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## Part # 12166510 60-64 Galaxie HQ Series Rear CoilOvers

For Use w/ AirBar

## **Shock Assembly:**

2	982-10-805	5" stroke HQ Series shock
2	815-05-022-KIT	1.7" eyelet
4	90001994	.625" I.D. bearing
8	90001995	bearing snap ring

## Components:

2	59120250	Coil spring – 12" long / 250 # rate
2	803-00-0199	Spring retainer kit (included upper and lower spring retainer, screw & clip)
4	90002043	Aluminum bearing spacer5" I.D.
4	70010828	Delrin Spring Washer

## Ride Height

We have designed most cars to have a ride height of about 2" lower than factory. To achieve the best ride quality & handling, the shock absorber needs to be at 40-60% overall travel when the car is at ride height. This will ensure that the shock will not bottom out or top out over even the largest bumps. Measuring the shock can be difficult, especially on some front suspensions. Measuring overall wheel travel is just as effective and can be much easier. Most cars will have 4-6" of overall wheel travel. One easy way to determine where you are at in wheel travel is to take a measurement from the fender lip (center of the wheel) to the ground. Then lift the car by the frame until the wheel is just touching the ground, re-measure. This will indicate how far you are from full extension of the shock. A minimum of 1.5" of extension travel (at the wheel) is needed to ensure that the shock does not top out. If you are more than 3" from full extension of the shock then you are in danger of bottoming out the shock absorber.

## **Adjusting Spring Height**

When assembling the CoilOver, screw the spring retainer tight up to the spring (0 preload). After entire weight of car is on the wheels, jounce the suspension and roll the car forward and backward to alleviate suspension bind.

- If the car is too high w/ 0 preload then a smaller rate spring is required. Although threading the spring retainer down would lower the car, this could allow the spring to fall out of its seat when lifting the car by the frame.
- If the car is too low w/ 0 preload, then preload can then be added by threading the spring retainer up to achieve ride height. On 2.6" 4" stroke shocks, up to 1.5" of preload is acceptable. On 5-7" stroke shocks, up to 2.5" of preload is acceptable. If more preload is needed to achieve ride height a stiffer spring rate is required. Too much preload may lead to coil bind, causing ride quality to suffer.

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## Assembly...



First using the supplied lower adjuster nut(90002222) thread the nut onto the shock from the bottom side as seen in figure 1.



Once the knob is removed slide the Derlin washer over the spring, Next slide the upper spring mount (90002222) over eyelet as seen in figure 4.



Next install delrin washers then coil spring over the top of the shock as seen in figure 2.



Install upper spring mount retainer clip (90002057) into the groove on the upper eyelet as seen in figure 5. Then reinstall adjuster to complete assembly.

NOTE: Remember to adjust the shock valving before driving, the shock is currently set to full stiff.



Before the upper spring mount can be installed screw the adjuster knob on the upper eye mount to the firmest setting (clockwise) as seen in figure 3. Then remove the Knob.

## Shock adjustment 101- Single Adjustable

## **Rebound Adjustment:**

How to adjust your new shocks.

The rebound adjustment knob is located on the top of the shock absorber protruding from the eyelet. You must first begin at the ZERO setting, then set the shock to a medium setting of 12.





-Begin with the shocks adjusted to the ZERO rebound position (full stiff). Do this by rotating the rebound adjuster knob clockwise until it stops.



-Now turn the rebound adjuster knob counter clock wise 12 clicks. This sets the shock at 12. (settings 21-24 are typically too soft for street use).

#### Take the vehicle for a test drive.





- -if you are satisfied with the ride quality, do not do anything, you are set!
- -if the ride quality is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 clicks.

### Take the vehicle for another test drive.





- -if the vehicle is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 additional clicks.
- -If the vehicle is too stiff rotate the rebound adjustment knob counter clock wise 2 clicks and you are set!

Take the vehicle for another test drive and repeat the above steps until the ride quality is satisfactory.

#### Note:

One end of the vehicle will likely reach the desired setting before the other end. If this happens stop adjusting the satisfied end and keep adjusting the unsatisfied end until the overall ride quality is satisfactory.