**Note:**

Read and comply with Information on replacing shock absorbers.

Necessary preliminary tasks:

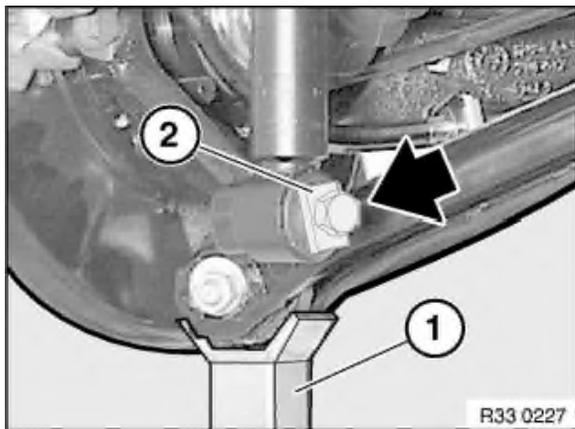
- Remove rear wheel
- E85: Remove mounting for convertible top compartment floor
- E86: Remove luggage compartment wheel arch trim

**Warning!****Danger of injury!**

Failure to comply with the following instructions may result in the vehicle slipping off the lifting platform and critically injuring other persons.

When supporting components, make sure that

- the vehicle can no longer be raised or lowered
- the vehicle does not lift off the locating plates on the lifting platform



Support trailing arm with a workshop jack (1).

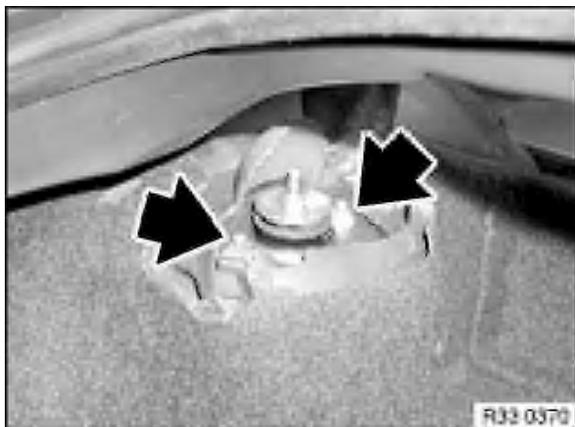
Release screw.

Installation:

Thrust washer (2) on rubber bearing must point to screw head.

Tighten bolt in normal position.

Tightening torque, 33 52 1AZ .



Unscrew nuts.

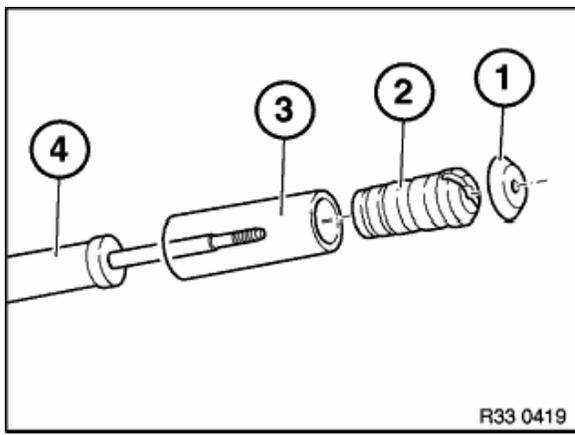
Remove shock absorber with support bearing towards bottom.

Installation:

Replace sealing washer (between support bearing and body).

Replace self-locking nuts.

Tightening torque 33 52 3AZ .



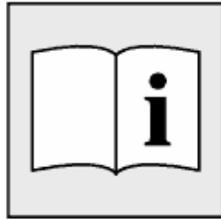
Replacement:

Remove support bearing.

Remove or detach plate (1), spacer, auxiliary damper (2) and protective tube (3) from shock absorber (4).

Installation:

Check auxiliary damper (2) and protective tube (3) for damage, replace if necessary.



After installation:

- Check that output shaft is correctly seated in rear differential.