



## Press briefing

### BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport gives CUVs ground clearance and off-road fun **More freedom for crossover models**

Essen, 9 July 2024- Crossover models are constantly gaining popularity. The interstage between passenger car and SUV is also in high demand on the Australian market. Until now, however, there have hardly been any suspension tuning products for this segment, but BILSTEIN has a special upgrade for these models for more off-road driving fun: the BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport. The shock absorber is specially developed for Crossover Utility Vehicles (CUVs) and provides more ground clearance and therefore significantly better cross-country capability. The patented degressive valve adjustment reacts immediately to changing surface conditions and adjusts the suspension setting to keep the wheels in optimum contact with the ground. The B8 TerraSport is a prime example of how BILSTEIN uses its global expertise and innovative strength to perfect damping technologies based on specific customer needs. Depending on the application, the BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport lifts the CUV by one to two inches. With this additional ground clearance, even rough terrain in the Outback can be safely navigated, while everyday driving behaviour on the roads is improved at the same time. The patented degressive valve adjustment responds immediately to changing surface conditions and adjusts the suspension setting accordingly so that the wheels maintain optimum contact with the ground.

A crossover vehicle with the BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport upgrade can safely explore rough terrain – without compromising ride comfort or quality. The well-proven BILSTEIN gas pressure technology ensures that the damping oil does not foam even under high loads and outside temperatures but retains its full damping force. Even when fully loaded, travelling to a campsite for a night in the wilderness is just as safe as getting home again comfortably in poor road conditions. For the BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport, lifting is no problem and allows for safety and ride comfort even with an elevated gravity centre.

### **Always keeping optimum driving behaviour in mind**

Installation is easy because the new shock absorbers are mounted on the factory-fitted coil springs using the existing mounting points. This means no additional lift springs are required to achieve the lifting and thus the increase in off-road capability – an additional cost advantage to the already favourable price/performance ratio. Only for vehicles with separate spring and damper elements is a spacer disc used on the rear axle for lifting. Additional wear can be avoided by aligning the vehicle with the manufacturer's specifications.

Like all BILSTEIN products, the BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport shock absorbers are specifically tested and adjusted for each vehicle model – always with the optimum driving behaviour in mind.

BILSTEIN B8 TerraSport shock absorbers are currently available for the following models:

- Ford Bronco Sport
- Ford Maverick
- Jeep Renegade
- Subaru Crosstrek/Subaru XV Crosstrek
- Subaru Forester

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- Subaru Outback
- Toyota RAV4

Other applications will follow in 2025.  
An official certificate is required for Germany, which is not currently planned.

### About BILSTEIN

BILSTEIN is part of thyssenkrupp AG and has its headquarters in Ennepetal, Germany. The company develops and produces chassis, shock absorbers and springs for cars and vans and is one of the world's largest suppliers with an annual production of around 13 million shock absorbers. BILSTEIN is a technology leader and a global player with more than 4,100 employees at nine locations in six countries – including the UK, the USA, Romania, China and Mexico.

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