

#### 40 Shock absorber leaks: assessment aid

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All	2006 - 2017	All	Not Applicable

## Condition

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Oil appears on one or several shock absorbers.

# **Technical Background**

Oil may appear on a shock absorber for one of the following reasons:

- As a result of a leak because the shock absorber is damaged.
- As a result of residue from when the shock was filled during production, or as a result of slight condensation in the seal area. This small amount of oil is for lubrication and it reduces wear on the seal.

# **Production Solution**

Not applicable.

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Figure 2. A leaking shock absorber.

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# Service

Determine if the shock absorber is leaking, or if the oil is only from residue or condensation:

#### Leaking shock absorbers

A leaking shock absorber is characterized by a wet film of oil running down the pipe (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

Leaking shock absorbers need to be replaced.



Figure 1. A leaking shock absorber.

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#### Shock absorbers with oil marks

A light film of dried oil or oil marks on the pipe beneath the dust guard are not a clear indicator of a leaking shock. These marks are a result of residue from when the shock was filled during production, or of slight condensation in the seal area. This small amount of oil is for lubrication and it reduces wear on the seal (Figure 3 and Figure 4).

This condition does not affect the shock absorber. No repair is necessary.



Figure 3. A shock absorber that is not leaking.



Figure 4. A shock absorber that is not leaking.

**Tip:** For additional information, see "Shock absorbers, checking" in the Elsa Repair Manual.

### Warranty

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## **Additional Information**

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