

# Answer Manitou 3 and 4 Fork Rebuild Instructions Standard Travel & Long Travel (optional)

#### **Tools:**

- Metric hex bit
- Small standard screw driver

### Dissasembly

- 1. Remove front wheel.
- 2. Disconnect front brakes.
- 3. Remove both 5mm lower compression rod screws. Bottomout 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 unitl 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 1" 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.
- 7. Clean and inspect all parts.

## Reassembly

# **Skewer & Compression Rod Installation**

- 1. Clean all parts throughly.
- 2. Slide retaining ring, dust seal, and upper bushing onto outer legs.
- 3. Lubricate compression rods lightly using supplied lube.
- 4. Install the rebound (top out) elastomer. (Figure 2)
- 5. Drop compression rod down into inner leg. Shake to get rod through innner leg plug.

6. Clean skewer cap threads throughly. 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 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 unitl droputs contact compression rods.
- 13. Install and torque both 5mm compression rod screws to 10-30 inch lbs.
- 14. Unsing 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, puch dust seal down into its cavity.
- 16. Install retianing ring by starting the wide end into the flange groove. Pushing down with a screwdriver rotate to feed ring into the groove. Install rign so that the end gap is oriented straight back.
- 17. Readjust preload knobs to desired preload.
- 18. Reconnect front brakes.
- 19. Install front wheel.
- 20. Check that everything is in working order before test riding.

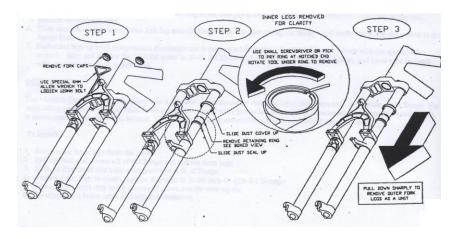


Figure 1

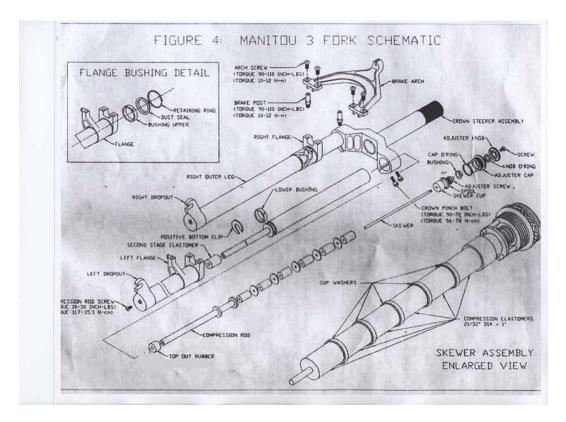


Figure 2

If you have any questions or would like a different ride firmness please email us at sales@suspensionforkparts.net.

Optional Long Travel kit for Manitou 3 and 4 is available at www.suspensionforkparts.net

The long travel kit will add 1/2" travel to your suspension.

We recommend installing new Dust Wiper Seal: part number: 040166 during install.

Note: Long Travel Kit Install

\*Remove 1 Rebound Elastomer on each fork leg

\*\*Replace 1 Regular Compression Elastomer with 1 Long Travel Elastomer on each skewer