

OWNER'S MANUAL DUCATI 899 PANIGALE

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RECOMMENDED SETTINGS

Fork stroke	125mm
Preload	8mm
Air gap/Oil level	145mm
Fork oil	5wt.
Spring rate	36-260-VAR
Comp damping	-14 Clicks out
Reb damping	-18 Clicks out
Fork position	Manufacturer specs

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INTRODUCTION

The RDS Front Fork cartridge have been designed to fit original equipment front forks for track and racing use to give the rider enhanced feel and performance over standard production internals. These high quality replacement cartridges are designed and manufactured in the UK using the highest quality processes and materials available. This open cartridge damping system uses a 25mm dia aluminium tube with a 14mm dia aluminium piston rod giving a bigger displacement of fluid for greater damping control. Aluminium parts are hard anodised for extra protection and elimination of oil contamination.

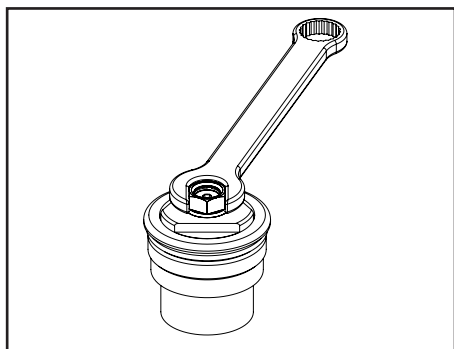
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ADJUSTMENT



The K-Tech RDS cartridge kits are adjustable by the following external adjusters.

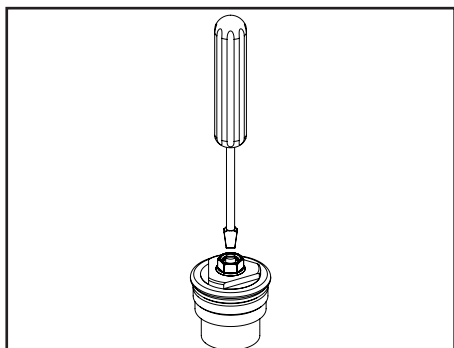


Spring Preload:-

Adjust with a 14mm hex nut in centre of the fork cap.

Spring preload has 18mm of adjustment, 1 turn on the hex nut equals 1mm of preload on the spring.

Spring preload should be set from the fully open (anti-clockwise) position.

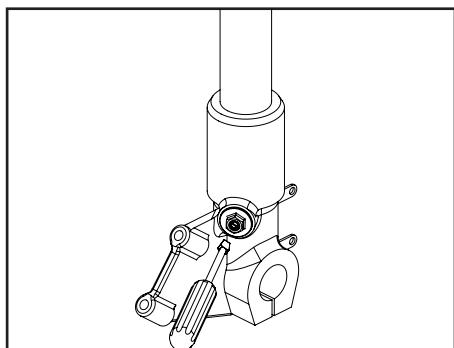


Rebound Damping:-

Adjust with a screwdriver in the centre of the fork cap.

Adjustment range is 30 clicks.

All settings should be made from the fully closed (clockwise) position.



Compression Damping:-

Using the red adjuster in the bottom of fork leg, adjust with a screwdriver.

The adjustment range is 24 clicks.

All settings should be made from the fully closed (clockwise) position.

SETTING THE FORK

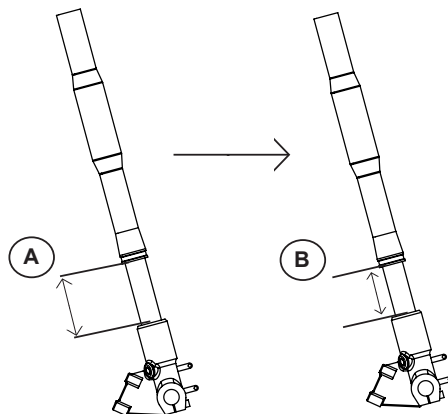
When the fork is fitted to the bike there is some basic geometry you should check with the preload adjustment, to do this you need to support your bike so the front wheel is lifted off the ground.

To set the preload on your forks you need a 14mm socket or spanner, preload is very important as it effects the attitude of the motorcycle and the angle of the forks.

To check the preload on your forks support the motorcycle on a stand so the front wheel is fully off the ground, make sure the fork is fully extended by pushing down on the wheel and measure the amount of chrome tube there is extending from below the seal to the axle bracket at the bottom of the fork. Make a note of this. (A)

Take the bike off the stand and push down on the handlebars a few times allowing the bike to settle. Measure the same points as before and make a note of it. (B)

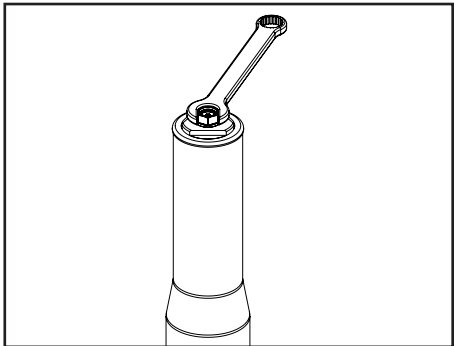
Subtract the second measurement - See Fig (B) from the first measurement - See Fig (A), this measurement should be between 25-35mm. If you do not have this measurement you need to adjust the preload with the 14mm hex on the top cap until you achieve this figure.



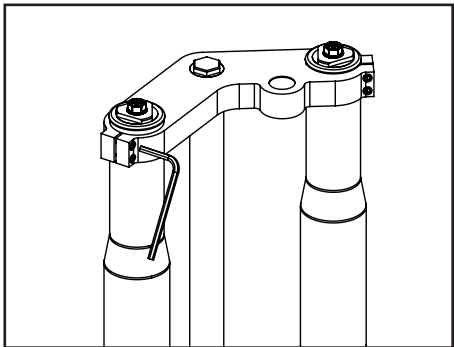
CHANGING THE FORK SPRINGS

Before changing fork springs make a note of the spring preload, compression and rebound damping settings.

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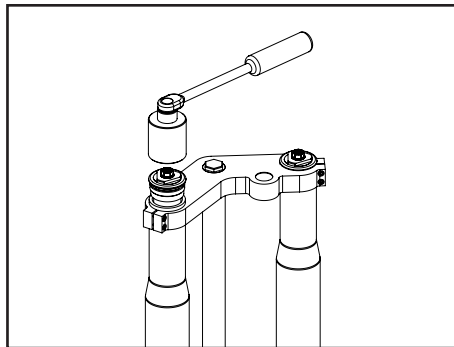


Remove all the preload from both forks using the 14mm hex in the centre of the top cap.
2.



Loosen the clamping screws in the upper clamp.

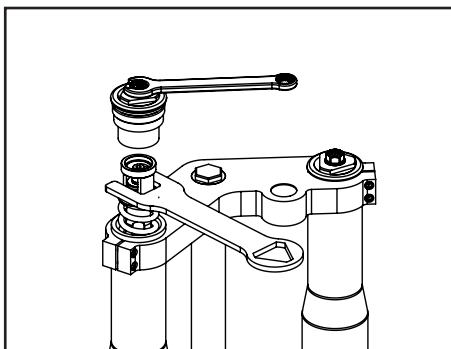
Before performing step 3 please make sure the persons holding the handle bars are strong and in good health as the motorcycle maybe very heavy when lowered.
3.



With the bike supported under the **bottom fork clamp** unscrew both fork caps with either Tool No. 113-010-020 or a top cap socket - Tool No. 113-020-000. With one person on each handle bar remove the stand from under the bottom fork clamp and slowly lower the bike.

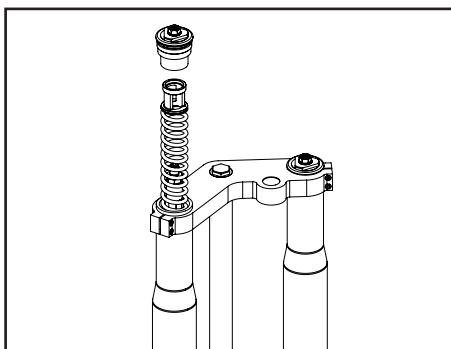
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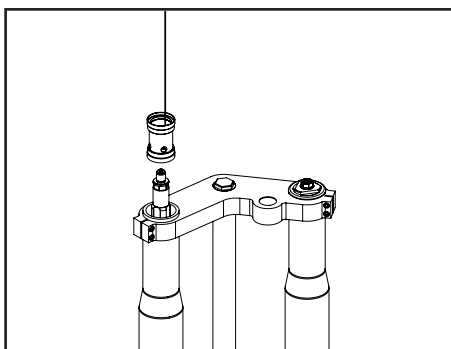
Remove the top cap nut assembly from the piston rod joiner using a 14mm spanner and Tool No. 113-010-020.

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Remove the nylon spring pusher and the main spring slowly, keeping as much oil in the fork leg as possible.

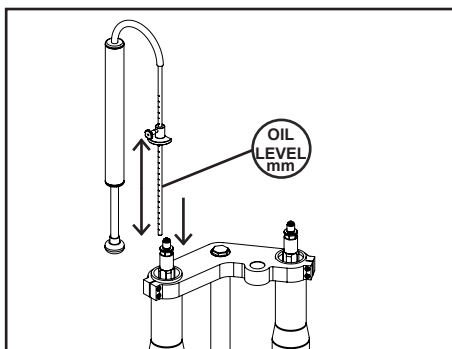
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If a large amount of oil has been lost removing the spring it is necessary to check the oil level. To do this you will need to remove the spring preload spacer from under the main spring using a wire hook.

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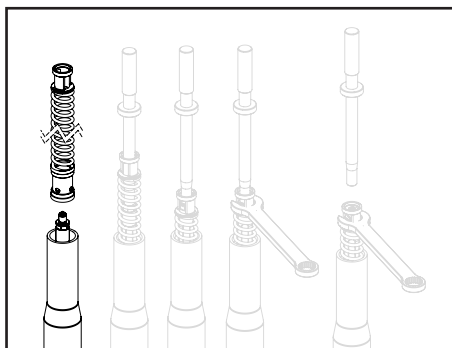
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K-Tech recommend 5wt.

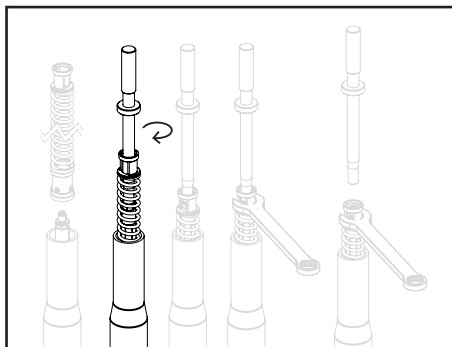
To check the oil level in the fork is to the recommended level use - Tool No. 113-050-500. To do this add approximately 100cc of oil to the fork, insert the oil level tool to the preset stop (see recommended settings on page 1) and suck out any excess oil. The piston rod should be fully compressed downwards when performing this procedure.

8.



Refit the preload tube with nylon seats, with the holes facing downwards along with the optional spring you are choosing to use and the nylon spring pusher.

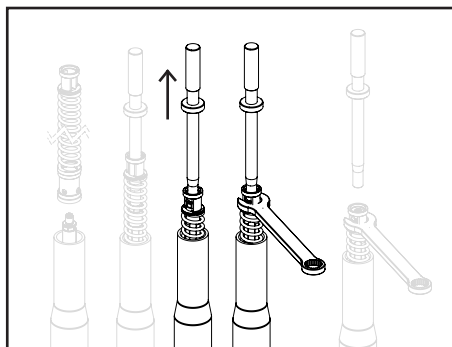
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Using the pull up rod - Tool No. 113-030-015 screw this onto the piston rod joiner.

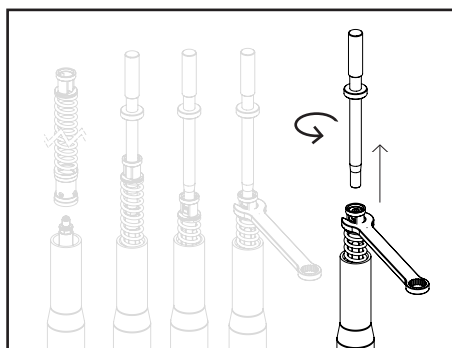
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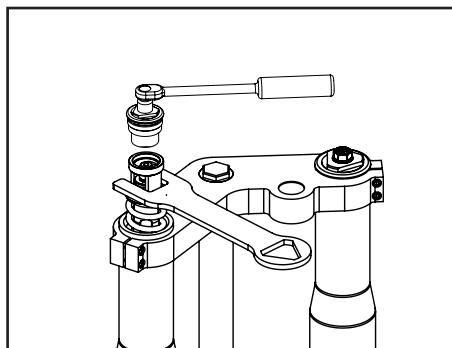
Pull the piston rod up and locate Tool No. 113-010-020 through the nylon spring pusher onto the 17mm hex on the piston rod joiner.

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Remove the piston rod pull up tool.

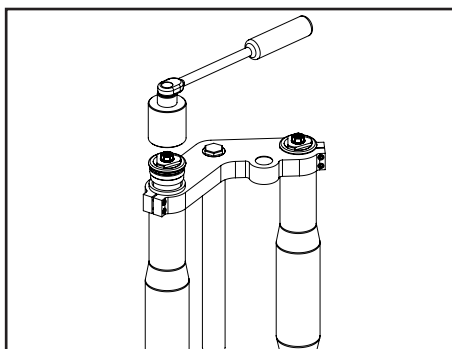
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Fit the top cap onto the piston rod joiner using Tool No. 113-010-020 and a 14mm socket. Tighten the top cap to the piston rod joiner torque load to 20N/m (14.75lb - ft).

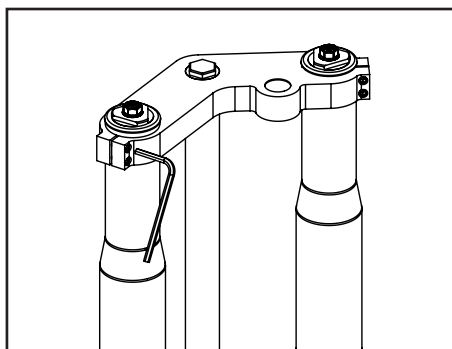
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13.



With one person on each handlebar slowly lift the bike and support the bike under the **bottom fork clamp** so the wheel is off the ground. Refit the top caps to the fork legs and torque load to 10N/m (7.35 lb-ft) - using Tool No. 113-020-000

14.



Tighten the upper fork clamp bolt to manufacturer's specification and adjust preload and damping settings to previous or recommended settings. (Located at the front of document)

SERVICE

K-Tech Suspension Ltd recommend that this product is serviced every 20 hours of use. It is very important that this product is serviced by an authorised dealer, as there are special tools required to guarantee correct performance of this product. K-Tech Suspension Ltd cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to/by the product if a service is overdue or was not conducted by an authorised dealer.

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