

#### TRAVEL ADJUST MANUAL FOR AFTERMARKET FORKS



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#### INTRODUCTION

This manual is intended to guide the user through the steps necessary to internally adjust the travel of our aftermarket forks. As it is necessary to remove the lower legs and also disassemble the spring side of the fork we highly recommend that this service be performed by a certified bicycle mechanic.

**WARNING** We highly recommend that service to this fork be performed by a certified bicycle mechanic. Failure to follow instructions presented in this manual could lead to serious injury or death. Any questions about the servicing of this fork or the manual itself should be directed to Manitou Customer Support at:

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**WARNING** Suspension forks by design can contain preloaded springs, gases and fluids under extreme pressures. Warnings contained in this manual must be observed to avoid damage to fork, serious injury or even death.







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## **TRAVEL CHANGE INFORMATION**

This manual covers the travel conversion procedures for coil, TS Air, ACT Air and ISO spring systems in our aftermarket forks. The chart below list the fork models, what air systems they utilize and what sections of the manual you need to follow to adjust the travel of your fork.

**NOTE:** If your fork was installed OEM on a complete bike these instructions may or may not work depending on fork build. Please contact Manitou Customer Support for more information.

#### Marvel Pro

Spring System - ISO Air

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#### Marvel Expert

Spring System - ISO Air

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#### **Marvel Comp**

Spring System - TS Air

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#### **R7 MRD**

Spring System - TS Air

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**R7 Pro** Spring System - TS Air

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> Match/Circus Comp Spring System - Coil

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> **Circus Expert** Spring System - ACT Air

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> **Minute Expert** Spring System - TS Air

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## SECTION1-CASTINGREMOVAL

From the left leg dropout (Left when sitting on the bike), use a 11mm wrench for R7 forks or 12mm wrench for all 32mm forks to remove the compression rod screw.





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From the right leg dropout, if the fork has adjustable rebound, the knob will need to be removed. Screw the rebound all the way in (clockwise) remove the 2mm hex screw inside the knob by turning it counter clockwise. Remove the knob by pulling gently away from the fork.



Use an 8mm hex wrench to turn the damper clockwise until it can be pushed into the casting.

Remove crown/steer/inner leg assembly from the outer leg casting by pulling firmly on the casting. Our forks use the Semi bath Lubrication system, use caution as the oil that is in the casting will be released when the casting is removed, it is best to do this over some type of catch pan.



## SECTION 2 - MRD CASTING REMOVAL

From the left leg dropout (Left when sitting on the bike), use a 10 or 11mm wrench to remove the compression rod screw. (Fig. 1)

Remove the blue rebound knob on the bottom of the right leg with a 1.5mm Allen wrench. Be cautious of the detent balls and springs under the knob as they are very small and easily lost. (Fig. 2)

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Remove the detent balls and springs from the Detent Housing. (Fig. 3)

Remove the Detent housing by unscrewing it counterclockwise using a green Park Tool pin spanner (or similar tool) inserted into the holes that the springs and detent balls sit in. (Fig. 4)

Using a 7mm or 8mm Allen wrench, turn the rebound assembly clockwise until it can be pushed into the casting. (Fig. 5)

Remove crown/steer/inner leg assembly from the outer leg 6 casting by pulling firmly on the casting. The fork uses the Semi bath Lubrication system, use caution as the oil that is in the casting will be released when the casting is removed, it is best to do this over some type of catch pan.







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## SECTION 3 - COIL SPRING TRAVEL CONVERSION

**NOTE:** Only the 80 and 100mm coil forks (Match/Circus Comp are adjustable in travel. The 130mm is fixed and cannot be adjusted.

The casting needs to be removed prior to servicing the coil spring. Refer to the Casting Removal Instructions first.



Failure to relieve preload on spring before removing top cap could result in serious injury or possible death.



- Remove the preload adjuster from the fork using a 20mm socket. (Fig. 2)
- Pull the coil spring out of the stanchion leg. 3

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Remove travel spacer and bottom out bumper from the end of the compression rod assembly. (Fig. 3)

Remove the compression rod assembly from the stanchion 5 leq. The compression rod comes out from the top of the stanchion leg. Turn the fork sideways or upside down to get the compression rod out of the leg. (Fig. 4)









# SECTION 3 - COIL SPRING TRAVEL CONVERSION

The travel of the fork is determined by a plastic spacer. The 6 spacer being on top of the flange on the compression rod will cause the fork to have 100mm of travel. The spacer being on the bottom on the flange will cause the fork to have 80mm of travel. (Fig. 5)



Set travel to desired position.

Install compression rod assembly into the stanchion leg. Insert 8 through the top of the stanchion leg and maneuver the rod until it drops through the hole at the bottom of the stanchion leg.

Lightly grease the spring and install into stanchion leg.



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Install the preload adjuster into the fork leg. Tighten down using a 20mm socket to 5,1-6,2 N m (45-55 in lb).



Using a 2mm Allen wrench, install the preload knob onto the adjuster. Tighten knob down to 0,5-0,7 N m (4-6 in lb).

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Install bottom-out bumper and then the travel spacer onto the end of the compression rod.

Install casting back onto fork. Refer to the Casting Installation Section appropriate to your fork.













## SECTION 4 – ACT AIR TRAVEL CONVERSION

This fork uses compressed air to provide spring resistance and must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing. Failure to relieve pressure could result in serious injury or possible death.

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The casting needs to be removed prior to servicing the ACT Air system. Refer to the Casting Removal section for instructions on how to do this.

- Release all air from the system by depressing the valve core on 2 the Schrader valve.
- Using a 20mm socket or wrench remove the top air cap 3 assembly from the fork. (Fig. 1)
- Remove the spring from the fork. (Fig. 2) 4
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Using a 22mm box end wrench, unthread the compression rod assembly end cap and remove the assembly from the fork uppers. (Fig. 3)

The travel of the fork is determined by a plastic spacer. The 6 spacer being on the bottom of the air piston will cause the fork to have 80mm of travel. The spacer being on top of the piston will cause the fork to have 100mm of travel. (Fig. 5 - PAGE 10)











Set travel to desired position.

Apply a small amount of grease to the o-ring and insert 8 the end cap down to 9.0-11.3 N m (80-100 in lb)



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Install air cap. Tighten down to 6.8-9.0 N m (60-80 in lb)



Install casting onto fork following instructions in appropriate Casting Installation section.



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compression rod assembly back into the fork uppers. Tighten







#### SECTION 5 - TS AIR TRAVEL CONVERSION



(Fig. 2)



Before servicing the TS Air system you will need to remove the lower casting. Refer to the Casting Removal or MRD Casting removal instructions depending on which fork model you have.



Release all air from the system by depressing the valve core on the Schrader valve.

Remove compression rod assembly from the bottom of the 3 stanchion using a 22mm wrench. (Fig. 1 & 2)

- Travel is set by adding or removing spacers on the compression rod. Aftermarket forks using TS Air are built in the longest travel configuration and 10mm or 20mm spacers are added to reduce travel. Example: A Minute Expert TS Air fork will be built with a 140mm compression rod and have two 10mm spacers to reduce to 120mm (Fig. 3). Removing these spacers you can change the travel to 130mm by removing one (Fig. 4) and 140mm by removing both spacers. (Fig. 5) A Marvel Comp 120mm fork will be adjustable to 100mm, a Marvel Comp 100mm fork will be adjustable to 80mm. R7 100mm forks are adjustable to 80mm.
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Set spacers to desired travel and re-assemble compression rod. Install compression rod assembly into the bottom of the stanchion and tighten down the end cap using a 22mm wrench. Tighten to 9,0–11,3 N m [80-100 in lb]









#### WARNING

This fork uses compressed air to provide spring resistance and must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing. Failure to relieve pressure could result in serious injury or possible death.

# SECTION 6-ISO AIR TRAVEL CONVERSION



This fork uses compressed air to provide spring resistance and must be relieved of pressure prior to servicing. Failure to relieve pressure could result in serious injury or possible death.

Before servicing the ISO Air System you will need to remove the lower casting. Refer to the Casting Removal or MRD Casting removal instructions depending on which fork model you have.

Release all air from the system by depressing the valve core on 2 the Schrader valve.

Unthread the compression rod assembly from the bottom of 3 the stanchion using a 22mm wrench and remove from fork. (Fig. 1 & 2)

Travel is set by adding or removing spacers on the compression rod. Aftermarket forks using ISO Air are built in the longer travel configuration and 10mm or 20mm spacers are added to reduce travel. Example: A Marvel Comp 120mm fork will be adjustable to 100mm, a Marvel Comp 100mm fork will be adjustable to 80mm. (Fig. 3) You can increase the travel to120mm by removing both spacers. (Fig. 4) You can also remove one spacer to increase travel to 110mm.

Set spacers to desired travel and re-assemble compression rod. Install compression rod assembly into the bottom of the stanchion and tighten down the end cap using a 22mm wrench. Tighten to 9,0–11,3 N m [80-100 in lb]

Install casting following the Casting Installation Section appropriate to your fork model.















## SECTION 7 - CASTING INSTALLATION



Slide the lower casting onto the upper stanchions. You want to slide them on only about halfway at this point.

- Release Inject 16cc's of semi-bath oil into the lower legs using 2 a syringe or similar tool. Angle the syringe towards the forks casting to ensure oil does not go into ther end of the rebound rod or compression rod. (Fig. 1) air from the system by depressing the valve core on the Schrader valve.
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Slide the casting all the way onto the upper stanchions.



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Insert the compression rod bolt into the compression rod and tighten down using either a 11 or 12mm wrench depending on fork model. Tighten 5,1-6,2 N m [45-55 in lb]. (Fig. 2)

Using an 8mm Allen wrench, thread the rebound damper 5 assembly into the casting by turning it counter-clockwise. Tighten to 3,4-4,5 N m [30-40 in lb]. (Fig. 3)

Install rebound knob onto the rebound shaft using a 2mm Allen wrench. (Fig. 4)











# SECTION 7 – MRD CASTING INSTALLATION

- Slide the lower casting onto the upper stanchions. You want to slide them on only about halfway at this point.
- Inject 16cc's of semi-bath oil into the lower leg susing a syringe or similar tool. Angle the syringe towards the forks casting to ensure oil does not go into the end of the rebound rod or compression rod. (Fig. 1)



- Insert the compression rod bolt into the compression rod and tighten down using either a 11 or 12mm wrench depending on fork model. Tighten to the torque specified in the back of the manual. (Fig. 2)
- Using an 8mm Allen wrench, thread the rebound damper 5 assembly into the casting by turning it counter-clockwise. Tighten to 3,4-4,5 N m [30-40 in lb]. (Fig. 3)
- Thread the detent housing on the rebound damper assembly 6 threads using a green Park Tool pin spanner or similar tool. (Fig. 4)



Place springs and detent ball bearings into the detent housing. (Fig. 5)



Install rebound knob onto the rebound shaft using a 1.5mm Allen wrench. (Fig. 6)





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