Kit # 9009-BS/BL Harley-Davidson® 2005-2008 Sportster<sup>®</sup> Models

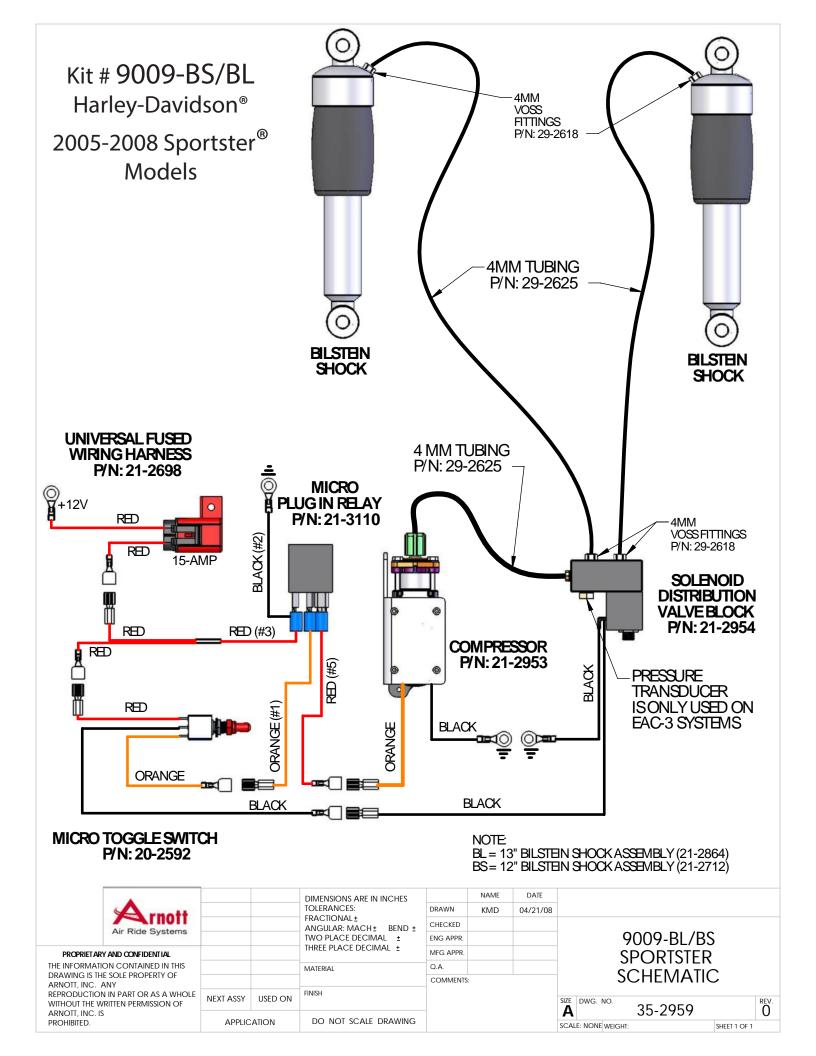


# "Engineered to Ride, Built to Last"

PARTS LIST	PART NUMBER	PART NUMBER	QUANTITY
REAR AIR SUSPENSION SHOCKS	21-2712 (BS)	21-2864 (BL)	2
COMPRESSOR W/BRACKET ASSEMBLY	21-2953		1
DISTRIBUTION VALVE BLOCK	21-2954		1
SPEED REDUCING MUFFLER	29-2710		1
MANIFOLD BRACKET W/ FASTNERS	14-2849		1
FUSED WIRING HARNESS	21-2698		1
RELAY ASSEMBLY	21-3110		1
MICRO-TOGGLE SWITCH	20-2592		1
1/2" X 3.0" SOCKET HEAD BOLTS	29-2736		4
1/2″-13 JAM NUTS	29-3387		2
1/2″ S.S. FLAT WASHERS	29-2631		4
CHROME SHOCK SPACERS	14-2554		4
CHROME BOLT COVERS	14-2680		4
4 MM VOSS <sup>®</sup> AIR FITTING	29-2618		6
4 MM NYLON TUBING	29-2625		10-ft
HARNESS CABLE TIES	29-2617		8
3/8" SPLIT LOOM	29-3000		3-FT

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Thank you for purchasing the Arnott Cycle Air System! This system provides you with the ability to maintain your bike at a constant level regardless of load, resulting in enhanced vehicle ride, handling, and performance.

Proper installation is essential to experience and appreciate the benefits of this system. Please take a moment to review these installation instructions before you begin to install this system on your bike. Reviewing the components and the parts list below will familiarize you with the system.

It is equally important to be aware of and take all necessary safety measures while installing your new Air Ride System. This includes proper lifting and immobilizing of the bike, and isolation of any stored energy to prevent personal injury or property damage.



Do not inflate the air spring assembly unless it is supported on both ends by the vehicle frame and suspension system, or by another adequate means. Doing so may result in serious injury and damage to the air spring assembly and surrounding environment.

The maximum recommended inflation pressure of the air spring is 100 psi. Over-inflation of the air spring, as well as improper use or installation of the assembly, may result in serious injury and damage to the air spring assembly and the surrounding environment.

Take precautions not to exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR, or the maximum load) recommended by the manufacturer. The air springs are rated for a maximum pressure of 100 psi. This pressure may, however, allow too great a load to be carried on most vehicles. For best results, load the vehicle and have it weighed, then compare the vehicle weight with the maximum allowed. Consult your recommended load. It is important that all vehicle's Owner Manual recommendations are followed for your own safety and to prevent damage to the vehicle. Air Springs DO NOT increase the GVWR set by the manufacturer.



NEVER MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AIR RIDE SYSTEM WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION. ADJUSTING THE AIR SUSPENSION WHILE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION CAN AFFECT THE STABILITY AND HANDLING, WHICH COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



## (A.) PREPARING THE BIKE:

On a solid level surface, position the bike on a motorcycle lift and use all the recommended safety techniques. Lift the bike so the rear wheel is just slightly off the ground. Be sure to refer to the Owner's Manual for the bike and the motorcycle lift for all correct lifting instructions. It is also recommended that you protect any chrome or painted surfaces that may be damaged during lifting or installation procedure. **REMOVE THE SEAT BEFORE STARTING THE INSTALLATION** 

#### (B.) REMOVING THE FACTORY SHOCKS:







2. Carefully remove factory shock absorbers from the rear suspension.

## (C.) INSTALLING THE REAR AIR SHOCKS:



1. Remove the new ½ X 3" shock bolts and washers from the kit. Apply 2-3 drops of Loctite<sup>®</sup> 243 (blue) to the threads of each bolt. Torque all shock bolts to 45-50 ft lbs (61.1-67.9 Nm).



2. Install the new air suspension shocks one at a time. Start with the lower bolt holes first. Then raise or lower the bike to line up the upper bolt holes.



## (D.) INSTALLING THE INFLATION SYSTEM:

The inflation system consists of a compressor with a remote solenoid vent valve. The compressor assembly is designed to fit on the left side of the gas tank. The basic system comes with a toggle switch that can be installed in a location of your choice.



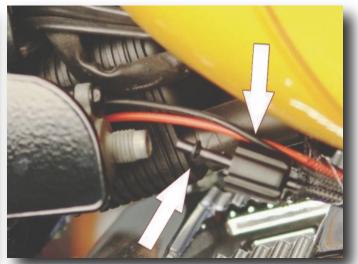
3. Locate and remove the nut located on the right front side of the gas tank.



4. Place the compressor assembly over the front mounting bolt. Replace the mounting nut but leave loose for now.



5. Remove the rear fuel tank mounting bolt and lift the tank slightly.



6. Locate the 4mm air line, the small o-ring and the retention cap that are supplied in the kit. Install the retention cap first, then the small o-ring onto the line. Insert the line into the compressor in the order shown above and tighten the cap.





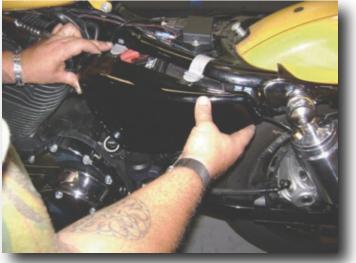
7. After connecting the 4mm air tubing to the compressor, route it beneath the left side of the fuel tank and along the frame toward the rear of the bike. Step #8 will cover connection to the distribution block using one of the 4mm VOSS<sup>®</sup> fittings supplied in the kit.



8. A preferred location for the solenoid vent valve/distribution block is under the seat.

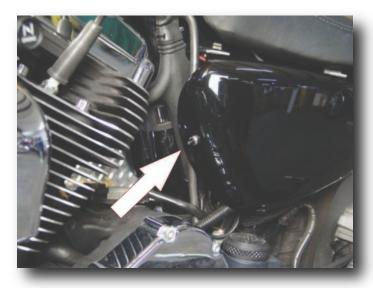


9. Connect each shock absorber to the distribution block with the 4mm line and VOSS<sup>®</sup> fittings supplied in the kit. Be careful to route the air line so that it does not kink. Instructions for assembly of the 4mm VOSS<sup>®</sup> fittings are enclosed in the kit. **NOTE:** Fittings seal with an o-ring, **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN!** 

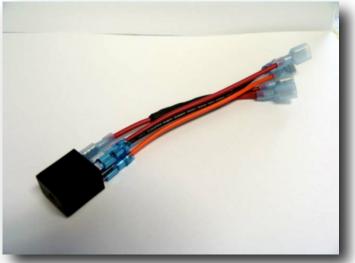


10. Remove the battery cover located on the left side of the bike. Disconnect the battery, negative cable (-) first.





11. The preferred location for mounting the toggle switch is on the left side cover of the bike. Please refer to the system schematic on the back of the cover for a wiring diagram.



12. Included in the kit is a micro relay assembly, refer to the system schematic on the back of the cover for a wiring diagram.



13. The preferred location for the fuse assembly is under the seat, near the battery. Connect the red wire with the ring terminal to 12V battery positive. Connect the other red wire from the fuse to the red wire of the switch.



14. Reinstall the bike's side cover and the rear fuel tank mounting bolt. Torque the rear mounting bolt and the front bolt /nut previously loosened to 15-20 ft-lbs (20.4-27.1 Nm) Reconnect the battery, torque battery terminals to 60-96 in-lbs. (6.8-10.9 Nm).





15. Reinstall the side cover and seat, make sure the seat tang is securely locked in the frame. Power up the system and use soapy water in a spray bottle to check for leaks.



16. Make sure that there is adequate tire to rear fender clearance. Check both the center of the tire and the sides with the system in the lowered position, with zero air pressure.

#### Thank you for purchasing an Arnott Air Ride Suspension Product!

Each owner or installer is unique, therefore installation of this system can be done many different ways. The mounting locations of the compressor and inflation switch are suggestions by our engineers. If proper wiring guidelines and instructions are followed, relocation of the compressor or switch will neither affect the system operation nor void your warranty.

Adjust air spring pressure as required for desired ride quality to maximize the benefits of your system. Excess pressure will result in a firmer ride, too little pressure will allow the suspension to bottom out.



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