

## **Service Information**

Shock Absorber Damage Pattern Bending Strain / Warping





Fig. 1: Pin joint broken due to changing bending strain





Fig. 2: Chrome layer of the piston rod worn out on one side due to warped installation

Fig. 3: Defective rubber-metal joint

## Possible reasons for warping and bending strain in the shock absorber

- Assembly error: Shock absorber installed in warped position, i.e. not tightened in the design position.
- Attachment points in the shock absorber are not flush.
  Possible reasons:
  - Excessive joint play / defective rubber-metal joint (Fig. 3)
  - Incorrectly adjusted axle geometry
  - · Vehicle damaged in an accident or accident damage not professionally repaired



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## How to correctly assemble shock absorbers in the design position

- 1. Check vehicle for accident damage and other damage.
- 2. Install shock absorbers in the raised vehicle and screw in manually.
- 3. Lower the vehicle so that it is resting on its wheels (design position).
- 4. Tighten the screws to the tightening torque recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

## NOTICE

Tighten the shock absorbers in the vehicle design position recommended by the vehicle manufacturer using the recommended tightening torque.

Incorrect assembly results in the shock absorbers malfunctioning pre-maturely, resulting in leaks, poor responsiveness, and loud noises.

Depending on the axle design, a wheel alignment must be performed after the installation of the shock absorbers. Observe the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.



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