# DIRECT-REPLACEMENT INSTALLATION GUIDE

### JEEP WRANGLER JL (18+)

Performance Series 2.0 Reservoir Factory Race Series 2.5 Reservoir



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### PERFORMANCE SERIES 2.0 RESERVOIR:

885-24-183 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 2-3" Lift 885-26-183 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 2-3" Lift, CD Adjuster 885-24-185 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 3.5-4" Lift 885-26-185 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 3.5-4" Lift, CD Adjuster 885-24-187 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 4.5-6" Lift 885-26-187 - Kit: 18-On Jeep JL Front, PS, 2.0, R/R, 4.5-6" Lift

985-24-184 - 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 11.6", 2-3" Lift 985-26-184 - 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 11.6", 2-3" Lift, CD Adjuster 985-24-186- 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 12.1", 3.5-4" Lift 985-26-186 - 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 12.1", 3.5-4" Lift, CD Adjuster 985-26-188 - 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 13.1", 4.5-6" Lift 985-26-188 - 18-On Jeep JL Rear, PS, 2.0, R/R, 13.1", 4.5-6" Lift

### FACTORY RACE SERIES 2.5 RESERVOIR

883-26-049 - 18-ON Jeep JL, FRONT, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 0-1.5" Lift, DSC 883-26-053 - 18-ON Jeep JL, REAR, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 0-1.5" Lift, DSC 883-26-050 - 18-ON Jeep JL, FRONT, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 2-3" Lift, DSC 883-26-054 - 18-ON Jeep JL, REAR, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 2-3" Lift, DSC 883-26-051 - 18-ON Jeep JL, FRONT, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 3.5-4" Lift, DSC 883-26-055 - 18-ON Jeep JL, REAR, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 3.5-4" Lift, DSC 883-26-052 - 18-ON Jeep JL, REAR, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 4.5-6" Lift, DSC 883-26-056 - 18-ON Jeep JL, REAR, 2.5 Truck FRS, R/R, 4.5-6" Lift, DSC



# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### **WARNING**

- FOX direct-replacement shocks are designed to fit and allow proper clearance with the stock suspension. If aftermarket suspension components are installed it is the customers responsibility to ensure that at full cycle the suspension clears the FOX shocks.
  - FOX direct-replacement shocks should always be installed as a pair for maximum performance.
  - Proper installation and service procedures are essential for the safe and reliable installation of chassis parts, requiring the experience and tools specially designed for this purpose. Installation and maintenance procedures for this product must be performed by a qualified service technician, to avoid potentially unsafe vehicle handling characteristics, which may result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH.
  - Modifying your vehicle's suspension will change the handling characteristics of your vehicle. Under certain conditions,

Thank you for choosing FOX directreplacement shocks for your vehicle. FOX products are designed, tested, and manufactured by the finest professionals in the industry.

FOX recommends that you become completely familiar with the handling characteristics of your modified vehicle before operating it under rigorous conditions, helping to avoid potential rollover situations and other loss of control events. FOX further recommends that you use appropriate protective equipment at all times when operating your vehicle.

To achieve the best performance and product longevity, periodic service and maintenance is required. Please refer to the Service and Upgrades section for more information.



your modified vehicle may be more susceptible to loss of control or rollover, which can result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH. Thoroughly familiarize yourself with the modified vehicle handling characteristics before any rigorous vehicle operation. Wear body protective gear including head protection when appropriate. Installation of vehicle roll bars or cage is highly recommended.

- FOX direct-replacement shocks are gas-charged and are highly pressurized. Placing shocks in a vise or clamp, applying heat, or attempting to open or service the shock without the proper tools and training can result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH. Do not attempt to modify, puncture or incinerate a FOX direct-replacement shock absorber.
- Any attempt to misuse, misapply, modify, or tamper with any FOX product voids any warranty and may result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH.

# INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

### **WARNING**

- Always use a chassis lift for the installation of shocks, and make certain that the raised vehicle is securely attached to the lift to prevent the vehicle from slipping, falling, or moving during the installation process.
- •DO NOT install any FOX product without the necessary special tools, expertise and chassis lift, or you will subject vourself to the risk of SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH. If you elect to not use a chassis lift (which election may result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH), ensure that the vehicle is on level ground, that all tires on the ground during installation are blocked to prevent vehicle movement, that at least two tires are on the ground at all times, and that adequately secured lack stands are used to support the vehicle. NEVER get under the vehicle until you have checked to ensure that the vehicle will be stable during installation.
- FOX direct-replacement shocks are designed to fit your vehicle's shock mounts with no modifications with the



exception of reservoir placement on specific models and applications.

# **INSTRUCTIONS - FRONT**

Medium-strength thread locker (blue) is recommended on all bolts.

- Please read the installation guidelines for instructions on how to properly lift and secure the vehicle.
- 2. Remove both front wheels.
- Remove front stock shocks. Do not discard OEM hardware. This will be used in later steps.
- 4. Install the supplied reservoir brackets to the vehicle behind the bumper above the skid plate. If equipping a Jeep JL Rubicon, place the center hole on the supplied Fox bracket 2  $\frac{1}{4''}$ below the hole on the front bumper bar (Fig. 1). If equipping a Jeep JL Non-Rubicon, place the center hole of the supplied Fox bracket 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" below the hole on the front bumper bar (Fig. 2). Use the bracket to mark the center hole on the bracket. Using a 7/32" drill bit and the marked location of the hole, drill a pilot hole for the supplied <sup>3</sup>/<sup>8</sup>" self-tapping screw. Secure the bracket using the supplied



Fig. 1: RUBICON(passenger side): Use the bottom 2 holes on the bracket to mount.



Fig. 2: NON-RUBICON(passenger side): Use the top 2 holes on the bracket to mount.

<sup>3</sup>/<sup>8</sup>" self-tapping screw. If installing 2.5 Factory Race Series shocks, ensure that the bracket is facing the front of the vehicle. If installing 2.0 Performance Series Remote Reservoir



shocks, ensure that the bracket is facing the rear of the vehicle. (Fig. 3). Ensure the bracket is straight vertically. Drill the remaining pilot holes and install self-tapping screws.



Fig. 3 (passenger side): Performance Series 2.0 Reservoir Bracket.

- 5. Connect the FOX shock to the top vehicle mount using the OEM hardware. Torque to OEM specifications. Ensure that the upper, longer, bushing spacer is facing the inside of the vehicle and the hose fitting is facing outward.
- 6. Connect the Fox Shock to the lower mount using the OEM hardware. Torque to OEM specifications.
- Using two supplied billet clamps and screws, mount the reservoir to the brackets. Utilize the slots in the bracket to locate clamps. Do not feed the clamps through the slots in the brackets. (Figs. 4-5)
- 8. Check that the suspension has proper clearance by steering completely in both directions.
- 9. Reinstall both front wheels and torque to OEM specifications.





Fig. 4: (Passenger side): Factory Race Series 2.5 Reservoir



Fig. 5: (Passenger side): Performance Series 2.0 Reservoir

PERFORMACE SERIES SHOCKS: Zip tie the reservoir hose with the included zip ties so that it does not protrude into the wheel well. Fender trimming can be done to make the reservoir hose more visible.

# **INSTRUCTIONS - REAR**

Medium-strength thread locker (blue) is recommended on all bolts.

- 1. Please read the INSTALLATION GUIDELINES for instructions on how to properly lift and secure the vehicle.
- 2. Remove rear wheels.
- Remove rear stock shocks. Do not discard OEM hardware. This will be used in later steps.
- 4. Reusing the OEM hardware, install the new FOX shock with the reservoir pointing towards the rear and angled outwards (Fig. 6). Torque to OEM specifications.

NOTE: FOR PERFORMANCE SERIES SHOCKS. When mounting the reservoir clamp, use a ¼" hex (Allen) key with the supplied bolt and clamp assembly to mount the reservoir to the body of the shock. Tourque the bolt to 25 ftlbs. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN as this could result in damage to the shock. Ensure that you have the clamp facing outward so that you can see the FOX logo from the side of the vehicle. Do not mount the clamp over a decal as this could damage the decal.

- 5. Check that the suspension has proper clearance.
- 6. Reinstall both rear wheels and torque to OEM specifications.





Fig. 6: Passenger's Side: Factory Race Series (Left), Performance Series (Right)



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### LIMITED ONE (1) YEAR WARRANTY ON SUSPENSION PRODUCTS

Subject to the limitations, terms and conditions hereof, FOX warrants, to the original retail owner of each new FOX suspension product, that the FOX suspension product, when new, is free from defects in materials and workmanship. Unless otherwise required by law, this warranty expires one (1) vear from the date of the original FOX suspension product retail purchase from an authorized FOX dealer or from a FOX authorized Original Equipment Manufacturer where FOX suspension is included as original equipment on a purchased vehicle. If law requires a warranty duration of greater than one (1) year, then, subject to the other provisions hereof, this warranty will expire at the end of the minimum warranty period required by such law.

### TERMS OF WARRANTY

This warranty is conditioned on the FOX suspension product being operated under normal conditions and properly maintained as specified by FOX. This warranty is only applicable to FOX suspensions purchased new from an authorized FOX source and is made only to the original retail owner of the new FOX suspension product and is not transferable to subsequent owners. This warranty is void if the FOX suspension product is subjected to abuse, neglect, improper or unauthorized repair, improper or unauthorized service or maintenance. alteration, modification, accident or other abnormal, excessive, or improper use.

Should it be determined by FOX in its sole and final discretion, that a FOX suspension product is covered by this warranty, it will be repaired or replaced, by a comparable model, at FOX's sole option, which will be conclusive and binding. THIS IS THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY UNDER THIS WARRANTY. ANY AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES AND DAMAGES THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE APPLICABLE ARE EXCLUDED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,



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