

**AIR CAN & PISTON SERVICE**



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# INTRODUCTION

This manual is intended to guide the user through the steps necessary to service the air can and air piston of the McLeod rear shock.

**!** **WARNING** We highly recommend that service to this shock 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 shock or the manual itself should be directed to Manitou Customer Support at:  
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**!** **WARNING** Suspension shocks by design can contain preloaded springs, gases and fluids under extreme pressures. Warnings contained in this manual must be observed to avoid damage to shock, serious injury or even death.

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# REQUIRED TOOLS

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Below is a list of tools necessary for servicing the McLeod shock.

- Safety Glasses
- Nitrile Gloves
- Lint-Free Rags
- Torque Wrench
- Slickoleum grease
- Air Can Wrench - Manitou part number 172-32426-K001
- Air Can Seal Install Tool - Manitou part number 172-32193-K001 (Optional)
- Plastic pick
- Side cutters
- Cloth/Nylon Lanyard

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- |                             |   |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| - Bushings                  | - Dust Seals                              | - Stripped or worn bolts        |
| - Rear Shock Mount Hardware | - Fork and Shock air Seals and/or O-rings | - Remote Lockout Cable          |
| - Handlebar grips           | - Bearings                                | - Gloves                        |
| - Tubeless Valves           | - Upper Stanchion Tubes                   | - Lower Stanchion Tubes(Dorado) |

# AIR CAN REMOVAL

- 1 Release air from air can.



- 2 Clamp the top cap of the shock in a vise. Be careful to clamp below the set screw to avoid damaging it.

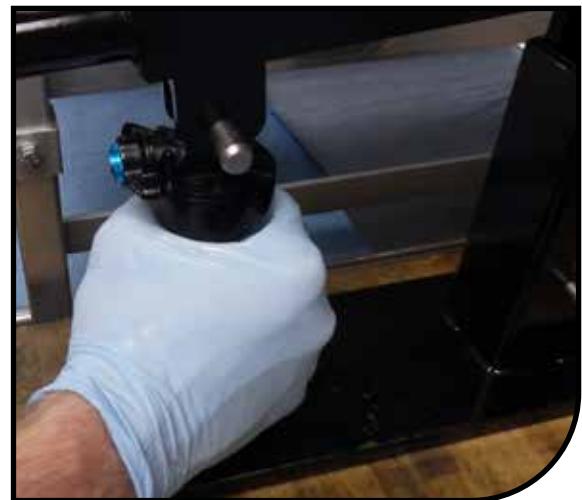


- 3 Using an air can wrench or similar tool loosen the air can 2-3 turns. Do not remove the air can completely. The negative air pressure will cause the air can to pull away from the top cap threads. Removing the air can without slightly compressing the shock can damage the threads.



# AIRCAN REMOVAL

- 4 Place shock in bench tester or bike frame and slightly compress the shock. Unthread the air can from the top cap of the shock.



- 5 Remove shock from tester or frame and pull air can off of the shock.



# AIR CAN SERVICE

- 1 Remove dust seal from the air can.



- 2 Remove glide ring from the air can.



- 3 Remove quad ring from the air can.



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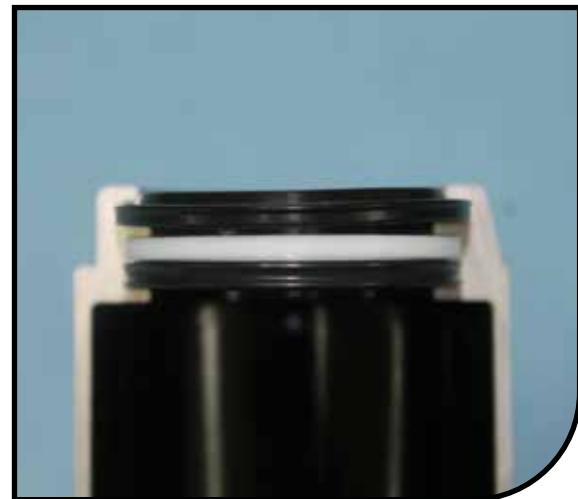
- 4 To make air can seal installation easier you can use the Air Can Seal Install tool, Manitou part number 172-32193-K001.



- 5 Place the air can onto the seal tool or onto a flat surface.



- 6 Here is a cut away picture of the air can showing the seal placement for reference. The air can quad seal is the bottom seal followed by the white glide seal. They both sit in the lower groove. The top seal is the air can wiper seal which sits in the upper groove.



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- 7 Remove the new air can quad ring from the seal kit and liberally apply Slickolum grease to it.



- 8 Install the air can quad ring into the lower groove in the air can. Ensure it is not twisted.



- 9 Install the air can glide seal into the same groove as the quad ring. It will sit on top of the quad ring.



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- 10 Install the air can wiper seal into the upper groove of the air can.



# AIR PISTON SERVICE

- 1 Remove the split glide ring from the air piston.



- 2 Remove the air piston quad seal.



- 3 To easily remove the air piston glide ring first use a small side cutters to cut the ring about halfway through.



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- 4 Use a pick to break the glide ring the rest of the way and remove from the air piston. Spray the air piston with isopropyl alcohol and clean it off.



- 5 First we will install the new air piston glide ring. This ring can be difficult to install so here is a way to make it easier. Take a lanyard or similar item and cut it into two strips.

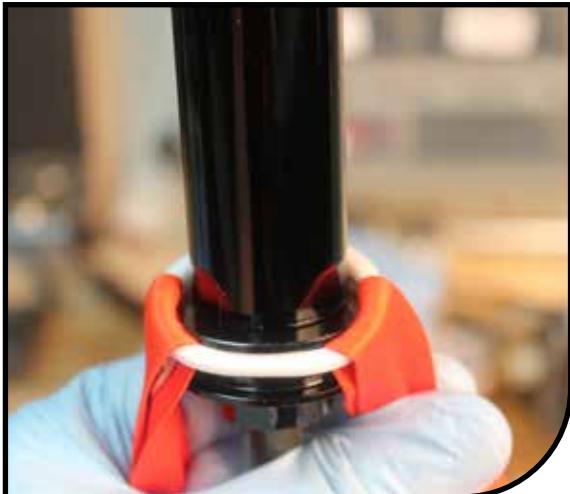


- 6 Loop the lanyard strips around the air piston glide ring.



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- 7 Place the piston ring in the groove on the piston opposite from user (the ring will be tipped such that it will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  in and  $\frac{1}{2}$  out of the groove). With the lanyards straps positioned between the ring and edge of the piston, pull the straps towards the user and stretch the ring over the piston. The straps will protect the piston ring from the edge of the piston as it stretches over.



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- 8 Slide the air can down over the air piston to size the glide ring.



- 9 Liberally grease the air piston quad ring.



- 10 Install the air piston quad ring onto the air piston.



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- 11** Ensure the air piston quad ring is not twisted and push it tight against the glide ring, making a space for the split glide ring.



- 12** Install the split glide ring onto the air piston.



# AIRCAN INSTALL

- 1 Apply Slickoleum grease to air piston seals.



- 2 Install foam ring onto damper body.



- 3 Install air can onto shock as far as it can be easily pushed. Due to the negative chamber it can be difficult to install air can completely without mounting it in a frame or shock tester and compressing the shock.



# AIR CAN INSTALL

- 4 Install shock into bench tester or frame and partially compress shock. Compress until air can can be threaded onto top cap.



- 5 Tighten air can onto shock until the hard stop. Do not tighten past this point.



- 6 Fill shock with air and clean.





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