



## **Answer Manitou 3 Elastomer Refresh Installation Instructions Standard Kit & Long Travel (optional)**

### **Materials:**

- **Manitou 3 Elastomer Refresh Kit, product code: M30000**
- **Dust wiper Seals, product code: 040166**
- **Long Travel Kit, product code: M3LT00**

### **Tools:**

- Metric hex wrenches
- Small standard screw driver

### **Disassembly**

1. Remove front wheel.
2. Disconnect front brakes.
3. Remove both 5mm lower compression rod screws. Bottom out fork to prevent rod from turning. Pull legs down to work with seal.
4. Use a small screwdriver to remove retaining ring.( Figure 1)
5. Pry up dust seal until it is above flange.
6. Pull outer leg assembly down sharply to force upper bushing out of flange.

### **Skewer & Compression Rod Removal**

1. Remove positive bottom clip from groove in compression rods.
2. Slide off the bottom out elastomer.
3. Unscrew and remove the skewer assemblies.
4. Turn fork upside down to remove compression rods.

5. Remove lower bushing.
6. Remove elastomers, observe clip location on compression rod.
7. Clean and inspect all parts.

## Reassembly

### Skewer & Compression Rod Installation

1. Clean all parts thoroughly.
2. Slide retaining ring, dust seal, and upper bushing onto outer legs.
3. Lubricate compression rods lightly using supplied lube.
4. Install 2\* rebound (top out) elastomers with a washer between elastomers.(Figure 2)
5. Drop compression rods down into inner legs. Shake to get rod through inner leg plug.
6. Clean skewer cap threads thoroughly. Grease threads on inside of inner leg.

**Note:** Use the lubricant that is supplied with your kit. Do not use any other lubricant.

7. Grease skewer rod and install the 6\*\* compression elastomers. A washer must be between every elastomer.(Figure 2)
8. Back off adjusters to soft setting and install skewer assemblies into inner legs.
9. Slide the bottom out elastomer until just past positive bottom clip groove.
10. Install positive bottom clip
11. Grease and install lower bushing on inner leg.
12. Install outer legs as a unit onto inner legs. Force the lower bushings past flange until dropouts contact compression rods.
13. Install and torque both 5mm compression rod screws to 10-30 inch lbs.
14. Using a small screwdriver, push the upper bushing down into the flange. Take care not to damage bushings or scratch the inner leg.
15. Using a screwdriver, push dust wiper seal (040166) down into its cavity.



# Suspension Fork Parts

16. Install retaining ring by starting the wide end into the flange groove. Pushing down with a screwdriver rotate to feed ring into the groove. Install ring so that the end gap is oriented straight back.
17. Readjust pre-load knobs to take up slack in forks.
18. Reconnect front brakes.
19. Install front wheel.
20. Check that everything is in working order before test riding.

Figure 1

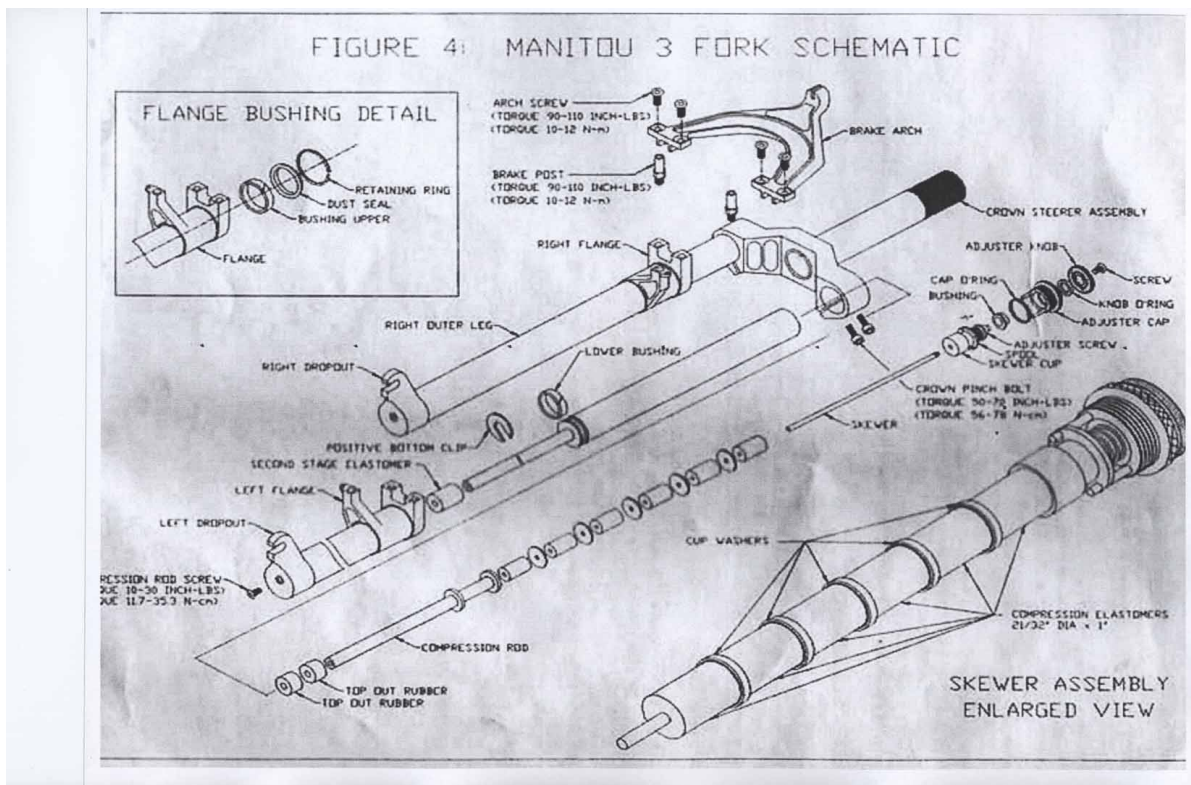


Figure 2

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**Optional Long Travel kit for Manitou 3 is available at [www.suspensionforkparts.net](http://www.suspensionforkparts.net)**

**The long travel kit will add 1/2" travel to your suspension, product code:M3LT00.**

Note : Long Travel Kit Install

- Replace the Rebound Elastomers with the ones provided in the Long Travel Kit
- Replace 1 Compression Elastomer from each leg with a long compression elastomer provided in the Long Travel Kit