VIDEO TUTORIAL

ⓘ Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:
SKODA FABIA I (6Y2) 1.2, SKODA FABIA I Combi (6Y5) 1.2, SKODA FABIA I Praktik (6Y5) 1.2, SKODA FABIA I Saloon (6Y3) 1.2

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REQUIRED TOOLS:

- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- 12-point socket # 36
- HEX bit No.H5.
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Combination spanner #16
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #21
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Shock absorber socket
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Pin punch
- Hammer
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

AUTODOC recommends:

- Both coil springs of the front suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right coil springs of the front suspension.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1

Open the bonnet.

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Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Secure the wheels with chocks.

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Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

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Remove the hub bearing protection cap.

Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with wheel hub caps.

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Unscrew the hub lock nut. Use drive 12-point socket #36. Use a tap wrench.

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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when unscrewing the bolts.

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Remove the wheel.

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Clean the fasteners connecting the stabiliser link to the shock strut, and those connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle.

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Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the nut and remove the stabilizer rod from the shock strut. Use a combination spanner #16. Use HEX No.H5. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Unscrew the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.

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Detach the brake hose from the shock strut. Use a crowbar.

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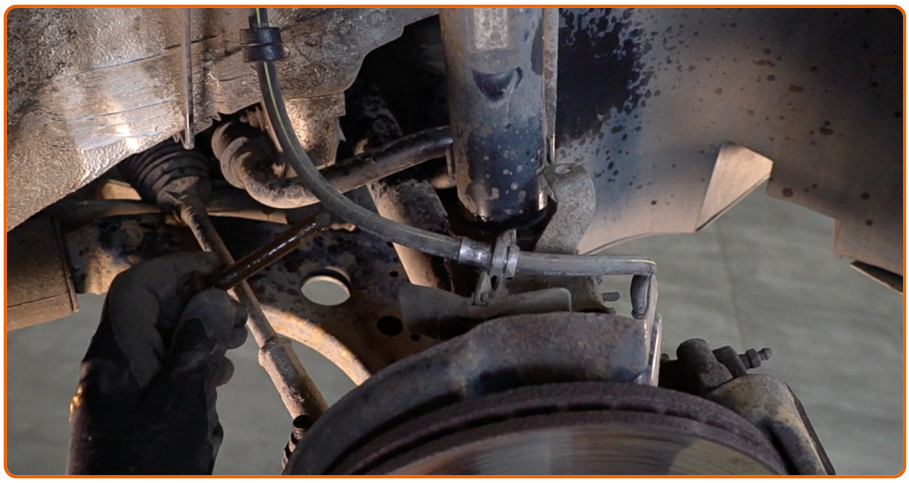

Remove the fastening bolt.

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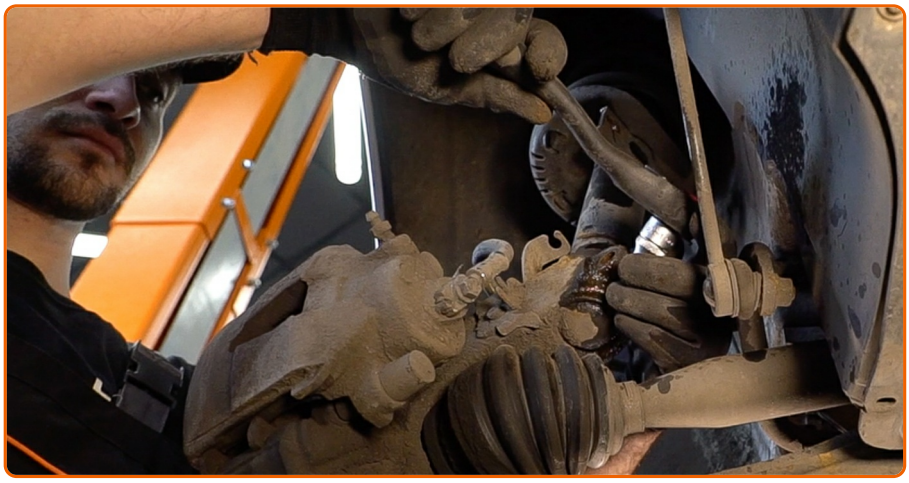

Release the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a special drive socket to remove the shock absorber. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Clean the ball joint mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the ball joint to the suspension control arm. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Disconnect the spherical joint from the arm. Use a crowbar.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the drive shaft to the wheel hub. Use drive 12-point socket #36.

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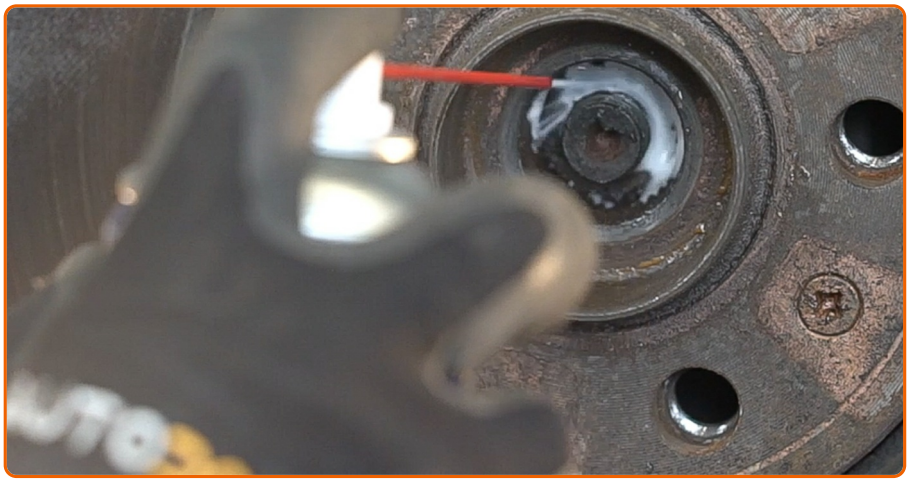

Treat the mounting seat of the driveshaft on the steering knuckle. Use WD-40 spray.

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Pull the drive shaft out of the steering knuckle and lifting it, tie to the body. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Make sure that the drive shaft is not unloaded (when the car is jacked).

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Disconnect the steering knuckle from the shock absorber strut. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

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Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Lower the hydraulic transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging assemblies and mechanisms.
- Make sure that the steering knuckle is not released from load.

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Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injuries, hold the shock strut when undoing the fastening bolts.

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Remove the suspension strut.

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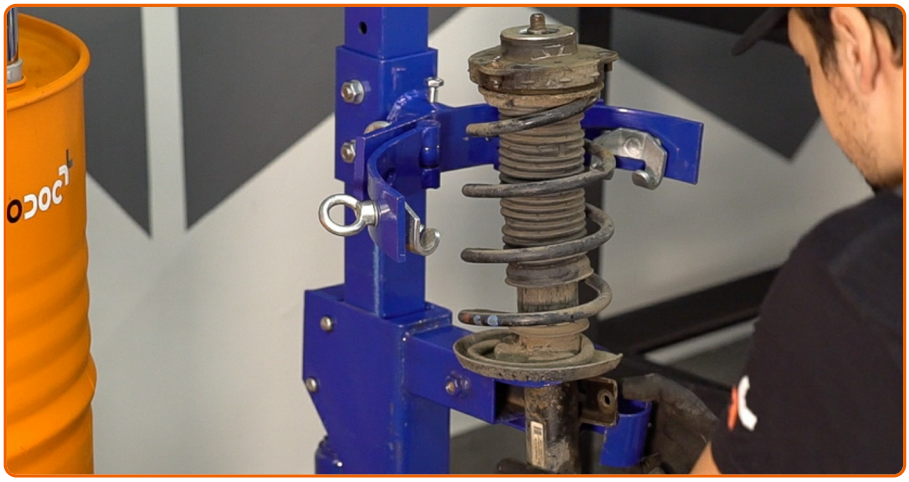

Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

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Compress the spring.

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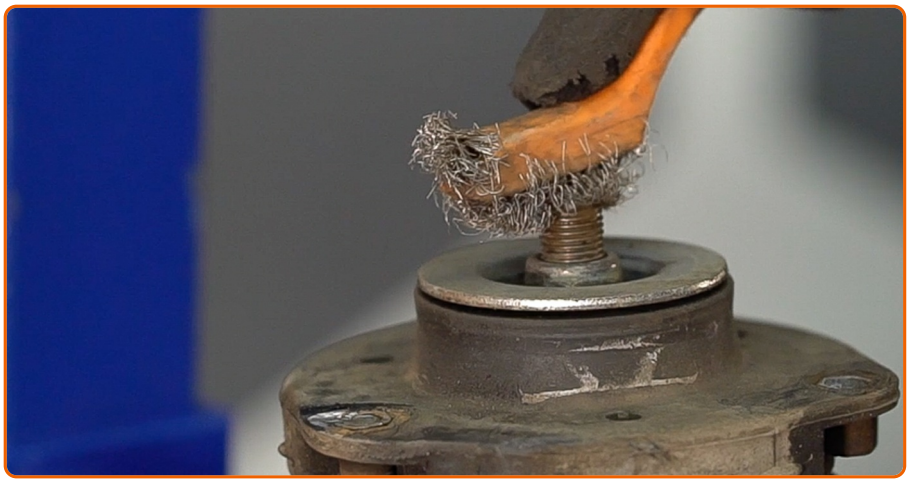

Clean the shock absorber rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #21. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the shock absorber mount, boot and bump stop.

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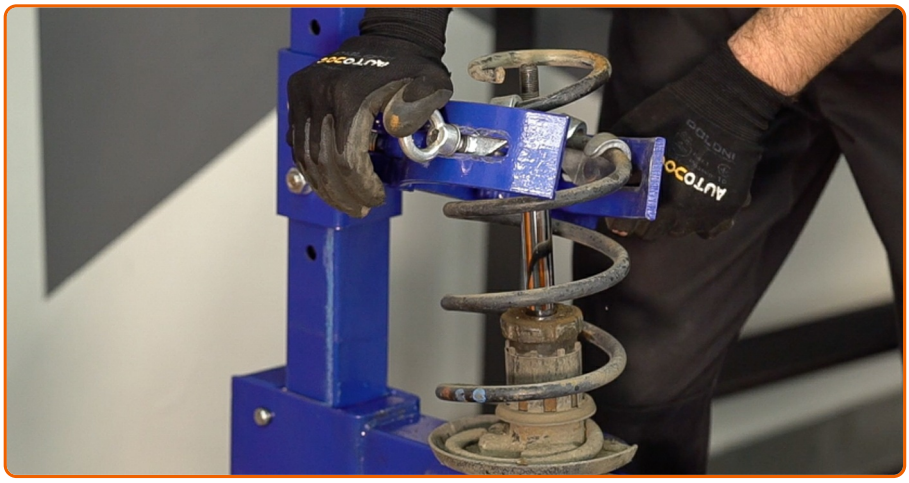

Release the coil spring.

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Remove the spring.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Thoroughly examine the shock absorber mount, dust boot, bump stop. Replace them if necessary.

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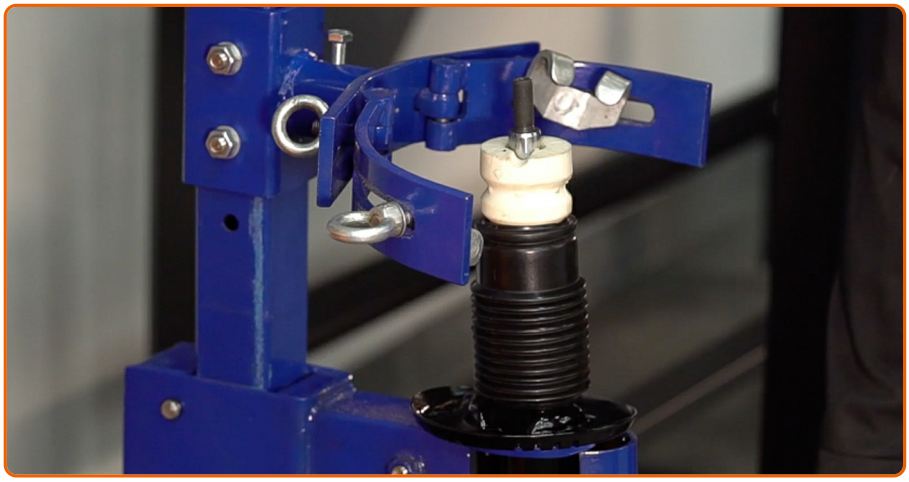

Install the boot and a bump stop onto the shock absorber.

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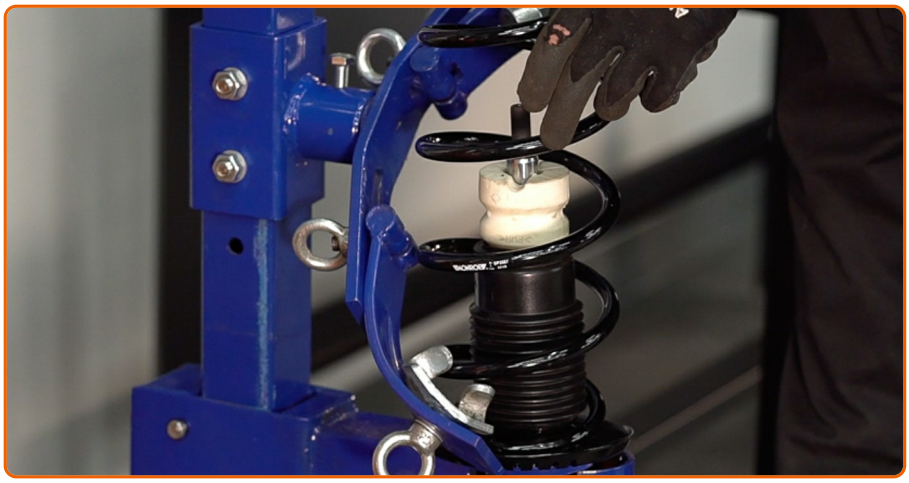

Install the spring on the shock absorber.

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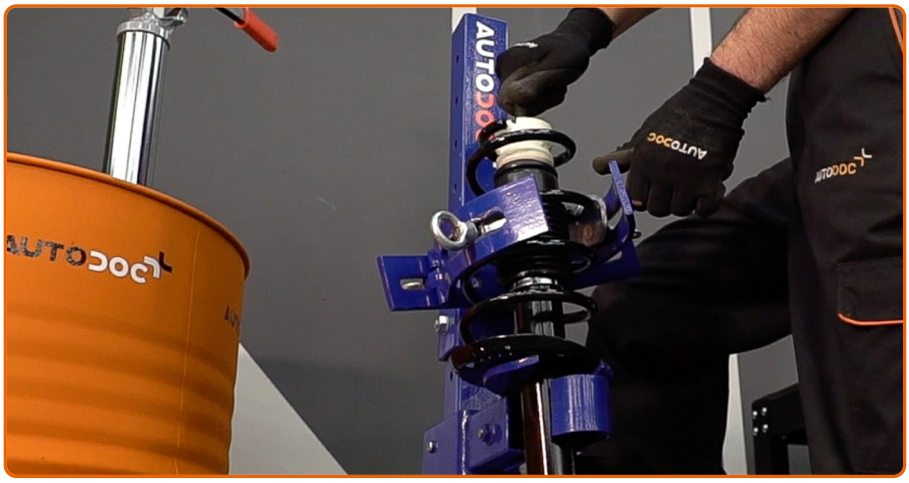

Compress the spring.

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Install the upper strut mount and the strut mount bearing.

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Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #21. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

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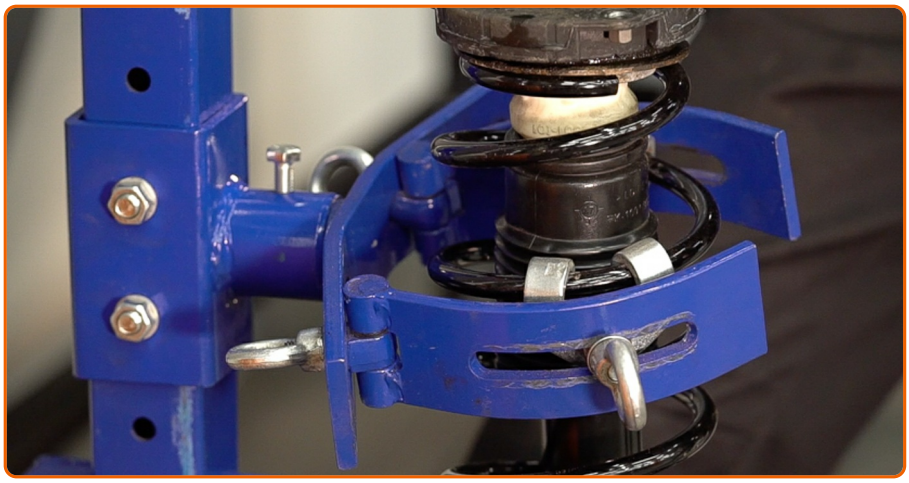

Decompress the spring.

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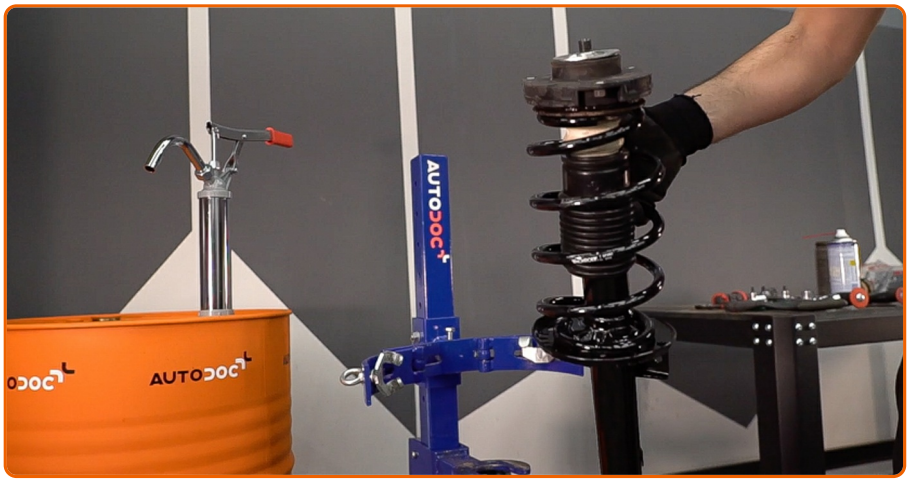

Remove the assembled shock strut.

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Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.

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Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount Do not tighten it.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injuries, hold the shock strut when screwing the fastening bolts in.

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Treat the shock strut mounting seat on the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Fix the shock absorber strut on the steering knuckle.

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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Clean the splines of the drive shaft CV joint. Use WD-40 spray.

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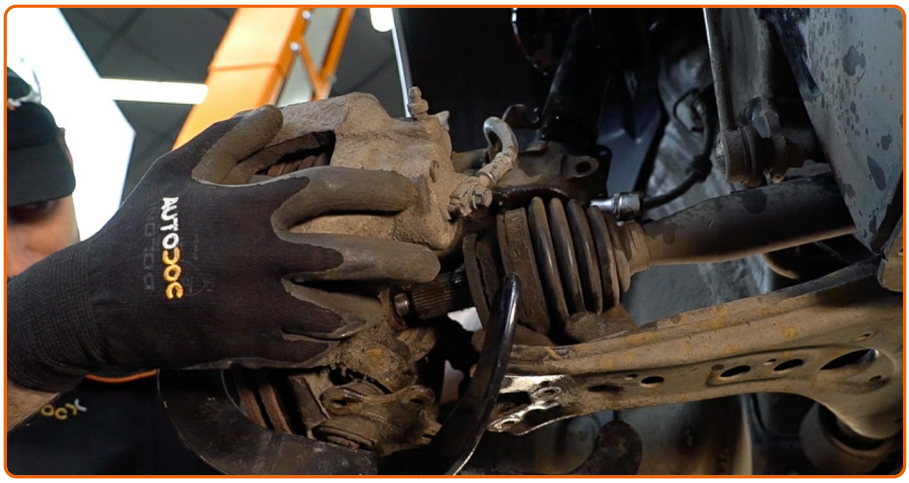

Install the drive shaft.

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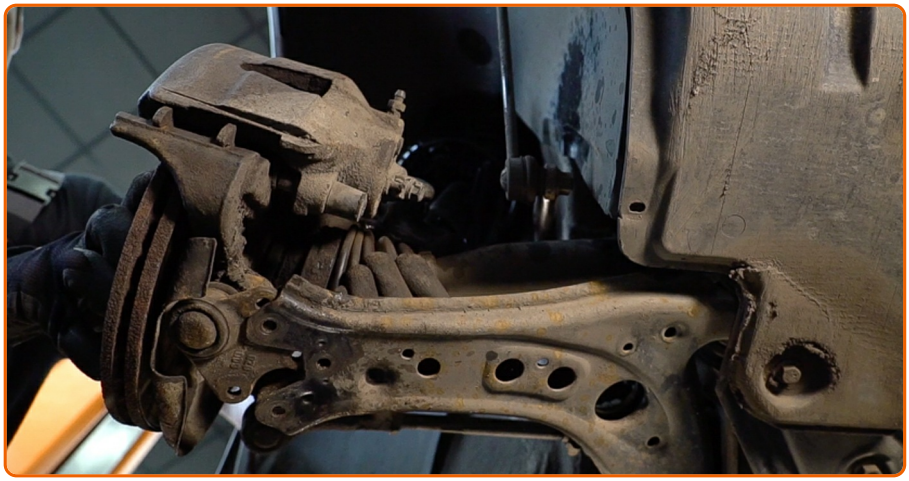

Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.

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- Lower the hydraulic transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging assemblies and mechanisms.

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Install and tighten a new bolt of the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #18. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.

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Treat the shock strut fasteners. Use copper grease.

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Attach the ball joint to the control arm.

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Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 45 Nm torque.

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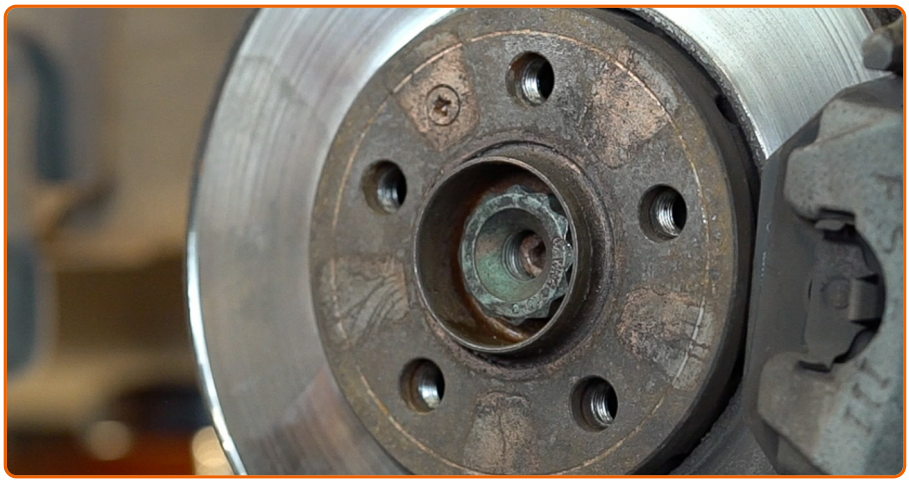

Screw the nut of the drive shaft. Use drive 12-point socket #36.

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Secure the stabilizer link on the suspension strut. Use a combination spanner #16. Use HEX #H5. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 55 Nm torque.

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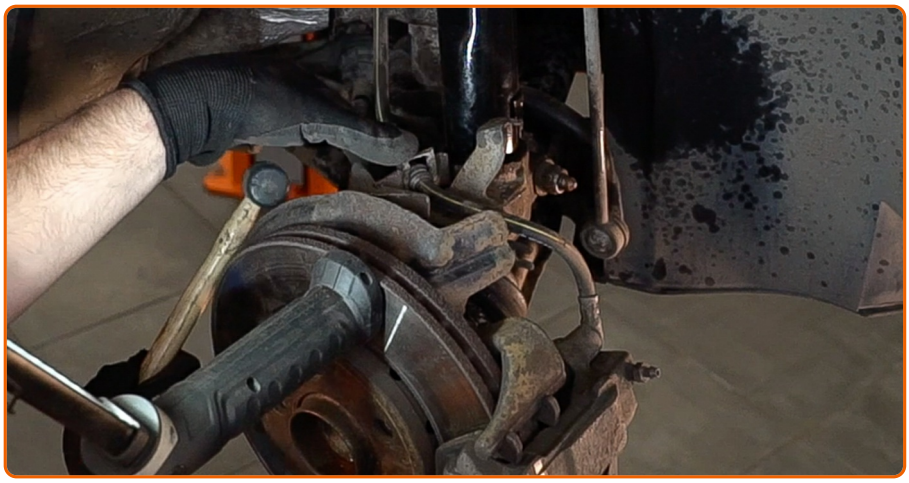

Fasten the brake hose on the strut.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.

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Install the wheel.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

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Lower the car.

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Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.

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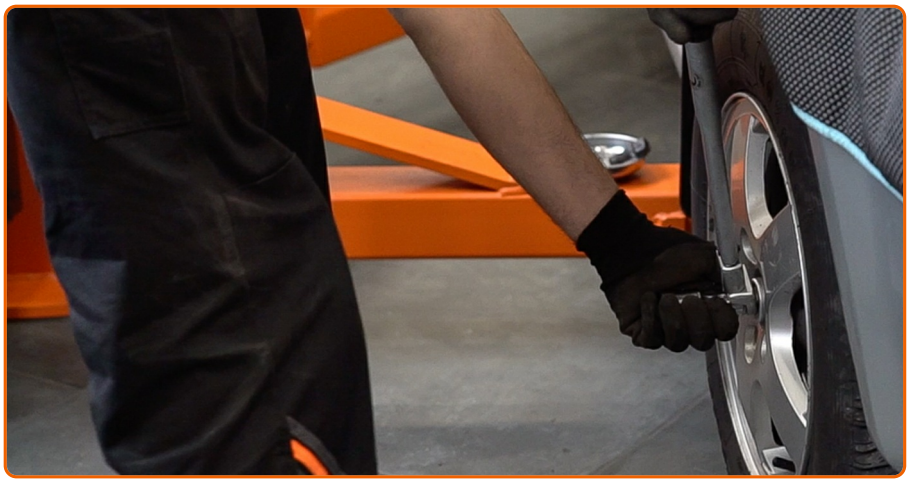

Screw the wheel hub lock nut. Use drive 12-point socket #36. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 Nm torque.

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Tighten the wheel bolts using a criss-cross pattern. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.

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Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.

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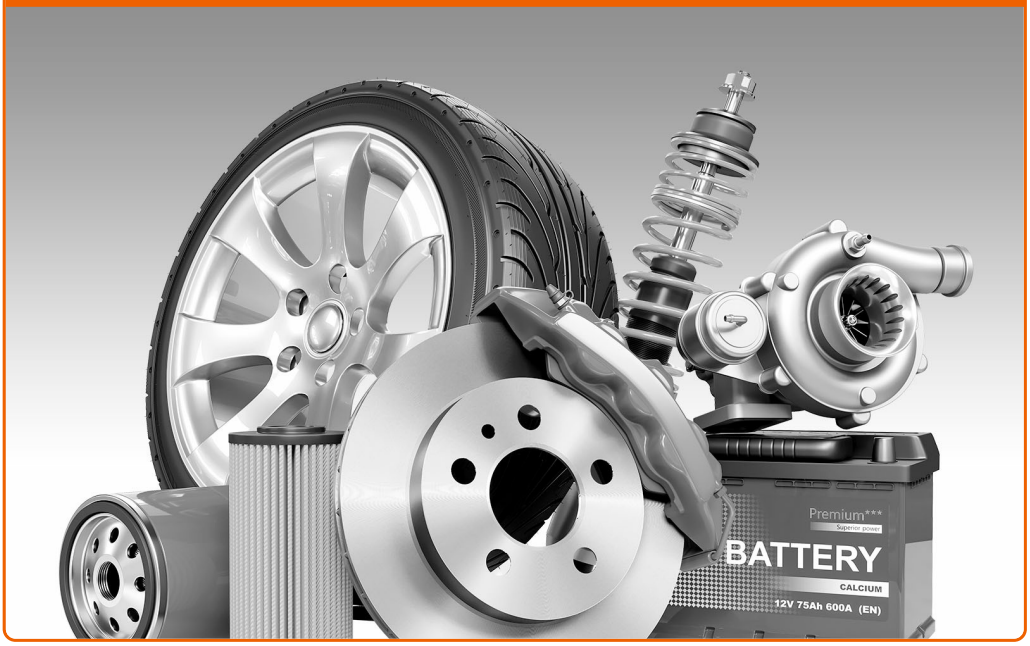

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