2005-2015 Toyota Tacoma - Replace Rear Shocks

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TOOLS

14mm Socket 16mm Socket 17mm Socket Torque Wrench Jack Stands Floor Jack Pry Bar Locking Pliers Gloves Safety Glasses

PARTS

Rear Shock Absorber KYB 554350 $60.95
Shock Mount Insulator Set TYSFK00003 $41.95

STEPS

1. **Loosen lugs and safely support the 2005-2015 Toyota Tacoma - On level ground, loosen the** lug nuts for the corner you are servicing. Raise the vehicle and support it on jack stands. Remove the wheel. Support the axle or control arm with a jack if the shock limits droop.
2. **Remove the lower shock mount - Remove the lower shock bolt/nut at the axle, trailing arm,** or control arm. Note any sleeves or washers. If the bolt is seized, apply penetrating oil and use the correct size socket - do not round the head.
3. **Remove the upper mount and the old shock - Remove upper stem nuts or mount bolts in the** fender tower or frame bracket. Lower the shock out of the vehicle. For coilover-style units, follow spring-compressor procedures - never remove a compressed spring without the correct tools.
4. **Compare the new shocks and transfer hardware - Match compressed/extended length, mount** style, and bushings to the old shocks. Replace shocks in axle pairs. Transfer cups, bump stops, or boots only if the new set is not fully kitted.
5. **Install the new shock and torque mounts - Position the new shock, start upper and lower** fasteners by hand, then raise the suspension slightly with a jack so bushings sit near ride height before final torque to specification.
6. **Reinstall the wheel and settle the suspension - Reinstall the wheel, torque lug nuts in a** star pattern, and lower the vehicle. Bounce the corner to settle, then road-test for knocks or lean. Recheck mount torque after a short drive if specified.

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