Adjustments

Spring pre-load adjuster

Adjust by turning the knob on the hydraulic adjuster. Turn clockwise for harder adjustment, turn counter clockwise to release the preload.

Rebound damping adjuster

Adjust by turning the wheel on the piston shaft above the end bracket.

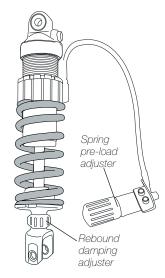
NOTE!

When delivered the Öhlins shock absorber is dialed to recommended settings for the specific brand and make of the motorcycle. If you have changed the setting, reset according to the following:

The adjuster has a normal right hand thread. Turn the damping adjuster clockwise to fully closed (pos. zero [0]). Turn counter clockwise to open and count the clicks until you reach the recommended number. See Set-up data.

CAUTION!

Do not use too much force, delicate sealing surfaces can be damaged.



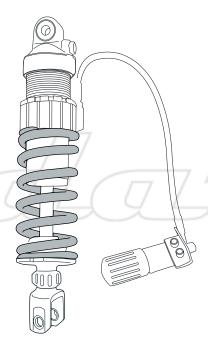
Set-up data

Shock absorber length Shock absorber stroke Spring pre-load Rebound damping

400 mm 55 mm 26 mm 16 clicks

Mounting Instructions

Öhlins shock absorber kit BM 551 for BMW K 1200 LT



Kit Contents

Before installing the shock absorber, please check the contents of the kit. If anything is missing, please contact your Öhlins dealer.

Description	Article no.
Shock absorber 46 DRS	BM 551 (1)
Tie wrap	00231-01 (2)
Öhlins Sticker	00192-01 (2)
Memo Notes Sticker	01180-01 (1)
Öhlins Owner's manual	(1)

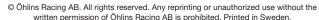
Before Installing

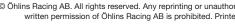
Öhlins Racing AB cannot be held responsible for any damage to the shock absorber or vehicle, or injury to persons, if the instructions for fitting and maintenance are not followed exactly. Similarly, the warranty will become null and void if the instructions are not adhered to.

Öhlins products are subject to continuous improvement and development. Consequently, although these instructions include the most up-to-date information available at the time of printing, there may be minor differences between your shock absorber and this manual. Please consult your Öhlins dealer if you have any questions regarding the contents of this manual.

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Safety Signals

Important information concerning safety is distinguished in this manual by the following notations:



The Safety alert symbol means: Attention! Your safety is involved.

▲ WARNING!

Failure to follow these warning instructions could result in **severe or fatal injury** to anyone working with, inspecting or using the shock absorber, or to bystanders.

CAUTION!

Caution indicates that special precautions must be taken to avoid damage to the shock absorber.

NOTE!

Indicates information that is of importance regarding mounting procedures.

▲ WARNING!

- 1. Installing a shock absorber, that is not approved by the vehicle manufacturer, may affect the stability of your vehicle. Öhlins Racing AB cannot be held responsible for any personal injury or damage that may occur after fitting the shock absorber. Contact an Öhlins dealer or other qualified person for advice.
- 2. Please study and make certain that you fully understand all the mounting instructions and the owner's manual before handling this shock absorber kit. If you have any questions regarding proper installation procedures, contact an Öhlins dealer or other qualified person.
- 3. The vehicle service manual must be referred to when installing the Öhlins shock absorber

NOTE!

During storage and transportation, especially at high ambient temperature, the oil and grease used for assembling may run out inside the packing and damage the expanded polystyrene packing material. This is not unusual and is in no way detrimental to the shock absorber.

Mounting Instructions

▲ WARNING!

- 1. It is advisable to have an Öhlins dealer or other qualified person install the shock absorber.
- 2. Follow the instructions in the vehicle service manual when changing the shock absorber.
- 3. When working on a raised vehicle, make sure that it is securely supported to prevent it from falling.

1

Put the motorcycle on the center stand so that the rear wheel is off the ground. *Make sure that the vehicle is securely supported so that it will not fall over.*

2

Open the left luggage box lid and fold the front seat forwards.

3

Remove the right foot rest bracket. Open the right luggage box lid and remove the center side cover by loosening the four attachment bolts.



4

Remove the hydraulic preload adjuster from its bracket.

5

Loosen the upper (front) attachment of the original shock absorber. Then, loosen the lower (rear) attachment.

6

Remove the original shock absorber backwards.

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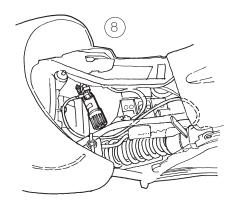
Install the Öhlins shock absorber from the rear. Start with the lower, and then fasten the upper attachment.

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Attach the Öhlins hydraulic preload adjuster to the original bracket and place the hose between the rear frame, **see figure**. Fasten the hose with the tie wraps provided in this kit.

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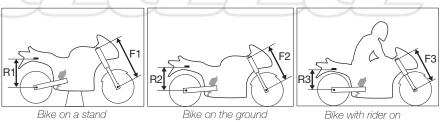
Read more about the shock absorber in your Öhlins Owners Manual.



NOTE!

Make sure that all bolts are tightened to the correct torque and that nothing fouls or restricts movement of the shock absorber when the suspension is being fully compressed or extended.

Check sag and ride height



Front suspension

Ride height

F1. Bike on a stand with the suspension fully extended =

F2. Bike on the ground without rider =

F3. Bike on the ground with rider =

Free sag F1 - F2 =

F1 - F3 =

Rear suspension

NOTE

Read more about sag and ride height and different settings in your Öhlins Owner's manual.