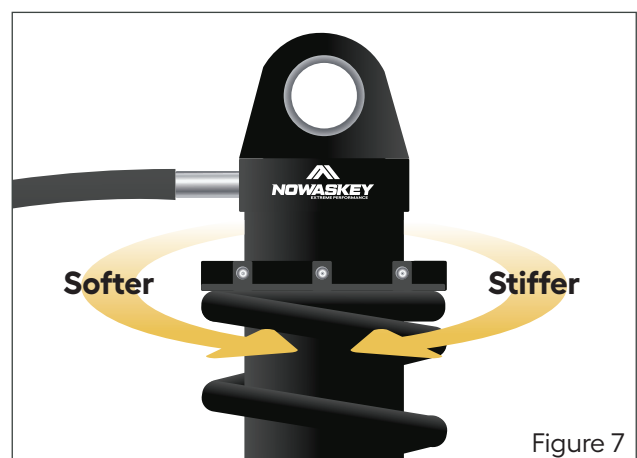


Figure 7



TUNING GUIDE



Ultimately, you want to determine the best settings based on up to four different scenarios: 1. Riding solo, 2. Riding with a passenger, 3. Riding solo with a payload, 4. Riding with a passenger and a payload.

Your Nowaskey Extreme Performance Shocks come preset with baseline preload and damping settings. You may need to make changes to tailor the shocks to your riding preference.


Make one adjustment at a time.

Evaluate each adjustment with a test ride, then make a note of each change if you are satisfied with performance and responsiveness.

ADJUSTING THE DAMPING

The sweep valve allows you to set the softness and firmness of the shock movement (Figure 8).

- For firmer movement of your shock, turn the adjuster toward the “+” sign.
- For softer movement of your shock, turn the adjuster toward the “-” sign.

 **Do not turn the sweep valve dial with excessive force as it may cause damage to the shock.**

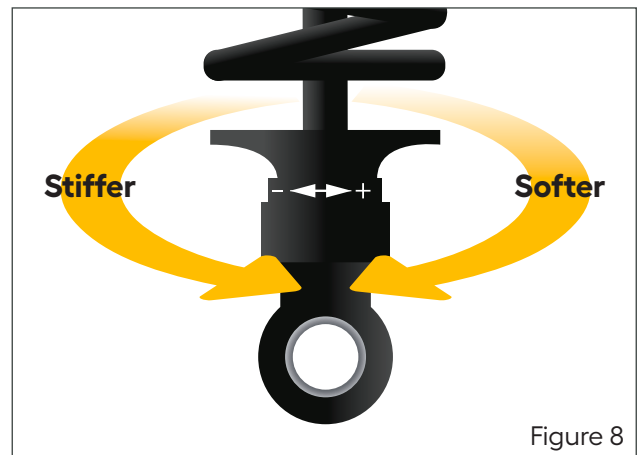


Figure 8

ADJUSTING THE COMPRESSION

The remote reservoir allows you to fine-tune the softness and firmness of your ride on-the-fly (Figure 9).

- Start with a setting of “3” as neutral.
- For a softer ride move to the next lower number.
- For a firmer ride move to the next higher number.

Always perform a test ride under normal riding conditions after making a change.

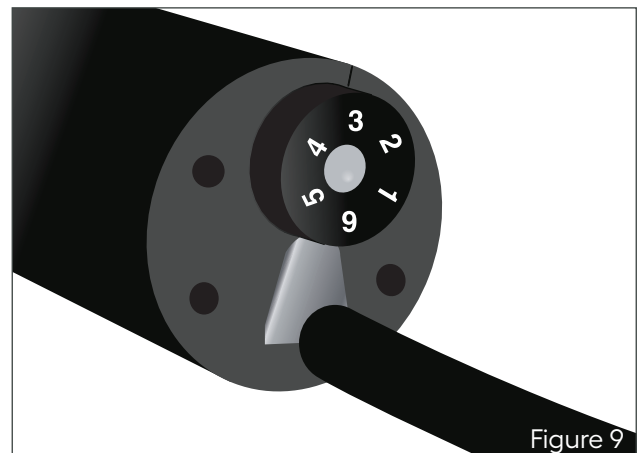


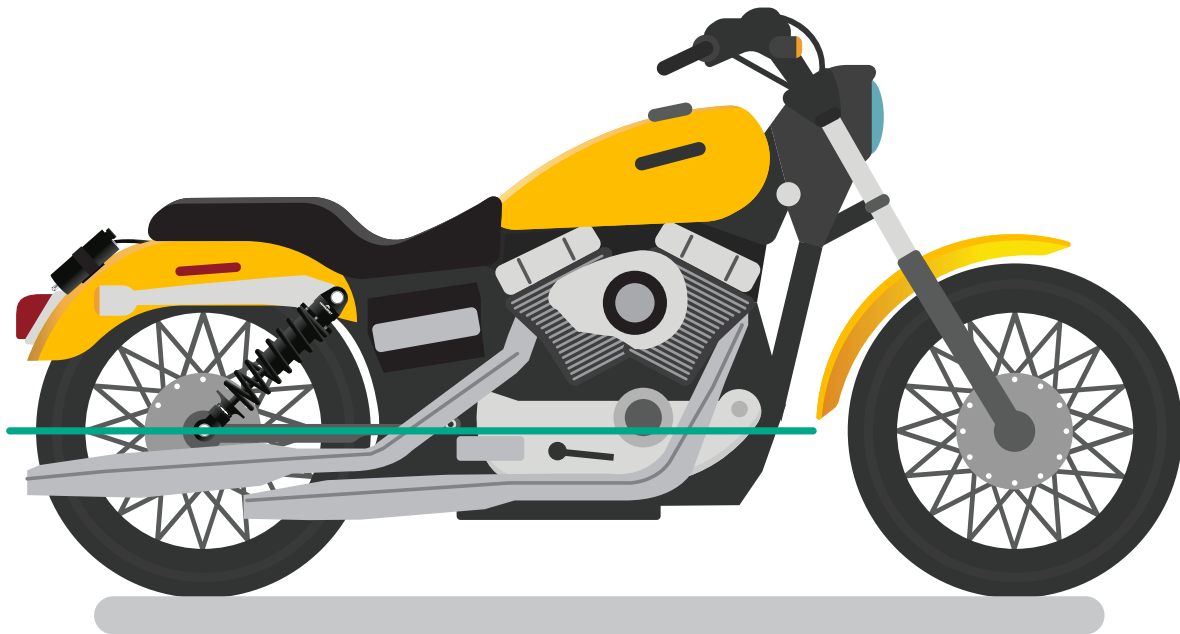
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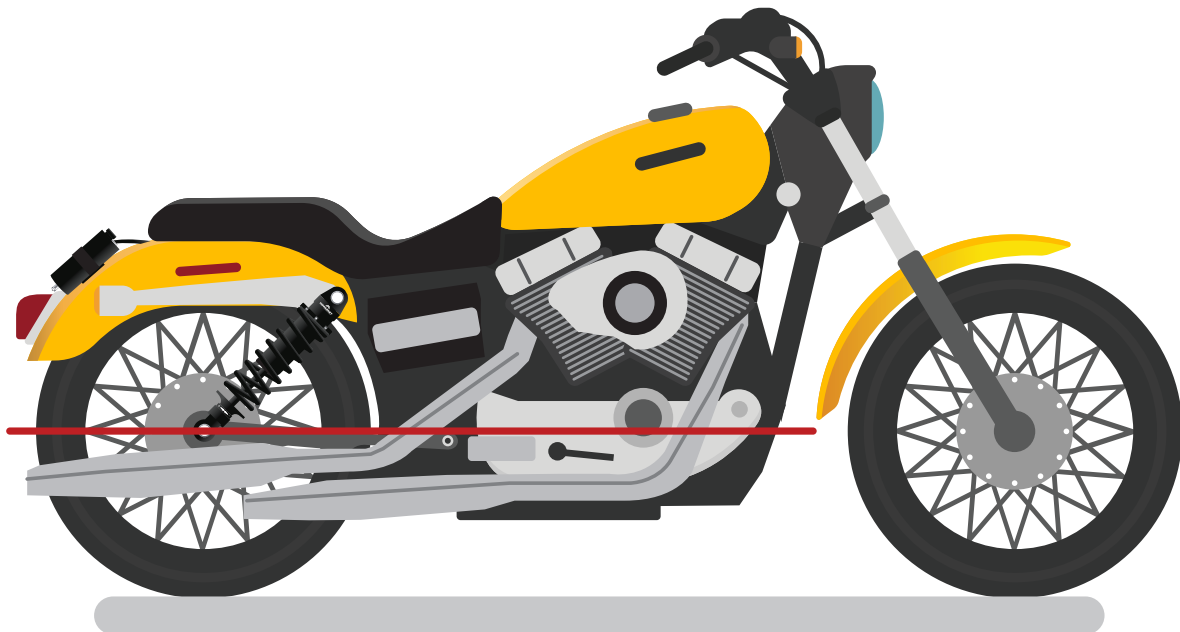
WARNING



Never install the shocks so that the rear axle is above the swingarm pivot.



CORRECT: The rear axle is below the swingarm pivot.



INCORRECT: The rear axle is above the swingarm pivot.

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