Airmatic Lowering Links

Audi A8 (D5) Original Lowering Kit (Air Only)

Prior to commencing with the installation of the lowering linkages it is imperative that you select jacking / wheel change mode. Please consult your car's user manual for instructions on how to select this function.

Jacking / wheel change mode prevents all suspension control processes so that when changing a tyre or wheel or indeed the lowering linkages, for example, work is not impeded by an automatic change in the vehicle height.

Make sure the key is out of the ignition while installing your linkages. If you are just reaching in through the driver's side window to remove the key make sure to open and close the door!

Tools Required – 9mm & 10mm spanner and large flat ended screwdriver.

Please remember to fit all four links at once. Do not install just the front or rears and try to start the vehicle. As this may trigger a fault code and will raise that end to the highest setting

For Every 5mm shorter you make the linkage the vehicle will lower by approximately 20mm. We recommend that you make the provided linkages no more than 12mm shorter than OEM Linkages

****We recommend adding a small amount of grease to each ball joint whilst installing the kit****

Front:

1. Select the highest suspension setting and jack the vehicle up by a few inches to locate the ride height sensor which is under the wheel arch as per the picture below.
2. Carefully Remove the standard linkage (**BE GENTLE, DO NOT DAMAGE OR SNAP THE SENSORS ARM!**)
3. Fit a Rubber Grommet to each ball stud to ensure the ball and ball joint are protected from the elements.
4. Install the adjustable linkages by firstly removing the safety retaining clips and then firmly pushing the ball joints of the linkage onto the ball studs on the bracket and sensors arm.
5. Once you have achieved the desired ride height re-attach the safety clips.
6. Now remove the jack and lower the car.

Rear:

1. Select the highest suspension setting and jack the vehicle up by a few inches to locate the ride height sensor which is under the wheel arch as per the picture below.
2. Carefully Remove the standard linkage (**BE GENTLE, DO NOT DAMAGE OR SNAP THE SENSORS ARM!**)
3. Fit a Rubber Grommet to each ball stud to ensure the ball and ball joint are protected from the elements.
4. Install the adjustable linkages by firstly removing the safety retaining clips and then firmly pushing the ball joints of the linkage onto the ball studs on the bracket and sensors arm.
5. Once you have achieved the desired ride height re-attach the safety clips.
6. Now remove the jack and lower the car.

"Remember - Shorter is Lower"

Initializing the adjusted suspension:

Start the vehicle whilst on a level surface and select the lowest suspension setting (Access mode or similar) and move the vehicle back and forth to assist the cars computer to settle to the new adjustments and compression to build in the air system.

It may take a couple attempts to get the exact height of your liking.

Once you are at a height of your liking you may then raise the vehicle and lock up all of the linkages.

To return the car back to standard simply repeat the steps using the original linkages. As the standard joints harden with age you may find them hard to put them back on. If this is the case apply some lubricant (WD40 or similar silicon based product) to the ends and squeeze on with pliers.

Thank you for your purchase - If you need any help please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime.

We also have linkage kits for Mercedes Benz, Volkswagen, Audi and soon Range Rover vehicles that are equipped with Airmatic Suspension.