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FORK- 2018 36MM



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Before You Ride

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FORK IS READY TO RIDE

1. Check that quick-release levers and axle pinch bolts of the bike are properly adjusted and tightened.
2. Inspect the entire exterior of your fork. The fork should not be used if any of the exterior parts appear to be damaged. Contact your local dealer or FOX for further inspection and repair.
3. Check your headset adjustment. If loose, adjust it accordingly to your bicycle manufacturer's recommendations.
4. Check that all brake cables or hoses are properly fastened.
5. Test the proper operation of your front and rear brakes on level ground.
6. Before every race or ride, clean the outside of your fork with only mild soap and water, and wipe dry with a soft dry rag. Do not spray water directly into the seal/upper tube junction. Do not use a high pressure washer on your fork.

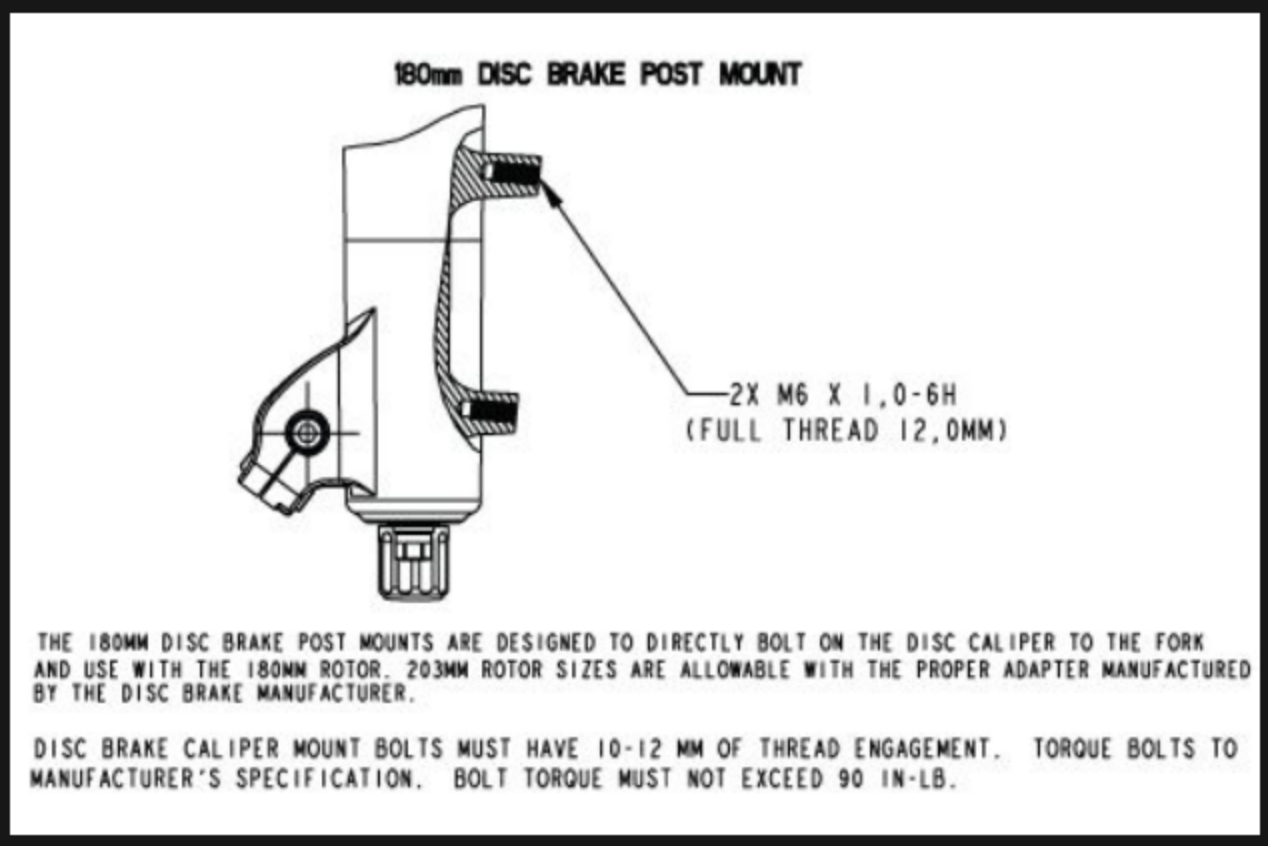
Mounting Disc Brakes

WARNING: Follow your brake manufacturer's installation instructions for proper installation and adjustment of the brake system. Failure to properly install and adjust your brakes can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle which can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

The 2015-2018 36 FLOAT uses 180mm Post Mounts that allow you to bolt your caliper directly to the fork and utilize a 180mm rotor. This post mount eliminates the need for a caliper adaptor when using the most common 180mm rotor size for forks with these amounts of travel, which saves overall system weight.

If your current 180mm brake setup came with bolts and a caliper spacer, you may need to source shorter bolts as you will not need a caliper spacer when using a 180mm rotor.

If using a 203mm rotor, you will need to source the appropriate caliper spacer and bolts. Contact the brake manufacturer for further information.



The 2015-2016 36 TALAS 180 (20QR chassis) uses 203mm Post Mounts that allow you to bolt your caliper directly to the fork and utilize a 203mm rotor.

Installing the Front Wheel (15mm or 20mm Pinch Axle)

INSTALL YOUR WHEEL CORRECTLY TO BENEFIT FROM THE FLOATING AXLE

Some 2015-2018 36 forks use a true floating axle. Follow the installation instructions in the video below to properly install your front wheel and enjoy the friction reducing benefits of the floating axle.

Wheel installation is identical for both the 15mm and 20mm axles. Information regarding converting between 15mm and 20mm axles can be found in the 15mm and 20mm Axle Conversion section. Additional information regarding installing wheels can be found here »

Setting Fork Air Pressure

2018 36 FLOAT maximum air pressure is 120psi (8.3 bar)

Depending on variables such as riding style, terrain, bike geometry, etc, you may find that you can only achieve proper sag and ride performance with up to 10psi over or under the recommended value in the suggested starting pressure chart below. Feel free to experiment with fork air pressures using the information below as a guide.

Setting sag is desired and necessary for proper fork performance during general XC/Trail/AM riding. The 831 fork is not intended for general XC/Trail riding use, but for four cross racing, slalom, slope-style, or dirt jumping. Therefore, the air pressure is generally not set by obtaining proper sag, but is intended to be set for proper riding feel and bottom out control.

SAG SHOULD BE SET TO 15 - 20% OF TOTAL FORK TRAVEL

To achieve the best performance from your FOX suspension, adjust the air pressure to attain your proper sag setting. Sag is the amount your suspension compresses under your weight and riding gear. Sag range should be set to 15–20% of total fork travel.

1. Unscrew the air cap on top of the left fork leg counter-clockwise to expose the Schrader valve.
2. Attach a FOX High Pressure Pump to the Schrader valve.
3. Pump your fork to the appropriate pressure as listed in the 'Suggested starting points for setting sag' table below, then remove the pump.
4. Using your forks sag setting o-ring on the left upper tube (or temporarily install a zip tie to the upper tube), slide the o-ring (or zip tie) down against the fork dust wiper.
5. Make sure that your compression adjusters are in the Open position
    - Rotate the compression lever to the Open mode (fully counter-clockwise).
    - If you have a 3-Position Remote fork, set the fork to Open mode.
    - If you have LSC or HSC/LSC adjust, make sure all adjusters are open (fully counter-clockwise.
6. Dressed to ride (including a filled hydration pack, if you use one), position your bike next to a wall or table to support yourself. Mount your bicycle. Assume your riding position for at least 10 seconds, allowing the suspension to fully settle. Make sure you distribute your weight evenly between the saddle, handlebars and pedals.
7. While in your riding position, slide the o-ring (or zip tie) down against the fork dust wiper.
8. Dismount your bike without bouncing, to avoid further moving the o-ring or zip tie. Measure the distance between the dust wiper and the o-ring or zip tie. This is your sag measurement. Suggested sag measurements are listed in the table below.
9. Add or remove air pressure until your sag measurement is between 15-20% of your forks total travel.
10. Repeat steps 2-8 and recheck sag measurement.
11. When sag measurement is correct, screw the air cap on clockwise until snug.



SUGGESTED STARTING POINTS FOR SETTING SAG		
	Rider	

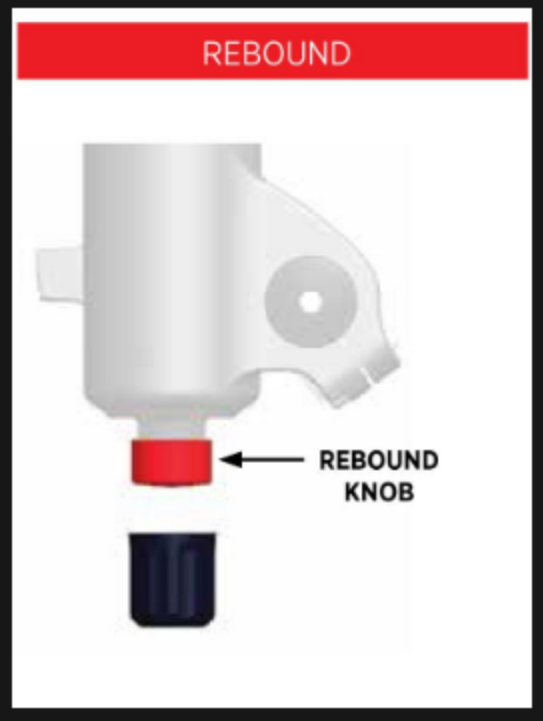
Rider Weight (lbs)	Weight (kgs)	FLOAT Pressure (psi/ bar)
120-130	54-59	55psi/ 3.8 bar
130-140	59-64	59psi/ 4.1 bar
140-150	64-68	63psi/ 4.3 bar
150-160	68-73	67psi/ 4.6 bar
160-170	73-77	75psi/ 5.1 bar
170-180	77-82	76psi/ 5.2 bar
180-190	82-86	80psi/ 5.5 bar
190-200	86-91	85psi/ 5.9 bar
200-210	91-95	89psi/ 6.1 bar
210-220	95-100	93psi/ 6.4 bar
220-230	100-104	97psi/ 6.7 bar
230-240	104-109	102psi/ 7.0 bar
240-250	109-113	106psi/ 7.3 bar

SUGGESTED SAG MEASUREMENTS		
Travel	15% sag (Firm)	20% sag (Plush)
140mm/ 5.5 in	21mm/ 0.8 in	28mm/ 1.1 in
150mm/ 5.9 in	23mm/ 0.9 in	30mm/ 1.2 in
160mm/ 6.3 in	24mm/ 0.9in	32mm/ 1.3 in
170mm/ 6.7 in	25mm/ 1.0 in	34mm/ 1.3 in
180mm/ 7.1 in	27mm/ 1.1 in	36mm/ 1.4 in

Adjusting Rebound

REBOUND CONTROLS HOW FAST THE FORK EXTENDS AFTER COMPRESSING

The rebound adjustment is dependent on the air pressure setting. For example, higher air pressures require more rebound damping.



Use your air pressure to find your rebound setting. Turn your rebound knob to the closed position (full clockwise) until it stops. Then back it out (counter-clockwise) to the number of clicks shown in the table below.

SUGGESTED REBOUND SETTINGS		
FLOAT and Rhythm Pressure (psi)	Recommended Rebound Setting FIT4	Recommended Rebound Setting GRIP/RC2

55	8	13
59	8	12
63	7	11
67	7	10
75	6	9
76	6	8
80	5	7
85	5	6
89	4	5
93	4	4
97	3	3
102	2	2
106	1	1



Adjust rebound until when tested, the fork returns quickly but does not top out.

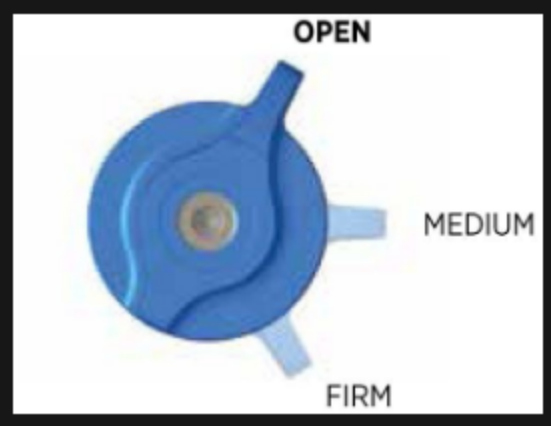
Top out is felt when a fork fully extends too quickly and comes to an abrupt stop when it reaches full extension (you will hear/feel a small noise). Top out should be avoided through proper rebound setting.

Factory and Performance Elite FIT4 Compression Adjusters

EASY ON-THE-FLY ADJUSTMENTS FOR UNPRECEDENTED CONTROL AND PERFORMANCE

3-POSITION LEVER: The 3-position lever is useful to make on-the-fly adjustments to control shock performance under significant changes in terrain, and is intended to be adjusted throughout the ride. You can use the OPEN mode during rough descending, the MEDIUM mode for undulating terrain, and the FIRM mode for smooth climbing.

FOX recommends beginning with the 3-position lever in the open mode.



*OPEN MODE ADJUST: Open mode adjust is useful to control fork performance under rider weight shifts, G-outs, and slow inputs. OPEN mode adjust provides 22 additional fine tuning adjustments for the OPEN mode. Setting 22 will have a more plush feel and setting 1 will have a firmer feel.

FOX recommends beginning with the Open mode adjust set to 18 clicks out (counter-clockwise) from fully closed (clockwise).





*Factory and Performance Elite Series forks only.

Factory Series HSC/LSC Compression Adjusters

INDEPENDENTLY CONTROL HIGH AND LOW SPEED COMPRESSION

Adjusting your high and low speed compression setting controls how the fork feels as it's compressed through its travel under various types of hits. Use your high and low speed compression adjusters to tune the fork to meet your riding style and terrain.

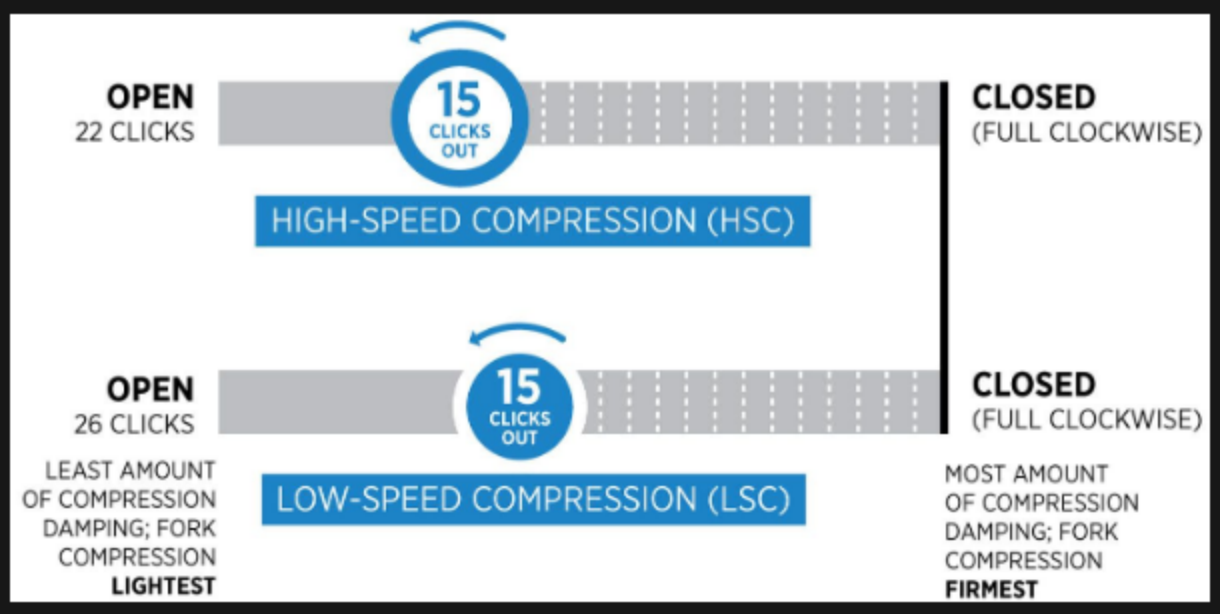
High-speed compression (HSC) adjustment is useful to control fork performance during bigger hits, landings, and square-edged bumps.



Low-speed compression adjustment is useful to control fork performance during rider weight shifts, G-outs, and other slow inputs.



FOX recommends beginning with the High-speed and Low-speed compression set 15 clicks out (counter-clockwise) from closed (full clockwise).



Performance Series LSC Compression Adjuster

Adjusting your low-speed compression setting controls how the fork feels as it's compressed through its travel under various types of hits. Use your low speed compression adjusters to tune the fork to meet your riding style and terrain.

Low-speed compression (LSC) adjustment is useful to control fork performance during rider weight shifts, G-outs, and other slow inputs.



FOX recommends beginning with the Low-speed compression set 12 clicks out (counter-clockwise) from closed (full clockwise).



Adjusting GRIP Compression Damping

3-POSITION MICRO ADJUST: The 3-position lever is useful to make on-the-fly adjustments to control fork performance under significant changes in terrain, and is intended to be adjusted throughout the ride. Turning the lever to the full counter-clockwise position sets the fork in the Open mode. Turning the lever to the middle detent position sets the fork in the Medium mode. Turning the lever to the full clockwise position sets the fork in Firm mode. The positions between the Open, Medium, and Firm modes can be utilized to fine tune your compression damping.

FOX recommends beginning with the 3-position lever in the Open mode.



Remote Installation

The 2-Position remote can either be installed under the handlebar on the non-drive side, where a front shifter would typically be placed, or installed above the handlebar on the drive side. The 2-Position remote can be used with two cables to control both Push-to-Unlock forks and shocks simultaneously. The 3-Position remote can be installed in-line with the handlebar on either side and can control the fork or shock.

FIT4 DAMPERS (PUSH-TO-LOCK AND PUSH-TO-UNLOCK)

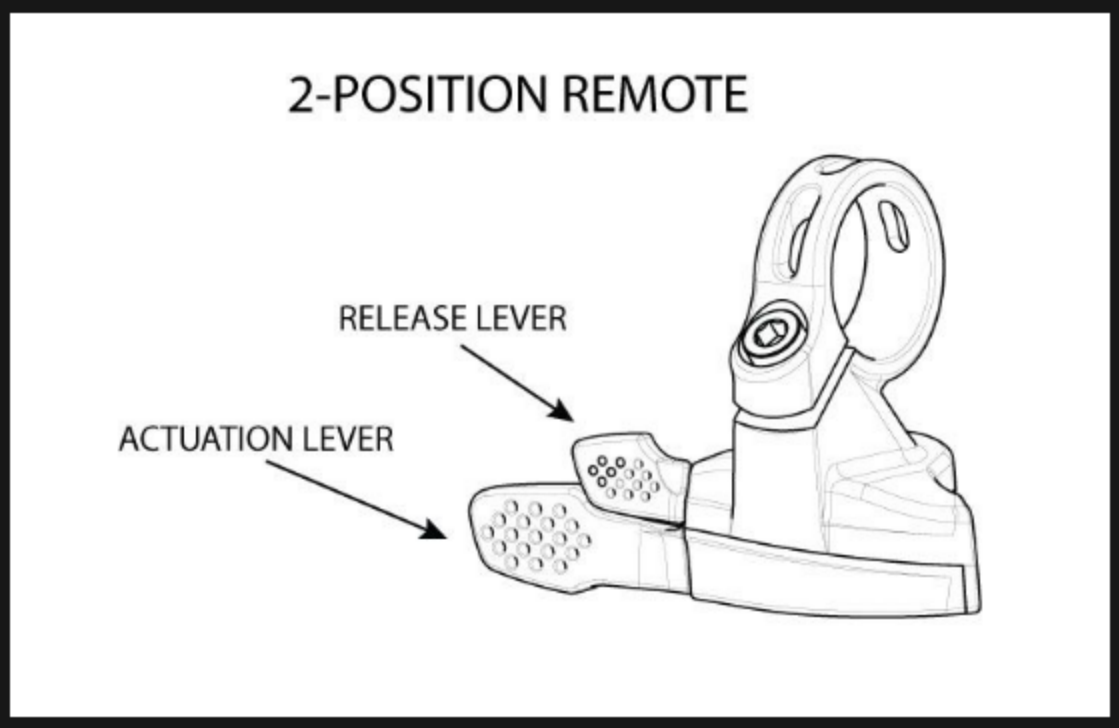
1. Install the remote lever onto your handlebar. Do not exceed 1.7 Nm (15 in-lb). Less torque may be needed for carbon bars. Refer to the handlebar manufacturer's instructions for use with carbon bars. Make sure to check for clearance between the remote lever and any brake or shifter controls.
2. For Push-to-Lock forks only - route the cable housing from the remote lever, around the rear of the crown, to the fork topcap cable stop and cut to length. Install a ferrule on the remote end.
3. For Push-to-Unlock forks only – route the cable housing from the remote lever, across the front of the crown, to the fork topcap cable stop and cut to length. Install ferrules on both ends.
4. Set the remote lever to OPEN mode by pushing the release lever. Make sure that the cable head is completely seated in the remote lever.
5. For 2-Position remotes only - use a short piece of housing with one ferrule between the in-line barrel adjuster and the remote lever body.
6. With all cable housing fully seated and no slack in the system, lightly lubricate the inner cable and thread it through the cable housing and around the fork remote pulley.
7. While holding the cable tight, tighten the pinch bolt, cut off excess cable, and crimp the end.

GRIP DAMPERS (PUSH-TO-LOCK ONLY)

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2. Route the cable housing from the fork topcap, around the rear of the crown, to the remote lever and cut to length. Install a ferrule on the end of the housing at the remote lever. The end of the housing at the fork topcap does not require a ferrule.
3. For 2-Position remotes only - use a short piece of housing with one ferrule between the in-line barrel adjuster and the remote lever body.
4. Set the remote lever to FIRM mode by pushing the actuation lever. Make sure that the cable head is completely seated in the remote lever.
5. Use a 5 mm hex wrench to turn the remote pulley clockwise until you feel it lightly stop, then hold it in place. For forks with the cable exiting the topcap at the rider's 1 o'clock position: the remote pulley should stop at the 10-11 o'clock position. For forks with the cable exiting the topcap at the rider's 7 o'clock position:the remote pulley should stop at the 4-5 o'clock position.
6. With all cable housing fully seated and no slack in the system, lightly lubricate the inner cable and thread it through the cable housing and around the fork remote pulley. While gently holding the remote pulley against the clockwise stop with your 5 mm hex wrench, tighten the pinch bolt.
7. Release the 5 mm hex wrench from the remote pulley, cut off the excess inner cable, and crimp the end.
8. The in-line barrel adjuster may be used to change the lockout blow-off force. Clockwise barrel adjustment increases blow-off force, while counter-clockwise adjustment decreases blow-off force.

Using the 2-Position Remote

The 2-position remote is designed to be used in place of a front shifter, under the handlebar on the rider's left side. The 2-position remote can be used with 2 cables to control both the front fork and rear shock simultaneously.

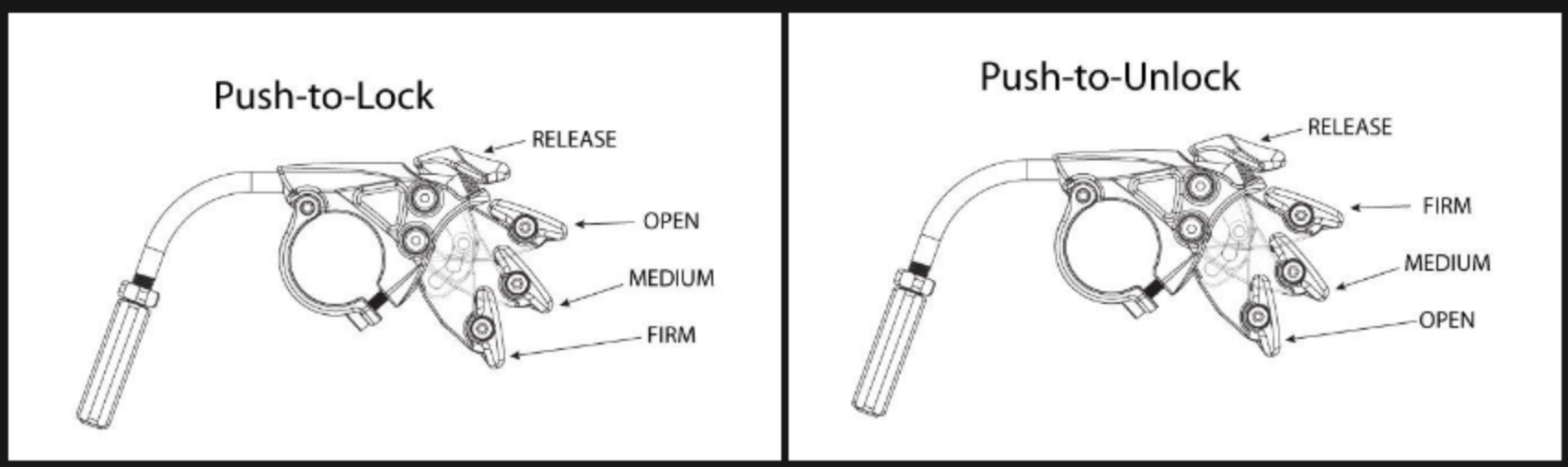


The 2-Position Remote lets you to switch between the OPEN and FIRM modes while riding.

- Push-to-Lock – Push the actuation lever to set the fork to FIRM mode. Push the release lever to set the fork to OPEN mode.
- Push-to-Unlock – Push the actuation lever to set the fork to OPEN mode. Push the release lever to set the fork to FIRM mode.

Using the 3-Position Remote

The 3-Position Remote lets you to switch between the OPEN, MEDIUM, and FIRM modes while riding.



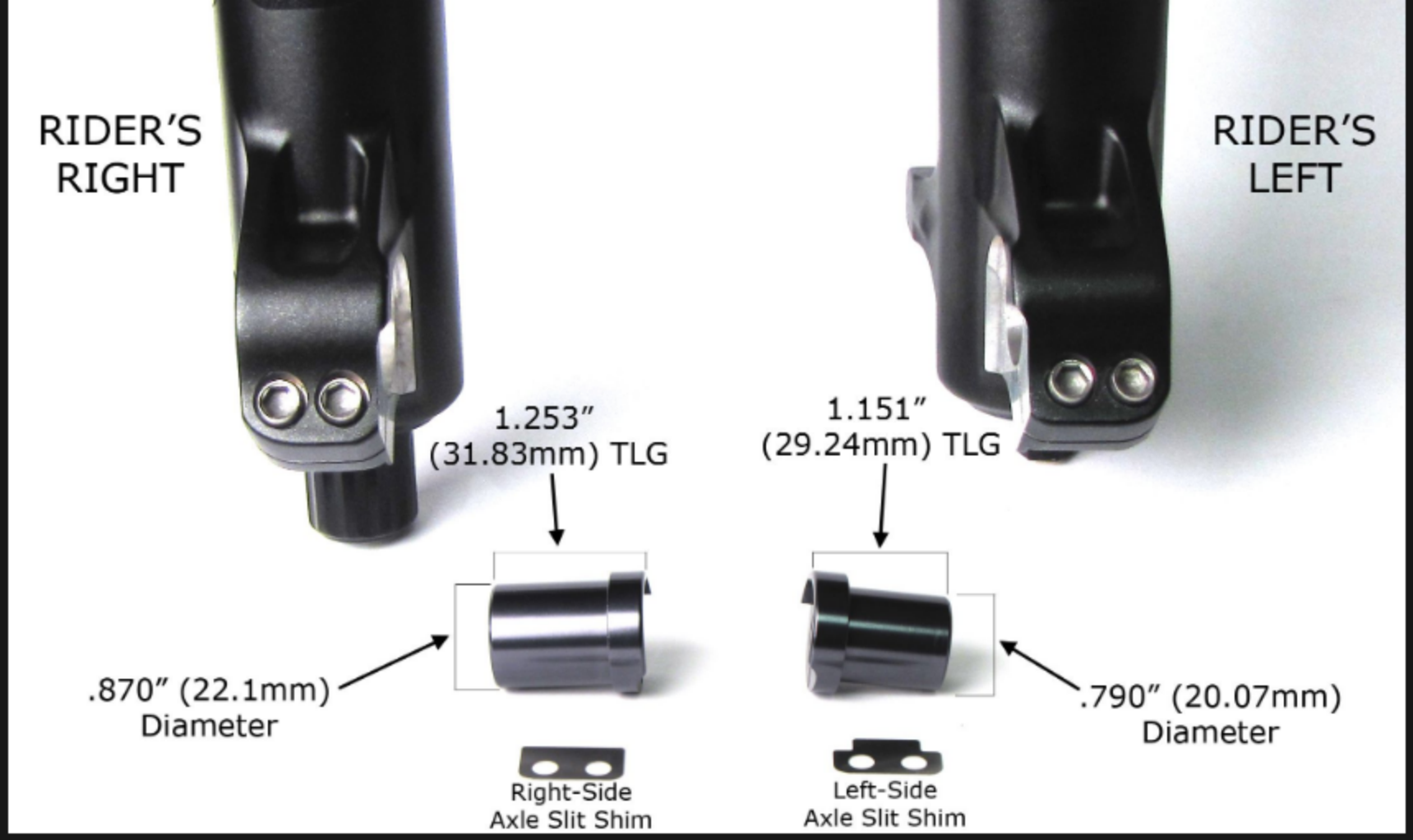
- Push-to-Lock – Push the actuation lever down one click to set the fork to MEDIUM mode. Push the actuation lever down again to the lowest position to set the fork to FIRM mode. Push the release lever to set the fork to OPEN mode.
- Push-to-Unlock – Push the actuation lever down one click to set the fork to MEDIUM mode. Push the actuation lever down again to the lowest position to set the fork to OPEN mode. Push the release lever to set the fork to FIRM mode.

15mm and 20mm Pinch-Axle Conversion

SOME 36 FORK MODELS CAN CONVERT BETWEEN 15MM AND 20MM PINCH-AXLES

The video below guides you through the process of converting from the 20mm pinch-axle to the 15mm pinch-axle.

- Grease can be used in place of suspension oil when coating axle adaptors during installation. FOX recommends Slick Honey or a multi-purpose lithium based grease.



The video below guides you through the process of converting from the 15mm pinch-axle to the 20mm pinch-axle.

WARNING: The 15mm axle should only be used with the 15mm axle adapters and 15mm axle slit shims. Do not use the 15mm axle without the 15mm axle adapters. Do not use the 15mm axle with the 20mm axle slit shims. Failure to use the proper adapters and axle slit shims with the 15mm axle can damage the fork dropouts which can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle which can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNING: Never attempt to modify axle slit shims or axle adapters. Modification of these parts can lead to improper installation which can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle which can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNING: When using the 15mm axle slit shims, make sure to install the notched shim in the rider's left dropout. Failure to install the 15mm axle slit shims in their correct locations may result in damage to the dropout that can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle which can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNING: The 20mm axle slit shims must be used when using the 20mm axle. Leaving the 20mm axle slit shims out when using the 20mm axle can allow for dropout damage to occur, which can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle that can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

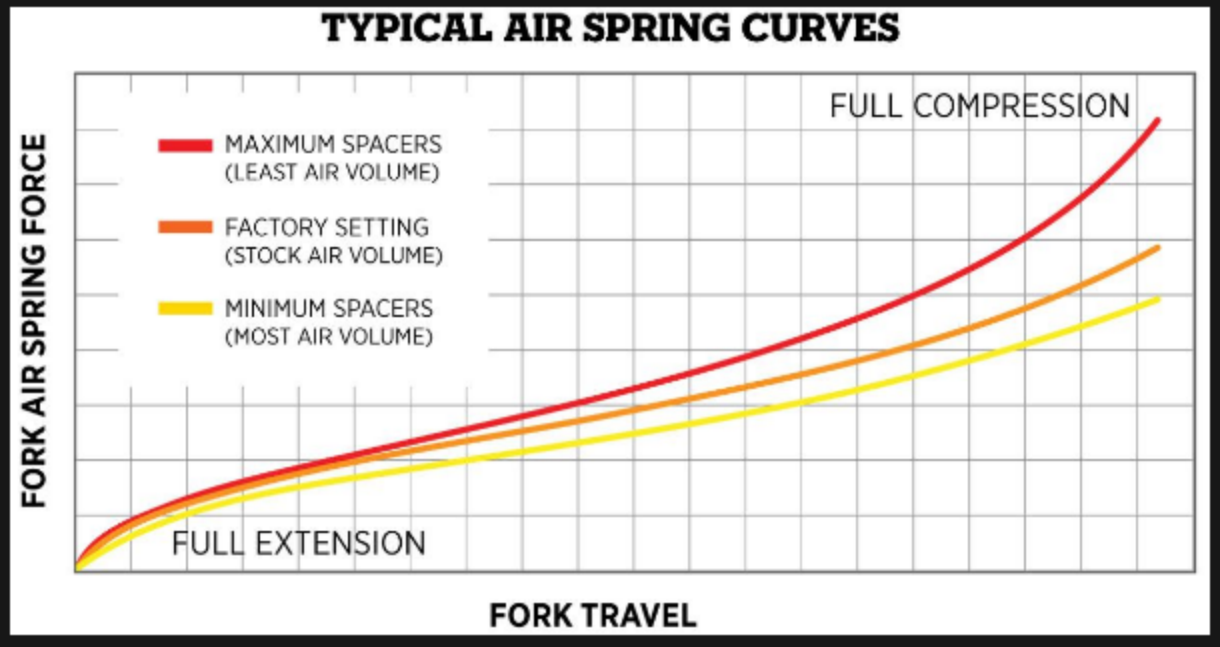
⚠ WARNING: Never attempt to force any parts to fit. Doing so may result in dropout damage, which can lead to a loss of control of the bicycle that can result in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Adjusting Fork Compression Ratio with Air Volume Spacers

ADJUST YOUR COMPRESSION RATIO FOR THE PERFECT AIR SPRING FEEL

Changing volume spacers in the 36 FLOAT fork is an easy internal adjustment that allows you to change the amount of mid stroke and bottom out resistance.

- If you have set your sag correctly and are using full travel (bottoming out) too easily, then you could install one or more spacers to increase bottom out resistance.
- If you have set your sag correctly and are not using full travel, then you could remove one or more spacers to decrease bottom out resistance.



36 FLOAT VOLUME SPACER CONFIGURATIONS		
Travel	Volume Spacers Factory Installed	*Max Volume Spacers
180	0	4
170	0	5
160	1	6
150	2	7
140	4	8
100 (831)	9	10

*DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOLUME SPACERS LISTED ABOVE!

- 36mm FLOAT volume spacer PN: 234-04-736 is orange and has a volume of 10cc





36 SPEED-PED-ELEC VOLUME SPACER CONFIGURATIONS		
Travel	Volume Spacers Factory Installed	*Max Volume Spacers
160	3	5
150	4	6
140	4	6
130	5	7
120	6	7

*DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOLUME SPACERS LISTED ABOVE!

- 36mm Speed-Ped-Elec volume spacer PN: 234-04-953 is green and has a volume of 10cc



WARNING: Never attempt to modify air volume spacers, as this can damage your fork causing a loss of control of the bicycle leading to SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH.

WARNING: FOX suspension products contain pressurized nitrogen, air, oil, or all 3. Suspension misuse can cause property damage, SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT puncture, incinerate or crush any portion of a FOX suspension product. DO NOT attempt to disassemble any portion of a FOX suspension product, unless expressly instructed to do so by the applicable FOX technical documentation, and then ONLY while strictly adhering to all FOX instructions and warnings in that instance.

WARNING: Modification, improper service, or use of aftermarket replacement parts with FOX forks and shocks may cause the product to malfunction, resulting in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT modify any part of a fork or shock, including the fork brace (lower leg cross brace), crown, steerer, upper and lower leg tubes, or internal parts, except as instructed herein. Any unauthorized modification may void the warranty, and may cause failure or the fork or shock, resulting in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Service Intervals

MAKE SURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN YOUR FORK

To best maintain the performance and durability of your product under normal use, FOX recommends that you have regular fork and shock maintenance performed according to the service intervals listed below.

Recommended Minimum Fork Maintenance

	Every Ride	Regularly	Every 125 Hours/Yearly, or whichever comes first.*
Clean exterior with mild soap and water only, then wipe dry with a soft towel.	●		
Check sag and damper settings. Inspect your product for visual damage and function of all controls.		●	
Full fork service (Full internal/external inspection, damper rebuild, air spring rebuild, bath oil and wiper replacement)			●

*Suspension product will require more frequent servicing the harder they are worked. For those who ride lift-accessed DH, Park, or Extreme Freeride or in extremely wet/muddy or dry/dusty environmental conditions where trail debris is sprayed onto the fork or shock while on the trail, or e-mtb's, FOX encourages riders to perform maintenance earlier than recommended above as needed. If you hear, see, or feel something unusual, stop riding immediately and contact a FOX Authorized Service Center for proper servicing.

WARNING: FOX products should be serviced by a qualified bicycle service technician, in accordance with FOX specifications. If you have any doubt whether or not you can properly service your FOX product, then DO NOT attempt it. Improperly serviced products can fail, causing the rider to lose control resulting in SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.